

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

218 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO

The History of Nevada, Missouri Police Department and the Establishment of the Bushwhacker Museum

The Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, July 15, beginning at 10 a.m. Chief of Police Graham Burnley will present a program on the history of the Nevada Police Dept. and the establishment of the Bushwhacker Museum, including old pictures of the original sheriff's office. **Chief Burnley's presentation will begin at 10 a.m. and the business meeting will follow.**

Calendar-year 2014 society dues (\$10 per individual) can be paid at any time. A newsletter is again being published and is available via email to members. Please mail your membership dues today. A membership form can be printed [here](#).

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

Digitized Nevada, MO Newspapers

Just a reminder from last month's article regarding online, digitized local newspapers. Not all of the Nevada newspapers are on the googlenews website, and some that are on that site have had some articles randomly erased. If you are not finding what you need and issues are missing for a specific date, please contact the Society. I will do a few lookups for long-distance members as I have time, at no charge.

DAR On-line Lineages in Genealogy Research

We have probably all utilized the wonderful online, free DAR "Genealogical Research System" in our research. It is important to understand that what you see online is not an approved, verified lineage. When a woman submits a DAR application through a chapter, her lineage may not be entirely complete or correct when submitted – perhaps a fact is not satisfactorily proven, only a partial date is given for an event, the maiden name of a spouse is unknown, etc. As a DAR application is processed, it will be "marked-up" with edits to correct it. What you see online is not the marked-up lineage; however, a copy of the marked-up lineage can be ordered from the DAR for \$10 when using a credit card online. A copy of genealogical proof used in applications can also be ordered from the DAR Library. If you have questions regarding this, please contact me and I can help you get answers.

Quarters for Microfilm Machine

A hint from one of our members: If you are printing several documents from microfilm and run out of quarters and the Library staff does not have change, you can walk across the street to the carwash in front of the library – they have a coin changer which takes both \$1 and \$5 bills. [Thanks, Lyndon!]

Nevada Newspaper Microfilm

I recently obtained the answer to a question I have had for about 12 years – Who pays for the microfilm of the Nevada newspaper that we periodically receive during the year? The Nevada Public Library budgets about \$700 to purchase this microfilm for the Genealogy Department. ***Thank you, Nevada Library!!***

Purchase of New Microfilm Machine

The Nevada Library has purchased a new ScanPro microfilm scanner machine. With this equipment, virtually unreadable microfilm can be corrected to make it readable, and newspaper pictures can be satisfactorily obtained. The digital file created in using this equipment is saved to your personal flash drive, but you cannot print directly from the ScanPro equipment. You print from your flash drive at another computer or save the digital file for future use. The viewing screen is a vertical computer monitor. Once this equipment has been installed, we will schedule training for members. This is a fantastic piece of equipment to add to the Genealogy Dept.—some members saw a demonstration of a ScanPro several months ago. ***Again, Nevada Library, thank you, thank you!!***

It is anticipated that the new equipment can be placed on the stand where the older machine now sits. The older microfilm machine (which no longer prints) can be moved to the brown table along the north wall where patrons only needing to view film can use it.

Photo and Family Papers Workshop

There is a possibility that a “Photo and Family Papers Workshop” (or some related subject workshop) can be co-sponsored by the State Historical Society, Vernon County Historical Society, and the Genealogical Society at some time in the future. It would be nice to offer such an event conducted by the Historical Society of Missouri in this part of the state.

State Hospital #3 Book

A copy of the State Hospital #3 book was been purchased by the Genealogy Society and donated to the El Dorado Springs Library in memory of our long-time member and friend, Murle Phipps.

A copy of this book was also purchased by the Elizabeth Carey Chapter DAR and donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. as a reference and cannot be checked out. The Library purchased a circulating copy which patrons can check out. [Edited to correct incorrect information; NT 7/16/2014.]

1945 Nevada Phone Book

A 1945 Nevada phone book was recently donated to the Genealogy Dept. by member Lyndon I. Phone books can help prove a person lived in a certain area at a given time. This can be particularly helpful between census or more recently when the census is not yet available. If you have old phone books or city directories, please consider donating them.

Missouri Digital Heritage - County History Project

I can never seem to find the digitized Missouri county histories when I need them and thought that you might possibly have the same problem. This web address seems to now get me there most of the time...

<http://cdm16795.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/mocohist>

As reported in an earlier newsletter, both the 1887 and the 1911 Vernon County history books are available on this website as well as the 1908 Early

Days in Cedar County book. You can select any county and see what digitized books they have available.

From the Email Inbox:

Subject: Mound Cemetery

On our Memorial Day trip this year, we were pleased to see all the hard work that had been done on the Mound Cemetery! Our accolades to whomever is doing this hard work. We again looked for our great grandfather, Levi Davis (1842-1898), who is supposedly buried there. We did visit with another relative who suggested that as the road was changed over the years that his grave may have been altered. If you ever find a plot listing, we would love to see if he is really there!

All the best to the very hard workers! Love the new sign!
Patti Self

Book Purchase Possibilities - Classic Reprints Catalog of the New England Historic Genealogical Society

The Genealogical Society is always looking for reference materials to enhance and expand our collections. The Classic Reprints Catalog of the New England Historic Genealogical Society contains more than 12,000 books. These books are high-quality reproductions printed on acid-free paper and bound like library books. Prices listed are for the paperback version; add \$12 for a hardcover version and specify hardcover when ordering. The binding and printing process takes four to eight weeks. Books in the catalog are organized by the following categories: Genealogies and Family Histories, Local Histories, and Miscellaneous. <http://www.americanancestors.org/classic-reprints/> Click on "Search our Classic Reprints Catalog" to open a pdf file which lists all of the books available. This pdf file is searchable. Ideas on additional books to purchase are always welcome.

24-Hour Indexing Blitz

We all appreciate conducting an internet search and finding our ancestor in materials that have been indexed and placed online free for everyone's use. There is an opportunity for individuals to help with an upcoming obituary indexing project at <http://familysearch.org>. The goal is to have 50,000 individuals index at least one batch of obituaries between 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 20 and 6:59 p.m. on Monday, July 21. Anyone with computer access can do this, and the obituaries are easy to read. Just be aware that there are several very specific rules to follow to index them correctly. If you would like to do this and need help getting started and learning how to index obits, our member Mary Alice J. will be glad to share her experience with this. Contact me and I will put you in contact with her.

Join volunteers from around the world on July 20-21 for an international history-making event! This remarkable goal can be achieved if generous volunteers like you commit to participate. So mark your calendar, and spread the word! Everyone is needed. Everyone can make a difference! At the end of this exciting 24-hour event, millions more records will be available and ancestors will be found! New indexers can visit <https://familysearch.org/indexing/> to learn more about how to join the FamilySearch indexing effort.

From the Email Inbox:

To: MOVernon@centurytel.net

Subject: Vernon County MOGenweb site - thank you!

The Vernon County MOGenweb site is awesome. I know that you have spent endless hours on it and I want you to know that I truly appreciate it. I

created a couple of counties for the USGenWeb project and maintained one of them (Howard County, MO) for about a decade before my life got really crazy...so I know how much personal time is involved. My sister and I are planning a research trip to Nevada and because of the resources contained on your website, you have saved use hours in being able to plan that trip. Everything we have needed has been in one location.

Again, thank you so much. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated!

Best Regards,
Sheryl
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Newspaper Articles

BALLTOWN, Mo. – An eight-pound cannon ball, relic of the Civil War, has been plowed up on the farm of W. H. Hallett by Ernie Cole, the tenant, reviving tales of the past action near here when union forces under General Pleasanton engaged Confederate troops led by General Price and General Marmaduke. The cannon ball was given to the Vernon County Historical Society.

The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Chillicothe, Missouri; Saturday, 2 September 1933.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that whereas the entire debts of the firm of Wilson, Gordon & Ray, have been paid by the surviving partners, H. T. Wilson and S. B. Gordon, the said firm of Wilson, Gordon & Ray is this day formally dissolved, and H. T. Wilson is authorized to collect and receipt for all debts which are owing to said firm, except such debts as have been made at the store of said firm in Balltown, Mo., which said debts S. B. Gordon is authorized to collect.

H. T. WILSON,
S. B. GORDON,
H. T. WILSON,

Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Ray.
Fort Scott, Kansas, Dec. 16th, 1870.

The Fort Scott Daily Monitor, Fort Scott, Kansas; Saturday, 4 February 1871.

Identified.

The horses taken in by Sheriff Asher last week, in the possessions of Mercer, were yesterday identified by their owners. The black pony belonged to J. Blazely, of Balltown, Mo., and the bay horse to J. L. Brand, of Rich Hill, Mo. The owners took their horses home, and the sheriff of Vernon county Mo., will get a requisition for Mercer, as he refused to go without one. The sheriff received \$50 for his capture. Horse-thieves are almost certain to be caught if they come within Asher's district, as many a thief has discovered.

The Lawrence Daily Journal, Lawrence, Kansas; Wednesday, 13 September 1882.

Down an Embankment.

Nevada, Mo., June 28th.— A Missouri Pacific passenger train was wrecked five miles from here this afternoon by the spreading of the rails on a sharp curve. Three coaches were precipitated down an embankment; Conductor Sam Jones and a child of W. H. Marvins, both of Kansas City, were fatally hurt. Twenty-seven other people were injured more or less seriously, but it is not thought that any of them will die.

Daily Alta California; San Francisco, California; Sunday, 29 June 1890.

The Madstone Again.

Nevada, Mo., June 16. — Miss Rosa Roach of Pawnee, Kans., has arrived here to have a madstone applied to a wound inflicted by a dog supposed to be affected with hydrophobia. The unfortunate young lady was bitten on the evening of June 12, at Fort Scott, where she was attending a teacher's institute. The same dog attacked other ladies, tearing their clothing, but doing no other damage. The stone adhered several hours.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 17 June 1894.

Ten Years for a Robber.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 5.— The first trial of train robbers in this State since the passage of the law inflicting the death penalty on this class of criminals was ended here last night, when the jury in the case of W. B. Morris, one of three robbers who held up the Missouri Pacific freight train at Nassau Junction, January 15 last, brought in a verdict giving him ten years.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 6 December 1896.

SAME OLD STORY.

One Woman Who Was Evil Between Two Jealous Men.

Nevada, Mo., May 19. — A terrible tragedy was enacted at Rhinehart [Rinehart], a small hamlet, fifteen miles northwest of this place, this morning. William Perdue shot and killed A. W. Rundle, set fire to Rundle's house and then shot and killed himself. Rundle received five buckshot in his head. Perdue's intimacy with Rundle's wife, which has existed more than a year, was the cause of the crime.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 20 May 1894.

Ex-Bank Officials Indicted.

Nevada (Mo.), Dec. 12.—At the request of Prosecuting Attorney Scott, Judge Stratton ordered a new Grand Jury impaneled to take the place of the one just discharged, asserting that the latter did not do its duty in not indicting certain officials of the defunct Citizens' Bank, which failed recently under peculiar circumstances. The new jury returned true bills against the President, Vice-President, Cashier and Directors of the bank.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 13 December 1891.

Death of L. W. Walker.

SANTA ROSA, July 27.— A dispatch was received here announcing the death this morning, at Nevada, Mo., of L. W. Walker of "The Olives," near Santa Rosa. He was a prominent pioneer and Mason and 78 years old. He went East some time ago to benefit his health. He was a native of Vermont. The remains will be brought here for interment.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Monday, 28 July 1902.

SUES EX-OIL INSPECTOR

Speed Charged With Illegally Retaining Fees

NEVADA, Mo., Oct. 12. —Attorney General Crow today instituted suit here asking for judgment for \$11,500 against R. B. Speed, former coal oil inspector of St. Louis, which amount plaintiff asserts was collected during Speed's term and withheld by him, in violation of the act passed by the legislature of 1899 defining the compensation of oil inspectors.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; Tuesday, 13 October 1903.

HEAVY HAILSTONES.

Hail as Large as Hen's Eggs and Many Persons Bruised.

Springfield, Mo., April 10th.— The severest hailstorm in ten years raged here yesterday. Windows were broken by the hundreds and hailstones as large as hen's eggs fell. Many persons received severe bruises. A cyclone is reported to have passed over Nevada, Mo., and Sandoyal, Kas., last night. Several buildings were blown down. Nobody is reported killed.

Daily Alta California, San Francisco, California; Saturday, 11 April 1891.

Lightning Struck a Mill.

NEVADA, Mo., Aug. 9. — Lightning struck the big four-story mill of Graves & Ambrose at 3 o'clock this afternoon, damaging it badly and felling five men at work on the lower floor. Two of the men, James Perry and Thomas Jackson, were fatally hurt and the other three seriously injured. Several other persons on the same floor were stunned and shocked, but not dangerously hurt.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Saturday, 10 August 1895.

A horse which strayed from its owner was found alive in a deserted stall of the Fair grounds near Nevada, Mo. It had eaten out the pine timber in reach. For thirty days it had lived without food or drink.

Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento, California; Monday, 2 January 1899.

An Equine Tanner

NEVADA, Mo., Oct. 25.—A remarkable case of long life without food or drink developed here yesterday, when a horse supposed to have been stolen from E. T. Letton of this county on the night of September 25 was found alive in one of the stalls at the fair grounds. It had gotten loose from its owner and strayed into the fair grounds, where it was shut in a stall by one of the fair managers, who supposed it belonged to people camped there. When found it had eaten all the pine timber in reach, and though greatly emaciated was able to walk. It had subsisted without food or drink the whole time.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 26 October 1898

A Game Two Could Play.

Nevada, Mo., May 2.— Henry Robinson and George Crane had a rough-and-tumble fight Saturday over election matters in Virgil Township in this county. A warrant was issued for Crane's arrest, and when the Constable attempted to serve it Crane shot him fatally. Another constable was deputized to make the arrest, and in attempting it he shot Crane, inflicting fatal wounds.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Tuesday, 3 May 1892.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Nevada, Mo. —A charge of embezzlement of \$6000 has been made against Cole Younger, the bandit, by the management of a Wild West show with which Frank James and Younger have been associated since shortly after Younger's pardon from the penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence. James and Younger had previously brought action for damages against the management because, as they alleged, the show proprietors failed to equip the aggregation according to contract.

Sausalito News, Sausalito, Marin County, California; Saturday, 26 September 1903.

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