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1846: The Year with no Summer

With the ever-changing Missouri weather the focus of so much attention lately, a weather story from over a century ago is again circulating through area newspapers.

Kanna Taylor, Bethany, found this copy in the *Mercer Mirror* and thought Harrison County residents might find it of interest.

It was originally reprinted from the *Blue Mound Leader* in the *Gallatin North Missourian*.

"The year of 1846 was without a summer. The weather was so cold that ice was frozen every day in June and every month experienced frost and freezing weather. June 17 was a memorable date as a big snow fell to the depth of 10 inches and many people were frozen to death. The mean temperature of the summer months was 45 degrees, and the crops were failures, the weather being too cold for vegetation of any kind.

July and August were colder than June and ice was an inch (?) thick or more. On August 30, another snow fell and the entire summer was as bleak and dreary as November. There was very bitter rain the entire season: farm work was done with heavy wraps and mittens on and it was necessary to consume a lot of fuel for heating purposes.

In September, the thermometer reached 70 degrees and for a time the cold was dispelled, but for a short time only when the winter set in again. The wind blew a gale from the north most of the time and it was fierce and cold.

The general opinion of the people was that the rapid cooling of the sun had caused the cold and many believed the end of all things to come."

So, when we growl about the state of the weather now, think what it could be!

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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

I have two things I would like to discuss with you today. The first is the fact that we have so few at our evening business meetings and programs. At the last meeting on June 25th there were only 10 or 11 people. I realize everyone is busy, especially in the summer. If you live in or close to St. Joseph, one evening 4 times a year is not much out of your time. Downtown in the early evening is easy to get around, as there is no traffic, and there is plenty of parking behind the building at that time. Sarah Waugh presented a very interesting program on her trip last November to the Netherlands.

The second thing I would like to discuss is volunteering at the Society. We have some volunteers who are here 2 and sometimes 3 days a week. None of us are getting any younger. If you are retired and could spare even 2 or 3 hours once a week, we can use you. It will not take long to get trained to help people that come to do research. You won't learn everything the first day. It is a rewarding experience to help those who are tracing their family roots. If we don't get some more volunteers, I am afraid we will have to cut back the hours we are open.

John Hutchcraft, President

New Members

Darla Youngblood -- Swink, CO
Virgil & Linda Berney -- Grand Island, NE
Leanne Turley -- Bloomington, IL
Darlene Stallworth -- St. Joseph, MO
Steve & Lee Thomas -- Kansas City, MO
Julia & Brandon Keith -- St. Joseph, MO
Kim Wenzel -- Auxvasse, MO
John & Janie Graves -- Chesterfield, MO
Elsie Adams Overmire -- Coon Rapids, MN
Joyloise Rau -- St. Joseph, MO
Janice Penay -- Burlingame, KS

Please check your newsletter address label for month membership is due. Dues are \$15.00 a year in the USA, \$20.00 in Canada and Mexico, and \$25.00 in other countries.

General Meeting: September 24, 2009 at 7:00PM at the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Library, 412 Felix in St. Joseph, MO. The program will be presented by Margaret Gilbert who will tell about steamboat travel. This will be an interesting program so please mark you calendars and plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Donations

Jerre Robertson	Article: "The Hays Siblings that Moved to Atchison Co., MO., Hamilton, Patrick & Rhuda Hays, The Children of Charles & Elizabeth Hays
St. Joseph Public Library	KY Court & Other Records Vol 2 Owen County, IN 1884
Rose Hutchcraft	Montgomery Family History
Stan & Betty Crockett	The Crockett Family Heritage (Green Cover) The Crockett Family Heritage (Maroon Cover) The Crockett Family Album The Hedrick Family Album History of Holt County, MO 1917 An Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Holt Co., MO
Caroll Smith	The Self Interpreting New Testament 1896
Barbara Kelly	Lincoln County, MO newsletters 1990-2007 Pike County, MO newsletters 1987-2007
Richard Clark	Kentucky Ancestors Quarterly 10 Issues
Kenneth Cox	Prairie Pioneer Vol 29 #1
Betty Collins	Founders of Anne Arundel & Howard Cos., Maryland Anne Arundel Gentry Vol 2 Genealogy of Haught Family of America, 4 copies Peter Haught Haught, Showalter, Howard, Funk Santee History Santee Family History Younkin, Minerd/Miller & Nedrow Genealogy Funk Family 1899 Dunn Genealogy Haught (Blue Notebook)

Monetary Donations

Jerilyn Zubko -- Basking Ridge, NJ
Virgil & Linda Berney -- Grand Island, NE
James Quinn -- Newhall, CA

Donations

Mike Mathews
Louis Harris

Colonial Families of the US
Newsletter from Williams Co., OH Gen Soc.
Index to Ashland County, OH History
Phyctic Roots
This Is Your Life Story, How to Write & Teach It
The Handwriting of American Records for a
Period of 300 years
Tracing Ancestors with Common Surnames
Directory of Ashland Co., OH
1880 Census Index Ashland Co., OH
A History of the Pioneer and Modern Times of
Ashland County, OH
1897 Land Ownership Map Ashland Co., OH
Vermillion Township, Ashland Co., OH
Lake Township, Ashland Co., OH
Mohican Townshiop, Ashland Co., OH
Miffin & Milton Township, Ashland Co., OH
Perry Township, Ashland Co., OH
Maps of Miffin Township, Ashland Co., OH
Various Newspaper Articles
Various Newsletters & Quarterlies from OH

Pat & Lester Miller

Second Census of KY 1800
1830 Census West TN, East TN, Middle TN
1840 Census TN
1850 Census TN
Ozarkin Journal 15 issues
The Irish Newsletter 7 issues
MO State Gen Soc Journal 4 issues
North & South Carolina Marriage Records
Index of NC Ancestors Vol 1 & 2
More Death Records from Mo Newspapers
1810-1857
Early MO Marriages in the News 1820-1853
Genealogy Abstracts from SW MO
Newspapers 1850-1860
Springfield, Greene Co., MO Newspaper Abstracts
1865-1875, 1876-1883, 1887-1888, 1889-1890
Hardin Co., TN Historian 1 Vol
Place Names of TN
Early TN Tax Lists
PA Line, A Research Guide of PA
American Colonists in English Records
Locating Your Immigrant Ancestors
Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Record Office

Donations

- Pat & Lester Miller
- Passports of SE Pioneers 1770-1820
 - A Portrait of Southern Writers
 - The German Connection 3 issues
 - German Genealogical Digest 13 issues
 - State Census Records
 - The US Census Compendium
 - Migration, Emigration, Immigration Vol 1 & 2
 - The S & SW, Chesapeake/Mid-Atlantic, New England, Central States & National Archives Central Plains Region Microfilm Publications
 - US Special Census Catalog
 - List of Newspapers with Genealogical Query Columns
 - Guide to Records in the National Archives Central Plains Regions
 - Beginners Guide to Using Tax Lists
 - Age Search Information
 - US Army Veterans Assoc. 1991
- Craig Beeman
- Abstracts of Bucks Co., PA Wills 1685-1785
 - Abstracts of Bucks Co., PA Wills 1785-1825
 - Will Abstracts of Bucks County, PA 1825-1870
 - Bucks Co., PA Orphans' Court Records 1685-1852
 - Abstracts of Cumberland Co., PA Wills 1750-1785
 - Abstracts of Cumberland Co., PA Wills 1785-1825
 - Early Records of Hampshire Co., VA now WV
 - Wills and Inventories of Bath Co., VA 1791-1842
 - Bath Co., VA Marriage Bonds & Ministers' Returns 1791-1853
 - Virginia's Colonial Soldiers
 - West Virginia Estate Settlements
 - Haven In the Hardwood West Virginia
 - French Creek Presbyterian Church West Virginia
 - Draper Collection "The Frontier War Papers Calendar" Vol. 6
 - Draper Collection "Preston & Virginia Papers, Calendar Series" Vol. 1
 - Draper Collection "Kentucky Papers, Calendar Series" Vol. 2
 - History of Miami Co., OH 1807-1889
 - History of Logan Co., OH 1817-1889
 - Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists Who Came to New England Between 1623-1650
 - Nottingham Quakers PA 1680-1889
 - Immigration of the Irish Quakers into PA 1682-1750
 - A Genealogical & Historical Atlas of the US of America
 - Map Guide to the US Federal Censuses, 1790-1920

Our sympathy goes to Craig Beeman and family in the passing of his wife Janice Beeman. Jan (as most of us know her) passed away May 20, 2009 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Memorial services were held at Calvary Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MO. Craig is a member of the Genealogical Society.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Raymond C. Brosi of St. Joseph, Mo. who passed away June 28, 2009. Mr. Brosi was a member of the NW Missouri Genealogical Society and a volunteer at the society's library.

In April the NW Missouri Genealogical Society celebrated its 30th anniversary. There was an open house on April 19th and April 21-24 research was available free of charge. John Hutchcraft wrote a letter that was published in the St. Joseph News-press on April 6, 2009. I would like to share with you part of that letter:

"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 \$15.00 a year per family.

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

We want to thank all who donated items to the Library. It is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Craig Beeman for the numerous items he donated recently.

Great Plains Welsh Heritage Festival will be held at the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre in Wymore, Nebraska, "*The Welsh Capital of the Great Plains*", on October 10-12, 2009. There will be a variety of seminars, entertainment, and a banquet. For more information you may visit the web site at www.welshheritage.org. You may also contact Berwyn Jones at (402) 421-8192 or email at BerwynJones@windstream.net

"Let Your Skeletons Dance" at the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri. This will be a genealogy lock-in with dinner and door prizes on October 30, 2009, 6:00PM - midnight. Mini-classes (15-20minutes) will cover topics, which will prove to be helpful in research and knowledge of the content of the center. Registration is limited to the first 75 applicants and there is a fee of \$25.00. For more information contact a staff member or contact Janice Schultz at 816-252-7228 or you may fax her at 816-254-7146 or email at jschultz@mcpl.lib.mo.us

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Our Ancestors, Ashford & Many Families	Ashford, Jessie M., Adelle B.
Descendants of Joseph Bartlett 1934	Hibner, Aldis Everard
The Beeman Family	Winne, Mae Hacker
Descendants of Robert Burdick of RI 1937	Johnson, Nellie (Willard)
Clarke Families of Rhode Island 1902	Morrison, George Austin, Jr.
The Colclough Family in the U. S., England, and Ireland	Colclough, George Dewey
Misc. Materials concerning Edward Collings	Collings, Walter Z. Sr.
Henry & Ann Collins of Lynn, MA and Their Descendants	Reichel, Robert & Nancy Ann
The Conkles of German Solitude	Shannon, David C., Jr.
The Dart Family in America 1927	Bolton, Thaddeus Lincoln
The Families of Francis Dodds and Margaret Craig Dodds 1829	Colby, Lydia
Elgin Families	Elgin, James G.
The Fairman Family Tree	Griffiths, Gaylord L.
John & Amy Gatewood & their Descendants	Gothberg, Carol J.
Gould Family History	American Genealogical Research Institut
The Family of Zaccheus Gould 1895	Gould, Benjamin Apthorp
The House of Grimmett	Ordway, William L.
Deacon Samuel Haines & his Descendants In America 1902	Haines, Thomas VanBuren
Ancestry of the Haines, Sharp, Collins and Related Families 1902	Haines, Richard
The Harper Family History 1713-1995	Fuller, Marsha L.
History of the Harroun Family of America 1940	Comstock, Ernest B.
The Hazard Family of Rhode Island 1896	Robinson, Caroline E.
Meet the Families of Inskip and Garwood	Inskip, Ruth Celia
The Kidwell Ancestry in America from 1650	Kidwell, William M.
Descendents of James Kidwell	Kidwell, Harold
Kidwell Families of Kentucky	Kidwells, Harold & Arthur S., Jr
Genealogy of the Lefferts Family 1650- 1879	Bergen, Teunis G.
Lewis, Meriwethers and Their Kin	Anderson, Sarah Travers Lewis (Scott)
Descendants of Robert Mason	Mason, William L.
The Book of McKee	McKee, Raymond W.
A Pictorial History of the McLean Family Of Gaston County, North Carolina	McLean, Leon Leslie
Genealogy of the Merrick, Mirick, Myrick	