

*Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society*

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## NEWSLETTER

June 2011

**Tuesday, July 19, 2011  
Genealogy Meeting and Program  
Nevada Library Meeting Room  
218 West Walnut St., Nevada, MO**

### ***TOUR OF FAMILY HISTORY CENTER***

The July meeting will begin with a short business meeting in the Nevada Library Meeting Room. Following the business meeting, attendees will drive to the Nevada Family History Center (FHC) located at 1101 North Olive Street where a volunteer will give a tour of the center and information on researching one's family at the FHC.

The Nevada Family History Center is regularly open from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and by appointment at other times.

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.

### **Society Email Address**

If you have not already done so, please update the Society's email address in your contact list to **Cedar.VernonCoMO @ centurytel.net**. Remember this is all one "word" with no spaces. Change reminder emails will now be sent if you continue to use the old address. Thank you.

### **2011 Society Programs**

The following programs are tentatively scheduled for 2011. Watch the newsletter and website for updated information or changes as programs are finalized.

**Aug 16, El Do Spgs:** Field trip to Stockton Museum.

**Sep 20, Nevada:** To be announced.

**Oct 18, El Do Spgs:** Land Grants. Christina Miller, Missouri State Archives.

**Nov 15, Nevada:** Griswold Cast Iron Skillets. Jeff Mitchell.

**Dec 20, El Do Spgs:** Installation of Officers and Christmas Luncheon.

### **Find A Grave Minimum Photo Size Change**

The maximum size limit for photos added to the [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) website has increased to 750 kb (previously 350 kb). This will enable higher quality pictures to be copied from the website.

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

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

#### **Dedication of McKill Chapel.**

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, will dedicate the new church, McKill chapel, five miles west of Bronaugh on the Moundville circuit, M. E. church, south, the third Sunday in June, the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., which also is the time of the third quarterly meeting of south circuit, Rev. J. King, presiding elder, and Rev. J. A. Greening, pastor. A basket dinner on the ground. Services 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Preaching Saturday at 11 and at night. The bishop will preach at Bronaugh Sunday night. A general invitation is extended to all.

*Southwest Mail, Nevada, Missouri  
June 7, 1899.*

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There was quite a novelty in town last Monday in the form of a portable engine which furnishes its own locomotion, horses

being needed only to guide it. The rear wheels supporting the boiler have an inside cog gear connecting with the motive machinery, and the engine moves along drawing whatever is attached without any draft on the team whatever. The engine worked here Monday belongs to parties in Barton county and is to be used in wheat threshing.

**Vernon County Democrat, Nevada, Missouri.  
July 2, 1880**

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ED. DEMOCRAT:--Please allow me to correct a *false*, and I fear malicious report, circulating in this part of the county to the effect that I have withdrawn my name as a candidate for assessor, and to state to my friends and the public that my name will stand as at present, subject to the county convention, until August 9<sup>th</sup> shall declare myself or a better man the choice of the people. I believe the gentlemen aspiring to the same nomination as myself too honorable and highminded to stoop to the littleness of the above.

Respectfully,

Metz, June 28.

GEO. W. PETTY.

**Vernon County Democrat, Nevada, Missouri.  
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Last Thursday the dwelling house of Phelps Reed, at Walker, a two-story frame building was burned to the ground in spite of all efforts to save it. All the household goods, however, were saved, and the house was insured for \$600. It is supposed the fire originated from the kitchen stove.

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## 72 YEARS OF NEVADA NEWSPAPER HISTORY

1866—Nevada City Times, first newspaper in Vernon county. R. C. Brown editor. Brown sold to Robert Alexander, who in turn sold to William Crockett.

Name changed to Vernon County Democrat.

1872—W. J. Stone bought half-interest in Vernon County Democrat; name changed to Living Democrat.

1878—Nat G. Barter established The Nevada Ledger, first Republican newspaper in Nevada.

1880—W. J. Stone retired; Living Democrat renamed Vernon County Democrat.

1881—Daily Democrat established; first daily in Nevada.

1883—Daily Mail established by R. B. Speed and Wm. J. Knott.

1886—Nevada Noticer established by R. W. Crockett and L. H. McDaniel.

1888—William M. Bumbarger and W. L. Driggs bought Vernon County Democrat. Driggs sold to E. E. Bean.

1888—Harry L. Swan and Wm. V. Herrick bought The Nevada Ledger. Name changed to Vernon County Republican; made it daily and weekly.

1890—J. M. McAnulty bought Vernon County Republican; soon discontinued daily.

1893—Bumbarger sold interest in Vernon County Democrat to M. H. Grady. Grady retired that year and E. E. Bean became sole owner. Name changed to Weekly Post.

1895—E. E. Bean sold Weekly Post to R. W. Mitchell and associates.

1898—O. W. Neff and W. F. Crigler purchased The Vernon County Republican.

1899—Name of Vernon County Republican changed to The Nevada Herald.

1902—Vernon County Democrat equipment sold by H. E. Smith, then owner, to Postmaster Frank Arnold of Lamar and moved out of town.

1912—W. L. Earp and J. H. Bean purchased Daily Mail from E. E. Bean.

1918—W. L. Earp and J. H. Bean purchased Evening Post; consolidated Daily and Post; name changed to The Nevada Daily Mail and The Evening Post.

1934—Nevada News, free tabloid-size weekly, established by Paul W. Yancey, Jr.

1936—E. M. Crigler, son of W. F. Crigler, who passed away in 1931, purchased O. W. Neff's interest in The Herald and is present publisher.

*Nevada Herald, Nevada, Missouri.*  
July 14, 1938.

### **CATTLE DISEASE SWEPT THE COUNTY IN 1866**

In the spring of 1866 there was a malady among cattle. Many men of Vernon county lost all their herds with this disease, which came to be known as Texas fever. Matters came to such a pass that armed men were stationed on the borders of the counties and certain townships to turn back all herds of cattle coming from Texas or the Indian territory.

The legislature passed a stringent law on the subject and in May, 1866, the Vernon county court appointed cattle commissions for each township.

Some herds were encountered in the southern part of the county, having run the gauntlet through Jasper and Barton counties, and were turned back with difficulty. In some cases bloodshed was prevented only by firmness and forbearance on the part of the commissioners.

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### **Ozarks Genealogical Society Conference Sep. 23-24, 2011, Springfield, MO**

Barbara Vines Little will be the featured speaker. She specializes in VA and WV genealogy, finding women ancestors, using manuscript records, land platting, and problem solving. Concurrent sessions will be presented by Melba Rector and Steve Buffat and by Lynda Myers and Deborah Wood. Full details at [www.ozarksgs.org](http://www.ozarksgs.org) Fee: \$45 nonmembers by Sep 9.

### **Midwest Family History Expo July 29-30, 2011; \$95 Fee Overland Park, KS Convention Center**

Keynote speaker is Lisa Cooke, producer and host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, an online genealogy audio show at <http://www.GenealogyGems.com>. Lisa will also be teaching the latest in using Google and other inspiring works for successful research. M. Bridget Cook will be the featured dinner speaker and will be teaching classes to assist with writing our own juicy family histories! [www.mbridgetcook.com](http://www.mbridgetcook.com) See the full agenda of classes offered at [www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent.aspx?eid=35](http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent.aspx?eid=35)

### **Great Missouri Treasure Hunt**

The Great Missouri Treasure Hunt is a statewide contest open until Aug. 31, 2011. During the contest, the Missouri State Archives is encouraging Missourians to explore the State Archives collections held by state and local institutions. Participants can win exciting prizes, and the best discoveries will earn their place in history as part of the next Official Manual of the State of Missouri. To enter, submit stories, photos, scans of documents, or videos in three categories: Family History, Civil War History, and Missouri History. For details, [www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/GreatMoTreasureHunt/default.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/GreatMoTreasureHunt/default.asp)

### **Freebies for Genealogists**

Find free wireless Internet locations near you that offer WiFi at [www.wififreespot.com](http://www.wififreespot.com) In addition to businesses listed on that website, free WiFi is available at the Nevada Public Library and also the Nevada Community Center.

Using a free email account through Google ([www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com)) or AOL ([www.aol.com](http://www.aol.com)) and as long as you have access to a computer, you can text any mobile number (and receive texts) through your account for free.

To troubleshoot your PC, check out the forums and advice from volunteers at [www.geekstogo.com](http://www.geekstogo.com) where thousands of

answers and support are provided without charge.

Crop, resize, rotate and add special effects, fonts and more to pictures using free photo editing software such as [www.picnik.com](http://www.picnik.com) or <http://picasa.google.com> [Thanks to our member Marilyn for sharing these money-saving suggestions.]

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

The genealogy 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. They are redeemed for cash used to purchase genealogy resources for our public libraries.

#### **Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings of the Cedar & Vernon Co, MO Genealogical Society 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.

#### **Cedar & Vernon Co, MO Genealogical Society**

Membership in the Cedar & Vernon Co, MO 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. 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 Cedar & Vernon Co, MO 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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