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Congratulations!!!!

Bill and Juanita Haskins celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 17, 2008. They were married April 17, 1948 at First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo. They have three children, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Juanita is a past president of the NWMGS and currently serves on the board. (She is the mother of Jo Mayse, newsletter editor).

John and Enid Ostertag were married August 12, 1933 in Atchison, KS and celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary this year. They have five children, fifteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. One grandchild is deceased. A reception was held at Brookdale Presbyterian Church in St. Joseph, MO. John and Enid are charter members of the NWMGS and have volunteered at the library for many years.

Carol and George Almanza celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 29, 2008. They were married at Carol Baptist Church in Atchison, KS. in 1958. A celebration was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, MO. Carol and George have four children and four grandchildren. Carol is a volunteer and board member at the NWMGS.

Virgil and Lula Mae Grossman were married September 13, 1948 at Mitchell Park Christian Church in St. Joseph, MO. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. They have two children (and one child who is deceased). They have grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Grossman are in charge of cleaning the genealogy library.

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General Meetings:

Fourth Thursday of April, June, September, and November at 7:00 PM

Executive Meetings:

Second Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 3:00 PM.

Both are held at the Genealogy Library, 412 Felix, St. Joseph, MO.

Society members are welcome to attend Board Meetings.

Members and public are welcome at General Meetings.

This newsletter is published four times a year by the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society. It is a medium for the exchange of information between members. Readers are encouraged to submit articles. All contributions will be considered. Suggestions and criticisms are also welcome. Write: Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 382, St. Joseph, MO 64502, or phone (816)233-0524. The editors reserve the right to make editorial changes in manuscripts, which they believe will improve the material without altering the intended meaning. The opinions expressed in this periodical do not necessarily represent the view of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical society or its officers. Articles represent the author's opinions and ideas and do not necessarily have official sanction nor does inclusion here represent approval or recommendation.

President's Corner

Fall is upon us, which is hard to believe. We had a meeting on September 18th at the East Hills branch of the St. Joseph Public Library in the downstairs theater room. An announcement was sent to the News-Press three weeks before the meeting, but it never got printed.

Angela McComas from the Mid-Continent Genealogy Library was our speaker. If you weren't there, you missed an excellent program (and delicious cookies, too).

There will be a dinner/meeting in November with lots of good food. Sarah Waugh always finds something interesting for the program. Please plan to attend on Thursday, November 20th at 6:30PM at 412 Felix. Hope to see you then.

John Hutchcraft, President

Halloween Musings

When I was teaching, the favorite holidays of the children were Christmas, Halloween, and Valentine's Day. I enjoyed the activities for these also. By the time I retired, Valentine's Day was the only one acknowledged at school. Christmas holiday became a winter break and Halloween became a harvest festival. But back when Halloween was Halloween, we had fun.

I taught at Central Elementary and Franklin Elementary in Atchison. The children brought their costumes to school and changed into them after lunch. Teachers and other staff often wore costumes all day. All the students and teachers formed a parade. At Franklin, we paraded around a two block area. People came out of their homes to watch. At Central, we were only two blocks from the downtown mall. So we paraded down through the mall. Merchants and customers came out of the stores to watch. Some merchants passed out candy to the children and some invited the whole group to parade through the store. Upon return to school we had parties, sometimes in the classrooms and sometimes a whole school party in the gym. The P.T.A. homeroom mothers planned the parties and were the ones in charge at the party. We had some great fun playing games and doing crafts. At the end of the school day, we sent the children home all sugared up on treats and excited from an afternoon of fun.

Submitted by Connie McCoy

From the Librarian

Autumn is already here and 2008 is winding down. This newsletter is the last one for the year and I was pondering what October, November, and December related items I could write about. The first thing that came to mind was weather changes and winter storms. The current plan is to be open our usual hours through the end of December. However, severe wintry weather might necessitate unscheduled closings. So if you plan to come to the library in late November or December, it would be advisable to call the library during business hours to be sure we are open. The library will be closed during January and February. During January and February, I will check the email and work at the library when I can.

On the calendar for November 20 is a potluck dinner. Our vice president, Sarah Waugh, has an entertaining program planned. It should be an evening of fun and good food. We hope to see lots of our members and guests attend.

October has some fun events in St. Joseph, and in Atchison, Kansas (where I live). In St. Joseph on October 28 and 29 are the Voices from Our Past Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery. Tours are at 6 and 7 o'clock. A bus takes the group from the museum to Mt. Mora Cemetery where Mrs. Kemper greets you. As she leads the group up mausoleum row, "residents" of the cemetery come out to tell the group about their lives. The life of each person being enacted has been researched which makes these tours educational and entertaining. I've been twice and each year is different.

Another event scheduled at Mount Mora is a Cemetery Crawl on October 31 from 11:30p.m. to 12:30 a.m. I believe this is a new event. The web site says it is a guided walk along winding roads deep into the heart of Mount Mora Cemetery. Sounds spooky!

Both of the Mount Mora events require reservations. Information is available at www.mountmora.org

Atchison has several October events. An Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 4 on our newly refurbished mall. A visit to www.atchisonkansas.net will give you information about the Haunted Atchison Trolley Tours, Mt. Vernon Cemetery Walking Tour, History and Mystery Walking Tour, and the psychic readings and clairvoyant presentation. All the events require reservation.

The Haunted Trolley Tours have been very popular and the number of tours has been increased over the last few years. The trolley takes passengers to homes and locations around town where a guide tells stories related to the haunting of that place. It is very entertaining. Cindy Hoverson (Miss Cindy, former children's librarian at the Atchison Library), one of the tour guides, is a fabulous storyteller.

Connie McCoy

Donations

Roy Calvin	A Dangerous Time for Young Men at Bunker's Hill
John Hutchcraft	1870 Census DeKalb County, MO
Berenice Cordy	1929 Lafayette Oak
Kenneth Cox	Prairie Pioneer Vol. 28 No. 2
Patricia Hollingsworth	The Robinson Index Vol. XII
Phil Sifers	DeKalb Co. Lost Relative Locator
John & Rose Hutchcraft	American Surnames Ancestors in German Archives
Rodney Combs (Rolling Hills Library)	2001 St. Joseph City Directory
Ed & Betty Blakeley	Information on Westminster Presbyterian Church By-Laws & Rooster of Custer Post #7 GRA Beaven-Blanford-Clarkson-Mitchell Families of Maryland-Ky & USA by Mary Louise Donnelly John Haden of VA by Dorothy K. Haden Map of Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury
Patricia Webster Stewart	Stuck in My Own Family Tree Rinebarger-Michael Rinebarger and His Descendants
Carol Almanza	A History of the Bronaugh Family in America Vol 1 Bronaugh History The Sharp Family of Sharpsburg, Kentucky and Related Families Vol II both by Amelia Bronaugh Benson
Ed & Betty Blakley	Central High School Wakitan Yearbooks 1944, 1945, & 1946 Central High School 40th Reunion Books (2) for 1946
Connie McCoy & Cheryl Wolfe	Ethernet broadband router & cables

General Meeting: This is our annual Holiday potluck dinner held as usual on the third Thursday of November at the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Library, 412 Felix in St. Joseph, MO. This year that will be the 20th and you are all invited. Meat and drinks will be furnished by the Board. Bring a dish to be shared and your own table service. Dinner will be served at 6:30. After a brief business meeting there will be a holiday sing-a-long.

The program will be a sharing of all of the members who come and bring a family tradition to tell the rest of us. It can be an item passed down from one generation to the next or an event your family participates in each year. This can also be about any holiday -- we usually think in terms of Thanksgiving and Christmas but it doesn't have to be. It would also be nice to have some poetry that is meaningful to you and your family. Think family, think holiday, come and share the evening with us.

New Members

Paul D. Pitsch -- Springfield, IL
Thelma Bankert -- Grand Junction, CO
Charlene Raddon -- Sandy, UT
Nancy Oliver -- Rancho Santa Marg., CA
Joy and Kenneth McDowell -- St. Joseph, MO
Edith Trosper -- Englewood, CO
Porter County Public Library -- Valparaiso, IN
C. Wayne Schindler -- Dallas, TX
John and Jo Young -- McLean, VA
Patty Floyd -- Dallas, TX
Claudia Johnson -- Poway, CA
Blair Carmichael -- St. Joseph, MO
William and Mary Maxwell -- St. Joseph, MO
Pat Scott -- Vista, CA
Phil and Neoma Thomas -- Ames, IA

Members -- please check the label on your newsletter to see when your membership dues expire. In order to keep your newsletter coming, please mail your dues in before the expiration date.

Annual Dues are: \$15.00 -- in the USA
\$20.00 -- in Canada and Mexico
\$25.00 -- in other countries

Enclose a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) if you want a membership card returned to you when renewing by mail.

Queries

Seek info on William PRATT, b. ca. 1830 Illinois, d. 6 Aug 1899 Butler Twp, Harrison Co., Mo., m. 1 ca. 1853 Lyda _____ d. bet. 1860-1863 prob. Gentry Co., Mo.; m.2 ca. 1863 Martha _____. Children by Lyda: James N. b. 1854, Lou/Llewelyn b. 1856, Melinda b. 1858; Children by Martha: John T b. 1864, Nancy E b. 1866, Robert E b. 1869, Lucy A b. 1871, Mary E b. 1873, Josephine b. 1876. William, Lyda and 3 children appear on 1860 census in Gentry Co., and William owned real property in Gentry Co., in 1861. William, Martha, and 6 children appeared on 1880 census in Butler Twp, Harrison Co., Mo. Please contact: Sydney T. Fuentes, 3 Pino Place, Santa Fe, NM 87508 or stfuentes@comcast.net.

Seek info on Nathaniel Pratt, b. ca. 1797, d. bef. 1870, m. ca.1825 Margaret Laird, b. ca. 1805. Moved from Greene Co., Illinois to Gentry Co., Mo. by 1852 when paid for court appearance. Children: William b. ca. 1830, Mason b. ca. 1833, Nathaniel b. ca. 1840, Lucy b. ca. 1841, James b. ca. 1843, Thomas b. ca.1845, and 4 others. On 1860 census in Twp. 63, Gentry Co., Mo.; owned real property. Margaret listed as head of household on 1870 census for Gentry Co. Please contact: Sydney T. Fuentes, 3 Pino Place, Santa Fe, NM 87508 or stfuentes@comcast.net.

I am attempting to find a copy of a book that I would like to purchase. The title is: *A History of Northwest Missouri*, edited by Walter Williams and published in 1915. James Quinn (NWMGS: Q01) Newhall, CA

Irish to St. Joseph area 1850 to 1870

Looking for a connection to County Clare that might point to a town and/or parish in Ireland of some Kelly settlers. Was there a group from Clare? A leader from Clare? What brought them to that area? They were among the first parishioners at St. Pat's. The first pastor was from Cty Meath. I cannot find the reason for settling that area. Anyone have a clue? Anyone have relatives from Clare?
LW mclin4@aol.com

Does anyone have St. Joseph, MO City Directories from 2001 to 2007? We would appreciate it if someone could donate them to the library.

Monetary Donations

Timothy Macdonald -- Omaha, NE
Pat Scott -- Vista, CA
Warren Patrick Waldrip -- Plano, Tx
Kelly Alvarado -- St. Joseph, MO

We still have the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society shirts and tote bags for sale at the library. The tee shirts are dark green and we have added a new color, plum. The tee shirts are \$8.00 each. We also have the tote bags, which are natural with dark green lettering. They are \$7.00 each. We also have a few dark green sweatshirts for \$11.00.



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