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Nevada, Missouri

NEWSLETTER

November 2010

Monthly Program
Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, 10 a.m.
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
302 E Hospital Rd, El Dorado Spgs, MO
“SHARING RESEARCH SUCCESSES”
AND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The December meeting is a time to share 2010 research successes that you've experienced and celebrate the Christmas season. The program will be sharing how you found documentation to prove a relationship, how you found a treasured photograph, or how you developed a research strategy that is providing results--a highlight about your research that you would like to share with others. Those attending are invited to also bring a Christmas luncheon food dish for a pot-luck luncheon meal. Paper goods, plasticware, and coffee and water will be provided.

The following 2011 officers will be installed at the December meeting:
President: Dorothy Foster
Vice-presidents: Lynda Bishop; Valo Jones
Recording Secy: Neoma Foreman
Research: Darlene Lukenbill
Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

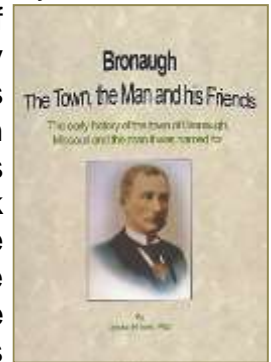
Monthly meetings and programs are free and open to the public ~ visitors are always welcome!

Society Membership Dues for 2011 ~ \$10

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.

BRONAUGH, the Town, Man and his Friends
by Lyndon Irwin, PhD

The much anticipated Lyndon Irwin book on the history of Bronaugh and its residents is here! This definitive history on the small Vernon County town of Bronaugh was carefully researched and contains complete documentation along with numerous photographs and ink drawings. There are plenty of stories of the early days before the founding of the town, its founding, and continues up to 1910. Included are approximately 50 pages on W. C. Bronaugh, the town's namesake, and his sometimes notorious friends. Many first-hand accounts from the memoirs of both Chester Gibbs and Anne Doores Munson are included, guaranteeing interesting reading about life in very early Bronaugh!



This beautiful 300-page, indexed, hard-bound book will make a treasured addition to your personal library. It is also the ideal Christmas gift for those with connections to Vernon County and the Bronaugh community. The cost of the book is \$40 plus \$4 s/h media mail or \$6 priority; mail orders to the Tri-County Genealogical Society, Attn: Books, 218 W Walnut St., Nevada, MO 64772.

Irwin's Bronaugh book can also be purchased locally at the Nevada Public Library; checks payable to Tri-County Genealogical Society.

New Resources Added to Collections

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

- Descendents of Martin FRAZER. Compiled by Evelyn Ann (Highley) Oliver.
- Southeastern Kansas Coal Mining Towns. Pittcraft Printing, Pittsburg, KS.
- Vernon Co, MO Plat Book 1966-67.
- Vernon Co, MO Rural Directory 1986.
- Vernon Co, MO Rural Directory 1990.
- Vernon Co, MO Plat Book 2000.
- Bates Co, MO Plat Book 1989.
- Barton Co, MO Plat Book 1978.
- Bourbon Co, KS Plat Book 2004.
- How to Research in Vernon Co, MO (how-to information for self-help in the Gen. Dept.)

Link to Online Video Program

Several members have asked for the internet link to the program which was presented at the November meeting. It is http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/Community/Mid_Continent_Library/Tips_and_Tactics/Player.html You may need to copy the link and paste into your internet browser. A high-speed internet connection is needed to view the program.

Vernon County Obituary Card File

Thank you to member Richard J. for volunteering to continue the Vernon Co. Obituary Card File Project. Obituaries from the *Nevada Daily Mail* and *Sunday Herald-Tribune* are clipped and glued onto cards for the alphabetical file in the Genealogy Dept.

Keep Your Research to Yourself or Share?

Have you considered placing your research online to share with others? If so, you may decide that the "WorldConnect" project at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> is a good option for you. WorldConnect is free to all users (one does not need an ancestry.com subscription to post research or to view the research posted by another.) Posting your research online may be just what is needed to make contact with another researcher who has information that will help with your brick-wall. On the webpage above, under

the heading "Family Trees (World Connect)" in the left column, select the first link to read about

- [WorldConnect FAQs](#)
- [What is a GEDCOM?](#)
- [How to use WorldConnect](#)
- [Protecting the privacy of living relatives](#)
- [Contacting family tree submitter](#)
- [How to submit files via the mail](#)

If you have questions after reviewing the information, ask another Society member who has already posted his/her research online.

Vernon Co, MO Cemetery Directory 2010 Sheldon Cemetery Update

An updated listing of the Sheldon Cemetery has been printed. This update includes additional burials and corrections to burials in this cemetery. If you purchased the Vernon County Cemetery Directory 2010, you can obtain a free copy of the Sheldon update by stopping by the Bushwhacker Museum (please call first to ensure they are open 667-9602). If you would like the supplement mailed, please send \$3 shipping/handling to our address above and the supplement will be mailed to you. The supplement is only available to those who purchased the Vernon County Cemetery Directory 2010 previously (it is not available for purchase as a separate item).

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

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

BURNS ROBBED METZ BANK.

Man Who Aided Penitentiary Mutineers Operated In Vernon County. His Gang Said to Have Also Perpetrated Robberies at Bronaugh, Moundville and Sheldon.

A Fort Scott dispatch of Tuesday says: Sheriff Roodhouse and County Attorney Humphrey had it in their power to prevent the mutiny and murder at Jefferson City last Friday. A warrant for H. E. Spencers arrest

charged with bank robbery, was in the hands of the sheriff and he was ready to go to Jefferson City to arrest Spencer when he was released, when the county attorney advised against it.

Spencer operated here a year ago last spring, robbing the bank of Bronson, this county, and attempting to rob the bank at Fulton, ten miles north of here. Bert Cox, a Frisco operator, learned the plans and held the robbers at bay. In a pitched battle and greatly handicaped, the operator repulsed the robbers, although he was shot in the hand.

Spencer and his gang robbed the bank of Metz, twelve miles from here. A few nights later they robbed the postoffice at Bronaugh, Moundville and Sheldon, small towns in Missouri near here.

Spencer was arrested at Butler a year ago on suspicion and nitroglycerin and burglar tools were found in his possession. Cox positively identified him at the time as one of the Fulton robbers, and realizing his was a hopeless case, Spencer pleaded guilty to having burglar tools and was sentenced to a year in prison.

Warden Hall of the Jefferson City penitentiary yesterday morning telephoned to Sheriff Roodhouse for copies of the photographs of Spencer, which will be sent immediately.

Spencer is a bad criminal. When he participated in the assault and bank robberies here he was but 18 years old and had a boyish face. His real name is Robert Burns.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri.
Friday, December 1, 1905, page 1.

DEATH OF UNCLE JIMMIE MOORE.
An Old and Respected Citizen
Dies of Dropsy

Uncle Jimmie Moore died at his home in this city last night at 11 o'clock of dropsy. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, after which he will be buried at the 16th section cemetery.

Uncle Jimmie, as he was familiarly called, was 78 years old, and had been a resident of Vernon county many years. In the year 1857 he owned and operated a sawmill at what is now known as Moore's Mill Bridge on the Marmaton river. The mill was destroyed by fire and Mr. Moore moved on to his farm adjoining the city of Nevada.

A few years ago he sold a part of his farm to a syndicate, and it was laid off into a plat known as the University addition. The part of the land retained by him was known as Moore's addition.

Just after the war he ran for the office of treasurer and was elected by a good majority. While in office he served the people in a straightforward and satisfactory manner. He was always looked upon as honest, upright and fair toward his fellow men.

In the death of Uncle Jimmie Moore Vernon county has lost one of its oldest and most highly respected citizens. A good man has passed away.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.
Thursday, September 15, 1898, page 4.

BURGLARS VISITED METZ
EARLY MONDAY MORNING

Metz was visited by burglars between 2:30 and 3 o'clock Monday morning. Two men, driving what is thought by some to be a new Chevrolet coupe, entered the J. B. Davis store on the east side of Main street. Parking the car in the alley behind the store they gained entrance by breaking a glass in the door and unlocking it from the inside. The tobacco shelf was looted—cigarettes and plug tobacco being taken. Things in general were turned topsy-turvy by the thieves in their search and some women's hosiery and wearing apparel was obtained. The cash register was opened but no money was in it.

Leaving Davis', the car was driven around on Main street and parked in front of Nichols' barber shop, headed south.

The two men then got out and tried to pry open the door of Tough's Mercantile Co. with

a crow bar, which was later learned to have been taken from Davis' store. While one was engaged in this the other kept a flash light playing up and down the aisle. Failing in their efforts to pry open the door, a tire tool was used in breaking the glass so the lock could be reached. As they pushed the door gently open they were met by a charge from a shot gun, fired by the night watchman. The men returned two shots, then fled to their car. There was evidence of one of the men being hit as there was blood on the side walk and a puddle of it where they entered the car. Sheriff Butner was notified immediately and was soon on the scene, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Abe Tow, but was unable to give any information as to the identity of the thieves or their whereabouts.

From the description given by the nightwatchman, one of the men was tall and rather light complexioned and wore a light hat with a dark band. The other was short and heavy set. They left behind a new flash light and a man's leather glove for the right hand with blood on it [that] was found by where the car was parked.

Evidently the men were strangers here, or had lost complete sense of direction, by the route they took in leaving town. Turning the corner at the bank they drove west a block and then south a block. From here they took a zigzagging course to the main road running west. That they went two miles west is known for a paper sack smeared with blood and containing women's apparel from Davis' store was found. In about half an hour the car is said to have come back and gone east toward Highway 71.

A dead man was found on North 8th street in Rich Hill Tuesday morning resembling the description of the man shot by the nightwatchman. He was taken to the Booth and Boughan morgue and, according to reports, examination showed that he had been shot in the face with a shot gun. This man had received medical attention. He was identified by his mother and brother as Victor Fahnstock. He had formerly lived in

Rich Hill but at present lived in Kansas City. The nightwatchman from here was unable to identify him however, so it is not a proven fact that he was the man shot here. A coroner's jury and several detectives were summoned. Perhaps later developments will prove whether or not he was the man implicated in the robbery.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.
Friday, October 23, 1932, page 1.

THE FAHNESTOCKS HERE SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnstock and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fahnstock and children of Rich Hill and Clayton Fahnstock of Pitcher, Okla., were here Saturday. Their mission was to find a glove, flashlight, or something else that was the property of Arch Fahnstock, who it is alleged was fatally shot while entering Tough & Co.'s store Monday morning, September 19. Reports had been circulated that their son and brother had been killed in a barber shop in Kansas City, the mother said, and they wanted to get at the facts.

Funeral rites for Arch Fahnstock were held at the Booth & Boughan chapel at Rich Hill at 10 o'clock Thursday morning of last week. Burial was in Papinsville cemetery.

Friday morning about 2:30 o'clock a thief was given a dose of buckshot by the nightwatchman in the Walker hardware store at Rockville. The watchman was awakened by the noise of the thieves attempting to force the front door of the establishment. Through the door window the watchman saw the head and shoulders of a man. The watchman shot and the glass of the door and thief disappeared. A second thief is believed to have carried the injured man to a waiting automobile in which they made their escape.—Butler Democrat.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.
Friday, October 30, 1932, page 1.

**STRICTER IMMIGRATION LAWS
Foreigners May be Deported Any Time
Within 5 Years of Landing.**

WASHINGTON, March 19—A favorable committee report has been made to the house for the passage of the new general immigration bill. If the bill finally passes immigrants will pay a head tax on landing of \$1.50 instead of \$1. Any immigrant who within five years of landing shall have become a burden on the criminal or pauper institutions of any state or municipality may be deported. Anarchists, epileptics and persons who have had two attacks of insanity within five years of landing shall be denied admission. Reformatories, insane asylums and charitable institutions shall be periodically inspected by immigration agents and recent immigrants found there shall be shipped back home. Alien immigrants coming as cabin passengers shall be subjected to more stringent inspection on landing.

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.
Thursday, March 20, 1902, page 1.*

JUDGE JAMES Z. GRAVES

Judge J. Z. Graves departed this life at his home in Sprague, Mo., on Thursday, June 18th 1908, at the ripe old age of 86 years and 6 months. Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church in that village on Friday, under the auspices of Foster Masonic lodge, of which body he was a member in good standing, and interment was made in Rich Hill cemetery.

James Zachariah Graves was born in Loudon county, Virginia, January 22, 1822. When 17 years of age he accompanied his parents to Sumner county, Tenn. He was married to Miss Lizzie A. Latimer March, 7th 1844. He moved with his wife and her six little brothers, the death of her mother leaving them dependent upon him, to Shelby county, Mo., in 1846. They moved to Bates county in 1875. Twelve children were born to Judge Graves and his wife, seven of whom survive him. This exemplary couple, overflowing with the milk of human kindness,

raised 23 children, including 12 of their own, 6 brothers of his wife and 5 grandchildren, twenty of whom reached their majority, and were all treated alike, given a horse, saddle and bridle, as they became of age. He had 24 grand children and 8 great grand children. His good wife died in November, 1898 and the old Judge could never mention her name without exhibiting great emotion. Judge Graves was a justice of the Peace of Howard township for 18 years. He was Presiding Judge of the county for four years. He was a man of position conviction, firm and unwavering his position, a just and good man, true to his friends, respected and liked by his neighbors, among whom he always maintained a high standing. He was the personal friend of the editor of THE TIMES and we cherish his memory.

*The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.
Friday, June 26, 1908.*

Member Research

In September, members discussed brick walls and strategies for overcoming them in their research. Additional summaries will be published in future newsletters.

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.

Access to Missouri Divorce Records

From the Winter 2010 "Show Me" State Genealogical News, newsletter of the Missouri State Genealogical Association: The General Assembly passed and the Governor approved House Bill 1692, which includes a revision of Section 452.430 on **access to divorce records**. The records, which had been closed to all except parties to the divorce or a person with permission from the judge, will now be open without restrictions 72 years after the final order of dissolution. It is effective August 28th.

(Copy of newsletter on file in the Genealogy Dept.)

Stolen Gravestone Returned to Gill Cemetery in Vernon Co, MO

A stolen gravestone was recently recovered from the trunk of a vehicle by the Barton County Sheriff's Dept. Upon the suspect(s) admitting that the stone was taken from Gill Cemetery in Vernon County, it was turned over to the Vernon County Sheriff's Dept. On Dec 10, the stone was returned to Gill Cemetery in the southwest portion of the county by JaWan Thompson and Vernon County Sheriff Dept. Investigator Steve Schlup. The stone was reset in the very location from which it had been taken, thanks to cemetery photos which Thompson had taken in preparation of the new Cemetery Directory. The stone was that of David J. Davies, son of J. I. & L. E. Davies, who died Oct. 4, 1881, aged 5 years and 27 days.



JaWan Thompson (left) and Investigator Steve Schlup with the gravestone of David J. Davies after its return to Gill Cemetery.

Unfortunately, in examining other gravestones in this small pioneer cemetery, it was noted that vehicle tracks led into the middle of the cemetery where the stone of Lura A. Austin, wife of H. Austin, was found broken just above its base. Mrs. Austin died Sep 15, 1880, aged 36 years, 1 month, and 27 days.

By Missouri Statutes, removing a gravestone from a cemetery is illegal, as is desecrating or destroying a burial area. The paperwork regarding the recovery and return

of the gravestone has been turned over to the Vernon County Prosecutor's Office for further action.

The overseers of Gill Cemetery would like to hire someone to mow the small cemetery a couple of times a year. If you are interested in this, please contact the Tri-County Genealogy Society and you will be put in contact with the appropriate persons.

Samuel Jones/James in Moore Cemetery

A note was recently left in the Genealogy Department's copy of the new Vernon County Cemetery Directory, indicating that the name Samuel Jones in Moore Cemetery should be Samuel James. Because there was no contact information on the note, a response is given here. The cemetery survey showed this stone to read "Jones" and the Social Security Death Index lists this individual as Samuel Jones, 17 Oct 1889 – 25 Nov 1982. Please contact the Tri-County Genealogical Society if you have information on a Samuel James in Moore Cemetery. Thank you.

Ten Commandments of Genealogy

The below article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-printed here with permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

In the course of writing this newsletter, I get to see a lot of genealogy information. Most of what I see is on the Web, although some information is in books or in e-mail. Some of what I see is high-quality research. However, much of it is much less than that. Even the shoddiest genealogy work could be so much more if the compiler had simply spent a bit of time thinking about what he or she was doing.

Creating a first-class genealogy work is not difficult. In fact, it is expected. It should be the norm. Please consider the following "rules." If you follow these guidelines, you,

too, can produce high-quality genealogy reports that will be useful to others:

1. Never accept someone else's opinion as "fact." Be suspicious. Always check for yourself!
2. Always verify primary sources (see Footnote #1); never accept a secondary source (see Footnote #2) as factual until you have personally verified the information.
3. Cite your sources! Every time you refer to a person's name, date and/or place of an event, always tell where you found the information. If you are not certain how to do this, get yourself a copy of "Evidence Explained" by Elizabeth Shown Mills. This excellent book shows both the correct form of source citation and the sound analysis of evidence.
4. If you use the works of others, always give credit. Never claim someone else's research as your own.
5. Assumptions and "educated guesses" are acceptable in genealogy as long as they are clearly labeled as such. Never offer your theories as facts.
6. Be open to corrections. The greatest genealogy experts of all time make occasional errors. So will you. Accept this as fact. When someone points out a possible error in your work, always thank that person for his or her assistance and then seek to re-verify your original statement(s). Again, check primary sources.
7. Respect the privacy of living individuals. Never reveal personal details about living individuals without their permission. Do not reveal their names or any dates or locations.
8. Keep "family secrets." Not everyone wants the information about a court record or a birth out of wedlock to be posted on the Internet or written in books. The family historian records "family secrets" as facts but does not publish them publicly.

9. Protect original documents. Handle all documents with care, and always return them to their rightful storage locations.
10. Be prepared to reimburse others for reasonable expenses incurred on your behalf. If someone travels to a records repository and makes photocopies for you, always offer to reimburse the expenses.

The above "commandments" apply to online data as well as to printed information. Following the above "commandments" will increase the value of your work and make it valuable to others.

Footnote #1: A primary record is one created at or immediately after the occurrence of the event cited. The record was created by someone who had person knowledge of the event. Examples include marriage records created by the minister, census records, death certificates created within days after the death, etc. Nineteenth century and earlier source records will be in the handwriting of the person who recorded the event, such as the minister, town clerk or census taker.

Footnote #2: A secondary record is one made years after the original event, usually by someone who was not at the original event and did not have personal knowledge of the participants. Most published genealogy books are secondary sources; the authors are writing about events that occurred many years before they wrote about the event. Transcribed records are always secondary sources and may have additional errors created inadvertently by the transcriber(s). Most online databases are transcribed (secondary) sources.

Name & Address on Research Notebook

Please put your name, address, and phone number on your research notebooks and tablets. A notebook was found last week, but the owner could not be called because there was no contact information in the front of the spiral notebook.

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 at this time -- only \$10
Join today to support the Society's work!***

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Merry Christmas!