



Nevada Library and  
Bushwhacker Museum

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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

## January 2009

**Feb. 14, 2009 Meeting & Program**  
**Church of Christ Fellowship Hall**  
**302 E Hospital Rd, El Dorado Springs**  
***THE HISTORY OF***  
***CEDAR COUNTY'S LEBECK AREA***

Everett Smith of rural El Dorado Springs, Missouri, will tell about his lifelong connection to the small community of Lebeck, located in north central Cedar County, about one-half mile south of the St. Clair County line. Smith has extensive knowledge of the area and will talk about the history and memories of the once thriving village where his family has unique ties to the Lebeck Hotel.

Many years ago Smith "adopted" the Lebeck Cemetery located just down the road from his home. He has spent countless hours working to restore and maintain the cemetery where the oldest monument dates to 1878 and several generations of his family are buried.

Established after the Civil War, Lebeck is located 6 1/2 miles east of El Dorado Springs on U.S. 54 and 2 1/4 miles north at Cedar Springs on State Hwy DD

The program is open to the public and there is no fee.

### January Workshop

More than 150 resources were processed at the January workshop meeting! New spine labels have been applied to numerous additional resources since the meeting. Researchers can now more easily and quickly identify and find books in the

Genealogy Dept. A tremendous thanks to the those who have worked on this project.

Researchers should note that all over-sized plat/ownership maps and directories are now shelved in the Vernon Co maps area—these include the Cedar, Dade, Lawrence, Greene County map books.

### 2009 Membership Dues

We hope you have enjoyed reading the Tri-County Genealogical Society newsletter. Dues for calendar year 2009 are to be paid by the March meeting to continue receiving the monthly newsletter. Dues can be brought to a monthly meeting or mailed to the society at 218 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO 64772. Individual yearly membership is only \$10, and lifetime membership is \$100. Memberships fund the publication of the newsletter and help purchase family history resources for the libraries. Your membership is greatly appreciated.

### 2009 Programs

The following programs are tentatively scheduled for 2009. Watch the newsletter and website for updated information or changes as programs are finalized.

**Mar 14, Nevada:** Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Areas. Terry Ramsey, Bushwhacker Museum coordinator, will explain how Vernon County's true Civil War story is being told through this program. A tour of the Bushwhacker Museum will follow the program.

**Apr 11, El Do:** *The Burning of Osceola Missouri.* Richard Sunderwirth, columnists

for the *St. Clair Courier*, author, and historian will be guest speaker.

**May 9, Nevada:** Basic Genealogy Conference: "Start Here and Do This" for individuals who want to begin their family history research. Presented by Tri-County Genealogical Society members.

**Jun 13, El Do:** An American Soldier who served in Iraq will be our guest speaker.

**Jul 11, Nevada:**

**Aug 8, El Do:** How to Prepare for a Research Trip to the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, MO. Guest speaker.

**Sep 12, Nevada:** Trip to the new Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, MO.

**Oct 10, El Do:** Basic Genealogy Conference: "Start Here and Do This" for individuals who want to learn how to begin their family history research. Presented by Tri-County Genealogical Society members.

**Nov 14, Nevada:** Computer Genealogy Research. Seminar presented by Helen Lodge. Meeting location: Cottey College Computer Lab.

**Dec 12, El Do:** Members are invited to bring 5-10 copies of a documented brick-wall problem to be discussed. Election and Installation of Officers and Christmas Luncheon.

#### Website Information

The Tri-County Genealogical Society's website at [www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/) continues to provide valuable information to researchers whose ancestors were in this area. During 2008, the website averaged 500 'hits' per month. Many additional indexes and biographies will be added to the site in 2009.

#### New Vernon County Addresses

Vernon County has converted to street addresses throughout the county effective January 2009. This will make it much easier to give directions to locations within the county. There is a Vernon County, MO Address Conversion Reference on the internet at

<http://www.vernoncountymmo.org/AddressConversionList.aspx>

If you know an old address, the website will give you the new street address. This website does not give new addresses based on name – it only uses the old address.

Anyone wanting to purchase a county map with the new names have the option of purchasing the 2005 Plat Book or a map book which the county has published. It is suggested that, if possible, you look at a copy of both to determine which suits your needs and is more readable. (The county map book is printed in subdued colors which may not be distinct enough for everyone's eyesight.)

#### Increase in Research Fees

The Tri-County Genealogical Society approved a small increases in research fees beginning in 2009. This is the first increase we have had in several years, and it is in line with what many other genealogical societies charge. The new fees have been posted on our website. If you receive our newsletter by mail and would like to receive a copy of the new fee schedule, please contact any officer or write to the society and a copy will be sent to you.

Research fees are used to purchase additional genealogy resources for the public libraries in Nevada and El Dorado Springs.

#### Cedar County, MO Research

Persons researching Cedar County will find helpful information on the Cedar County website at <http://www.mogenweb.org/cedar/> You are encouraged to submit information to Kay Snow at [kaysdell@gmail.com](mailto:kaysdell@gmail.com) for posting on the site if you research ancestors from Cedar County.

The web site for the Cedar County Historical Society is <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mocchs/>

#### Indexing Records

Some of our great volunteers have indicated that they would like to index the Vernon County Marriage Record Books from 1900 to

about 1950. If you can type and would like to help with this or any other indexing project to create finding aids, please email [TriCountyGenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:TriCountyGenealogy@centurytel.net) There are two options on how the marriage records can be done – either from the original record books in the Recorder's Office at the Nevada Courthouse (a laptop computer will be provided) or from microfilmed records in the Genealogy Department at the Nevada Library.

Although all of the details have not yet been worked out, we can let you know that information will be typed into an Excel spreadsheet using an established format. A training session will be scheduled for volunteers to provide information on how the typing is to be done, and an example sheet will be provided to ensure uniform format and the ability to merge documents.

All marriage records indexing will be proofed by another to help ensure accuracy of the names and dates prior to publication of the data.

Also, there is a *Walker Herald* abstracted newspaper book which can be indexed if someone would like to volunteer to do this.

Members will want to work on projects which interests them. If you have another project on which you would like to work—please let us know what it is, and **go for it!** If you have questions or need help, email any of the officers.

***Sign up now to help!***

### **Historic Caton Ford Bridge**

In the early settlement of this area, a ford crossed the Marmaton River about 4 miles north of present day Nevada. This was on the primary north-south road through the region, the Nevada–Balltown road. It crossed the Marmaton River very near the site of Noah Caton's first cabin. The ford soon became commonly known as the Caton Ford.

An Historic American Engineering Record Survey of the Caton Ford Bridge was conducted in October 1993, and this 12-page report and accompanying 22

photographs are available at the Library of Congress website at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/hhh.mo1258> A copy of the full report and photographs has been placed in the Nevada Library Genealogical Dept.

The report tells that the County began building timber and timber/iron combination bridges in the 1860s and 1870s. In the mid-1870s, the "county court began contracting for all-iron structures as a more durable alternative to wood construction." Although the Caton Ford was on the main north-south road through the county, early bridges were built over Clear Creek at Young's Ford, the Marmaton River at Moore's Mill, the Johnson crossing on Hightower Branch, the Schell City crossing, the Benefield Ford on the Osage River, Kelly Ford, Palton Ford, King Ford, Colley Ford, near Deerfield, and others.

The Caton Ford Bridge over the Marmaton River, the largest watercourse in Vernon County, was not built until 1894. The following small article appeared in the local newspaper at that time:

#### **A Bridge at Caton Ford.**

The county court today contracted with the Missouri Valley Bridge company of Kansas City for a bridge over the Marmaton at Caton Ford in Washington township. It is to be of steel and rest on tubular piers. The contract price is \$4,900.

*Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.*  
Monday, March 12, 1894, page 3, col. 6.



**Historic Caton Ford Bridge ~ Built 1894**

From the Historic American Engineering Record, we learn the significance of the Caton Ford Bridge: "Built almost one hundred years ago by one of the Midwest's most prolific bridge erectors, the Caton Ford Bridge features a pin-connected Pratt truss superstructure. From the 1870s through the 1910s, thousands of pinned Pratt trusses were erected on Missouri's roadways. Although several hundred of these structures remain in use today, relatively few date from before the turn of the century. And fewer yet of the 19th century survivors remain structurally intact. The Caton Ford Bridge stands out among Missouri's pin-connected trusses as an early, well-documented and well-preserved example of what was once a mainstay structural type."

After 100 years of use, the Historic Caton Ford Bridge was scheduled to be replaced by a concrete bridge in 1994.

Interestingly, the 1993 report lists the last alteration to the Historic Caton Ford Bridge "perpetrated sometime within the past year, is a minor one, involving the removal of all commemorative plates from the truss's endposts." An earlier field inspection of the bridge showed the plates' text as:

**BUILT  
1894  
MO. VALLEY BRIDGE & IRON WORKS  
LEAVENWORTH KANS.**

**VERNON COUNTY COURT  
1894  
J. T. MATES PREST.  
J. F. BROOKS 1ST DIST.  
WESLEY JONES 2ND DIST.  
W. H. WOOD, BRIDGE COMM'R.**

At one time a sign reading "Caton Bridge" or "Caton Ford Bridge" stood at the location. If anyone has a photograph of this sign in place, the Tri-County Genealogical Society would like to make a copy of it for record.

Caton researchers are cautioned that information on page 2 of the Historic American Engineering Report regarding Noah Caton and his family's movements through Kentucky and then Warren County,

Missouri are not exactly correct as therein written. It was Noah's father, Jesse Caton, who first relocated his family to Kentucky. Noah Caton married Frances McDermid in 1814 in St. Charles County, MO, after he had moved to Missouri. They then moved to Montgomery County which later became Warren County, and from there moved to Vernon County, about 10 years after the first white settlers had established their homesteads on the Osage River.

Anyone with additional information about this now-gone historic structure are invited to contact the Genealogy Society.

[Information and picture taken from <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/hhh.mo1258> and Vernon Co histories.]

#### **Items of Interest from Area Newspapers**

[The below newspaper articles were transcribed by society members.]

#### **DALE JONES WAS SHOT TO DEATH He and His Wife Killed by Officers at Arcadia, California. Jones, When a Mere Youth, Was Arrested in Nevada and Later Became Leader of the Most Desperate Outlaws That Ever Infested This Country.**

Los Angeles, Nov. 20.—Charlie Forbes, better known as Dale Jones, bandit indicated in numerous train robberies and murders in various parts of the country, and his wife, known as Marjorie Dean, were shot and killed when deputies attempted to arrest the couple at Arcadia, a town 20 miles from here, last night.

According to the sheriff's deputies an attempt was made to arrest Jones on a charge of murdering J. W. Rowan, captain of detectives of Colorado Springs, when the alleged bandit opened fire. Officers returned the fire and many shots were exchanged. Jones also is wanted in connection with the M. K. & T. train robbery at Koch, Kas., about two months ago.

Jones is the last of the gang to be accounted for. "Kansas City Blackie," whose name was Roscoe Lancaster, was killed by police after two hours' battle in Kansas City,



where he had barricaded himself in a house at 1904 Montgall Avenue. Frank Lewis died in jail. Ora and Roy Lewis are in the Missouri penitentiary. Roy Sherill and Thomas Knight were sentenced last week to prison.

#### **Jones in Nevada.**

Dale Jones, several years ago, when a slip of a youth, came to Nevada and was arrested by the county officers. The late Judge J. B. Johnson, then prosecuting attorney, took a kindly interest in the boy and tried to start him in the proper paths. Jones seemed to appreciate Judge Johnson's advice but later he fell into bad associations and his career is well known to readers of these columns. Jones was alleged to have been a member of the gang who shot and killed Constable Queen at Rich Hill, when that officer started to Butler with John Shead. Later it was said Jones, masquerading as a woman, visited Butler and aided Shead in escaping from the Butler jail.

Later Jones fell in with the Lewis brothers who were charged with brutally murdering a St. Louis officer and the gang under the leadership of Dale Jones and "Kansas City Blackie" were alleged to have held up an M. K. & T. train near Koch, Kansas and other crimes. The escape and subsequent battles with Kansas City and Colorado officers showed the gang to have been one of the most desperate and daring bunch of outlaws that was ever known to officers of the county.

"Kansas City Blackie" stayed in Nevada three weeks just before his death. The Lewis brothers, when very small boys, lived in Nevada, later moved to Sedalia and from that place went to St. Louis.

*Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Vernon Co., MO.  
Wednesday, November 20, 1918, p. 1*

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**FROM VERNON.**

**Nevada City a Railroad Center—Emigration—  
Railroads—Vernon county Fair—A Big Time  
Expected—A Bohemian Roughly Handled—  
Col. D. C. Hunter for Congress, etc., etc.**

NEVADA, MO., Sept. 13th, 1871.

#### *Editors Tribune:*

Our town is getting quite lively again and business is looking up. Strangers are dropping in as permanent settlers, and emigrants are looking around for homes and land. Thus far we have every indication that Vernon county will receive this fall a full share of the living tide pouring westward. The astonishing increase in six years from a population far less than a thousand all told up to 16,000 is certainly indicative of progress and improvement. The sure prospects of the early completion of the Laclede & Fort Scott Railroad has awakened up our citizens to secure other roads, and they are now canvassing the proposition of giving \$50,000 bonds to a road from Kansas City to Centre Township, and the County Court has ordered an election to be held on the 26th inst., for that purpose. The proposition will doubtless carry notwithstanding the seeming opposition from some quarters of the township. We have every assurance, as soon as the bonds are voted, that work will commence between here and Butler and the road built in a very short period. This road, with the Laclede & Fort Scott R. R., and the M. K. & T. Railway now at our door, will certainly give our thriving city the title of railroad centre.

Besides the railroad proposition, the all engrossing theme is our approaching Fair, and ever preparation is being made to make it a moral and a financial success. The President, Judge H. P. Gray, formerly of Columbia, but now of this place, with the Board of Directors, have been striving strenuously to have our new Fair Grounds in fine order for the Fair, and for the means at their disposal have done extremely well, and deserve the highest praise of the Association as well as of the citizens generally. The Association purchased 20 acres a short distance west of town, and have 15 acres of the same nicely pailed in with an eight foot fence, a beautiful octagon Floral Hall with tasty arrangements within for display; the best graded track south of Sedalia, half mile

in length, 30 feet wide, for Roadsters, &c.; the largest amphitheatre in the Southwest, the inner ring of which is over 500 feet in circumference, with 8 tiers of seats all around, and a promenade walk 10 feet wide above the seats some 700 feet in circumference, from which a fine view is afforded of the grounds, ring, track, and of the town. It will seat comfortably from 6,000 to 7,000 people. There are booths attached, where visitors can procure refreshments. Also stalls on the grounds for exhibitors to secure their stock, and also there will be a provender for the same. Back of the amphitheatre and west of the same is a beautiful young grove of oaks, interspersed with an occasional monarch which has been neatly trimmed up, with ample shade for tired visitors to rest themselves and young folks to discuss nonsense and romance, and too the shade from the grove will tend to relieve the unpleasantness of heat in the after part of the day. Altogether we think that Vernon county may well be proud of her Fair arrangements, and the prospect this time of a big crowd and grand display and good time generally, is certainly very flattering. The association and citizens offer several very large premiums. Lately the Board of Directors have concluded to extend the Fair one day longer, making it last four days instead of three as first intended, so our Fair will be held on the 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th of October. The last day's programme will be interesting as well as exciting, as there will be a Grand Tournament, in which some thirty or more of our young gents are ambitious of securing the prize, a \$30 premium pair of silver fruit baskets, for the most successful Knight, and a second premium of a \$15 silver pitcher. Also a premium of \$20 silver fruit basket to the most graceful lady equestrienne, and a premium of \$15 silver pitcher to the most graceful gent equestrian.

There will be a Grand Cavalcade and drill of the Knights Templars of the O'Sullivan Commandery and other Knights from other

Commanderies in Kansas and Missouri on the Fair Grounds.

The Fair will close by a sale of stock, and the Secretary has given notice to parties at a distance having fine blooded stock to dispose of that they are invited to bring them for sale, as it will be a splendid opportunity for doing so.

The Secretary has issued public invitations to the officers of all the Agricultural Associations in the State and in Kansas to attend the Fair, and all those not having complimentary tickets can, by calling on Judge Gray, President of the Association, or the Secretary, Dr. Morerod, and make themselves known, they will be supplied with complimentary cards. It is said that quite a number of complimentary cards have been issued to editors and other great men. So you see that sweet Vernon is not a whit behind the age for liberality, &c.

The M. K. & T. Railway Company have kindly consented to pass passengers to our Fair over their road at half fare, and stock free, by prepaying fare on return presenting the Secretary's certificate their money will be refunded.

There are great expectations of people from various places, Fort Scott, Kansas City, Sedalia, Clinton, Lamar, and Carthage, and we hope that our Cole county friends, to relieve the tedium of absence of bustle at the Capital, will give us a respectable turn out, and take the fresh air of our prairies, which will tend to invigorate their frames and whet their appetite.

Some time since a monkey-faced, green-eyed, goslin-looking creature, who does up the specials for the Kansas city *Bulletin*, wrote a venomous communication belittling our place and county that was no more nor less than a vile tissue of glaring falsehoods; malignant mendacity, pusillanimous panderings to political prejudices of the vilest order, which betrayed a meannes of soul and littleness of purpose stamped the writer as a liar, perverter of truth, a calumniator, a fool and knave, all in one breath. So false and slanderous was the communication that

it drew an earnest disdainer from men of his own party in our place, and was published a few days afterwards in the *Bulletin*. Kansas City papers and merchants will find it hard work to build up a trade for their place as long as they employ miserable hireling scribblers to perambulate the country, spewing their venom and scratching lies, to grace the columns of their journals; and our advice to them is this: They would make a good speculation in selling Jesso to a Soap Factory. He is so full of the *lie* that he would obviate the necessity of ashes and *lye*, as his capacity would be able to supply a soap factory for a lifetime.

A few days ago several gentleman were in conversation together, and it was suggested by one of them that sweet Vernon, like sweet Owen of olden fame, would now poll with her enfranchised population a clear cool thousand majority for the Democratic ticket, and as she had been the banner county of the Southwest in times past, through good and even report, thought she was deserving of recognition at the hands of the indomitable Democracy of the district, and was thereby clearly entitled to the nomination for Congress, and the name of Col. D. C. Hunter of our town was suggested as being the right man in the right place; and indeed if the Democracy of the district should feel disposed to honor the gallant Colonel with the nomination, they are dead sure to win. The Colonel, like the famous Col. Scott of olden memory, brings the old coon at every shot, for he is never known to fail in anything he undertakes. He is not as brilliant an orator as perhaps some others in the district, but he can beat them all electioneering and give them considerable to go on.

He would carry this county overwhelmingly, and his extensive acquaintances and numerous friends all over the district would give him great prestige. The Colonel would make one of the best Representatives ever sent from this State. He is eminently a practical business man; with that sterling clear headed sense and view of men and

matters that our brilliant oratorical legislators fail generally to possess; and too the Colonel identified with the Southwest in every manner possible, and would be wide awake and alive to the interest of our district, which has been heretofore so shamefully neglected by the present incumbent and carpet bagger, Capt. Burdett. More anon.

B.B.

*Peoples Tribune, Jefferson City, Missouri*  
September 20, 1871, p. 2, col. 3

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Two fatal accidents are chronicled by the *Osceola Sun* thus: James Slayback, near Schell City, tried to shoot off an old gun, but couldn't. He put the thing across his arm and went into the house. Just as he entered the door, with the muzzle pointing toward his wife, spontaneous combustion took place, and Mrs. Slayback's back was riddled with shot. She will die. Another fool boy is in mourning, and another mound is added to the long list of victims of criminal carelessness. Ed Applegate, aged 19, and residing near Schell City, was turning the cylinder of a Smith & Wesson pistol while H. C. Hyatt, another young man was standing before him. Of course the thing went off—and it always does—and a bullet was sent crashing through Hyatt's brain.

*Springfield Express, Springfield, MO.*  
January 19, 1883, page 2, col. 2

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#### **Mass Meeting of the Citizens of Vernon County, Missouri**

According to previous notice being given the citizens of Vernon county, assembled at the Court House, in the town of Nevada, on Monday, September 6th, 1858, when J. S. Blanton was elected Chairman, and C. D. Smith Secretary. The object of the meeting being explained by the Chairman: by motion and second a committee, consisting of the following gentleman, was appointed to draught a preamble, and resolutions expressive of the object of the meeting, viz: G. W. Botton, A. B. Howard, W. M. Loe [Lowe], Peter Dunkin [Duncan] and Thomas

R. Davis, who retired, and after due deliberation reported the following resolutions:

WHEREAS. From the best information we can obtain we have no doubt but that Vernon county alone has lost in value more cattle this year already than the value of all southern cattle which has passed through this county, by the disease commonly known as Texas or Spanish fever. And whereas, there is no doubt left in our minds but that this disease to cattle has been brought among us and imported to ours, by permitting Southern or Texas cattle to pass through the county. And whereas, we believe it to be a fact which can easily be established, that every drove of Southern or Texas cattle which is permitted to be driven through this state, kills at least ten times its own value of our cattle. And, whereas, we have borne with this evil, while some of our worthy citizens who were in easy circumstances have been beggared, and many almost ruined, and until further forbearance ceases to be a virtue, therefore.

*Resolved,* That the disease among our cattle commonly known as Texas or Spanish fever, is highly contagious, and is brought into our country and imported to ours alone, by Southern cattle.

*Resolved,* That if the disease is circulated at all among Missouri raised cattle here, by contagion or otherwise, which is quite doubtful, it is in a modified form.

*Resolved,* That no cattle among us has ever been known to have Texas or Spanish fever, unless they had come in contact with, or fed upon grounds on which Southern cattle had been grazed.

*Resolved,* That it is the believe of this meeting that Southern cattle, although apparently healthy and free from disease, are as sure to impart Texas or Spanish fever to Missouri cattle, as if they were themselves so diseased as for it to be discoverable.

*Resolved,* That the act approved December 13th, 1855, in relation to noxious animals, is wholly inadequate to protect the citizens of Missouri against this fatal

disease, brought upon us by Southern cattle being permitted to pass through our county during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September, and that it should be so amended as to inflict the same penalties for driving into or through our State cattle, although apparently healthy, which nevertheless are known to import disease to our cattle as for diseased cattle.

*Resolved,* That the attention of the Legislature, which is to convene in December next, be called to our grievance, and requested to pass such laws for our protection in accordance with the above suggestions.

*Resolved,* That after mature deliberations we are fully determined to prevent the passing of any Southern cattle through our county hereafter, lawfully and peaceably if we can, forcibly and at whatever consequences, if we must.

*Resolved,* That we will keep a guard out on all of the passages through our county, to give notice of the approach of Texas or Spanish cattle, and upon information being given that any are in our vicinity it shall be the duty of every good citizen to assemble at the point of danger, where such measures shall be taken as a majority may determine upon to prevent their entering our borders.

*Resolved,* That hand bills shall be posted up on all the public highways heading into our county notifying all persons that Southern or Texas cattle will not be permitted to enter or pass through Vernon county.

*Resolved,* That a central committee, consisting of six, be appointed to notify the people of this county, whenever they shall be notified of the approach of any Texas or Southern cattle, and that the following gentlemen be appointed said committee: J. N. B. Dodson, W. M. Loe [Lowe], R. A. Boughan, A. L. Journey, A. G. Anderson, Dewitt C. Hunter and Henry Morris.

*Resolved,* That a committee of two be appointed upon each of the public highways leading through the county, when the following gentlemen were appointed said



committee: E. J. Borin, B. Simpson, Mr. \_\_\_\_, W. Hagerty, Eli Philips, C. Dahegas [?], J. Miller and J. Baird [Beard?].

*Resolved*, That our representative be and is hereby \_\_\_\_ to go for a law prohibiting the \_\_\_\_ of Texas or Spanish cattle into our \_\_\_\_ the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions shall be sent to the *St. Louis Republican*, with a request to \_\_\_\_ hoping that papers in Southern Missouri \_\_\_\_\_ [Due to poor quality of the microfilmed newspaper; nothing further can be obtained from this article].

**Jefferson City Inquirer, Jefferson City, Missouri. September 18, 1858, page 4, col. 4**

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The following is the report of the last assessment of Vernon county, in this State:

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| Polls .....                  | 639             |               |
| Land, acres.....             | 504,201         | \$1,463,522   |
| Town lots .....              | 170             | 19,634        |
| Slaves .....                 | 149             | 75,810        |
| Personal property .....      |                 | 192,223       |
| Bonds, notes and money ..... |                 | <u>94,920</u> |
| Total value .....            |                 | \$1,841,111   |
| State tax .....              | \$3,921.84      |               |
| State interest fund .....    | 1,850.10        |               |
| Asylum fund.....             | 306.68          |               |
| County tax .....             | <u>5,761.94</u> |               |
| Total tax.....               | \$11,827.55     |               |

**Jefferson City Inquirer, Jefferson City, Missouri. September 29, 1859, page 2, col. 6.**

[Editor's note: the numbers are as printed in the newspaper; they do not total.]

### Grandmothers Recept

1. Bild fire in backyard to het kettle of rainwater.
2. Set tubs so smoke won't blew in eyes if wind is peart.
3. Shave hole cake lie soap in bilin water.
4. Sort clothes. Make 3 piles, 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile work briches and rags.
5. Stir flour in cold water to smooth then thin down with bilin water for starch.
6. Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile, rub cullord but don't bile, just rinch and starch.

7. Take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle, rinch, blew and starch.
8. Hang old rags on fence. Spred tee towels on fence.
9. Pore rench water on flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs up side down.
10. Go put on cleen dress – smooth hair with side combs. Brew cup of tee.....set and rest and rock a spell and count blessings.

[The above was shared by Marta Terry. It was written by Marta's Great-great-grandmother, Mary Lizabeth (Faunce) Feller (1860-1950) who lived her last years at Bronaugh, MO, and is buried in Worsley Cemetery. Mrs. Feller wrote this for her oldest daughter, Nellie Pearl, near the time she traveled to the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 to be married to Chauncey Thompson. Six months later, newlyweds Chauncey and Nellie Pearl left Bronaugh, MO to homestead in Caddo County, OK. Nellie Pearl passed the "Receet" to her oldest daughter who also passed it to her oldest daughter who also passed it to her oldest daughter... Marta tells us that this treasured bit of writing hangs over her automatic washer.]

### 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 W. 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.

### Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 75, 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. 2008 Society officers are:

President: Kathe R  
V. Pres: Gayle T & Neoma F  
Recording Secy: Janet J  
Treasurer: Ray L  
Corresponding Secy: Darlene L

***We hope you have enjoyed reading the Tri-County Genealogical Society's newsletter.  
You are cordially invited to support the work of the Society with an annual  
membership. \$10 dues can be paid at this time.***