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Announcements

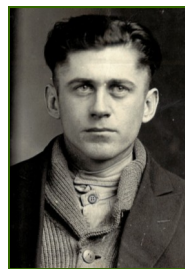
Elections

Would you be interested in serving on the Board of the NWMGS? Each year we have an election for 1/2 of our Board members, and this year the positions are Treasurer, Member-At-Large, and Vice President. If you would like to be considered for any of these, please send an email/letter with a brief description of yourself and qualifications. Board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. and the persons elected will be expected to attend the majority of meetings throughout the year. The election will be held at the April 24th meeting.

The Journal

We need your help! *The Journal* can't be done without YOU. The stories of your ancestors, and your search for them, are what make our *Journal* so special. Please consider submitting pictures, anecdotes, biographical sketches or any length of article for inclusion in the upcoming editions.

The March edition will focus on crime - both the law breakers and the law keepers. Here's the time to



Early St. Joseph Police Department mug shot, suspect unknown. Can you identify him?

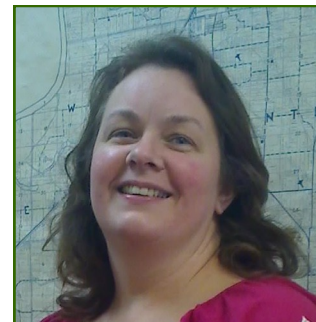
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President's Corner

Welcome to 2014! This year has surely flown past faster than any other. The upcoming year promises to be full of many new and exciting activities for the NWMGS. It is with great enthusiasm and pride that we begin this new year, and I hope you will join us for as many of our events as possible.

Our need for volunteers is greater this year than ever. While we *thought* we were comfortably staffed, health considerations and life in general have conspired to reduce the availability of several members of our volunteer force. Volunteering is a great way to learn more about all of the resources available at the library and meet some of the nicest people who share the same interest. If you can find the time, we'd love to hear from you about volunteering for NWMGS, especially to staff the library during our open hours. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is our greatest need for library helpers.

As you know from the last newsletter, we have a few brand new publications related to Calvary Cemetery. I would again like to thank Monica Eshelman for the hundreds of hours she spent researching and transcribing 350+ pages of obituaries. If they help even one person, I know it will have all been worthwhile. Please contact us to obtain your copy, and remember that you can view this resource at our library any time during our open season.



Lost and Found 1928

by Amy Bryson, NWMGS Volunteer

While looking around on Facebook one day, Ivana Calhoun and I came across a post from someone local who does metal detecting. He had been treasure hunting in a local park and had found a 1928 woman's Central High School class ring inscribed with the initials DS.

Using the genealogy library's large yearbook collection, Ivana put a name to the ring: Dorothy Schindler. More research determined that Dorothy married Earl Fankhauser and they had had a daughter named Janice who was also a Central graduate.

We discovered that Dorothy had died in 1988 but that her daughter Janice is still alive and living in Iowa. Contact has been made with Janice and hopefully soon, Dorothy Schindler's daughter will have her mother's ring. We are always on the case.....



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General Meetings:

4th Thursday of April, June, September; 3rd
Thursday of November. Time and place vary;
please see the website for details of each meet-
ing.

Executive Meetings:

Second Thursday each month, 5:30 p.m., at the
Genealogy Library, 412 Felix, St. Joseph, MO.

The Journal is published two times a year
(March and October) by the Northwest Missouri
Genealogical Society to provide its members
with useful information on genealogical re-
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Annual dues:

\$20 in the USA
\$30 in Canada and Mexico
\$40 in all other countries

Library Hours:

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed./Thurs./Fri..... 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Saturday & 4th Sunday
of the Month Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Closed January and February.

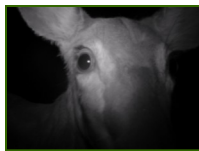


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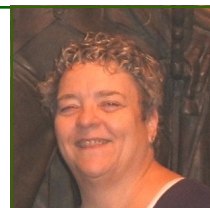
Volunteer Spotlight

Our Spotlight Volunteer this quarter is Pamela Dandurant Montgomery. Pamela took over the newsletter two years ago and transformed the content and layout into a professional publication that brought an overwhelmingly positive response to the change. Then Pamela volunteered to take on the challenge of editing the biannual publication of *The Journal*, and has done a stupendous job with transforming that publication as well. Doing both of these jobs is a large task, and no less important than the volunteers who dedicate time at the library.



Pamela teaches English online for Missouri Valley College. In her spare time, she is remodeling a 100-year-old 4-plex, even researching its family history. She also likes to undertake covert wildlife photography with her trailcam (they get very close....).

Her family's history in Buchanan County can be traced back to pre-Civil War, when John B. Dandurant arrived in St. Joseph. Researching them since 1984, she has found many interesting stories of their involvement in the local community. Pamela is a 1984 graduate of MWSC, then graduating from NWMSU with an MA in English in 1993. The NWMGS thanks Pamela for all the time and dedication she brings to the job as editor of the newsletter and *The Journal*!!!



Donations

Louise Campbell

- Book: *1911 St. Joseph Business University*

Mary Richardson

- Box of 15 yearbooks

Loma Frakes

- 11 boxes of *Journals*
- *Master Index VA surveys & grants 1774-1791*

Forrest & Billie Meadows

- Cash donation

Helen Russell

- *My Scrapbook of World War II Veterans*

Stacie Ortega

- 1940 Lafayette High School yearbook, *The Oak*

Connie McCoy

- 7 Civil War books

Leslie Eyler

- 3 books: *Fighting Jets & 139th Tactical Airlift Group*

Anonymous

- *Images of America Atchison County*

Amy Bryson

- Rochester plat book/map

Sandi Baker

- Book: *American Passage The History of Ellis Island*

Richard White

- Cash donation

Barbara Graves

- 1940 *Griffon*, St. Joseph Junior College yearbook

Ivana Calhoun

- Nodaway County Missouri Civil War Pension Records

Sharon Spiegel

- Book: *Generations*, by Sharon Spiegel

Nodaway County Genealogy Society

- *History of Morgan County Missouri Volume II*

Judy Palmer

- Cash donation

Judy Hammond

- Cash donation



Requests for Information

by Connie McCoy, NWMGS Librarian

Every day we receive requests for information via our email address, library@nwmogenealogy.com. I answer all the email. Some requests are general in nature, such as what our hours are. However, most people are seeking information about specific persons and are happy to have our volunteers research for them. (Our research fee is \$5 per half hour plus cost of copies and postage.) Since I began volunteering here at NWMGS, I've encountered folks who were seeking information on the same ancestor as someone I had previously helped. I can recall meeting at least four people researching my own families! How exciting that was!

On our website, members can submit surnames they are researching as way of meeting others researching the same families. An idea was suggested at NWMGS Board meeting to share information from research requests not only on the website but also in the newsletter as a way of facilitating connections between researchers. The following requests for information were some of those received in the past three months. Each request was answered by NWMGS. The name of the submitter has been omitted for privacy. If you wish to contact the person, send an email to library@nwmogenealogy.com and I will notify them by email about your interest.

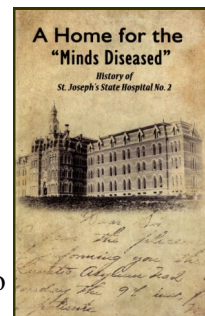
1. Seeking someone to visit Gentry County Courthouse to obtain a photocopy of a record
2. Information on Lizzie Sherman Moran who resided at 402 N. 2, appears on 1880 census
3. Information on James and Elizabeth Sumner who lived Rush township on 1870 census
4. Seeking information on Patrick Elsey and Susan Sneed, married 1857 DeKalb County.
5. Obituary for Mary Keely Griswold
6. Birth record child of Leonard Hohl
7. Given name of N. Bell enumerated in 1860 census and his death record
8. Death records of John Morrissey and Annie Morrissey
9. Information on Joseph Beckett, whose WWI draft record gave birthplace as St. Joseph
10. Land records of Ephraim Bowen
11. Death record and obituaries for Benjamin Sampson and John Sampson
12. Death record Phoebe Wright and other information on her family
13. Information on Emery Joseph Morgan, John Oliver Morgan, William Morgan, and Nathan Morgan
14. Information on Sarah Elizabeth Bailey who married Harvey Landreth in 1866
15. Death record Harriett Gilley
16. Copy of George Phineas Skeels Bible from NWMGS Journal 1988
17. Maiden name of Margaret Hays, wife of Isaac Hayes enumerated in Andrew County in 1860
18. Trying to find link between Henry Allen who lived in Hopkinsville, Kentucky to the Snow family
19. Marriage of Joseph Anderson, maybe in Andrew County
20. Seeking information on George Washington Carter and Francis March
21. Death record of Alvin S. Charles
22. Seeking information on Gabriel family of Gentry County

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share the story of the black sheep in your family tree. Please email any information to admin@nwmogenealogy.com or mail it to PO Box 382, St. Joseph, MO 64502.

State Hospital #2

We still have copies of this *State Hospital #2* treasure. Pick up a copy in the library for only \$5, or send us a check and we'll mail one to you (please add \$1 s&h). The book is 24 pages, soft cover, and a very easy read.



GenealogyKC Conference

Eric Stitt will speak at a free conference March 21-22 at the 6751 NE 70th St., Kansas City, MO, the Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints' meeting house. For more information, visit www.genealogykc.org.

Welcome New Members

Beverly Cowing

Lee's Summit, MO

Forrest & Billie Meadows

Bethany, MO

Doris Kessberger

St. Joseph, MO

Brad Vincent

Warren, MI

Shelly Cox

Savannah, MO

Jo Anne Grey

St. Joseph, MO

Maureen Lewnes

Escondido, CA



NWMGS Calendar

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 1: *All Night Research Event* from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. The library will be open to all those who want to have a fun time and interact with fellow researchers, ask questions, and use the full resources of the NWMGS library. This is dedicated time for you to concentrate on your genealogy work, organize your thoughts and papers, digitize those old slides, or any number of other activities. You can pay at the door, but please email us and let us know if you plan on attending so that we can plan for space and enough volunteers to help! Cost is \$15 per person and includes pizza, which we order about 8:00 p.m., or whenever everybody gets hungry.

Thursday, April 24: *Biannual Potluck Program*. Our quarterly programs will resume with Judge Ron Taylor coming to the NWMGS library. This will be our biannual potluck evening as well. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m., with the presentation at 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy listening to Judge Taylor regale us with some fascinating bits of St. Joseph legal history.

Saturday, July 19: *Genealogy Conference*. The NWMGS proudly welcomes Jean Wilcox Hibbens for a special one-day genealogy conference. Jean is the lead researcher on the widely acclaimed PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*. Jean has been involved in genealogical research for over 30 years and will be giving presentations on four different subjects. As a member, you are entitled to a discount if you register early, so please don't delay! Early registration for members is \$40, non-members \$45. Those who do not pre-register will pay \$50 at the door. A registration form with all the details can be found on our website, www.nwmgenealogy.com.

Upcoming Classes


Free and open to the public.

Saturday, January 11: *Family Tree Maker User's Group* will take place in January 2014 IF the weather is not prohibitive. Before coming out to the class, check with Sharlene Miller or Kelly Alvarado to make sure the class is being held. Up-to-the-minute cancellations can be found on the NWMGS website and on the NWMGS Facebook page. No class will be held in February, but regular meetings will resume beginning the second Saturday of March, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.



Thursday, January 16: *Google Earth Class* meets the third Thursday of each month and *will* be meeting during the winter closure in January and February. Eric Stitt will lead the class and teach you the many amazing things you can do with Google Earth to enhance your genealogy. It's not too late to join in the class, but each one does build on the previous material, so you don't want to wait too long! The class begins at 5:00 p.m. and generally last about an hour.

Have suggestions for future classes? We would love to hear them! Email us!

Saturday, February 1: *Webinars* These webinars are free and open to the public. No need to RSVP; just show up and enjoy! The NWMGS is happy to begin joining more and more webinars to bring you quality educational material. We are pursuing several different avenues and have already begun the series that is held on the first Saturday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. The speaker and topic will be announced on our Facebook page and website each month. February's topic will be *Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the Evidence*, by Dr. Michael D. Lacopo. 

Dr. Michael D. Lacopo is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild, among other notable genealogical organizations. He specializes in emigration/immigration research and specific states and regions. Dr. Lacopo reads German script and has done extensive research in German ancestry and Mennonite families. Other familiar languages are French and Italian, for those of us whose ancestors sit on those branches. More information about Dr. Lacopo can be found at <http://www.roots4u.com/Roots4U/Welcome.html> and http://www.apgen.org/directory/search_detail.html?mbr_id=2924.