**Upcoming GSCM Meetings**

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**Genealogy Library--New Hours**

As of June 18th, the Boone County History and Culture Center and the **Genealogy Library** are open on a limited basis. The hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12 to 4, with the first hour of 12-1 reserved for those 60 and over, or in a high risk group.

*Masks are required* of staff, volunteers and visitors. You must sign in at the museum entrance, and give contact information. Due to the limited number of volunteers, we urge you to contact us ahead of time to make sure the library is open. 573-443-8936 or info@BooneCoMoGen.org

If you aren’t feeling comfortable enough yet to visit the library, be sure to spend your extra time at home planning your next trip. Our catalog is on-line at: [https://boonecomogen.org/](https://boonecomogen.org/)

**Additional Newsletters**

I subscribe to several newsletters from libraries and museums. I never fail to pick up several hints, links to helpful websites or notices about conferences or lectures (even if they are all virtual now!).

St. Louis County Library PastPorts is a monthly publication of the History and Genealogy Department. To subscribe or read past editions, visit their website at: [https://www.slcl.org/pastports](https://www.slcl.org/pastports)

The newsletter from the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, MO is another favorite of mine. Visit their site at: [https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy](https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy) and scroll to the bottom to subscribe.
Memorial Day Flowers

Once again, GSCM sold flowers for placement on graves for Memorial Day. Members Tim Dollens and Belinda Luke placed flowers on graves for an out-of-state member, Lynne Alvord. Flowers were placed on four graves at Fairview Cemetery and four graves at Centralia Cemetery. Below are a few pictures of some of these flowers at the gravesites.

We received a nice thank you from Lynne's in response:

“Tim--Thank you so much for placing the flowers in Centralia. They look lovely and the pictures turned out great. I really appreciate you and the Gen. Society for making this option available. It is truly a service for people who live out of town like me and for the elderly. My 90 yr. old aunt lives in Columbia and has always done this but she isn't able to anymore and she really appreciates the service.”

“Belinda-Thank you so much for putting the flowers out. They look beautiful. I think the flower sprays this year look bigger than last year. They are very nice. I like that you put the red white and blue on Jim’s grave as he was a veteran. Again thanks so much.”
Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser.
With Sympathy

Long time member James Cunningham, husband of member Alva Cunningham, passed on 14 May 2020, in Columbia, MO. Jim’s obituary can be found at Boone Co. Journal (1925–2020)

We send our deepest sympathies to Alva and family.

‘Say not in grief ‘he is no more’ but in thankfulness that he was.” – Hebrew Proverb

Virtual Conferences in the Time of Covid-19

I’ve been to a few national conferences and many state and local conferences. It’s especially true of the national conferences (that can last 4-5 days), but in general, even 1 or 2 day conferences can be exhausting and overwhelming. Of course, I love every second of them! Unfortunately, many conferences for 2020 have been cancelled. Fortunately, the technology is available for the sponsors to put together virtual conferences that you can attend from the comfort of your own home. Most of them are available live and/or taped so they are easy to fit into your schedule. I encourage you to “attend” these virtual conferences both to help support the societies and to increase your genealogy know-how.

National Genealogy Society

The conference was originally scheduled for May 20-23, 2020, in Salt Lake City, but has now gone virtual. [Selfishly, I'm actually happy about the decision since I couldn't attend in person, but have signed up for the virtual conference!] There are 3 different levels of registration depending on the number of lectures, a list of free seminars and an on-line vendor room as well. Additional information (as well as some other pandemic freebies) are available at their website: https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/

St. Louis Genealogy Society

Summer Speaker Series: Hidden Gems at the Missouri State Archives
The Summer Speaker Series was held 27-28 June. Registration for the live webinars is closed but you can still watch the recordings, which will be posted for an additional ninety days.
StLGS 2020 Family History Conference

Now available online as a set of recorded webinars. If you had attended the originally-scheduled conference in person, you would have only seen five lectures. However, now you will be able to view the complete set of ten webinars for the same price.

Learn about the these conferences and more at: https://stlgs.org/

Missouri State Genealogical Society 2020 Conference

The MoSGA Board of Directors has decided to cancel the 2020 Annual Conference scheduled for early August. For more information and a letter from the MoSGA President, Bill Eddlemen, visit their site at: www.mosga.org

Hello GSCM Members,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you and your family well (both mentally and physically!).

I don’t think anyone has escaped the effects of this pandemic. It has certainly been more disruptive for some than others, but I don’t know anyone who hasn’t had to change how they go about their day-to-day. I hated that my daughter’s senior year in high school and final track season was not what she had expected, but I did enjoy having her around the house more before she heads off to college this fall. Moving to 12-hour days, 3 days a week at work was a shock to my system, but having a 4-day weekend meant more time for my son and I to explore the Civil War in Missouri. 100 years from now, will anyone care how it affected me and my family? Will my descendants wonder if my family thrived or barely survived? I’m not sure, but I have been trying to capture some of my thoughts during this time. If anyone does research my family in the future, they will have my first hand account of the pandemic’s effects on my branch of the tree.

I highly encourage you to write down your thoughts as well as you maneuver through these crazy times. Additionally, the Boone County Historical Society is collecting these stories if you would like to donate yours. Visit them at: https://boonehistory.org/remembering-the-coronavirus/

Stay safe and sane everyone!

Sincerest regards,

Beth Talken