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NEWSLETTER

January 2011

February 15, 2011, 10 a.m.
Genealogy Meeting & Program
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
302 E Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs
THE EL DORADO SPRINGS SUN
NEWSPAPER

Kimball Long, editor and co-owner of the *El Dorado Springs Sun* newspaper will be guest speaker at the February 15 meeting. She will give us a little history of the *Sun* and let us know what they have that would help us as family history researchers and where to find it.

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.

New Every-Name Index for History Book Bronaugh ~ Moundville 1988

A new every-name index has been prepared for the Bronaugh-Moundville history book that was published in 1988. A tremendous "Thank you!" to Society member Ginnie B. for typing this index. A list of names only from the index will be published on our website, and a full copy of the new index will be available in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department. Copies of the full index will also be available for purchase from Tri-County Genealogy. Watch the monthly newsletter and website for information on when this new index is available.

The Society continues to work on several projects which will assist researchers and bring more local records to the public.

Printing ~ Nevada Library Genealogy Department

Changes are being made in the way researchers will print documents from the computers in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department. With the upcoming installation of new software, you will be required to pay for all copies before they are printed. This procedure is similar to the pay-first procedure for printing from other computers in the Nevada Library.

Researchers are cautioned to look at "Print Preview" to ensure the pages being printed are the correct ones, that no extra or blank pages are included, and that the number of copies is correct because you will pay in advance for all of the pages before they are printed.

Once the new software is installed, please ask one of the librarians if you have questions. Cost is 20¢ per page.

Organize Your Research Information

As a follow-up to our January program, Anna G. provides the following web links which have a variety of forms that you may find useful in organizing your research information:

www.genealogyforum.com/gfaol/beginners/forms.htm

www.cyndislist.com/supplies.htm

www.wakefieldfhs.org.uk/Forms%20&%20Charts.htm

Bronaugh Book Now Available at Bushwhacker Museum

The new Irwin book, *Bronaugh: The Town, the Man and His Friends*, can now be purchased locally at the Bushwhacker

Museum in Nevada - \$40, or mail order from our website.

Missouri State Archives Begins Indexing 1960 Missouri Death Certificates

The Missouri State Archives has operated an eVolunteer program since 1999. eVolunteers work from home indexing or transcribing records which are then made available online. Volunteers can help index the 1960 death certificates; go to www.sos.mo.gov/archives/evolunteers/ If you have questions about volunteering, please email the volunteer coordinator at archvol@sos.mo.gov

NGSQ Index Now FREE And Available to the Public

Since 1912, the National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ) has published material concerning all regions of the nation and all ethnic groups including compiled genealogies, case studies, essays on new methodology and little-known resources, critical reviews of current books, and previously unpublished source materials.

Articles show how to cope with name changes, burned courthouses, illegitimacies, and other stumbling blocks; how to interpret records that do not mean what they seem to say; how to distinguish among individuals of the same name; how to identify origins of immigrant ancestors; how to research a variety of ethnic groups; how to find a way through the maze of records at the National Archives; how to conduct research in specific states; and how to compile solid genealogies.

Previously, only NGS members could access the index to search the collection by author or title or browse editions by year. Now ANYONE can search the National Genealogical Society Quarterly Index for FREE, just click here!

www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ngs_quarterly_archives

Super Indexing Sunday

Thousands and thousands of genealogy volunteers are gearing up to index records

on Sunday, Feb. 6. You, too, can be a part of "Super Indexing Sunday" from the comfort of your home computer as part of the FamilySearch.org website. Indexed records are made available free of charge to researchers on the familysearch.org website. You don't have to wait until February 6th to begin indexing records – go to www.indexing.familysearch.org now! In January, approximately 1.9 million records were indexed in one day. This is a grassroots indexing promotion and is open to everyone – over 400,000 people do indexing on FamilySearch Indexing, and fifty percent of those who index are not Mormons. You can work as little or as much as you want. Give it a try! Every little bit helps.

Using the New Newspaper Index Books

We've had some comments regarding the new Nevada Daily Mail newspaper index books by Kenneth Weant and how to use them. The sections of the books are as follows:

Front material and Contents page

Part 1: How to Best Utilize This Index

Part 2: Chronological Index of Articles

Part 3: Alphabetical Index of Marriages

Part 4: Chronological Index of Deaths

Part 5: Alphabetical Index of Deaths

You must refer to the **Contents** page to get the page number of the section you want to look at. Pages do not have headers or column headings, so you must also refer to **Part 1** for information on what is included in each section and in each column. Various coding symbols are explained in **Part 1**. For ease of use, a listing of 2-letter county abbreviations arranged alphabetically will be placed in the books very soon.

Although some of the Weant index books duplicate the Lathrop newspaper index books and the 1883-1893 Bernard index, you might find something in one set of books that was missed in another, so please take the time to check all three!

Using the July 1910 to May 1918 index book, here's a sample of the kind of information that can be found in this index:

Part 2: Chronological Index of Articles

John Frances Shot 5 Times While Sick, 7 Oct 1910.

Walker I.O.O.F. Hall Dedicated, 15 Dec 1910.

7 Prisoners Escape Jail, 9 & 17 Feb 1912.

Ralph Palmer Wounded in France, 10 May 1918.

Part 3: Alphabetical Index of Marriages

Vest, W.W. to miss Lillian Sweeten 22 Sep 1910.

Welch, Russell to Miss Birdie Maze 2 Dec 1916.

Young, Robert to Miss Lola Landers 7 Sep 1910.

Part 5: Alphabetical Index of Deaths

Pryor, Samuel L. abt 65, d. 23 Mar 1916, 24 Mar 1916 paper.

Rakestraw, W. T., d. 16 Jun 1917, 18 Jun 1917 paper.

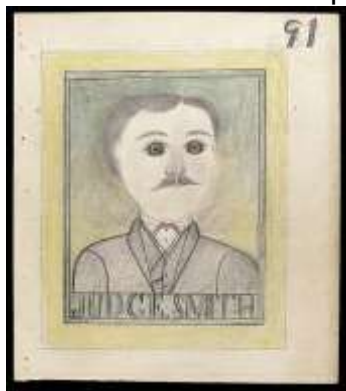
Rumbaugh, father Mrs. C. C. Myers, b. 26 Jul 1839 in KS, d. 5 Dec 1910, 6 Dec 1910 paper.

Weddle, Carl, b. 26 Aug 1908, d. 24 Oct 1912, 25 Oct 1912 paper.

Old newspapers can contain a wealth of genealogical information, so please take time to look at these new index books which have recently been added to the collection.

The Electric Pencil

The Nevada State Hospital #3 has probably generated the most questions and inquiries to Tri-County Genealogy since this editor joined the Society in the early 2000s. Although 99.9% of the questions are from individuals researching their family members, there is a request to help identify an artist who may have been a former patient or a person who in some way was connected to the hospital. This individual



made a series of drawings on hospital journal paper. Number 91, "Judge Smith" is one of those drawings. Could this drawing possibly refer to Judson W. Smith who was Vernon

County's probate judge for eight years in the early 1900s?

More than 300 drawings are included in the Electric Pencil collection, and many of them can be seen at the below web links which also give the story of their having being found in the trash in Springfield, MO in 1970.

Member Lyndon I. shares that he once had an opportunity to purchase this collection and says that this is perhaps the most intriguing project that he has worked on over the years, and some of the pictures are just haunting to look at – I suppose they are as the artist saw things. The collection of drawings has obviously ended up in the hands of someone who know what he is doing. Some of the items will be featured in an art show in New York City in February 2011 with a few of the prints for sale.

<http://accidentalmysteries.blogspot.com/2008/12/electric-pencil.html>

<http://www.artfoundout.blogspot.com/2011/01/electric-pencil-drawings-on-line.html>

An article about the Electric Pencil recently appeared in the Springfield, MO newspaper and can be read here: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20110125/LIFE/101250315/trash-becomes-treasure?odyssey=tab>

Schell City Wooden Indian

A recent inquiry on the Vernon Co RootsWeb.com message board asked about the wood carved Indian Chief which stood in downtown Schell City several years ago. Another researcher reported that he recalled the wooden Indian being there up until approximately 1984; but in a recent visit to Schell City, several people who were asked could not recall what happened to the wooden Indian. Do you know? Do you have a picture of it? Please contact the Society if you have information about this.

Summers Family Reunion July 9-10, 2011, Nevada, MO

Attention, descendents of Moses, Jesse J. or Allen Summers, the first permanent white settlers in Vernon County: Please mark your calendars for the Summers Family Reunion

which will be held July 9-10, 2011 in Nevada. Sign up by email to receive reunion information from tbrownretired@yahoo.com

Member Research

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

Member Lyndon I. has numerous biographical web pages pertaining to former residents of Vernon County – particularly those residing in the southwest portion of the county www.lyndonirwin.com. He says that the “Rouch” family has presented one of the great research challenges as we tried to study pioneer Moundville residents buried in Beckmon Cemetery in Harrison Township. A very unfortunate misspelling must have occurred on a grave marker that caused a lot of debate as to what the surname was. The old grave marker obviously lists the subject buried there as Isaac C. Rouch, and we even debated if the name was Rough. There appears to be adequate evidence now to solve this mystery...and it's neither Rouch or Rough...it's Roach! See more about this family at www.lyndonirwin.com/moundvl36.htm If you also research this family, please contact Lyndon at lirwin@prodigy.net.

Member Charles F. has a research mystery regarding his ancestor, John Hayden. John Hayden was born probably in Kentucky about 1802. He married Mary Ann “Polly” Baker 26 Jun 1823 in Owen Co, KY. They had several children including Kesiah, Elisha, Andrew, Isaac, Martha J., Jacob, Phebe, and Elizabeth. John Hayden then died in 1843 in Monroe City, Monroe Co, MO. His widow remarried to James P. Davis 21 Aug 1845 in Monroe Co, MO and they had children James, Thomas, and William Davis. Following the death of James Davis,

the widow then married to Moses Jennings on 24 Feb 1870 in Platte Co, MO.

John Hayden's father died when he was young, and he was raised by his grandfather and other family members. Who was John Hayden's father?

What complicates this research is that there are several John Hayden's who were born in Kentucky about 1802; and of course, the early census gives the name of only the head of household. Several other researchers have also confused the many John Hayden's.

If you have researched this family and have information about John Hayden's parents, please contact the Society. [Charles, I hope this information is correct because I became totally confused in looking at all of the John Hayden's!!]

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

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

NIGHT PROWLERS Two Residences Entered by Sneak-Thieves.

Wednesday night the residence of Irvin Gordon, in the Northeast part of the city, was entered by sneak-thieves. Entrance was effected through a rear window, and a few small articles were taken, among them, a pair of kid gloves and a large hunting knife. It is not known at what time the intruder made his visit to the premises, or why he did not take more valuables off with him.

AT MR. PAXTON'S.

This morning about 3:30 o'clock the members of R. S. Paxton's household, on North Washington street, were aroused by a terrific crash. On investigation as to the cause, it was learned that Capt. Gore, who boards and rooms there with his wife, had been after a sneak-thief.

Capt. Gore was awakened by some one at his room door. He got up quietly, turned on the gas and opened his door. At this time the intruder was making his way into an adjoining room, which was occupied by a couple of lady boarders. The opening of the

door startled the intruder, and he turned and started down stairs. At this time he was almost in arm's reach of Mr. Gore, who picked up a stick of stove wood and hurled it at the intruder with all the force that was in him. This put the sneak-thief on double-quick time and startled the sleepers. The man darted through the front door—which had been left unlocked by Mr. Paxton on account of some members of his family being out at the time he retired—while Mr. Gore was searching for his revolver, with which he expected to enter into active warfare. The man is described by Capt. Gore as being rather large and heavy set. He had short black hair. He was without shoes, hat or coat, and wore a grey shirt. No valuables were missed from the premises, and it is thought the intruder entered through the front door, and went immediately to Capt. Gore's room, where the gas was burning dimly. Numerous attempts have been made to burglarize Mr. Paxton's house, and if this thing is kept up there will be a funeral from there some of these mornings, with a dead burglar riding in the front wagon.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
Friday, November 25, 1887, page 1.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY.

Young Roberts Shot and Killed in Cedar County by a Notorious Desperado.

A terrible tragedy occurred just over the Vernon county line in the edge of Cedar county Sunday morning. We give the story as it came to us.

Dick Gee, a notorious character who has been a fugitive from justice for the past year, on account of his having killed a man at Eldorado, has been lurking about the edge of Cedar county, and it is said found aid and comfort at the home of Dr. Roberts in that neighborhood.

Sunday morning, about daylight, Gee rode up to the house of Wm. Roberts—son of the Doctor. Roberts and several men, who were there, came out and went with Gee to the barn, to put up his horse. While

here there came up trouble between Roberts and one of the men, when Gee pulled his pistol and deliberately shot Roberts. After saying that the shot was accidentally fired he mounted his horse and road away.

Another story goes that Gee was at young Robert's house, and was showing Roberts his pistols. Roberts took the cartridges from one of them and snapped it several times. He afterwards reloaded it and handed it back; when Gee pointed it towards Roberts and pulled the trigger sending a ball whizzing through him. The ball took effect in the left breast, ranging downward, and coming out above the hip. Death was caused almost instantly.

These are the reports as they came to us, and we give them for whatever they may be worth.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
November 6, 1883, page 4.

A Fortunate Change of Mind.

Eld. J. A. Elliott finished a protracted meeting at Moundville, and left Lawrence county, yesterday, for home, arriving here last night. He intended going to Springfield yesterday morning, to attend the District Convention of the Christian Church; but just before the time to start, he changed his mind and started for home, thus avoiding the cyclone. The wind was very heavy twenty miles west of Springfield, and the rain fell in torrents. Eld. Elliott may regard his change of intention as the result of providential interference.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
November 6, 1883, page 4.

Z. Walker, of Henry township, called Tuesday and had the address of his paper changed from Metz to Hume. Mr. Walker says farmers in his part of the county are busy gathering a good corn crop. His crop of sixty-three acres is averaging fifty-four bushels to the acre. There is not enough stock in that part of the county to eat the

surplus corn. He thinks one-half the crop will be for sale.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
November 6, 1883, page 4.

Frank Kick and Harrison Doman have bought Charles Tomlinson's grocery store and will continue business at the old stand. The new firm will be an enterprising one and will command an excellent trade. The MAIL's best wishes accompany Messrs. Keck & Doman on their business voyage.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
November 6, 1883, page 4.

Levi and Frank Cook, who have been attending school at Greenfield, returned home the other day, and will leave tomorrow for Quincy, Ill., to attend the Gem City Business College. They expect to remain there about six months.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
November 6, 1883, page 4.

Jefferson City Journal: Old "Aunt" Nancy Railley reached Canton from Nevada, Mo., Saturday, the 13th, en route to Williamstown, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Neeper. Mrs. Railley is now near 90 years of age, quite feeble, and nearly blind, but in her younger days accomplished what no other lady would think of attempting, having first walked all the way from the Atlantic to Missouri, and subsequently when moving to Oregon, making almost the entire trip on foot.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
November 6, 1883, page 4.

**SUSPECT ARRESTED AT JOPLIN.
Believed to be One of the Gang of
Burglars Who Live at Ft. Scott.**

The Joplin police has arrested a man whom they believe belongs to the gang of burglars who have been working at Nevada, Ft. Scott, Carthage and Joplin. The fellow had been selling watches in the streets and he fits the description of the fellow who

robbed the home of Council Dabbs of Ft. Scott.

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

Jacob Faith, of this county, was announced to deliver a lecture on horticulture at Jerico last Saturday evening.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri
November 6, 1883, page 4.

**FIVE INFORMATIONS FILED
Against D. R. Finch of Schell City.
He is Charged With Selling Whiskey, But
Cannot be Found.**

Prosecuting Attorney A. J. King Monday filed five separate informations against D. R. Finch of Schell City, charging him with selling whiskey without license.

Recently Prosecuting Attorney King was at Schell City and while there he was met by a number of ladies who complained to him about a "joint" being run in the town, and after investigating the matter Mr. King decided to arrest Finch who is alleged to have been running the "joint".

Finch seems to have been informed that the informations had been filed against him and at last reports could not be found, but Sheriff Harkreader and Prosecuting Attorney King are still making every effort to locate Finch.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.
Tuesday, April 22, 1902.

**WINTER AND SPRING.
The Groom Fifty and the Bride Eighteen
Years of Age.**

County Recorder Ewing has issued marriage license to Milford Green and Miss Laura Maudley, both of Montevallo. The couple will be married Thursday evening. There is quite a difference in the ages of the couple, the groom being 50 years old and the bride 18, but that is a small matter with Cupid. Many friends extend congratulations to this worthy couple.

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

[The below newspaper articles were provided by
Kenneth Weant.]

At Oseola, Mo., the other day, one of the hands employed at the steam saw mill, by some means came in contact with a part of the machinery, which mangled one of his arms and tore it completely out of the socket of the shoulder-blade, and causing his death almost immediately. The unfortunate man's name was Gideon Davis.

**Liberty Tribune, Liberty, MO.
October 15, 1858.**

Mrs. Simpson McGaughey, formerly of this city, recently died at the Monagaw Springs in St. Clair county.

**Liberty Tribune, Liberty, MO.
September 18, 1857.**

DIED

In St. Clair county, on the 12th inst., Capt. Chas. Younger, formerly of Jackson county, Mo.

**Liberty Tribune, Liberty, MO.
December 2, 1854.**

SUICIDE BY HANGING. - An old gentleman, known as Billy Waters, living on or near Warbelow creek, in this county, committed suicide on Tuesday last by hanging himself to the collar-beam in his own house, after having previously sent his children from home, doubtless to prevent them from witnessing the horrible deed. When found – dead – his knees were on the floor, and one of his hands was touching the same, and he could easily have raised himself had he wished to save his life. His detestation of the things of this world must have been great to give him the resolution to look death in the face, and not stretch forth a hand to save himself from the snare of his own setting. It appears that the determination to hang

himself and its final execution, was brought about in part or wholly by a misunderstanding which had previously taken place between himself and wife, which resulted in the wife leaving his bed and board on the Sunday previous to the committal of the suicide. – Oseola Ind.

**Liberty Tribune, Liberty, MO.
May 25, 1855.**

MURDER: -- We have received information that a man by the name of James Herring, a journeyman tailor, was murdered near Quincy, on Sunday, the 5th inst. The murder was supposed to have been committed by either James Warner or John Hampton, two wagoners, who reside in or near Greenfield, in Dade county. However Warner was arrested, Hampton being retained as a witness and upon examination before a justice was acquitted.

The murdered man, Herring, formerly worked at the tailoring business in Kansas city, Leavenworth city, and Liberty. – (Osceola Dem.)

**Liberty Tribune, Liberty, MO.
December 2, 1859.**

Researchers can view numerous newspaper indexes online and request copies of articles for a small fee. See www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/gen_rm_resources.htm for online finding aids and www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/research_arch.htm for how to request lookups and research fees.

Please note that Nevada Library staff do not conduct lookups or genealogy research—you must contact the Tri-County Genealogical Society by U.S. mail with fee or email general research inquiries.

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. 2011 Society officers are:

President: Dorothy Foster

V. Pres: Valo Jones; Lynda Bishop

Recording Secy: Neoma Foreman

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Secy: Darlene Lukenbill

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

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