



Nevada Library and  
Bushwhacker Museum

**Tri-County Genealogical Society**  
(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties)  
c/o Nevada Public Library  
218 West Walnut Street  
Nevada, MO 64772  
[tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net)  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/>



Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

June 2010

**July 20 , 2010, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Rubie Burton Bldg, Room 109**  
**Cottey College, Nevada, MO**  
**Genealogy Meeting & Program**  
**“USING ANCESTRY.COM**  
**IN YOUR RESEARCH”**  
**BY HELEN LODGE**

The July meeting will be a special program focusing on using the Ancestry.com computer website in genealogy research.

The program will be held in Room 109 of the Rubie Burton Bldg. on the Cottey College Campus. From U.S. 54 / W. Austin Blvd. at the east side of the campus, turn south onto South Chestnut Street. The Rubie Burton Building is immediately on your right. Parking is available in the lot south of the building. Entrance to the building is at the northwest corner of the parking lot.

A brief business meeting will be held. The meeting and program are open to the public, and everyone with an interest in local history or researching his or her family's history is invited to attend.

**Please note the 9:30 a.m. start time.**

**Vernon County, Missouri**  
**Cemetery Directory 2010**  
**PURCHASE YOUR COPY TODAY!**

Copies of the new 2-vol. *Vernon County, Missouri Cemetery Directory 2010* are available for purchase at the Bushwhacker Museum, 214 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO for \$30. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For purchase by mail, the cost is \$38 (includes s/h). Please make checks payable to and mail to:

**Tri-County Genealogical Society**  
**Attn: Books**  
**218 W. Walnut St.**  
**Nevada, MO 64772**

Corrections and additions continue to be made to the cemetery database – please submit information on corrections and additions to our address above.

**PURCHASE YOUR COPY TODAY!**

**Patrick Thomas Brophy**  
**1934 ~ 2010**

The genealogical and historical community is deeply saddened at the passing of Vernon County historian and Bushwhacker Museum curator Patrick Brophy. Patrick has been a wealth of information for those researching



their Vernon County ancestors and has provided much assistance to the Tri-County Genealogical Society over the past several years. Patrick was the editor of the *Bushwhacker Musings* quarterly newsletter for over 40 years and the

author of several books, the most recent being *Fire and Sword: A Missouri County in the Civil War* which tells the stirring story of Civil War days in Vernon County and Western Missouri. (For information on this and other books by Patrick, please see the

Tri-County Genealogical Society's website at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/pubs46-60.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/pubs46-60.htm)

Funeral services for Patrick were held Jul. 14 with interment in Deepwood Cemetery in Nevada. A rifle salute was provided by Col. John T. Coffee Camp #1934 Sons of Confederate Veterans, of which Patrick was a member.

### 2010 Programs

The following programs are tentatively scheduled for 2010. Watch the newsletter and website for updated information or changes as programs are finalized.

**Aug. 17, El Do:** Research trip or historical site tour; to be determined. (Arranged by Dorothy Foster)

**Sep. , Nevada:** "Brick Walls in Your Research" by Helen Lodge. (Arranged by Neoma Foreman)

**Oct. 19, El Do:** To be announced. (Arranged by Dorothy Foster)

**Nov. 16, Nevada:** "Group Solve Your Brick Walls" Helen Lodge at Cottey College. Members: submit completed form in advance to have your brick wall research case used. (Arranged by Neoma Foreman)

**Dec. 21, El Do:** "Sharing our Personal Research, Installation of Officers, and Christmas Luncheon. (Arranged by Dorothy Foster)

[Members who are coordinating and arranging programs are asked to provide additional details about their programs for the newsletter and the Society's website at least one month in advance. Thank you.]

### New Resources Added to Collections

Numerous additional items continue to be added to the collections in the Nevada and El Dorado Springs libraries.

### Suggested Resources to Obtain for Library Collections

Please submit your suggestions for additional family history research resources to obtain for the genealogy departments of the El Dorado Springs Library and the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Dept.

### Member Research

Members are invited to submit summaries of their Vernon or Cedar County research for publication in the newsletter. Please mail or email to the Society at the address on page one of the newsletter.

Our member Debbie A. (DAlex96(at)aol.com) has provided the following information from her MAY, ROBINSON, and BARNES research. Please contact her at the above email address or request a mailing address from Tri-County Genealogical Society to contact her if you can provide additional information.

My Great-Great-Grandmother Eliza May, born in Missouri in 1850, was married to John W. May. I have been unable to find her birthparents. I believe her maiden name was Robinson but not 100% sure of that. Her Vernon Co, MO death certificate isn't clear for her father's name -- looks to start with an "R" but the rest is unclear. In various Census, it says her dad was born in VA, and her mom's birthplace has changed in a couple different census records.

I was searching the other night and did find a Buckner (born VA) and Nancy Robinson in the 1850 Boone Co, MO census with a baby Eliza (4 mo. old) and some other children, one of which was a Thomas. In 1860 (indexed as Robison), Buckner, Nancy, and six children are living in Boone Co, MO, but Eliza (now 10) and Thomas Robinson are living with William and Melina Barnes in Cedar Co, MO. In researching I find Melina Barnes was a Robinson before marriage, so I am thinking she may be Buckner's sister.

In 1860 Eliza Robinson and the William Barnes family were living in Benton Twp, Cedar Co, MO. My Eliza Robinson(?) later lived in Stockton, Cedar Co, MO when she married John W. May. So I am suspecting this might be a good connection, and maybe she is the daughter of Buckner and Nancy Robinson.

In 1870 Buckner, wife Nancy, and 11-yr-old Nannie [Nancy] Robinson are still living in Boone Co, MO.

I would love to have any more information on this family so I can make certain they are in fact her parents and put this to rest.

[Editor: Our online Vernon Co, MO Marriage Book D Index gives a marriage for J. W. May and Nettie Robinson, page 385; this can be ordered for \$1 from the Vernon County Recorder of Deeds. Suggest that you look for a Boone County probate file for Buckner Robinson which would list all of his legal heirs and could possibly prove or disprove Eliza May as his daughter. You can contact either the Boone County Probate Court Clerk or the Missouri State Archives for a copy of the entire file or just that portion which lists the heirs.]

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

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

#### **UNCLE JIMMIE BRYAN DEAD The Old Pioneer Passed Away This Morning.**

#### **He Belonged to the Famous Kentucky Family of That Name.**

Uncle Jimmie Bryan died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the home of his son Jonathan Bryan, on West Austin street, within a few rods of the place where he located forty-five years ago. Had he lived till the 29th of next July, he would have been 91 years old.

Of late years the old gentleman has been quite feeble but up till his last sickness his mind has remained perfectly clear. His eye sight and hearing has been greatly impaired in the past few years but he appeared to enjoy remarkably good health and was able to get around freely till last Friday when he contracted a severe cold which laid him up. From that time on he was kept up on medicine and since Tuesday night could not make his wants understood.

He loved to talk about old times when he was a youth. His recollection of those early days was exceedingly vivid and his reminiscences were always interesting.

He was born July 29, 1806 in Femme Osage township St. Charles county, Mo., and was a brother of Elijah Bryan, who died at his home in this city a little over a year ago at the advanced age of 97 years. Another brother, Abner, died in California aged 92 years. Five of his sisters lived to rear families. He was married October 11th 1830 in St. Charles county. His wife died November 24, 1890 since which time he made his home with his son Jonathan Bryan of this city. Four of his children survive him, Jonathan Bryan, of this city; Hiram Bryan, of Washington township, Mrs. Julia Sullivan, of Colorado and Mrs. Joseph Moore of this city.

He always took a warm interest in political affairs, being an old time Whig up till the war. After that he voted the straight democratic ticket and voted in every presidential election from and including old Hickory Jackson's time down. The last time he voted for Cleveland he had to be hauled to the polls and at the last presidential election he was placed upon a feather bed and taken to the polls where he cast his last presidential vote for his illustrious kinsman William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska.

His father was a nephew of Wm. Bryan, who built the famous fort in Fayette county, Kentucky, which the renegade white man Simon Gertz once infested with five hundred hostile indians. His father was a young man in that fort at the time.

The old gentleman united with the M. E. Church, South, last summer and his funeral will be held at Centenary Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning after which the body will be laid at rest in the Moore graveyard south of town.

***Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.  
Friday, May 7, 1897, page 1.***

-----

#### **WAS HE KILLED? Much Talk Regarding T. M. Summers' Demise.**

Was T. M. Summers killed or did he die from natural causes?

These questions have been asked by numerous friends of deceased the past week, but thus far no one here has been able to answer them. Reports, numerous, have been whispered, but many of them are without foundation.

The brief account of his death given in last week's TIMES is not satisfactory to many, and one question in particular that has been asked by those who viewed the remains is what caused that mark on his forehead?

It is said that a man in a position to know, who when asked the above question, stated that there was "also a patch on his head."

The statement that the mark on the forehead of deceased was caused by the "bursting of a blood vessel" is not believed by many.

Another statement that has been made—but who started it would be a hard matter to trace down—is that one of his arms were broken.

It is a fact that cannot be disputed that Mr. Summers had been in failing health for several weeks, but his friends cannot be made believe that his death was the result of natural causes.

If some one from State Hospital No. 3, where deceased had been confined almost two weeks, and where he died, would make a statement it might be accepted with satisfaction to those who are reluctant to believe numerous rumors.

***The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.***  
**Friday, November 2, 1917, page .**

-----

**R. M. HACKWORTH**  
**Passed Away Near Pappinville**  
**Last Saturday.**

R. M. Hackworth died last Saturday at his home near Pappinville. Funeral services were held Sunday and the remains were taken to Rich Hill for burial.

Mr. Hackworth had been in feeble health for several years, and for the past few months it was noted that he was failing rapidly. He sold his place in Metz last spring and went to Oklahoma in the hopes that the change would improve his condition, but in a

little more than a month's time he returned. He then went to Pappinville and bought a place near the home of a daughter and resided there till his death. He leaves a wife and five children. The children are Wm. Hackworth who resides in Oklahoma, Mrs. L. T. Hoblit at Holtville, Calif., Mrs. John Lankford at Old Metz, Mrs. Edwards near Pappinville, and another daughter whose name and residence cannot be learned.

Mr. Hackworth was born in Indiana, and was 70 years of age the 27th day of last March. He served two years in the war of the Rebellion in the Fourteenth Iowa regiment. He was a member of Mt. McGregor Post, G. A. R., for many years, but on going to Oklahoma withdrew his membership. Mr. Hackworth resided in and near Metz for many years and was known by almost everyone. He was a good man and had many friends.

***The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.***  
**Friday, June 24, 1910, page .**

-----

**OBITUARY.**

Stanton Herrick was born Nov. 18th, 1864, in Syracuse, New York. His parents moved to Vernon county, in this state, in 1869 when Stanton was about five years of age. His father bought a home eight miles south of Nevada, which the family still own. His father passed away in 1882 leaving his widow, Mrs. Herrick, and Stanton and one sister, who later married George Mabry. Mrs. Mabry died in 1900, leaving two boys, Roy M. and Stanton Mabry. The mother and Stanton, her son, continued to make the farm their home until the death of his mother in 1917. After the death of his mother the old home went to Stanton and in whose name it remains today. In the years 1880 and 1881 the Lexington and Southern, a division of the Missouri Pacific railroad was building through this part of the county and the little city of Milo was laid out and Stanton, being a carpenter and contractor, which the early history of Vernon county gives his name as a contractor and builder. He had a greater part in the contracting and

building of many Milo buildings and not only Milo but in and around this entire community. He also did some building in the little city of Sheldon and became very widely and favorably known as he was liked by everybody with whom he came in contact. Being so much interested in the city of Milo and its people he, together with his old farm home, made Milo his home as he always dearly loved them and they loved him. He became a member of the Masonic lodge No. 371 in Sheldon in 1911 and lived a true and faithful member, having climbed the ladder to its highest degree as a 32nd degree Mason, and all of the way he endeavored to live it clean and in accordance with its teachings. He lived in and around Milo for 68 years except three years spent in California. His health began to fail a number of years ago and he was obliged to give up his work and retire. He moved to Nevada for a while and finally made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beisley, who cared for him very kindly and at whose home he passed away at 5 p.m., Nov. 18, 1937, at the age of 73 years and one month. He leaves to mourn his passing his two nephews, Roy M. Mabry of Nevada and Stanton Mabry of south of Nevada, also three great-nephews, one great-niece and two great-great-nephews, all of whom he loved very dearly, also one cousin, Fisher Rockfellow of Tucson, Arizona. This is all of the surviving members of the Herrick family.

Funeral services were held at the Milo Christian church at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, in charge of the Masonic lodge of Sheldon, of which deceased had been a member for many years. The Beeney (*sic*) Funeral Service was in charge of the burial in the family lot in the Moore cemetery.

***Nevada Daily Mail and Evening Post, Nevada, Missouri.***

**Monday, December 27, 1937, page 2.**

-----

---The Walker Herald will reduce its subscription price to fifty cents per year. We have always known our friend Preston to be a noble and generous public benefactor. We

shall expect to hear at no distant day that he is sending out the Herald gratis, and throwing in a chromo along with it.

---Money to loan on farms at 7 1/2 straight. J. C. Murray.

---C. M. Nesle, who lives at 511 East Sycamore street was thrown from his wagon yesterday morning at the railroad crossing on Austin street. He was dragged nearly a block by the lines and was seriously injured, but Drs. Stanhope and Dixon who dressed his wounds, do not think his hurts necessarily fatal.

---Pork or beef sausage made from choice, best quality of meat. No refuse and dirt. Thos. R. Denby, 210 West Cherry.

---J. M. Boone, who lives on the north line of the city had the misfortune to lose a very fine mare last Monday night. Wormy corn is thought to be the reason many horses are sick, and Mr. Boone believes it the cause of his severe loss. He is not financially able to lose much, and his team was almost his sole dependence.

---Max Baum pays spot cash for hides, pelts and furs. Bring them on.

---Henry Musser, aged 55 years, died at his home in Lake township last Monday of hemorrhage of the bowels. Deceased had been a resident of this county for eight years and leaves a widow and seven children in moderately comfortable circumstances. The remains were taken to Balltown for interment, on Tuesday the 2nd inst.

---Old Santa Claus has unloaded his things at Mayes'. Bring the little children to see them.

---Major G. W. Givens died last Monday morning at his residence on East Walnut street, aged 84 years. He had been sick a long time and having lived to a ripe old age, he laid the burden of this earthly clay cheerfully down, and being a-weary, he fell asleep in full assurance of awaking at the Savior's call to reign with the faithful. The deceased had been long a devout member of the Episcopal church and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. His wife and a family, all grown survive him.

**Nevada Noticer, Nevada, Missouri.  
December 4, 1890, page 3.**

**HE DID NOT BUY  
Wanted to Buy A Telephone Business  
But Was Short on Cash.**

A man, aged probably twenty-five years, arrived in Metz by team last Sunday. His name is said to be Reganer, but in reply to those asking who he was most any name was given. He declared he was from Springfield, but it is known that he has resided near Hume for some time, and not long ago worked on a farm north of town. He seemed to be chock full of business and wanted to locate here. Claiming to be an experienced telephone man, he called upon Mrs. F. Manifold and proposed to buy the telephone business. Mrs. Manifold acknowledged that it was for sale. She did not care to make the sale on Sunday, however, but if he would call the next day they could fix up the papers and he could take charge at once. He claimed to have the cash and had ordered a Springfield bank to forward it to him here. Reganer then circulated the report that the Metz telephone exchange was his. Late in the evening Marshall W. H. Catherwood received a telephone message from a Rich Hill liveryman instructing him to collect a livery bill from him or place him under arrest. A friend near Hume telephoned that he would stand good for the bill. Reganer posed as a single man, but on Monday his wife and two children arrived. He remained here till Tuesday waiting for his money, but for some reason it failed to come. Many are of the opinion that the fellow was of unsound mind.

**The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.  
Friday, June 24, 1910, page 1.**

**Email Warning**

The Society's email address and name is being used by spammers to send unwanted emails to various persons regarding purchasing pills and other such trash. Please know that those emails are not coming from the Tri-County Genealogical

Society and any questionable email should be deleted without opening it. Emails from the Society will always have a relevant subject and it is requested that you always have a relevant subject when writing to the Society. Thank you.

**Missouri Historical Review Online**

The State Historical Society of Missouri is pleased to make past issues of the *Missouri Historical Review*, from 1906 through 2001, available online: <http://shs.umsystem.edu>

This award-winning scholarly journal is published quarterly and has been the cornerstone of the Society's publication division for over one hundred years. Richly illustrated and featuring contemporary scholarship on all facets of state and regional history, the journal also contains reviews of recently published books and offers notes and short pieces on local culture and Missouri life. Users will find within each issue a wealth of information on significant events and persons in Missouri history as authors have explored the political culture of antebellum days, Civil War battles and politics, religious and ethnic heritage in the state, and a wide variety of other topics.

Researchers can search the online *Missouri Historical Review* by keyword or browse through pages for more general findings. Volumes are added to the online database once they are ten years old.

Researchers needing information or articles in issues dating from 2001 to the present should contact the Society at (573) 882-7083.

**150th Anniversary of the  
Battle of Fredericktown, MO**

The Foundation for Historic Preservation, Fredericktown, MO is planning a commemorative event for the Civil War battle that took place on October 21, 1861. They are searching for descendents of soldiers who fought there. Union units included 1st Indiana Cavalry, 11th Missouri, 20th Illinois, 21st Illinois, 8th Wisconsin, 33rd Illinois, and 17th Illinois. Confederate units

included 1st Cavalry, Missouri State Guard, 3rd Cavalry, 2nd Cavalry, units under the command of Thompson, Lowe, Waugh, Farmer and Brown. If your ancestor(s) fought in this battle, please contact Carole Magnus at [magnus@fhphistory.org](mailto:magnus@fhphistory.org)

### **Newberry Library Announces the Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries**

The Newberry Library is pleased to announce the completion and release of its Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries, a dataset that covers every day-to-day change in the size, shape, location, name, organization, and attachment of each U.S. county and state from the creation of the first county in 1634 through 2000. The data are organized by state and are available online in four versions:

---Viewable, interactive maps (electronic analogues to printed maps) on which the historical lines have been plotted against a background of the modern county network

---Downloadable shapefiles for use in geographic information systems (GIS)

---Downloadable KMZ files for use with Google Earth

---Downloadable and printable PDF files (each full-page frame shows a map of a different version of each county, with the historical boundaries displayed against a background of the modern county network)

The Newberry Library is the copyright holder; all files of the Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries are free for use under an Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 2.5 Creative Commons License. The Website for the Atlas is <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>

The above article is excerpts from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com). [The full article can be read at this web address.]

### **Family History Expo – Kansas City**

Family History Expo will be at the KCI Expo Center, 11728 NW Ambassador Drive,

Kansas City, MO Jul 29, 30 and 31. The full Expo Agenda is online at <http://fhexpos.com>. There are more than 100 classes to choose from and an exhibit hall. Save \$10 by registering online or by phone before July 29. See the flyer in the Nevada Genealogy Dept for information on registration costs.

Opening session and exhibits are free to the public. A free CD copy of the syllabus is included with each full or single day registration; printed syllabus in book format for \$25. Registered attendees can sign up with a professional genealogist for research guidance on their personal research questions in the exhibit hall during the Expo.

### **Summer Fresh Grocery Cash Register Receipts and Best Choice UPC Labels**

The Tri-County Genealogical Society continues to collect Best Choice brand UPC product labels and Summer Fresh Grocery Store receipts. Please note that the Summer Fresh receipts are void if the bottom portion of the receipt is removed. Bring these items to any monthly meeting. They are redeemed for cash used to purchase genealogy resources for our public libraries.

### **Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings of the Tri-County Genealogical Society (Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties of Missouri) are held the third Tuesday 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). There is 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 Tri-County Genealogical Society is on a calendar year basis, and memberships are welcomed and accepted throughout the year. Membership in the

Society is currently at about 70, and nametags are used 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, and \$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. 2010 Society officers are:

President: Kathe Rader

V. Pres: Dorothy Foster; Neoma Foreman

Recording Secy: Janet Jones

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Secy: Darlene Lukenbill

***Annual membership is only \$10 -- join today to support the work of the Society!***

**Please remember: the July 20 Meeting  
Begins at 9:30 a.m. at Cottey College**

Tri-County Genealogical Society  
(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties)  
218 West Walnut Street  
Nevada, MO 64772

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED