

Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Newsletter

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30th Anniversary

The Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in this month. There are several activities planned for the month.

Sunday, April 19, 2009 will be an open house at the Genealogy Library from 2:00 - 4:00.

April 21 - 24, 2009 you may do research free of charge during regular library hours. Tuesday 2:00 - 8:00PM and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00AM - 3:00PM.

Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 6:30PM will be a dinner meeting at the Genealogy Library. The Society will furnish meat, drinks, and bread. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish. There will be a special program and election of officers.

We're Back!!!

The library was closed during January and February but we are back in full swing!! Now that the weather is getting better, please plan to come and visit.

Library Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2:00PM - 8:00PM
Wednesday	10:00AM - 3:00PM
Thursday	10:00AM - 3:00PM
Friday	10:00AM - 3:00PM
1st & 3rd Saturdays	12:00PM - 4:00PM
Sundays	Closed

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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

Spring is here, we hope! The Society has been busy since opening March 1, 2009. Lots of people are coming in to do research. Some librarians are volunteering two, and sometimes three days a week. We still have a need for volunteers. If you are a member of the Society and live in the St. Joseph area, and could help out even half a day each week, it would be greatly appreciated. It is fun meeting new people and helping them find out about their family tree. The procedures are not difficult to learn.

We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary from April 19th through April 24th. Rose and I have been members for around 20 years and have had the privilege of watching the society grow. Thank you to all our members and volunteers, without you there would not be a Society today.

Happy 30th Anniversary Northwest Missouri Genealogy Society!

John Hutchcraft, President

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to the family of Marion J. Whitmore who passed away December 20, 2008 in St. Joseph, MO. Mrs. Whitmore was a member of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Nancy Sandehn who passed away December 29, 2008 in St. Joseph, MO. Miss Sandehn was a member of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society. She was certified in historic preservation by the state of Missouri researching and verifying information on historic buildings and homes.

From the Librarian

At last spring has arrived. Although our winter was not particularly harsh, I am ready for warmer weather. It is refreshing to see the lawns greening up, trees budding, and some blooms on bushes. With the arrival of March, we reopened the library. The hours remain the same as in previous years: Tuesdays 2 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday-Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; first and third Saturdays 12 to 4 p.m. The daily use fee for non-members is still only three dollars and membership costs only fifteen dollars.

One of our long time volunteers, Sheila Thompson, decided not to return this year due to health issues. We miss Sheila's presence. She came to the U.S. from England and it was interesting to hear stories of life there. Sheila enjoyed helping patrons locate information about their families. The society was very fortunate to have Sheila as a volunteer and we appreciate very much all she contributed in time and effort.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. This is especially significant for Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society as everyone here is a volunteer. The volunteers who are at the library each week assisting researchers are: Kenneth Cox, John Hutchcraft, Sarah Waugh, Carol Almanza, Phyllis Heath, Juantia Haskins, and Connie McCoy. Rose Hutchcraft does the incredible job of putting the journal together. Phyllis Heath works on membership every week. Deloris Foster fills publication orders. Jo Mayse edits the newsletter. Judy LaFollette is transcribing marriage records. Mary Ann Widel is updating the will index. Our treasurer, John Atkinson, keeps track of our finances. Sharlene Miller is the website coordinator. Carolyn Garver serves as a board member. Carol Almanza and Sarah Waugh have taken on the task of verifying the probate index. Connie McCoy reads and answers email and researches requests with the help of Carol Almanza and others when they have time. There are also members who graciously donate materials for publication in the journal. As a society member, I am very grateful for all the work these folks do. Thank you!

The society celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. In April we have some special events scheduled. There will be an Open House on Sunday, 19 April, from 2 to 4 p.m. I hope members in the area will attend. Then during that week, April 21st through the 24th there will be no daily use fee. We wish to encourage those just getting started to come see what we have to offer. On Thursday, 23 April, the society has an evening meeting that is a potluck dinner. Sarah has a good program planned for us. During the week a banner will be displayed over Noyes Boulevard. We have many long time members who are loyal supporters of the society as well as folks who are new to our group. We appreciate everyone's support. Y'all come and celebrate!

Connie McCoy

General Meeting: The Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 6:30pm at the Society's Library, 412 Felix in St. Joseph, MO. This will be a dinner meeting. The Society will furnish meat, drinks, and bread. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish. Sarah will have a special program for us.

Ozarks Genealogical Society conference set for Sept. 25-26

The 29th Ozarks Genealogical Society's fall conference will be held September 25-26, 2009, at University Plaza.

The speaker for this year's conference is Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG. Dr. Jones is joint editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, former trustee and a past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and recipient of its 2004 Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit. Recently retired from a career in higher education, Dr. Jones works full time as a genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator. His research has encompassed records of every state east of the Mississippi, as well as Iowa, Missouri, Texas, France, Germany, Italy, and Ireland. He specializes, however, in Georgia and Virginia and is most interested in solving "brick-wall" genealogical problems. He writes and speaks frequently on genealogical methods with broad application across geographic areas, time periods, and levels of expertise. He is known for meaty lectures that benefit genealogists of all levels of experience. On January 16, 2009, Dr. Jones was honored as a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association, an award given in recognition of living individuals whose distinguished contributions and ongoing commitment to the field of genealogy are of national or international scope.

Look for additional conference details on the OGS Web site at <http://ozarksgs.org/>.

Shirts and Tote Bags

We 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.

New Publication

Buchanan County Marriages 1892-1895

92 pages

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BU-MO-17	Index to Buchanan Co. Marriages 1866-1875	\$15.00
BU-MO-08	Index to Buchanan Co. Marriages 1876-1881	\$15.00
BU-MO-34	Buchanan County MO Marriages 1885-1888	\$10.00
BU-MO-35	Buchanan County MO Marriages 1889-1891	\$9.00

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.
His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list
of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.
No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

by Merrell Kenworthy

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Branching Out

I would like to publicly thank all the volunteers who have made the Northwest Missouri Genealogy Society a success these past 30 years. This is a nonprofit organization that was formed after Missouri Western offered a class on the study of family history, or genealogy.

It started with humble beginnings out of the trunk of someone's car. It grew to encompass thousands of volumes of text covering records from the area and the U.S. Some of the records offered include marriage, probate, cemetery, old city directories, family history and U.S. censuses from 1790 to 1930.

People from across America and several foreign countries have traveled to St. Joseph to do research at this facility. As there is so much information available, some people take advantage of all the Genealogy Society has to offer and become members at a cost of \$15 a year per family.

Special events are planned for the Genealogy Society's 30th anniversary. On April 19, an open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at 412 Felix St. April 21-24, everyone is invited to do research on their family tree free of charge during regular hours. Helpful volunteers will be available for anyone who requires assistance. Hours of operation are 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please stop in and see for yourself what the Genealogy society has to offer.

John Hutchcraft
President, Northwest Missouri Genealogy Society

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