



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

April 2008

**May 10, 2008, Meeting -- 10 a.m.**  
**LOOKING AT AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH GLASSWARE AND FRUIT JARS**  
**Dr. Rosemary Noel, Guest Speaker**

"Looking at American History through Glassware and Fruit Jars," by Rosemary Noel, historian and DAR member, is our May 10 program. An avid collector of antique fruit jars, Rosemary will display some of her 35-year collection and talk about food preservation by our ancestors. A brief tour and overview of the Genealogy Dept. will following the program. The meeting is open to the public, and there is no fee.

### Judith Vinzant

Tri-County member Judy Vinzant passed away April 19, 2008. Judy was active in many Society projects, and will be missed by all. Our condolences are extended to her family.

### Society Programs in 2008

The following programs are scheduled for the remainder of 2008:

**Jun 14, El Do: Opera House Movie Theater Tour and Presentation**, by Davin Allison on the history of the building and problems of undertaking such a large remodeling job. May see the movie showing at that time.

**Jul 12, Nevada: Resources Available at the Missouri State Archives and How to Research the Collections**, by Robyn Burnett, Reference Archivist, Missouri State Archives.

**Aug 9, El Do: Orphan Trains in Missouri**, by guest speaker Rita Wagner, whose mother was an orphan train rider.

**Sep 13, Nevada: The World Renowned Weltmer Institute of Nevada, Missouri**, by guest speaker Melissa Earll, researcher and creator of the *Rediscover Nevada, MO!* website.

**Oct 11, El Do: Various Subjects of Interest to Genealogists**, by Wilma McKinley and Ernie Harris, guest speakers.

**Nov 8, Nevada: What to Look for and Where to Look when the Research gets Difficult**, by Helen Lodge, local genealogist and speaker.

**Dec 13, El Do: Election and Installation of Officers and Christmas Luncheon.**

### Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Grocery Receipts

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting – they will be redeemed for cash.

### New Street Address

Our street address is now changed to **218 West Walnut Street**. This is a small change from what it was (212 W. Walnut) but will help the Post Office deliver our mail.

### Tri-County Genealogy Website [www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/)

As of April 27, 2008, the Tri-County website has had 13,464 hits. There were 301 searches in March, and 265 to date in April. The most frequently searched words were Ford, Barnett, Jessy, Adams, William, and John (some of

these words were in connection with other words).

New information added to the website in April included 2008 Metz School Alumni Newsletter, Fair Haven Springs information, and biography pages on John Kincaid, Thomas W. Smith, and the Towne Family.

If you have information for the website, please email it to the Society.

### Who are YOU Researching?

Members are invited to submit their name and contact information (email and/or mailing address) and surnames being researched in this region with details such as location, years, pictures, etc. Others may be researching the same family, and this will enable researchers to contact each other and share information if they desire to do so.

Debbie Alexander, 1661 Lowell Ave, Claremont, CA 91711, is researching the following surnames in Vernon, Cedar, and St. Clair Counties: Rittermeyer, Kauffman, Martin, May, and Robinson.

### Cedar County Probate Files Project

The Cedar Co. Probate Project continues with the workday being Thursdays from 10 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room of the Courthouse at Stockton. If you can help with this project, please come to the Courthouse in Stockton on Thursdays.

### Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

The project phase of verifying the term of court for each case is nearing completion, with only two boxes of files remaining to be processed. As of March 31, volunteer hours totaled 3,841.5 on this project. **Thank you** to everyone who has helped on this project! The next phase of the project will be sorting the files into court term date order and numbering each file – watch for information on beginning this task. *The end of this project is in sight!!*

### Email Notice of Newsletter

Members who read the newsletter online should receive an email notice when the newsletter is available. If you do not receive this monthly email notice, please email us at [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net) and let us know so we can correct our distribution list.

If you receive the newsletter in the U.S. mail and would rather read it online, please send your email address and request that you receive the email notification.

It can be difficult to keep up with everyone's membership and address/email changes – we appreciate your help (and patience).

### Research Requests

Five research requests were processed in April, and four are pending. A tremendous **THANK YOU** to Darlene for handling look-up requests for the Society.

### Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence

The new Midwest Genealogy Center will open on May 27, 2008 at the corner of Lee's Summit and Kiger Roads in Independence, MO. (The Mid-Continent Genealogy Library will close at 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the move.) As part of the National Genealogical Conference, the Midwest Genealogy Center will hold an open house on May 14 from 6-9 p.m.

### North Arkansas Ancestor Fair

Fri.-Sat., May 30-31, Marshall, AR. Talks on Fri., and Vendor area and "Genealogy Swap Meet" on Sat. Fee for Fri. sessions. <http://www.ancestorfair.us/>

### Photographers in Nevada, MO

Pictures of ancestors can be real treasures, and knowing when and where the pictures were taken can help with research. Below is a listing of photographers and their addresses taken from various Nevada, MO city

directories. As time permits, more information on area photographers will be gathered and posted as a reference webpage.

**1890:**

Russell, W. G., Robinson block, 200 1/2 N Cedar st.

Swan & Turnbull, 109 1/2 N Main st.

Trimble, Walter U., 103 1/2 E Cherry st.

**1898 (2 different directories):**

W E Langan, west side square.

F C Adams, Robinson bldg.

W C Thompson, W Cherry.

U E McDaniel, east side square.

**1898 (2 different directories):**

W. G. Russell, Robinson blk.

W. S. Thompson, 109 N. Main st.

U. E. McDaniel, 108 1/2 N. Cedar street

**1900-1901:**

Adams, Frank C, 2d fl Robinson Bldg

Britain Beulah Mrs, 108 1/2 N Cedar

Langan William E, 107 1/2 N Main

**1903-1904:**

McClanahan & Son, 109 1/2 n Main

Compton E L, 108 1/2 n Cedar

**1905:**

Barker A W 124 n Main

Grand Studio 106 N Cedar and 107 1/2 n Main

Ikenberry Studio 210 w Cherry

Keeling Studio 202 n Cedar

**1908-1909:**

Keeling Studio 126 1/2 N Cedar

Grand Studio 106 1/2 N Cedar

West Side Studio 109 1/2 N Main

Whipples Estelle Mrs 212 1/2 W Cherry

**1913:**

Grand Studio 106 1/2 N Cedar

Whipple Stella Mrs 212 1/2 W Cherry

**1923-1924:**

Ware H C 126 1/2 n Cedar

Whipple Studio 117 n. Main

**1926-1926:**

Ware H C 126 n Cedar

Whipple Studio 117 n Main

**1928:**

Whipple Studio 117 N Main

**1936:**

Ralston C A 119 1/2 n Main

Ware Lettie A Mrs 126 1/2 n Cedar

**1938:**

Missouri Studio 124 1/2 w Walnut

Ralston Studio 119 1/2 n Main

Ware Studio 126 1/2 n Cedar

**1953-1954:**

Betty's Photo Serv 1618 N Washington

Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry

**1963:**

Betty's Photo Serv 221 E Pacific

**1966:**

Betty's Photo Serv Studio 221 E Pacific

Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry

**1968:**

Betty's Photo Serv Ofc 221 E Pacific & Studio  
222 E Pacific

Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry

**1970:**

Betty's Photo Serv Studio 222 E Pacific

Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry

**1972:**

Betty's Photo Service 221 E Pacific

Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry

**1974:**

Betty's Photo Service 221 E Pacific

Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry

**1976:**

Betty's Photo Service 221 E Pacific  
Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry  
Wynn's Studio 119 S Cedar

**1977:**

Betty's Photo Service 221 E Pacific  
Graphic Arts Studio 119 E Cherry  
Wynns Studio 119 S Cedar

Chester Gibbs, a teenager, was a photographer in the Bronaugh area around 1898 until the family moved to Oklahoma in the spring of 1901. Additional information about him and examples of his work can be seen on Lyndon Irwin's website at <http://lyndonirwin.com/qibbs2.htm>

Information from various photographs shows these additional photographers in the area:

C. A. Parmelee, East Side of Square, Nevada, MO.

Charles E. Foster, 108 East Side Square, Nevada; Branch Gallery Lamar, MO.

Harter, Nevada, MO.

Hood, Metz, MO.

Gunter, Nevada, MO

Thompson-Brown Photo Co., Nevada, MO.

Please send us information about any of these or any other photographers in this area; i.e., name, location/town, date, address, etc., and we will compile a master list.

**Items of Interest from Area Newspapers**

[Each of the below newspaper articles was transcribed by society members from microfilm at the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Department.]

**Bank Robbers Captured and Loot Recovered**

The bank at Uniontown, Kans., was robbed shortly after it opened for business Monday morning. Two men, after ordering the cashier and lady assistant to step into the vault, helped themselves to all the currency they could find and then boarded a Ford touring car and departed. A man in an adjoining building who heard the burglar alarm grabbed a shotgun and stepped out of the rear door just in time to be held up by one of the robbers who took the gun from him. Bourbon county officers were notified at once and a large force was quickly in pursuit. The country between Stotesbury and Hume was scoured and every road in Bourbon county was guarded. About 6 o'clock that evening Chief of Police Hoy and Officer E. S. Shoemaker of Fort Scott received word that two strangers were seen at the John Grubb place, one mile east and two miles north of Hammond, Kans. Hurrying to the Grubb place they easily located the men in the barn. They had run their car into the barn, it was afterward learned, to remove the mud from it, and were doubtless intending to make further escape under cover of darkness. As the officers approached the barn the robbers quickly made their way to the hay mow. Seeing one of the men through an opening in the floor one of the officers pointing his gun toward him ordered the two to come down. Hesitating long enough to beg him not to shoot they complied with the request. They were taken to Fort Scott and lodged in the city calaboose. They (*sic*) names are said to be Frank Brennan and Guy Judkins. Two packages of currency totaling \$675 was found hidden under the hay in the hay mow. This is probably all that the bank lost. Guns and other paraphernalia belonging to the robbers were found in the car.

*The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.*  
Friday, April 11, 1924, page 1



## **An Old Citizen Gone**

After an illness of seven weeks S. J. Baze died at his home in Metz township, near old Metz, and was interred at the Summers graveyard.

Mr. Baze was born in Tennessee sixty-six years ago and for more than thirty years has been a respected and prominent citizen here. His wife and four children survive him, and we feel that the entire community, as well as they, have in his death sustained a loss.

His strong hand was ever ready at the call for help, and his big heart full of sympathy for the distressed. Truly his nature was such as to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

Early in life he became a member of the Christian church and was for years an elder at Metz. He has not lived in vain. This part of the world is better for him having lived in it.

His worth as a neighbor and friend was demonstrated by the largest funeral attendance ever seen in this vicinity.

In honor to an old neighbor and for his many years service as a public school officer, the Old Metz school dismissed and the entire school headed by its teacher W. E. Snow, was assigned a place in the funeral procession as it passed the school house on its way to the grave.

A good man is gone.

METZ.

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.*  
November 23, 1893.

## **COUNTERFEITERS CAPTURED.**

**Three Caught at Walker and  
Taken to Rockville.**

**Their Counterfeiting Tools Found in a Hay  
Stack on the Joe Davis Farm.**

Yesterday afternoon a man residing at Rockville was here in search of some men wanted at his town for passing counterfeit money. He hunted up Chief of Police W. W. Hill, to whom he stated that three men had worked business men at Rockville on raised bills. The scheme was to change a one dollar

bill to a five. This was done by erasing the figure one and pasting a figure five over it. The man, whose name Mr. Hill could not recall, had one of the counterfeit bills. It was a first rate counterfeit but close inspection showed where the figure had been erased.

Yesterday afternoon three strange men appeared at Walker. One of them excited suspicion by walking into the bank and asking for twenty two-dollar bills. He was given all the bills of that denomination on hand, but he was also watched. He was seen to be joined by two other men, and the trio proceeded toward Nevada.

City Marshal Wade of Walker followed them to a haystack on the Joe Davis farm and arrested them. A search of the haystack revealed a bottle of oxalic acid, a small phial of government printing ink used in printing bank notes, and some other paraphernalia (*sic*) necessary to the work of counterfeiting.

The men with their outfit were at once taken to Rockville and turned over to the St. Clair county authorities.

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.*  
Friday, April 2, 1897, p. 1.

## **Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings of the Tri-County Genealogical Society (Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties of Missouri) are held the second Saturday of each month and begin at 10 a.m. They are alternately held at Nevada and El Dorado Springs at the following locations:

**Nevada** Public Library Meeting Room, 212 West Walnut, Nevada (enter at South side of building). On Saturdays, there is not a 2-hr parking limit on the streets.

**El Dorado Springs** Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs. Carpooling from the Nevada Library to the El Dorado Springs meeting is usually available; contact the society at [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net).

***All Tri-County Genealogy meetings  
are open to the public and  
visitors are always welcome!***

### **Tri-County Genealogical Society**

Membership in the Society is currently at about 70, and we use nametags at monthly meetings to help everyone get acquainted. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in family history research. Annual dues are \$10 for an individual membership (+\$5 for each additional member within the same household up to \$25 maximum), \$5 for a Student, or \$100 Lifetime, per person. We would be pleased to have you join the local society if you are not already a member, and you can do so at our next meeting or by

sending a check to Tri-County Genealogical Society, 218 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772.

2007 Society officers are:

President: Neoma F

V. Pres: Janet J & Nancy T

Recording Sec: position open

Treasurer: Ray L

Corresponding Sec: Darlene L

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***You are cordially invited to support the work of the  
Tri-County Genealogical Society with an annual membership.***

***See You May 10 in Nevada, Missouri***