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NEWSLETTER

November 2011

Genealogy Meeting and Program

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

The Wayside Museum

119 W. Spring St., El Dorado Springs

Installation of Officers for 2012

Your Greatest 2011 Research Find

Christmas Luncheon

Please note that the December meeting, program, and Christmas luncheon will be held at the Wayside Museum located in downtown El Dorado Springs. Society officers for 2012 will be installed. Everyone will have an opportunity to share their greatest research find of the year.

A pot-luck luncheon will be enjoyed following the meeting. Please bring a food dish to share. Paper plates, plasticware, etc., will be provided.

The meeting and program are open to the public, and everyone with an interest in researching his or her family's history is invited to attend.

Member Research

Susan D. provides the following information and asks questions about her ancestors. If you can provide information, please email the Society and you will be put in touch with Susan. Additionally, members are invited to send their research questions to be highlighted in future issues of the newsletter.

Hello: I am SO pleased that I ordered the Vernon County Cemetery Directory. Thank you, thank you for all that hard work! I just wish the project had discovered where Amanda M. Freeman Doores is buried sometime after 1880, likely by 1890. It may

have been on the farm somewhere, but I figure if I keep telling you this, someday it may surface, and you will remember me.

In the 1880 census, Amanda M. Doores, aged 80, lived with her son Robert Allen Doores and family in Richland Twp., Vernon Co, MO. She does not show up in the 1900 census. Her only other child besides Robert Doores that we know of died in the Civil War in 1863. He was William E. Doores, and the record states that he died trying to get back to Missouri from Arkansas (so maybe was buried on a battlefield somewhere -??).

The 1911 Vernon Co History states that Robert Allen Doores came to Vernon Co in 1874. On July 27, 1870 (the census date) Amanda is living in Jackson Twp, Johnson Co, MO with the Robert Allen Doores family, and she is listed as age 65. This is why we presume that her husband, James W. Doores Jr., has died between the census in 1860 and the July census date in 1870.

Page 763 of the 1911 History of Vernon Co is the biography of Robert Allen Doores, and it states that "the father" was killed in a railroad accident in Johnson County. I have wondered if the author was speaking of Robert Allen Doores' son Lee being killed in the infamous railroad accident near Warrensburg in 1904. It just seemed too much of a coincidence, and I have not been able to find another (less publicized) railroad accident in Johnson Co. But I guess one never knows! This biography also states that Robert Allen built 6 churches in Vernon Co. I only know of the Methodist Church in Bronaugh. I wonder if one of the others was in a correct time frame, and has an attached cemetery????

Thank you. Susan

Dear Susan: Thank you for your comments regarding the Cemetery Directory. We are continuing to refine the database and add new (old) burials as they are found as well as make corrections. I have added Amanda's name to the database with a notation that the cemetery and date of death are unknown.

I would suggest you look for the burial location of Amanda's husband and any newspaper notice that her remains were possibly taken there for burial (this was the situation in my family in January 1887) and also look at where her son lived after moving from Vernon Co -- possibly she was visiting a family member when she passed and was buried there...and of course she could also be here in Vernon Co. As more and more records are indexed and put online, something may show up. If you do not have her husband's probate records, you can request a search from the Missouri State Archives in their microfilm collection of county records -- see their website at

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp

I presume that he passed away before they moved down here in 1874. I see that other researchers list his death in Jackson/Johnson Co, MO just after 1860.

When did the son Robert A. Doores and family move away from Vernon Co? This will help me narrow down when she might have died, if in Vernon Co.

I am sending an information copy of this email to Lyndon Irwin (www.lyndonirwin.com). If anything does turn up here on Amanda Doores, we will be sure to contact you. I will also write a summary for the next genealogy newsletter... perhaps something will turn up.

Regards, Nancy

Susan, I'm sure that you and your family have spent a LOT of time trying to find the information about Amanda's death and death place. Nancy has given good guidance and I'll make a few comments.

As you know, Amanda lived in Richland Township with her son and family in the 1880 census, and I suppose that is all that anyone knows. I notice that someone named John Anderson lists her death year as 1881 on Ancestry.com. I wonder what his source is for that specific date.

So if she did die about that time, I suppose she would have been buried near there or else taken back to Jackson County where I assume her husband had died after 1860. That's a bad county for someone to have been buried in during the Border War years. I don't even know how possible it was to transport a body in 1881 - the Missouri Pacific line wasn't established until 1886 through Vernon County and I don't know if train travel was possible from Richland Township in 1881.

We can rule out that she was buried at Bronaugh, since she apparently died before the town was even founded and before the cemetery was established there.

Lyndon

Additional notes: known cemeteries in Richland Township include: Richland Cemetery, Coleman Cemetery, White Cemetery, and Cox Cemetery. Nearby cemeteries in bordering townships include Kaufman, East Liberty, Lawrence, and Turley cemeteries in Henry Twp; Rinehart Cemetery in Metz Twp; Miller Cemetery in Lake Twp; and Deerfield Cemetery in Coal Twp. Several area residents enumerated near the Doores family in 1880 are buried in Richland Cemetery. The earliest known burial in Richland Cemetery is 1878, and there are several broken and now unreadable stones there...possibly one of those is for Amanda Doores.

Please contact the Society if you have information on this Doores family. And let us highlight YOUR family research here.

DAR and SAR Websites

The on-line databases of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) may

be of assistance in your research. Both of these lineage societies have made portions of their genealogical records available, free to researchers. They are searchable at the following websites:

http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/research/ - DAR

<https://memberinfo.sar.org/patriotsearch/search.aspx> - SAR

Note from a Researcher

Oct 10, 2011

Just a note to say "Thank You" for the genealogy work your society has done!

My husband and I spent time at the library on October 3 and really appreciate the information that was available. Both of our families spent time in Nevada!

H. J. Spencer, my husband's great-uncle.
Philip Washington Lentz/s and family, my great-grandparents.

Thank you again!

Sincerely, Joyce A.

[Thank you, Joyce, for your comments regarding the resources in the Genealogy Dept.]

New U.S. & Canada Vital Records & State Census Data at FamilySearch.org

<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=15121> has links to lists of the various databases added or updated at www.familysearch.org. The familysearch site adds thousands of records weekly, so many records which were not available previously may be there now.

The genealogyblog.com link above has links to five major database files that you will want to look at for records now available at familysearch:

- US Birth & Christening Records
- US Marriage Documents & Indexes
- US Death & Probate Records
- Canadian Vital Records Databases
- USA State & Territorial Census & Tax Records

Some of these may not yet be indexed but can be browsed. Familysearch is also preparing to have volunteers index the 1940

U.S. Federal Census in record time – you may want to volunteer to help. A link for volunteers is on the website.

Release of the 1940 Census

Washington, DC – On Monday, April 2, 2012, at 9 a.m. EDT, the National Archives and Records Administration will place the entire 1940 Census—more than 18 terabytes of data—online, free of charge, for viewing and download by page or enumeration district.

Editor: I expect so many researchers will try to access the census at that time that the website will be overwhelmed and possibly crash...so good luck!

Genealogy Books for Christmas Presents

As Christmas approaches, consider a local history book for the researcher on your list. Various Vernon County and Civil War books are available and can be purchased at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/ - click on SALE ITEMS. In addition to those listed, the new Jeremy Rusk book, "Soldier's Heart" is also available at the Bushwhacker Museum.

Vernon County Cemetery Directory Honoring Our Veterans

Please help honor our Veterans by including their military service information in the Vernon County cemetery database. If you have a family member whose service is not indicated in the directory, please email or write to the genealogy society to let us know which branch of service and the military unit, if known. If service was during a time of conflict, please so indicate (e.g., WW II, Korea, Vietnam, or the most recent Middle-East conflicts). We would like to include this information in the next printing of the directory.

Flags are placed at individual graves in some of our area cemeteries at Memorial Day and/or Veterans Day by using the listing from the cemetery directory, so we ask your help in making this a more complete list by adding known military service.

Donations of Area School Yearbooks

The Nevada Library Genealogy Department is accepting donations of area school yearbooks into its collection of resources. If you have yearbooks which you would like to donate, please take them to the Nevada Library (or mail to the genealogy society – media mail). Materials in the Genealogy Dept. are non-circulating so cannot be checked out of the Library but must be used in the Genealogy Dept. Schools for which yearbooks are needed include:

Bronaugh
El Dorado Springs
Hume
Lamar
Liberal
Metz Elementary School 1985-close
Nevada Schools (all)
Northeast Vernon County
Richards
Schell City
Sheldon
Walker

Also, books from all of the one-room schools.

In some cases, the yearbook will be scanned and the original will be placed in the Museum for preservation and the copy will be made available for researchers in the Genealogy Dept. If multiple copies of a book are received, the additional copies will be placed in the Museum and in the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence (the largest genealogy library in this region of the U.S.). Please help preserve a full set of yearbooks from our area schools.

U.S. Map with Census Information

The link below is a map of the U.S. where you can hover the cursor over any county in the U.S. and see the 2010 census figures, compared to 2000. Also hover the cursor over any state, to see that state's totals in the column to the left of the page. Just glide your cursor over the map.
<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=thab1>

Email Notice of Newsletter

If you currently receive the newsletter in the U.S. mail and would rather receive it via email notice, please email the society to let us know. When viewed online, all internet links are clickable and will take you directly to the websites featured.

Genealogy Jamboree 2012

In June 2012 history will come alive in the streets of Cumberland Gap, TN. On June 7, 8, and 9, the 2nd Annual Genealogy Jamboree will be held hosted by the Cumberland Gap Volunteer Fire Department. This FREE one-of-a-kind 3-day event combines genealogy with period re-enactors and craftsmen in an historic setting.

Cumberland Gap is a natural gap in the otherwise near impassible Cumberland Mountains. This passage was highly utilized by many of our forefathers as they journeyed into Kentucky and points farther west! The Gap is located near where the states of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia meet. For more info, see www.genealogyjamboree.us

Ozarks Genealogical Society's 2012 Research Trip

The Springfield, MO genealogy society (Ozarks Genealogy Society) is planning its 2012 research trip to either Salt Lake City or to St. Louis area repositories. As a follow-up to the email sent to you earlier, please contact Janice Nusbaum if you are interested in traveling with their group jlnusbaum@att.net 417.861.7503.

Genealogy "Funnies"

1. My family coat of arms ties at the back... is that normal?
2. My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
3. Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
4. My hobby is genealogy; I raise dust bunnies as pets.
5. How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE?

6. I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.
7. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.
8. I'm searching for myself; have you seen me?
9. If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help...
10. Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!
11. Never mind the children, do you know where your Gr-Gr-Grandparents are tonight?
12. A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.
13. After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.
14. Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.
15. Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?
16. FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
17. Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but we love it.
18. Genealogists are time unravelers.
19. Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... we seek!
20. Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
21. "Crazy" is a relative term in my family.
22. A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.
23. I think my ancestors had several "Bad heir" days.
24. I'm always late. My relatives arrived in America on the JUNE flower.
25. Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.
26. Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
27. It's an unusual family that hath neither a lady of the evening or a thief.
28. Many a family tree needs pruning.
29. Shh! Be very, very quiet...I'm hunting forebears.
30. Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors!
31. That's strange: half my ancestors are WOMEN!
32. I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes.

33. Genealogists live in the past lane.
34. Cousins marrying cousins: Very tangled roots!
35. Cousins marrying cousins: A non-branching family tree.
36. All right! Everybody out of the gene pool!
37. Always willing to share my ignorance...
38. Documentation...The hardest part of genealogy.
39. Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!
40. Genealogy... will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?
41. I researched my family tree... and apparently I don't exist!

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

The following articles were transcribed by member Nancy T.

We regret very much to learn that Al. Goss, Saunders Goss and Geo. Goss have been playing the "cow-boy" on the peaceful citizens of Sheldon. They will yet learn a lesson from the enforcement of the law, that will cost them dearly. The account, as given in the *Enterprise*, entitles them to a place in the county jail instead of the calaboose. No such actions ought to be permitted in a civilized community.

Lamar Democrat, Lamar, Missouri.
Thursday, June 24, 1886, page 2, col. 4.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. P. Geneva spent Sunday with his daughters in Fort Scott.

Lonnie Ellis came down from Dodson and spent Sunday with his parents, S. A. Ellis and wife.

H. N. Baker has bought the Louis Payne property on South Petty street, now occupied by F. C. Bassett.

Mrs. Jennie Baze returned to her home at Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday after a month's visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Sadie Hawkins of Montevallo visited the latter part of last week with her brother, R. A. Snider. Oren Davis and family of Lamar, Colo., were also visitors at the Snider home last week.

Willie Carson, who spent his boyhood days in Metz, came down from Adrian Tuesday to look after the property to which he is an heir. Willie was accompanied by a wife, having been wed two months ago.

Jesse Webb returned Saturday from Calhoun where he was called on account of his mother's illness. His mother was improving slowly when he left her. Letters received later says she continues to show improvement.

*The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.
Friday, October 28, 1921.*

Newsletter Editor Retiring

Thank you for allowing me to be your newsletter editor for the past seven years. The newsletter has taken various formats over that time, and I hope that you have found it interesting and informative but most of all, I hope it has encouraged you to get excited about digging deeper in your own research and not giving up on brick walls. I hope to be able to submit articles in the

future for the new editor to use as space permits and encourage you to also do so. I encourage all members to support the new editor in any way that they can. Again, thank you and have a blessed Christmas!

Nancy T.

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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 80. 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.

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