

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 10 a.m.

Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

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

Wisdom Learned from An Ancestor

The Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, June 17 at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in El Dorado Springs. Following a brief business meeting, attendees will share wisdom they learned from an ancestor.

If you would like to carpool from the Woods parking lot in Nevada at 9:15 a.m., please call Nancy to make arrangements.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research, so please feel free to invite a friend.

Illinois Boys in Blue

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois is the repository for photographs of more than 8,000 Illinois soldiers who served in the Civil War.

Pictures are being scanned and cataloged. Check this website for more information <http://www2.illinois.gov/alplm/library/programs/boysinblue/Pages/BoysInBlueImages.aspx>

“Street View” on Google Maps

Insert the street address of an ancestor in Google Maps and see the house in which they lived using “Street View” <https://www.google.com/maps/>

Cherokee members set to retrace Trail of Tears

By the Associated Press; Saturday, May 31, 2014

TAHELQUAH, Okla. (AP) - Nineteen Cherokee Indians are set to begin an annual 950-mile bicycle ride from Georgia to Oklahoma to commemorate the forced removal of Cherokees from the southeastern United States to Indian Territory, now known as Oklahoma. Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma who are making the “Remember the Removal” ride gathered Friday in Cherokee, North Carolina, before leaving for Georgia for the start of the journey Sunday. An estimated 4,000 of the approximately 16,000 Cherokees died of exposure, starvation and disease during the removal, known as the Trail of Tears, tribal officials said.

Riders will make stops at museums, gravesites, stockades, churches and other historic sites along the way, accompanied by Cherokee Nation tribal council member and Trail of Tears historian Jack Baker. The riders will also document their journey using personal video diaries. The ride follows the northern route of the Trail of Tears. It begins Sunday in New Echota, Georgia, and is to end June 19 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the capital of the Cherokee Nation. The riders will cross Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas before ending the journey in eastern Oklahoma.

Read more: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/may/31/cherokee-members-set-to-retrace-trail-of-tears/#ixzz34IpIH1Ez>

Bushwhacker Museum Used Book Sale – June 14

The Vernon Co Historical Society's used book sale will be in the Nevada Library Meeting Room on Saturday during Bushwhacker Days – stop in and find some bargains and items of interest!

FamilySearch to Add New “Record Hints”

The search function on the <https://familysearch.org/> website will soon add “Record Hints.” This new feature will be especially helpful in searching the vast database of records on this site. To read more about this:

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/family-history-research-easier/>

Ancestry.com to Retire Five Genealogy Services

http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2014/06/05/AncestrycomToRetireFiveGenealogyServices.aspx?et_mid=677231&rid=238849862

Ancestry.com today announced that it will "retire" five of its services as of Sept. 5, 2014:

- MyFamily.com**, the family website service
- MyCanvas**, the photo book publishing service
- Genealogy.com** (though the site will remain online with some content)
- Mundia.com**, the worldwide family tree site
- Y-DNA and mitochondrial DNA testing**

Ancestry.com says that ending these services allows Ancestry.com to focus on its core products and mission. If you have content on any of these websites, please read more about this on Ancestry.com's blog post.

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/06/04/ancestry-com-focuses-on-core-offerings/> If you have used ancestry.com DNA testing, you will only have a certain amount of time to download and transfer your test results to another website such as <http://www.ysearch.org/> and a surname group at <https://www.familytreedna.com/>, etc. If this affects you, don't delay!

Nevada Newspapers at Google News

Hundreds or thousands of newspapers across the country have been digitized by Google News. If you are researching ancestors in Vernon County, you will be interested to know that several of the Nevada newspapers have been digitized and are available at <http://news.google.com/newspapers> It is suggested that you use the **Ctrl+f** function to search for a specific newspaper name on the page rather than one of the search fields at the top of the page. As of this time, none of the county papers (Bronaugh, Metz, Schell City, Sheldon, Walker) are available on Google News nor are the other Nevada papers (Nevada Noticer, Southwest Mail, etc.).

Another websites for accessing Missouri digital newspapers for free is Missouri Digital Heritage: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/browse.asp?id=12.6>

The Penn Libraries Historical Newspapers Online website provides links to digital newspapers in all States – this is a terrific website for researchers:

<http://guides.library.upenn.edu/historicalnewspapersonline>

Newspaper Articles

Robbers broke into the Brubaker bank last Wednesday morning but failed to get anything. They broke into the section house and obtained tools. They then

broke in through the rear window, beat the lock off the safe with a sledge hammer, but were evidently frightened away before completing their work.

Up to date no clue to the robbers who broke into the Walker depot has been discovered. A large box from the J. W. Jenkins music house of Kansas City was shipped here to the Crawford Dramatic Co., with bill attached for \$173.25. This box was broken open and its contents stolen. Station agent Haynes says he don't know what the box contained, but supposed it was musical instruments of some kind. The invoice made no mention of what was in the box.

A strange story comes from Hannibal. A mother was kneeling beside her dead baby and kissing its cold lips when it suddenly opened its eyes and put its arms around her neck. The little one, who had pneumonia, was getting well at last accounts.

Miss Eliza Bliss of Moberly, supplied a tramp with a meal the other day. While she was preparing the food the tramp sang "Nearer, My God to Thee," and at the same time stole the lady's pocket book and \$25 from her bureau drawer.

Walker Herald, May 3, 1923

Leg Broken; Sues Woodmen

By Associated Press.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 9.—James T. Smith filed suit In the Vernon county circuit court today against the Modern Woodmen of America for \$20,000. He alleges that while being Initiated by the Erie, Kas. lodge his leg was broken.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; Tuesday, 10 December 1907.

Plead Guilty of Fraud

KANSAS CITY, April 24.—In the federal court here, Stephen A. Weltmer and James H. Kelly, president and secretary, respectively, of the Weltmer institute of magnetic healing at Nevada, Mo., pleaded guilty to the charge of using the mails to defraud. Sentence has been reserved.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; Thursday, 25 April 1901.

"KID" FERNS ARRESTED

NEVADA. Mo., Dec. 12.—"Kid" Ferns, the Oklahoma welter weight, who last night, knocked out "Knockout" Brown of Kansas City in a bout here, was arrested today on a state warrant charging him with participating in a "prize fight." He was released on \$1,000 bond.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Wednesday, 13 December 1911.

Wages of Employes Cut.

Nevada, Mo., Jan. 18.—A 10 per cent cut was made in the wages of certain classes of the employes of Lanyon Spelter Company here yesterday. The cut affects 100 men and is made, as the company claim, so they can successfully compete with other cities.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Saturday, 19 January 1895.

Found a Body in a Barrel.

Nevada, Mo., March 10.--There is considerable excitement at Bronaugh, Vernon County, over the finding of a body doubled up in a coal-oil barrel. The man is unknown. The police are making an investigation and hint at a sensation.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Monday, 11 March 1895.

SON OF POSTMASTER STEALS \$5000 PACKAGE

Confession Follows His Capture After a Long Chase Through Southern States.

NEVADA, Mo., April 11. — Edward Griffith, son of the postmaster of Great Bend, Kans., has been arrested here, charged with having stolen a registered package of \$5000, which was sent by the Traders' Bank of Kansas City to a banking house at Great Bend on February 9. Griffith confessed.

Griffith was once an employe of the Great Bend postoffice and had access to the registered packages. After taking the \$5000 he fled to El Paso, Tex. A letter in the Nevada postoffice addressed to "Ed Graham," known as Griffith's alias, led to his arrest. An inspector went to El Paso and trailed Griffith to Carthage, Mo., and from there to Nevada, where Griffith came to meet a woman, to whom he had given a large part of the money. The woman turned the money over to the Inspector and her name was not divulged.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Tuesday, 12 April 1904.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED BY A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Train Crew Switching Cars at a Missouri Station Causes a Fatal Catastrophe.

NEVADA, Mo., Aug. 20. — Five persons were killed at Minden, a station on a branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, this afternoon by the explosion of a car of dynamite. The dead: Station Agent Brooks, wife and daughter of Minden; Engineer Rodea and Fireman Todd, both of Nevada. A train crew on a local freight was switching some cars, when they struck a car of dynamite.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 21 August 1904.

TWELVE YEARS IN JAIL IS MURDERER'S SENTENCE

Physician Who Killed Farmer in Missouri Last May Sent to the Penitentiary.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 24. — Dr. J. T. Todd, a practicing physician and a former member of the State Legislature, who shot R. T. Wall at Richards, Mo., in May last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury here to-day and his punishment fixed at twelve years in the State penitentiary. Todd pleaded self-defense. Ill feeling had existed between the two men for twenty years. Wall was a wealthy farmer.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 25 December 1904.

PRAIRIE FIRE RAGES.

Missouri Farmers Lose Their Crops Through a Man's Carelessness.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 30.— A special to the Chronicle from Nevada, Mo., says: One of the largest fires in years has broken out in Montevallo Township. Four hundred acres of heavy timber and 300 acres of corn have been destroyed. The losses will reach several thousand dollars. Hundreds of people are fighting the flames. A man near Harwood carelessly threw a burning match on the ground, and the fire that it started burned four farmers' crops, amounting to 125 acres of corn and meadows before it could be checked.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Thursday, 31 October 1895.

Railway Traffic Impeded [Impeded].

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.--On account of the tremendous rainfall in Missouri railway traffic has been seriously disrupted. All trains on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas north of Sedalia have been abandoned, long stretches of track being under water. At Rich Hill the Maries des Cygnes River is out of its banks, and great damage is feared. Nevada, Mo., reports the Maratonn [Marmaton] River higher than for four years past, and rising eight inches an hour. At Jefferson City a ten-foot rise in the Missouri has occurred, while the Osage and Gasconade are higher than for years.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 20 Friday, December 1895.

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