



Nevada Library and  
Bushwhacker Museum

**Tri-County Genealogical Society**  
(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties)  
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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

## September 2010

**Oct. 19 , 2010, 10 a.m.**  
**Church of Christ Fellowship Hall**  
**302 E Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs**  
**Genealogy Meeting & Program**

***The History of El Dorado Springs***  
**Ernie Harris, Guest Speaker**

Ernie Harris will present a program on the History of El Dorado Springs. A business meeting will be held prior to the program. Monthly meetings and programs are free and open to the public ~ visitors are always welcome!

### 2010 Programs

Watch the newsletter and website for updated information as programs are finalized.

**Nov. 16, Nevada:** To be announced.  
(Arranged by Neoma Foreman).

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

### Society Membership Dues for 2011

It is time to renew your membership in the Tri-County Genealogical Society for 2011, if you have not already done so. 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. Please bring your membership fee to the next meeting or mail a check to Tri-County Genealogical Society, 218 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772.

*Thank you for your membership  
in support of the Society's work  
of preservation and making records  
more accessible to researchers!*

### Tri-County Genealogical Society's Mailing Address

Over the years the Society has had a couple of different mailing addresses. Please note that the correct and only mailing address for the Society is 218 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO 64772. The current email address is [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net)

### Mound Cemetery

Mound Cemetery, located near Walker in Vernon County has a new look – please see the Oct 1 front-page story in the *Nevada Daily Mail* by Neoma Foreman: [www.nevadadailymail.com/story/1669111.html](http://www.nevadadailymail.com/story/1669111.html)  
Our thanks to those who have been working to clear brush, briars, and vines from Mound Cemetery. It is hoped that others will join in this clean-up effort now that the weather has cooled down.

Most of the 47 known burials in this pioneer cemetery occurred during the 1870s and 1880s. It is presumed that there are several additional burials for which stones have not been located and recorded, and planning is underway to survey the cemetery later this year.

If you can help continue the clean-up project, please do so.

### **New Marriage Record Index Online**

The names index for Vernon County Marriage Record Book X (1956-1967) will soon be available on the Tri-County Genealogical Society's website, thanks to the hard work of volunteers. This index contains names from 1,914 marriage records.

### **New Resources Added to Collections**

The following items have been added to the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept:

The Jones Family of Milford, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island, with its Connections and Descendants, Together with the Ancestry and Family of Loriana Carrington Jones, Wife of George F. Jones. Collected, compiled and edited by George Farquhar Jones. Philadelphia, 1884.

60th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia. Regiment and battalion rosters transcribed by member Kenneth Weant. 2010.

The Civil War Diary of William Jasper Bishop: December 1864 – June 1865. Typed transcript of diary provided by member Pam Whelden.

Marking Missouri History. Edited by James W. Goodrich & Lynn Wolf Gentzler. The State Historical Society of Missouri. Donated by a society member.

Stories in Stone: A Sharing of the Lives of Some Who Rest in Topeka Cemetery written by Debra Hiebert. Donated by a society member.

The above items will be available once they have been catalogued.

As you are in the Genealogy Dept, please take a few minutes and straighten a shelf of books to help keep the area neat and organized. Books can be aligned at the front edge of the shelf for a neater appearance.

### **Donations in Lieu of Flowers**

The Society was recently reminded that upon the death of a loved one, it can be requested that donations be made to the genealogy society in lieu of flowers. Genealogy resources for the local library would be appropriate and lasting tributes to honor the deceased. The donations can be designed for the Nevada or El Dorado Springs Genealogy Dept. as the family wishes.

### **Free Wi-Fi in Nevada, MO**

Please keep in mind that there are several public areas which have free Wi-Fi internet access in the Nevada Area – two are:

Nevada Public Library

Nevada Community Center

You can take your laptop to either of these areas and enjoy high speed wireless service. If you have slower service at home, you can bring your laptop and use access at a public venue to download large files such as software updates, etc.

### **Vernon County, Missouri Cemetery Directory 2010**

We continue to receive additions, corrections, and comments regarding the new cemetery directory; and thank everyone for their help in making the directory an extremely valuable research tool for Vernon County. The custom computer program being used to manage the data and generate the directory enables us to easily update information on burials and eliminates the need to retype information on the more than 51,000 deaths for future editions.

Below are a couple of the emails recently received:

**Subject:** VERNON COUNTY CEMETERY DIRECTORY AND INDEX

I have had my set of Vernon County Cemetery Books for several months now. It has been such a valued tool in looking for family. One mystery was cleared for me and many leads on family have been verified. I had previously purchased a cemetery book in

1989. This current set is so much more complete and easier to use. The previous index in the cemetery book was frustratingly slow to research as it just had surname listings and the pages it could be found. To now be able to find the full name in the index and go there immediately is such a blessing.

I want to thank all of your volunteers that have made this new edition possible, as well as the other Vernon County Genealogy resources.

Norma Cleveland

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### **Subject:** Cemetery Book

I wanted to share with you our experience yesterday using the cemetery books. Ray and I went on a day trip cemetery searching. We went to two in Cedar Co. and knew they were there but no one to help us so we walked the cemetery until we found them.

Then to Shell City and to Harwood. They were so much easier to find knowing the lay out of the cemetery and how to find them. You did a great job and we appreciate it and you.

Thanks again.

Darlene

Thank you for taking time to share your experiences with the new directory! Nancy

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### **Member Research**

In September, members discussed brick walls and strategies for overcoming them in their research. Summaries of two of those research questions are given below, and additional summaries will be published in future newsletters. Please contact the Tri-County Genealogical Society if you have answers for any of these questions.

**Andrew Jackson**, b. 1870, Ireland; d. 1950 Hume, Bates, MO - only "evidence" of birth and immigration is family story. He came to U.S. at age 5 with his parents and a sister Kate. Father is John Jackson and mother is Lizzie Tular (according to what was written in my baby book). According to an aunt, he was raised in the Cincinnati area. In June 1920 he is in Bates Co and marries my

grandmother, Mary B. Hymer. (have copy of marriage record). This marriage is after the official census day, but I cannot find him in the 1920 census. There is an Andrew Jackson with a lot of land holdings, but it seems that MY Andrew Jackson was more of a pauper. In the 1930 census, still in Bates Co. and 5 children by then: Willis, Ruby, Dorothy, Walter, Jasper. They had a total of 13 children. **Questions:** Was Andrew Jackson his "real" name? Is the immigration story true? Where was he during the 50 years before the marriage to Mary Hymer? Did he have another family that he may have just left and moved on?

**1930 Bates Co, MO Census.** Walnut Twp, Dist 35, Page 16, Dwelling 194, Family 195.

JACKSON, Andrew, Head, rents, lives on farm, 66 y/o white male, married, 58 y/o at 1st mar., b. OH, father b. KY, mother b. OH.

....Mary, wife, 25 yr old white female,

married, b. MO, father b. OH, mother b. MO.

....Willis, son, 8 yr old white male, b. MO, father b. OH, mother b. MO.

....Ruby, dau, 7 yr old white female, b. MO, father b. OH, mother b. MO.

....Walter, son, 6 yr old white male, b. MO, father b. OH, mother b. MO.

....Dorothy, dau, 5 yr old white female, b. MO, father b. OH, mother b. MO.

....Jasper, 6/12 yr old white male, b. MO, father b. OH, mother b. MO.

(Information from Mary Alice.)

**Robert Thompson** cannot be found before the 1880 census in Sullivan Co, MO. From the 1880-1910 censuses, he was born 1848 in OH. His father was born in OH or PA. His mother was born in OH. According to the 1880 and 1900 censuses, he was married to Rose (last name unknown) in about 1872. A daughter, Nelly, appears to be from an earlier marriage because the 1900 census shows that Rose has 0 of 0 children living. Thompson then married to Jennie Cooper in Fayetteville, AR March 1905. The 1910 Census indicates that this was the third marriage for both Robert and Jennie. Robert Thompson is a teamster in each of the

census that lists occupations. The 1920 Census shows that Jennie remarried to a George Vance following the death (or possibly a divorce) of Robert Thompson. No death certificate can be found for Robert Thompson who reportedly died in Dec 1912 in Wyandotte Co, KS. Jennie Cooper Thompson Vance reportedly died in Dec 1948 in Wichita, KS; but a death certificate has not yet been found for her. Robert and Jennie had two children: William Carl Thompson b. Mar 1906 at St. Paul, AR and died Sep 1981 in Kansas City with burial in Newton Burial Park; and Anna Thompson b. Jun 3, 1908 in Kansas City, KS and married Robert Taylor in 1919. **Questions:** Who were Robert Thompson's parents? When and where did he die and where is he buried?

Members are reminded that they can submit summaries of their research for publication in the newsletter. Please mail or email your research information to the Society at the address on page one of the newsletter.

#### Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

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

#### **JABEZ BAILEY DEAD. Passed Away Last Night, Following An Illness of Four Months of Cancer of Stomach.**

After four months of the most intense suffering, Jabez W. Bailey, for many years a farmer living eleven miles southeast of the city, died last night at 7:20 in the Bailey apartments in the Berner building. Death has been expected for many months and while Mr. Bailey realized he could never recover he was not afraid to die. He was brave until the end when life ebbed away peacefully.

Mr. Bailey was born in Kilbourne City, Wis., March 16, 1857, being just a trifle over 56 years of age. He moved to the Drywood neighborhood and soon became one of the

most prosperous farmers in the southern part of the county.

For the past few months, while suffering from cancer of the stomach, Mr. Bailey has been living in apartments in the Berner building, where he could receive treatments. He is survived by a wife and two daughters, Lois, who teaches school, and Rouie [Ruey], who is employed at the White Mercantile store. He is also survived by a brother, Ed Bailey, and a sister, Ellen, both of whom live near Drywood.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Bailey farm and will be conducted by Rev. Palmer, pastor of the Christian church of Arcadia, and interment will be made in the Arcadia cemetery.

Jabez Bailey was the youngest son of Brigadier General Joseph Bailey one of the well known generals of the Civil war, much of whose part in the war was played near this city. The death of Jabez Bailey recalls memories of the old general, and the tragic manner in which he met his death. Long after the war he served as sheriff of Vernon county, Mo. One day a complaint was lodged with him concerning the stealing of some pigs by two certain boys. He rode out to the home of the boys, saw them, told them of the complaint, and directed them to come to Nevada the next day. He had no warrant, showed great leniency to the boys in allowing them to come to Nevada without being in the custody of an officer, and said or did nothing to arouse their anger; and yet, hardly had he started on the return trip to Nevada, before they started off in pursuit of him. A short distance from their home they caught up with him, and one of them shot him in the back of the head, killing him instantly. He had on a fur cap, and around the hole in this cap made by the ball were powder burns, showing that the revolver had been held very close to him when the shot was fired. His murderers disappeared, and to this day have not been apprehended.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Bailey was drowned about twelve years ago.

*The Fort Scott Tribune and Fort Scott Monitor,*  
Fort Scott, Bourbon Co, Kansas.  
Saturday, January 10, 1914, p 7, col 3.

#### DEATH OF PIONEER RESIDENT.

The funeral of William A. Chambers, who passed away at his home, 402 W. Hunter street, Friday morning, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence, burial thence in the Moore cemetery. Mr. Chamber was a pioneer resident of this state.

He was born in St. Charles county in 1834, and resided there until 1865 when he moved to this county, buying a homestead 4 miles south of Nevada, and lived on that place until thirteen years ago, when he came to Nevada.

This county, at the time he located here, was only sparsely settled, and the greater part of the land had not been cultivated. The lumber for his home was bought in Sedalia and had to be hauled overland.

He was united in marriage in 1866 to Miss Amanda Toothman. To this union five children were born, one passing away in infancy, and others living are Joe Chambers and Mrs. May Hurd, who made their home with him, Mrs. H. L. McKnight of Omaha, Nebr., and Mrs. Merle D. Vincent of Grand Junction, Colo., all of whom were with him when the end came. Four grandchildren also survive him, Craig, Merle, jr., William and Douglas, and one brother, John Chambers, of California. His wife passed away nine years ago.

Mr. Chambers was a member of the United Confederate Veterans Lodge 662.

He was a man of fine character, possessing the qualifications of the sturdy pioneers and was a valuable citizen of the community.

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri*  
Saturday, January 21, 1922, page 1, col. 4

#### Traveling Smithsonian Exhibition "New Harmonies"

The Bushwhacker Museum, 214 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO, has an outstanding exhibition on display this fall. The program

is titled "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music" and is produced by the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street series and co-sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council. "New Harmonies" examines American music in all its forms, ranging from folk music to blues and everything in between. The "New Harmonies" program is currently on display and continues until Nov. 7.

The exhibit is supplemented by a series of live concerts in Nevada:

Oct 10: *Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole* – Nevada Community Center, 2 p.m.

Oct 17: *Myer Family Bluegrass Band* – Nevada Community Center, 2 p.m.

Oct 24: *Memories of the Golden Age of Radio* – Nevada Community Center, 2 p.m.

Nov 6 & 7: *Meet Me in Missouri* – Fox Theatre; Nov 6 - 7 p.m., Nov 7 - 2 p.m.

Nov 19: *Cottey Dance & Choir Concert* – Cottey College Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

For more information, see the Museum's website at [www.bushwhackermuseum.org](http://www.bushwhackermuseum.org)

#### How to Find Your Civil War Ancestors

A program on How to Find Your Civil War Ancestors will be presented at the Carthage Public Library, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. It will be given by Frankie Meyer who writes genealogy articles for the Joplin Globe. To register, call Powers Museum at 417-237-0456 or email [franklemeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:franklemeyer@yahoo.com). Thanks to our member Nellie H. for providing information on this program.

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

The Society continues to collect Best Choice brand UPC product labels and Summer Fresh Grocery Store receipts. Summer Fresh receipts are void if the bottom portion of the receipt is removed. Bring these items to any monthly meeting.

#### 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 80, 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

*2011 annual memberships are being accepted that this time -- only \$10  
Join today to support the Society's work!*

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**