



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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Vernon County Courthouse
Nevada, Missouri

NEWSLETTER

May 2008

June 14, 2008, Meeting -- 10 a.m.
OPERA HOUSE MOVIE THEATER TOUR
AND PRESENTATION
Davin Allison, Guest Speaker

The June 14 Tri-County genealogy meeting will be held at the El Dorado Springs Opera House on U.S. Hwy 82 (North Main St.) in downtown El Dorado Springs (across the street from the springs park), beginning at 10 a.m. Following a brief business meeting, Davin Allison will present the program on the history and renovation of the Opera House building and will explain the problems encountered in undertaking such a large remodeling job. After a tour of the beautiful historic building, the movie, "Indiana Jones" will be shown; the cost to attend the movie is \$4.50. Originally built in 1915, an extensive clean up and renovation of the Opera House building was begun in 2006. Additional information about the Opera House can be seen on their website at <http://theoperahousetheater.com/>. The public is invited to attend the program, tour, and show for a new look at an old building.

Society Programs in 2008

Visitors are always welcome at genealogy meetings and programs. The following programs are scheduled for the remainder of 2008:

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, premier Weltmer researcher and creator of the *Rediscover Nevada, MO!* website.

Oct 11, El Do: My Family Came to Cedar County and We Lived in a Log Cabin, by Dale Goodman, local historian, author, and member of the Cedar County Historical Society.

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

Dec 13, El Do: Election and Installation of Officers and Christmas Luncheon. Members may share highlights of their genealogy research.

Tri-County Genealogy Website www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/

During May, the Tri-County website had about 450 hits, and there were 253 searches conducted within the site.

New information added to the website in May includes biography pages for John N. BRAMBLE, Strawther EADS, William B. ELLIS, Richard H. ESTES, Joseph FERGUS, William F. FORD, Cornelius GALVIN, John HARDACRE, John R. C. HILL, William S. HOWELL, William C. HUFF, Elijah G. JEFFRIES, John T. LANCASTER, Jasper

McCRARY, George H. MOBLEY, E. G. SCOTT, James W. B. SCOTT, ISAAC SIGMAN, Clark SMITH, and Joseph M. WOOD.

In May, links to the REDISCOVER Nevada, Missouri and the Evergreen Funeral Chapel websites were added.

The following comment was received from a researcher: Thank you so much, your website has been very helpful for our family. Alice Samuel.

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.

Our member Mary Hemmerle, 10911 Gray Circle, Westminster, Colorado 80020 is researching the following surnames in Vernon County: Maudie and Willis MORRISON, Martha and James STANLEY, and the SKINNER and LaRUE families.

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. Entries added to the database as of June 14: 342.

Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

The last phase of our portion of the work on the circuit court records project will be completed the week of June 9-13! As your schedule allows, please come to the Library Meeting Room early in the week to help wrap up this project. (We do not anticipate that it

will take all week to do this.) The Library is open Mon., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Tue., Thu.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and you can work at any time.

There are 98 boxes of files and each box is numbered. "Box" and "Folder" were previously written near the top right corner of each case file folder. Our job is for each box of files, write the number of that box on each file folder just after "Box" and then consecutively number each case file folder in the box, beginning with 1, and that number goes after "Folder." This must be done with pencil. **Of important note:** the case file folders have been sorted by date of court term and must be kept in that order for each box. Easy job...just takes a little time.

Once this is completed, our Field Archivist will begin typing the index and then the files will be microfilmed.

Thank you for your help on this project -- without our wonderful volunteers, we could not do anything!

Books in Nevada Library

Thank you to Peggy Pyle who has donated a copy of The 1939 Nevamo (Nevada High School yearbook) to the Genealogy Dept. collection of area schools' yearbooks.

If you have copies of old school yearbooks, please donate them to the Genealogy Society. Multiple copies received will be placed as follows: 1) in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept., 2) in the Bushwhack Museum collection, 3) in the Missouri Genealogical Association collection at Midwest Genealogy Center (formerly Mid-Continent Genealogy Library), and 4) in the State Historical Society of Missouri collection.

Copies of yearbooks from Cedar County schools will be placed first in the El Dorado Springs Library and any duplicate copies as above listed.

Yearbooks from Bates and Barton counties are also needed.

Please note that there are several books of historical and genealogical interest that are shelved in the Library's **Research** section:

The Photographic History of the Civil War in Ten Volumes. Francis Trevelyan Miller, editor in chief.

Confederate Agent: A Discovery in History. James D. Horan, 1954.

Women Patriots of the American Revolution: A Biographical Dictionary. Charles E Claghorn. 1991.

Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri. (6 Vol. set.)

The Civil War: American Heritage Picture History. (2 Vol. set).

A History of Missouri. (5 Vol. set.)

A copy of Law Dictionary by Steven H. Giffs had previously been donated by Judy Vinzant and was frequently used during the processing of the Circuit Court files. This book proved very useful in understanding legal terms from the court files and has now been catalogued and added to the Genealogy Dept.

DNA Research in Genealogy

Following up on Eldon Steward's April program on the Steward DNA Project, Derl Barnett shares the following information from an article by James Henderson from the Spring 2008 An Canach newsletter:

Henderson explains that although DNA testing can be confusing, the Henderson Surname DNA Project focuses on what they believe is important to the typical family genealogists. There are many companies jumping into genealogical DNA projects, and he cautions that families should thoroughly research any company they consider using and that some companies cannot deliver what they promise. The company that the Henderson DNA Project uses is Family Tree DNA. Some surname DNA projects now display their DNA results on their surname website for the benefit of researchers, and

some surname DNA projects are teaming with research centers that will additionally use the DNA information with modern genetic profiling, which will help people from around the world trace their roots. The Glasgow Caledonia University in Scotland hopes to build up a genetic map of the clans of Scotland, allowing people to look into their Celtic ancestry.

A full copy of this article is available on the bulletin board at the Nevada Genealogy Dept.

Vernon Co. Cemetery Directory Update

Surveys for both Stepp and Rinehart Cemeteries have been completed, and final proofing is being done on the last few cemeteries. GPS coordinates have been obtained for most of the cemeteries. **Please note: Tri-County members can now get free lookups from the cemetery database – either write or email the Society with the names you would like checked. (There are many people with the same names; a list of persons by the name you ask about will be returned to you. No phone call requests, please.)**

Pike County, MO

A pictorial history of Pike County is going to be published, and prepublication orders are required. Photos and stories are needed by August 1, 2008; the book will be available in the spring. For information, contact Anna Henson, 12432 Pike 403, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Salt Lake City Research Trip

The St. Louis Genealogical Society is sponsoring a trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City Nov. 9-16, 2008. Seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel: \$675 nonmembers. www.stlgs.org for more info.

Genealogy Dept. Visitors

Some researchers attending the May 14-17 National Genealogical Conference in Kansas City came to Nevada for research in Vernon

County. Our special thanks to Darlene who went above and beyond to help them!

And we received this note from Sherri & Linda, who recently conducted research here: "Thank you very much. Wonderful facility."

Midwest Genealogy Center

The grand opening of the new genealogy library will be held June 21 at 9 a.m. Ribbon cutting, tours, genealogy classes, music, and genealogy experts are part of the day's planned celebration. The 52,000-sq-ft facility is located at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road in Independence, MO.

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.

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.]

"Popular Therapeutics" was a semi-monthly journal (newspaper) which was published by Long Brothers & Company, Room 5, Moore Building, Nevada, Missouri in the early 1900s. Sol. L. Long, Editor, terms of subscription (strictly in advance) \$1.00 per year and single copies 10¢. It was "A Journal of the National Association of Suggestive Therapeutics" and for "pioneer thinkers along all lines." Of interesting note is that the "paper will carry no advertisements that are not acceptable to the highest class periodicals." The following two articles are from microfilm of this Journal.

SPECIAL! **For Subscribers to** **POPULAR THERAPEUTICS.**

We are trying our utmost to make Popular Therapeutics well worth the subscription price by filling it with inspiration and suggestion. It

preaches the gospel of Right thinking—Right living and Good Health, not with empty phrases and meaningless maxims, but with practical helps for those who are trying to better the things they are now doing.

As a special inducement to those subscribing (new or renewal) we will allow either of the following books FREE, with each yearly subscription.

"GOSPEL OF HEALTH." By Alice M. Long. A self help book discussing the Power of the Infinite greater than heredity and disease. The building material and their effect upon mind, body and spirit. Harmonizing of materials provided by the Master Builder... Sickness a fault... How to avoid it. 117 Pages of practical New Thought methods of living. Handsomely bound in blue silk cloth.

"TELEPATHY" By Wm. Walter Atkinson. A book in which the subject of Telepathy is discussed from every view point known to the modern investigator, giving the Theory, Facts and Proofs of Telepathy. The book needs little recommendation as it is by William Walker Anderson, former editor of the New Thought Magazine. It is bound in dark green cloth and is a most valuable book.

Mail Your Order Today.

Foreign and Canadian Subscriptions \$1.25 per year.

Popular Therapeutics, Saturday, June 3, 1911.

Telepathy Department

On Thursday evening May 25th the message was: "I WANT THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH TO ILLUMINE MY UNDERSTANDING."

According to the reports sent in no one received the correct message and only a small percent showed that they were sensitive, however, the health benefits are still continuing good.

On June 1st the message sent out was: "I WILL RENDER CHEERFUL SERVICE TODAY AND TRUST FOR RESULTS."

Again no one reported the correct message and for the last few weeks the reports have not come as they should. I presume this is on

account of the warm weather we are having, but I hope every member will be more prompt about sending in their reports each week for I am anxious to learn of the success each member is having.

If the members of the telepathy class wish me to make a note of at least six messages received, regardless of whether or not they have any bearing on the correct message, kindly let me know and in the future I will do so.

Last evening June 8th the message sent was: "THOSE CONQUER WHO BELIEVE THEY WILL."

The next issue of this Journal will contain a report of the above message.

Popular Therapeutics, Saturday, June 3, 1911.

**QUARANTINE ESTABLISHED
Against Arthur, Mo., and Yale, Kansas
To Prevent Introduction of Smallpox—
Prompt Action by Nevada's Mayor.**

Proclamation of Quarantine.

Reliable information coming to me that smallpox is prevailing in the towns of Arthur, Mo., and Yale, Kas., I therefore do hereby declare and establish quarantine regulations against said towns, and prohibit any person from coming into or remaining in the City of Nevada, Mo., from either of said towns; and further prohibit any railroad company or other transportation company from bringing anyone from said towns and discharging or leaving them within the corporate limits of the City of Nevada, Mo. or within one mile thereof!

Given under my hand this 13th day of February, 1900.

PRESS IRONS.

Mayor of Nevada, Mo.

Geo. Jones of near Balltown, who was in Nevada today, gave the MAIL some additional facts concerning the smallpox situation at Arthur. Mr. Jones was at Arthur yesterday and while there learned something of the cases at that place.

There seems to be no question but what the dreaded disease has made its appearance at Arthur, and there is no telling to what extent it may spread. According to what Mr. Jones learned yesterday, a sister of Rolla McAllister recently came to visit him, coming from the Indian Territory, where smallpox is prevalent.

She was first taken sick and many of the neighbors were of the opinion that she had chickenpox. After she recovered Mr. McAllister was taken sick, and yesterday Dr. Allen of Rich Hill pronounced his disease smallpox.

Dr. Allen at once telegraphed to Sheriff Ewing. We not now having a county physician, Sheriff Ewing telegraphed to Judge E. N. Hurst at Panama, instructing him to do what he thought best.

Mr. Jones says many persons have been exposed to the disease, many having visited the McAllister residence.

The McAllisters live at the north end of Arthur near the railroad tracks where many people pass daily.

If the smallpox is in its worse stages there is no telling how many people may break out with the disease and every possible precaution should be taken. Nevadians must look out and take steps to prevent the disease from entering the city.

Mayor Irons and Chief Police Lee Carver are taking steps toward keeping tramps from entering the city and will station two policeman at the depot to keep them on the move. Smallpox is raging in Indian Territory and tramps from that direction have been passing through Nevada every day.

Mayor Irons telephoned to Lamar today, talking with the mayor, and found that there were two cases there, one of which had recovered, and the other in house quarantined and extra police. Thought there was no danger of spreading. Lamar's mayor is considering quarantining against Yale, Kansas.

Dr. Churchill says: Inasmuch as the dreadful disease is reported so near our door, I would advise every man, woman and child that has not been vaccinated to do so at once, if so then we need not fear a panic, that would be, if the disease should come to our city. Then there would be no use of any uneasiness with our people. The panic would cause more trouble and more expense would be developed than the cost of vaccinating the entire population of the city.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO.
Tuesday, February 13, 1900.

SMALLPOX SITUATION.

The Dreaded Disease Exists Both North and South of Nevada. County Officials Have Appealed to the State Board of Health.

The smallpox situation has become quite serious and steps are being taken today by county officials to prevent the disease from reaching Nevada.

It was reported here this morning that 5 cases exist in Arthur, which is only 12 miles north of Nevada.

Chief Police Carver received a telegram this morning from Hannon, a small station near Yale, Kas., which stated that there is now 17 cases of smallpox in Yale, Kas. This place is about 35 miles south of Nevada. Taking into consideration the nearness of these two places to Nevada Mayor Irons has quarantined against both of them.

Prosecuting Attorney Joe Moss and Sheriff Ewing are in communication with the State Board of Health, which board will be asked to investigate the situation and establish a quarantine against all districts wherein smallpox exists.

Sheriff Ewing telephoned this afternoon to Dr. Allen, instructing him to establish a quarantine around the home of the McAllisters at Arthur, and also sent Newt Short to Arthur to care for the family.

Newt Short is the man who took care of the smallpox patients at Nevada some years ago.

Instructions from the State Board of Health are expected tomorrow morning.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO.
Wednesday, February 14, 1900.

ANDERSON IN FT. SCOTT JAIL Confesses to Have Broken Out of Nevada Jail Last Fall.

FT. SCOTT, Kan., Feb. 11 – Harry Anderson, a confessed member of a gang of horse and harness thieves with a rendezvous in the Indian Territory, near Miami, who was arrested at Joplin, and who has just been brought here on the charge of horse stealing is known at Rockford, Id., by the name of Charles Upton, and he says the authorities there want him. He also confesses having broken out of the Vernon county, Missouri, jail last fall. The Missouri authorities know him as Sherman Wechner.

Six stolen horses, which he was holding at the time of his arrest, have been located. He has a team at Rich Hill, Mo., and a hack at Clinton, Mo. The crime for which he is wanted here is the theft of a horse from a farmer for whom he worked.

On the way between here and Joplin he traded horses four times, and when arrested he had a set of harness that he had stolen the previous night. He came to Kansas with a requisition to keep out of the hands of Missouri authorities, who, he said, "have it in for him."

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO.
Monday, February 12, 1900.

General Jo Shelby Days Jun 28-29 ~ Waverly, MO

Jo Shelby stood on the steps of the Methodist Church and recruited over 1,000 local men to ride to action under the banner of the Confederacy. Arms and ammunition were hid under the church floorboards.

Enjoy festivities of General Jo Shelby Days where you can see the reenactment of the capture and confiscation of freight on the

Federal supply boat, the *Sunshine*, on Saturday by the Confederates, and on Sunday the Union returns to reclaim their freight. Skirmishes, Sutlers, Music, Games, Antiques, Food. 1st Annual Muster of the Gen. Jo Shelby Iron Brigade. For information, (660) 493-8891. There is a "Walking Through Waverly" historical tour brochure available.

44th Annual Bushwhacker Days Jun 11-14 ~ Nevada

This year's Bushwhacker Days is four days of activities and fun for everyone -- music, food, 5k run, carnival, parade, hot air balloons, quilt contest, baby contests, etc., and booths & vendors around the historic Nevada square. See the full schedule of events at www.bwdays.com or in the local newspapers. The ever-popular Border War Skirmishes will take place on Saturday.

The Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative

Some really exciting things are happening with the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative (MDHI). If you use the computer in researching your Missouri ancestors, you will want to take time to explore this entire fantastic website! A few months ago you may have noticed the "new look" when you used the Missouri Death Certificates website...the death certificates are one small part of the entire website, and there are MANY other online resources available.

The Missouri State Archives and the Missouri State Library, in partnership with the State Historical Society of Missouri, are assisting institutions across the state in digitizing their records and placing them online for easy access. The MDHI home page is at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/>. The MDHI includes records of enduring historical value from institutions throughout the state. These historical resources, including documents, photographs, maps and other materials of interest, are grouped by general topic. Individual collections are searchable under each topic.

- **Agriculture** Records about farming, ranching, cultivating crops and raising livestock
- **Archives and Manuscripts Collection Guides** Resources, such as finding aids, guides and indexes, that provide descriptions of specific groups of Missouri records
- **Art, Architecture, Literature, Music, and Theater** Documents related to artists, composers, musicians, authors, playwrights, architects and their works
- **Books, Pamphlets, and Monographs** Books and diaries related to Missouri
- **Business, Commerce, Industry, and Manufacturing** Collections that demonstrate the diversity of Missouri's economic activities
- **County and Municipal Records** Records created by and related to local governments
- **Cultures and Communities** Documents regarding Native Americans, African Americans, immigrant groups and urban and rural neighborhoods
- **Exploration and Settlement** Documents referring to French and Spanish settlers, fur traders, native tribes, explorers, land speculators, miners and other early residents
- **Family and Faith** Genealogical resources that include birth, marriage, death, church and cemetery records and family papers
- **Government and Political Records** Territorial, state and federal records from the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government
- **Maps** Topographic, highway, railroad, insurance, demographic and historical maps
- **Medicine, Science, Technology, and Nature** Collections that reflect the variety of Missouri's scientific pursuits
- **Military Records and Resources** Military records of Missourians who served in domestic and foreign wars
- **Newspapers** Missouri Newspapers
- **Photographs and Images** Original photographs, postcards, drawings, posters, engravings, paintings and political cartoons
- **Sports and Recreation** Records on athletes, athletic events, hunting, fishing, tourism and tourist attractions
- **Transportation** Documents concerning automobiles, aviation, railroads, river traffic, bridges and highways

- **Women** Collections that focus on the lives and activities of women in Missouri

Please take time to view the "Making of the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative" video at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/MakingOf/> (Turn on your speakers.)

Friends of the Missouri State Archives membership are available at \$25, \$50, etc. levels of donations. Friends of the Missouri State Archives, P. O. Box 242, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0242.

(Much of the above info was taken from the MDHI website.)

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to member Connie Palmer on the recent passing of her mother-in law, Mrs. Sarah Palmer.

Our condolences are also extended to member Betty Hicks on the recent death of her sister, Gloria Louise Luckett.

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.

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

You received this monthly newsletter notice because you are a member of the Society, have indicated an interest in our organization, or represent an area genealogy group. If you do not want to receive this email notice in the future, please contact the Society at tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net and request that your name be removed from the email list.

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

See You June 14 at the Opera House ~~ Bring a Friend!