

**Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 10 a.m.
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
302 E. Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO**

Valentine Cards of Days Gone By

Glean family information from a possibly overlooked source using old valentines. Art on valentines can depict the timeline of the world so age of the cards might be told from that. Neoma & Charles Foreman will share some of their collection of valentines dating back to the early 1900s. Members and guests are asked to bring old valentines and share their story. Was an engagement ring tucked into their folds? Who was that person who signed the card?

Calendar-year 2014 society dues (\$10 per individual) can be paid at this time. A newsletter will be published beginning in 2014, and it will be available via email to members. Please mail your membership dues today. A [membership form](#) can be printed here.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in family history research. If questions, please contact the society at Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net.

Please remember to sign the guest book when you go to the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept.

Net Neutrality

Under the Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality rules, broadband companies were forbidden from slowing down or blocking connections to content. That prohibition was struck down by the D.C. Circuit Court last month, enabling companies to legally slow service if they chose. Verizon suggested in oral argument last fall that it was interested in different service models.

This is important to us as private citizens and genealogists – internet providers could lower our internet speed when accessing certain websites. Please take the time to become familiar with this issue and contact both your State and Federal Senators and Representatives and urge support of net neutrality.

1963 Missouri Death Certificates Have Been Indexed

A tremendous THANK YOU goes out to the many volunteers who helped index the 1963 Mo. Death Certificates, and especially to member Betty H. (and any other members who many have helped). The death certificates will be available online very soon.

Indexing 1876 and 1886 Vernon County, Mo. Maps

The Bushwhacker Museum is organizing volunteers to create indexes for the 1876 and the 1886 Vernon County maps. These indexes will be very helpful for researchers. Genealogists pass it forward...we index records here and, in return, other genealogists index records in locations where our ancestors lived. Anyone wanting to help with this project can contact Will Tollerton at the Museum, 667-9602, and he will explain how it will be done. You can work at the Museum or take a township map page home to type.

FamilySearch Indexing Website

FamilySearch recently released a newly redesigned indexing website at <https://familysearch.org/indexing/> to make indexing records easier. Training and detailed information explain "how to." Volunteers select a project from the list of about 200 items. In 2014, there is a special project focus to index millions of obituaries. Volunteers index small batches of records at a time, on-line, on their home computers. Most batches can be completed within 30 minutes. Indexing records to help make them available without charge on the internet is a great way to support the genealogy community.

Vernon County Probate Microfilm

The genealogy society has several new rolls of probate microfilm which also needs to be indexed. This is a very easy indexing project but must be done at the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. in order to use a microfilm machine. I have indexed a few rolls of this film to see exactly what is involved and how long it takes. **This is very easy to do.** A roll of film is loaded onto the microfilm machine and advanced to the beginning of the first probate file. The (1) image number, (2) first and middle name, (3) surname and (4) film number are typed into a spreadsheet. The film is advanced to the next probate file and the image number and name are typed. Because the microfilm roll number is the same for all files on that roll, it is typed one time and copied-down for the entire roll.

It averages about 90 minutes to index a roll. It is okay to stop in the middle of a roll and complete it later, because the image number tells you image location of the last file indexed. A laptop computer will be stored at the library for this indexing project, and a typing table will be placed at the second microfilm machine. Please contact me if you would like to work on this project, and we will meet at the library to get started.

Training

When the weather warms up, we will schedule several computer research sessions and work days at the Nevada Library...it is still just too cold!

**Abstracted Newspaper Items
Vernon County, Missouri**

Vernon County Democrat, Nevada, MO. Friday Morning, July 2, 1880

Vernon County Democrat. The Official County Paper. W. R. Crockett, Editor and Publisher.

John Dougherty, of East Lynne, Cass county, is now in jail at Harrisonville for the murder of his wife. 2:1

Metz Items.

A theological discussion will commence July 12 and continue six days and nights at the grove north of here, near the Bates and Vernon co line. The spiritual belligerents will be Elder Randall of the Christian church, and Rev. Williams of the Baptist church. Basket dinners will be served each day; ample refreshments on the grounds for all.

Our townsman, Mr. Musselman, buried an infant Sunday; his family have our sympathy.

Candidates are circulating among us, and merchants are stocking up with cigars, expecting a large demand until Aug. 9. Mr. Jones of Deerfield and Mr. Dixon of Richland were here last week trying to convince us that they were the men we wanted.

Our next assessor, Petty, was at Nevada last week, engaged in the hand-shaking business.

Occasional. 2:5

Eureka Letter. Eureka Springs, Ark., June 20. Long article telling the advantages of Eureka Springs, its many springs and their healing powers...There are many of your acquaintances here, among them Senator Lloyd, proprietor of the Ponce de Leon, a magnificent hotel in North End, Rev. John Hale, Mr. Veatch, Mr. Copeland and wife, Samuel Perrine, Mr. Ellis and wife and Miss Sallie Presley, Tom Meyers and wife, Sam Lancaster, and a party of ladies I have not yet seen and others of Vernon, a number from Cedar, Barton and Bates counties. Those above mentioned, except Messrs. Meyers and Lancaster, parties I have seen today, all claim to be better. Mr. Ellis' case is that of paralysis. He came here totally blind but now claims he sees a very little. Miss Sallie Presley has had sore eyes for years and was almost blind. Her eyes now look sound, there being no inflammation, but you can see they are weak. I don't believe half the people who come use the water as they should. I will venture to say that any person who has drunk one gallon a day will say there is virtue in the water. There has been a great many deaths, generally invalids, a great many have measles. I advise leaving children away until late in the summers or fall. Board from \$3 to \$7 per week.

Quid Nunc. 2:6

Notice of final settlement: estate of Columbus Morris, deceased; 1st Monday of July 1880; Joseph Moore, Executor. 2:7

Dissolution Notice: partnership between John A. Hairgrove and John Cotrell, dba Hairgrove & Cotrell, dissolved this day by mutual consent; Hairgrove to pay all indebtedness of firm and will continue business. 2:7

Trustee's Sale: Maria Scribner and John Scribner, her husband; deed of trust dated 24 Jul 1879, recorded Mortgage Book O, page 102. Lot # 14, Block #3, Schell City, recorded plat of Schell City Town Co. Will sell to highest bidder, for cash, on Jul 17, 1880 at public sale. J. H. Maus, Trustee. 2:7

Estray Notice: Taken up by J. N. Holmes and posted before H. J. Collier, JP in Moundville, 21 June 1880, one black or brown mare pony, roached mane, four white feet, branded "J L" on the left shoulder and hip, supposed to be 6 yr old, appraised at \$20. 2:7

Trustees sale by sheriff: 1 June 1875, Isaiah Forbes, single man, sold and conveyed and warranted W. D. Hubbard, trustee, property in Township 34, Range 32, Section 4; Trust Deed Book H, page 445; W. D. Hubbard is absent from the state of MO and the legal holder of said bond has applied to sell; sale 26 July 1880 at south door of the courthouse. W. B. McGinnis, Sheriff of Vernon Co. 2:8

M. K. & T. R'Y. Runs beautiful parlor car (seats free) between Hannibal, MO and Chicago, IL. Runs finest dining cars between Hannibal, MO and Chicago, IL. Meals 75 cents. 2:8

J. F. Harber and family are visiting in Sedalia. 3:1

T. E. Stokes – fruit cans, bacon hams and lard of best quality; choice tobacco, etc., ads throughout paper. 3:1

Lucas & Co have put in a new billiard table. 3:1

The Stone Church is for sale; inquire of H. D. Edwards. 3:1

Messrs. Conrad, Jordan & Co., are building a large and substantial addition to their flouring mill. 3:1

McGinnis, Ingels & McNeil have bought of W. C. Davis & Co of Cincinnati 2 more car loads of "Favorite" stoves. 3:1

I have 95 head yearling steers and 15 head cows and heifers, fair grade stock, which I will sell at a bargain. J. B. Baker, Avola. 3:1

Dr. Callaway is the recipient of a handsome present, a fine buffalo robe sent him by Frank Morris from Dodge City, KS. It was brought by Judge Kahn on his return from the West. 3:1

Irons & Baker, choice meats; East side Cherry St. 3:1

Nevada Woolen Mill, Thompson & Green, informs public they are ready to card rolls, card and spin yard, make jeans, flannel, blankets and stocking yard either on shares or for pay. 3:1

The precise weight of John Strickland's big steer was the subject of such speculation on Saturday evening last, and when the money was all up, and time was called, the steer was driven on the scales and weighed 2,020 pounds. 3:2

Last Thursday the dwelling house of Phelps Reed, at Walker, a 2-story frame building, was burned to the ground in spite of all efforts to save it. All household goods were saved; the house was insured for \$600. It is supposed the fire originated from the kitchen stove. 3:2

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. The engine worked here Monday belongs to parties in Barton Co and is to be used in wheat threshing. 3:2

Please allow me to correct a *false*, and I fear malicious report circulating in the county to the effect that I have withdrawn my name as candidate for assessor. My name will stand as at present, subject to the county convention. I believe the gentlemen aspiring to the same nomination as myself too honorable and highminded to stoop to the littleness of the above. Metz, June 28, George W. Petty. 3:2

Dr. Berry was seriously hurt last week by a run-away horse; he is improving and will be out again in a few days. 3:3

The building occupied by M. T. Hill has been removed preparatory to the erection of Conkling & Bro's new bank building. 3:3

Joel Hill has put on his old jeans pants because they have deep pockets and he is enabled to carry plenty of cash which he keeps about him to pay for wool and hides. 3:3

Quite a pleasant reception was given the young graduates of Prof. Simpson's school last Friday evening by their young friend and class-mate, Willie F. Norman. 3:3

Walter Pierce is a clever young man and a good business man, but last Friday he made a great mistake—he brought two bottles of Lemp's beer to this office. Doesn't he know newspaper men never touch the flowing bowl? Perhaps he meant well, and we forgive him. At the time the beer was brought in, there were several bad, reckless men in our office reading the exchanges, who drank the beer and inquired if that was all of it. The reckless men request us to return thanks to Walter for his set up. 3:3

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