

# *Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society*

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## **Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 10 a.m.**

**Church of Christ Fellowship Hall**

**302 E. Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO**

### ***Genealogy Research Tools***

The program will be a video presentation on genealogy resources that you can utilize in your family history research. Following the presentation, Glen Christie will lead a group discussion on the information presented. Come and learn about researching your family!

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#### **Genealogy Society 2014 Officers:**

President – Valo J.

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Secretary – Lynda B.

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#### **Genealogy Department Work Session**

A tremendous Thank You! to the members who worked on labeling resources in the Genealogy Dept. following the March meeting. A lot of work was accomplished. Another work session will be held later in the spring.

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#### **Vernon County Missouri Cemetery Directory 2010**

Cedar & Vernon Co MO Society members can receive free lookups in the Cemetery Database. Email your list of names to

[Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net](mailto:Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net). The entries from the Directory will be copied and emailed back to you.

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#### **Save Time – Plan Your Research Trip**

If you are planning a research trip, please see [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~movernon/research\\_trip.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~movernon/research_trip.htm) which explains coming to Vernon County. If you are traveling elsewhere, look for their library, genealogy society, historical society, museum, courthouse, and archives online to see their hours, locations, and what their collections include. You can then determine which of the facilities you will need to visit to find documents and information for your research. Also check out the restaurant locations in the area you are visiting so you don't have to waste time finding somewhere close by for lunch when researching. The more you can do in advance of your visit, the more time you will have to search for records and information.

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### **Sourcing Genealogy Information from Online Sources**

Each bit of information you add to your family history file should be "sourced." This includes giving credit to and documenting from where you have obtained online information. Because something is online does not give permission to copy the information without recording and giving credit to where that information was obtained.

*Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* by Elizabeth Shown Mills is the standard for sourcing genealogy research, and a copy is available in the Genealogy Dept. You can also search online for information about sourcing your research.

We all enjoy sharing our research with distant cousins...what will that distant cousin think if he sees that your published research is actually *his* information that was copied from the internet without giving credit to him?

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### **Miscellaneous Newspaper Articles**

#### **Two Men Spent Hour and Half in Tree Top**

Marshall Cummins and his nephew, who live on the L. D. Reel farm, four miles northwest of Walker became marooned in the river bottom, south of Horton last Thursday morning and to keep from drowning had to take refuge in a tree, remaining there about an hour and a half before they were rescued.

Mr. Cummins and his nephew were driving a four horse team to a wagon and on their way to a sawmill near Horton when their horses got into water too deep to go through or turn around in and the wagon mired in the deep mud and the horses into swimming water and got tangled up in some way and could proceed no further.

While the men were in the tree a Missouri Pacific train came along and the crew took in the situation. The train was stopped at Horton and people notified of the predicament of the men.

The men were taken from the tree tops by Esau Foland and Paul Rimmer who came down the river in a boat. The men were chilled but otherwise suffered no injury.

The horses managed to get to where they could keep their heads above water and when Mr. Cummins was rescued he went to them and cut off the harness and got them all out.

[Walker Herald, February 16, 1928; transcribed by Neoma Foreman]

### **Old Relics**

Gavin Bickett has several old keepsakes that he brought with him from Ayrshire, Scotland, over thirty years ago. The first ones we had the pleasure of seeing were five old Octavo books, strongly bound, with heavy cord, and the backs covered with morocco binding. He has several bunches of flax that was gather by his father a short distance from Glasgow, Scotland, eighty years ago. Mr. Bickett is now in his seventy-second year, and the flax was gathered eight years before he was born. Mrs. Bickett has two pieces of silk dresses of her great-grandmother, which were made up into wedding dresses 125 years ago. These silks are much finer and heavier than the silk made in this country. Mr. Bickett also has two fingers of his son, Alex, who, while playing with a hatchet thirty-two years ago, accidentally cut them off. He took the little son's fingers and put them in alcohol where they remained until a few days ago, when he removed them from the alcohol, and now has them for curiosities. He has several other relics of old date, among which are a set of teaspoons and sugar bowl. Mr. Bickett looks hale and hearty, and has looks of living several years to come. He resides on Clay street, and will take pleasure in exhibiting these old keepsakes to everyone.

[Nevada Noticer, Nevada, Missouri; Thursday 5 July 1888. Transcribed by Nancy T.]  
Editor's note: Society member Carol K. is researching this family. The surname is usually spelled Bicket (one "t") by the family. The Bicket Cemetery, located south of Nevada, MO on BB Hwy, was part of the original Gavin Bicket farm. The earliest recorded burial there is George L. Kirk, 2 Sep 1872-8 Oct 1874. He was the son of Civil War Union Veteran George L. Kirk, Co G, 9<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry.

According to [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org), "An octavo is a book or pamphlet made up of one or more full sheets of paper on which 16 pages of text were printed, which were then folded three times to produce eight leaves." Morocco binding is the finest grade of leather, always dyed, and the traditional tanning material was Sumac.

A. W. Clemensen has an old coin over 500 years old. He came in possession of the relic some three years ago. Mr. Clemensen had been breaking a

piece of ground that had recently been cleared of timber and in burning the stumps dug off this tract, this piece of money was unearthed. The coin is copper about the size of a fifty cent piece. It is well preserved and bears the inscription "I-4 De Real, 1365" upon one side and the words "E. Chi Ma Leberland." upon the other. Other small coins have been picked up off this farm, which is located four miles south-west of town.

[The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; Thursday, 22 June 1905. Transcribed by Nancy T.]

Editor's note: Our thanks to Society member Raymond M. who found and shared this interesting article while he was researching. If anyone can help identify what this coin or medallion might be, the information will be published in a future newsletter.

### **Explosion Injures Family.**

Springfield, Mo., April 4—H. L. Gibson and his son, Cecil Gibson, lighted a match in the basement of their home ten miles east of here last night in an attempt to discover a leak in a lighting system from which gas was escaping. An explosion followed and both are in a dangerous condition from burns.

Mrs. Gibson and her 5-year-old-son, who were standing in the doorway also were injured. Mrs. Gibson's clothing was set afire and she was seriously burned before members of the family rushed into the yard and pushed her into a tub of water.

[El Dorado Springs Sun, El Dorado Springs, Missouri; Thursday, 11 April 1918. Transcribed by Nancy T.]

### **Pro-German is Rawhided.**

Jefferson City, Mo., April 5—Fritz Monat, who announced on the streets of Jefferson City that he was born in Germany, was proud of it and that he wanted the Kaiser to win the war, was taken by a committee of citizens to McClung park tonight and whipped with a rawhide. He was then marched to the Jefferson theater, and, in the presence of a large audience (sic), forced to kneel and kiss the American flag. He was told to leave town within one hour. He left on a west bound trail.

Monat, claimed to be from Stau[n]ton, Ill., where he said he worked in a coal mine. He was about 40 years old.

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