

MERAMEC VALLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Upcoming Events . . .

MVHM&GS MEETING & PROGRAM

9-20-18, 6:30 p.m.
Tri-County Senior Center
800 W. Union Street
Pacific, MO

Dedication of First Franklin County Courthouse Site

September 22, 1-4 p.m.
Newport Presbyterian Church
2745 Newport Rd.,
Washington, MO 63090

The first Franklin County courthouse was established in Newport near the site where the church now stands. Dedication of the monument marking the place of the first courthouse will take place at 1:00 p.m. Old-time church picnic immediately following the ceremony.

Visit our MVHM&GS booth!

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Franklin County Historical Society Annual History Fair

Sunday, October 14, 1-4 p.m.
Union Senior Center
1329 Union Avenue, Union, MO

MVHM&GS will have a display of books to sell and will run the program of local post cards.

No Charge to Attend!

See what other historical and genealogical societies, authors, county recorders, archivists, churches and demonstrators have to share.

Silent auction and wine pull fundraiser will run until 4 p.m. and must be picked up by 5 p.m.

"CHECKERS IN THEIR BLOOD"

Living and Working at
Purina Research Farm
in Gray Summit

Compiled by
Walter & Therissa Schlemper

Our Recollections Across 5 Generations



Photo from *Missourian*

Remembering . . .

Francis Neil Brennan, 93, who passed away on August 12, 2018 in Pacific, Missouri. Neil was elected the first president of the Meramec Valley Genealogical & Historical Society and throughout the years with his vast knowledge of our community helped the genealogy and historical organizations greatly.

Jeanne Ann Groth who also passed away on August 6, 2018. Jeanne was a long-time member contributing much support along with her husband, Mel, to whom we send our sincere sympathy.

News & Notes

The July picnic meeting included an excellent and informative presentation by Greg and Jerry Mowery of **Art Glass Unlimited** on their business of restoring and creating colored glass for windows, doors, lamps, and other items. Several members accepted their generous invitation to take a tour the next week. A visit to 214 S. Fourth Street to see their beautiful products is highly recommended. Thanks, also, to **Brenda Wiesehan** for sharing so many slides from the digitized collection of historical photos she continues to build for us. They were greatly enjoyed by all.

We extend our appreciation to **Georgia Hirth Clark** for returning to Pacific to present a genealogy program about the **Bruns, Hirth, and Leber** families on August 14 at the Pacific City Hall Council Room using the large screen and modern projection equipment operated by Chris Niemoeller, board member, with assistance from former Mayor Jeff Titter, board president, and research support from other members. Part of the program contained photographs of old Pacific and information on the Royal Theater. The audience actively contributed important information during the two-hour program, and this was followed by an exchange of genealogical and local historical information pertaining to the families. Plans are pending for more information to be exchanged at a future date.

We've had a request from a member of the St. Louis Architectural Historical Society, Mickey Trost, who is conducting research on the **Calsi-Crete** manufacturing company of Pacific. She is looking for any historical information about the business, its products, including owners, operators, photographs, etc. She has volunteered to do this project for her organization and would be happy to present her research results in a program to us.

A question for you . . . Would you be interested in “**day trips**” to visit museums, go to a genealogy conference, etc., if we planned them? Let us know your thoughts. Call Chris at 636-221-4900.