

# *Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society*

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## **Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 10 a.m.

Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

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

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## ***Pre-1850 U.S. Research Methodologies***

Prior to 1850, the U.S. Federal Censuses only listed the name of the head of household and the number of household members in various age categories. This makes researching one's pre-1850 ancestors very difficult. This genealogy program will discuss the various methodologies to use when researching pre-1850 family members.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research, so please feel free to invite a friend. If you would like to carpool from Nevada, please call Nancy before Monday evening to make arrangements.

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## **New ScanPro Microfilm Equipment – New Computer Needed**

The new microfilm equipment was installed and is proving to be the powerful workhorse that it was expected it to be. However, the computer that the Library Director had identified to run the software is actually not powerful enough to do so. Because of this, one of the two new Genealogy Dept. computers is being used to run the ScanPro equipment and software. The Library purchased the new ScanPro equipment for the Genealogy Dept. – would the Genealogy Society consider purchasing a computer and 24-inch vertical monitor to run the ScanPro so that the Genealogy Dept. computer could be returned to its intended use as the second research computer? This will be discussed at the August meeting. The Society currently has \$2,850 in its treasury, and a suitable Dell computer and monitor can probably be purchased for approximately \$650-850.

If you are unable to attend the August meeting, please feel free to share your thoughts about this with our president, Valo Jones at [r.r.jones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.r.jones@sbcglobal.net) or call her at (417) 667-2457.

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## **DAR On-line Lineages in Genealogy Research**

In last month's newsletter, the paragraph about the DAR "Genealogical Research System" contained incorrect information. The lineages which you can search online have, in fact, been verified with documentation which was submitted at that time. A copy of supporting documentation can be obtained from the DAR Library. You can access the DAR's GRS database at [http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search/?tab\\_id=0](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?tab_id=0) Use the Ancestor, Member, or Descendants tabs to search lineages. The GRC, Resources, and Library Catalog tabs can be used to search records, documents, and indexes. If you have questions regarding this, please contact me and I can help you get answers.

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## **Several New Items on Website**

The Vernon Co USGenWeb site at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~movernon/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~movernon/) has recently had several pages updated. Be sure to check out Biographies, Deaths, Photos Need ID, and Surnames.

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### **From the Mailbag:**

Thanks for sending the info about the Kirkpatrick and other families reunion [Aug 3 in El Dorado]. I went and they gave me a photo of Finis Ewing Kirkpartick—my great-great-great grandfather so it was good. Jim Halsey also gave each who attended a copy of his book about his work in the music field. It was interesting, but only five showed up. They were excited though.

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### **Marriages on the Border**

Because Vernon Co is on the Kansas state line, many residents went to Fort Scott, KS to get married—especially during the Civil War when the Vernon Co government was shut down. The Kansas marriage records are available free at <https://familysearch.org/search> . Bourbon County's first marriage record was dated Oct 1855, and during the Civil War, numbers of records recorded at Fort Scott were as follows:

1861 – 96  
1862 – 146  
1863 – 168  
1864 – 272  
1865 – 294

The name of this database is **Kansas, Marriages, 1840-1935**.

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### **1870 Vernon County, Missouri Census**

James R. Baker Jr. ( jrbakerjr ) now has the complete transcribed 1870 census for Vernon County on line, comprising 303 census pages on 27 web pages. You can search this free census information at <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jrbakerjr/1870vernon/vernonindex1870.htm> Thank you, Jim, for the Vernon Co indexing and research you have done!

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### **Missouri Historical Review Article**

The first article in the July 2014 Missouri Historical Review, pages 221-233, was written by a Bronaugh High School graduate. The article is by David Roggeneses who is a nephew of Norman and Rosemary Noel, a society member. The article is about Nathan Boone and the Cherokees. You can read this article in the Genealogy Dept. of the Nevada Library – the current issue of the Historical Review is on the large table. Later, it will be filed in the periodicals section of the resource room.

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### **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Missouri Collection**

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Company, established in 1867, compiled and published maps of U.S. cities and towns for the fire insurance industry to assess fire risk. Between 1955 and 1978, the Library of Congress withdrew duplicate sheets and atlases from their collection and offered them to selected libraries. Maps for Missouri towns and cities were given to the MU Libraries.

Documenting the layout of 390 Missouri cities from 1883 to 1951, the 1,283 maps in the collection are an invaluable research tool for urban historians, architectural historians, environmentalists, genealogists and preservationists. <http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/specialcollections/sanborn.htm> (Thank you, Gayle T. for sending this link several months ago.)

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## **West Virginia Civil War Medals – Unclaimed**

In 1866, the state of West Virginia authorized the minting of over 26,000 medals to honor its Union Civil War soldiers. Today, over 4,000 medals remain unclaimed. If you had an ancestor who did not claim his medal, you can apply to receive it. See details at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/medals.html>

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## **Newspaper Articles**

### **RETIRED BANDIT UNDER ARREST**

#### **Cole Younger Charged With Embezzlement**

NEVADA, Mo., Sept. 21.—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 and refused to drive away the gambling element that followed the show. Both James and Younger assert there is nothing in the embezzlement charge, which, they say, is retaliatory.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 22 September 1903.**

### **LEGALLY DECLARED DEAD MAN RETURNS TO ASYLUM**

#### **Patient Left Hospital Eight Years Ago, and Not Being Located, Was Thought to Be Dead**

NEOSHO, Mo., Aug. 19.—W. H. Wright, formerly a well known merchant of Neosho, who disappeared from the hospital at Nevada, Mo., where he was a patient nearly eight years ago and who since has been legally declared dead, has voluntarily returned to the institution. Wright was seen today by former Neosho friends who visited the hospital and identified him. Wright had, he says, wandered over the middle west for years. He appears to be in good health. After disappearing, Wright's wife died, and only a few months ago, he was legally declared dead and his estate was given over by the court to his daughter, Miss Marguerite Wright, who is now in Seattle, Wash.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; Friday, 20 August 1909.**

### **MAN WHO FELL DEAD INTO SEA UNIDENTIFIED**

Special to The Herald.

LONG BEACH, Dec. 31.—The man who fell from the pier last night and was picked up dead by youths in a rowboat has not been identified. His body is at the Cleveland morgue on American avenue in this city. Fatty degeneration of the heart caused death. He is supposed to have a daughter in Nevada, Mo. The words 'George W. Mark, 3858 Ashland avenue' were written on a scrap of paper in his spectacle case. An inquest will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; Wednesday, 1 January 1908.**

### **PRIVATE BANKS CLOSED.**

Conkling Brothers, Missouri Financiers, Forced to the Wall. NEVADA, Mo., Aug. 6.--Sheriff Scroggen to-day closed Conkling Bros.' banking-house in this city, the Bank of Bronaugh, Bank of Sheldon and the Bank of Richards, all property of the Conkling brothers, under an injunction of the Vernon County Circuit Court. I. W. Conkling of the firm says that the closed banks will be able to pay every dollar of the indebtedness. J. M. George and C. M. Shartel were appointed to take charge of the firm's business as receivers.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Friday, 7 August 1896.**

### **THEY RAN A LOTTERY.**

### **Three Men of Missouri in Very Questionable Business.**

St. Louis, Oct. 30.— United States District Attorney Clopton to-day filed informations against Dennis P. Slattery, J. S. Johnson and W. H. Stevenson. The charge is that they used the mails for the purpose of a lottery by virtue of their connection with the Guarantee Investment Company of Nevada, Mo. Messrs. Slattery, Johnson and Stevenson put up the \$100,000 required by statute as a trust fund in the State treasury and contend that their connection ended at that point. The Government contends that they held nineteen of the twenty-one shares of stock in the company and exercised absolute control.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Wednesday, 31 October 1894.**

### **Colonel Christopher Davis Dead.**

NEVADA (Mo.), July 31.—Colonel Christopher Davis died at the home of Judge C. T. Davis in this city this morning in his eightieth year. He was a native of Penna County, Va., and lived all his life, till a little more than two years ago, within 400 yards of the spot where he was born. Of his eight sons, six were in the Confederate army. His funeral will be conducted to-morrow by one of his sons, Elder M. M. Davis, pastor of the Christian church of Dallas, Texas.

**Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, California; Friday, 2 August 1895.** Also **San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Thursday, 1 August 1895.**

### **THE WELTMER METHOD TAUGHT TO OTHERS.**



PROF. J. H. KELLY.

The American School of Magnetic Healing is organized under the laws of the State of Missouri. Professor Weltmer is the president of this institution and Professor J. H. Kelly the secretary and Treasurer. It is impossible for Professor Weltmer to attend to the enormous demands made upon him to cure. He, therefore, wishes others to take up his profession, so that he may call upon them to assist him in his noble work. The method perfected and in use by this school is so complete in all its details that the student becomes efficient in this great art to cure in ten days. This noble profession is taught either by mail or personal instructions. Any one who desires can learn it, and any one who learns can practice it. This is beyond doubt the best paying profession of the age, as students who have learned this method through the American School of Magnetic Healing are earning from \$10 to \$50 per day. By addressing J. H. Kelly, Secretary, Nevada, Mo., you will receive full instructions free.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 10 September 1899.**

### **ROBBED BY MASKED MEN.**

#### **The Crew of a Freight Train Held Up by Bandits.**

NEVADA, Mo., Jan. 16.— A bold robbery was committed last night at Nassau, one and a half miles south of this city. It was payday on the Missouri Pacific, and five robbers with handkerchiefs over their faces boarded a Missouri Pacific freight train at this city. When the train stopped at the junction it was held up, and the masked men robbed the engineer, three brakemen and the conductor.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Friday, 17 January 1896.**

### **RUNAWAY GIRL IS KILLED**

#### **Bullet That Caused Death Also Wounds Her Father**

NEVADA, Mo., Jan. 18.—Rose Duff, 20 years old, sought to run away from home attired as a man. Instead of making her escape she was shot and killed today by a farmer in whose corn crib she had taken refuge. Her father, Jake Duff, who was trying to induce her to return, was seriously wounded by the same shot which killed his daughter. Claude Beetle, who fired the shot after warning the young

woman off the premises, said he did not know he was shooting at a woman. Duff told the coroner that his daughter was mentally deranged.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Sunday, 19 January 1913.**

### **CHANGES NAME FROM STATE ASYLUMS TO HOSPITALS.**

#### **But They Afford Homes for the Insane Just the Same.**

Special to the MAIL.

Jefferson City, March 21.—The bill changing the names of the State Lunatic Asylums of the State has passed the senate and now goes to the governor for his signature.

These institutions are hereafter to be designated as State Hospital No. 1, at Fulton; State Hospital No. 2, at St. Joseph; State Hospital No. 3, at Nevada, and State Hospital No. 4, at Farmington.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; Saturday, 21 March 1903.**

### **LOOKING FOR HIS GRANDPA.**

#### **Who Knows Jack Thornberry and Family?**

J. A. Stewart writing from N\_\_\_\_, Butler county, Kansas, under date of March 16, requests Sheriff Harkreader to assist him in locating his grandfather, Jack Thornberry. Mr. Harkreader being without the information sought, requests the MAIL to join in the search. In taking the matter on behalf of Mr. Stewart the MAIL requests that should any of its readers know the whereabouts of Mr. Thornberry or either of his sons, Frank and Albert, or the daughter—whose name is not given—to report same to this office.

The family moved to Kansas from Iowa in 1870. Stewart's mother died the following year. His grandfather left Douglass county the following year with his family, headed for Missouri. Stewart's father died in 1875, and he has been searching for his grandfather ever since. He is very anxious to locate him and his family.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 19 March 1903.**

A few days ago the MAIL published a notice concerning the death of a young man named Harry Gordon who died at Tonganoxie, Kas. Gordon told parties at that place he was from Nevada and formerly lived 12 miles from the city. The description given by the parties at Tonganoxie would be a good description of Henry Gordon, who worked for W. S. Creel. Henry left here about one year ago and went to Kansas. Mr. Creel says that one morning a woman came to his livery barn and asked for a team to go out toward Balltown to meet her husband who was driving overland from Rich Hill to Nevada. Henry Gordon drove the team and he and the woman returned about noon but the husband was not seen. A few days after Gordon and the strange woman were married. Mr. Creel thinks Henry Gordon is the same person as Harry Gordon.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 19 March 1903.**

### **KEPT AWAY BY YELLOW FLAG.**

#### **Citizens Thought Campers Had Small-Pox—Later Find Their Chicken Feathers.**

W. H. Litsen informed Chief of Police Moore today that chicken thieves raided his neighborhood recently and every chicken house in his vicinity was visited.

A gang of campers stopped near the distillery west of town and raised a yellow flag. No one ventured near the camp for fear of small-pox but it is now believed that the yellow flag was raised for the purpose of keeping parties from investigating the camp.

Mr. Litsen says that feathers corresponding to the feathers of the stolen chickens were found where the parties camped.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 10 April 1903.**

### **RELIC OF THE PAST**

#### **The Box In Corner Stone of the Old School Building Taken Out.**

### **Faded and Mutilated Manuscript Gives Some Historic Facts of Interest.**

Mr. Cox, who purchased the old High School building and who has torn down the same, today found the tin box which was placed in the corner stone of the old building.

The box contained much manuscript which cannot be deciphered. The manuscript which contained the hist[ory] of county officers was so faded and mutilated the writing could not be read. A paper announcing that John A. Tyler be admitted to the Vernon county A. & M. association to be held September 24, 25, 26 and 27 was easily read and Judge J. E. Harding's name appears as secretary, and H. P. Gray as president.

In the box was found a penny coined in 1859 and a nickel coined in 1869, also a copy of the Vernon County Examiner, date Oct., 1872, R. J. Alexander, publisher, also a copy of the Vernon county Democrat of Sept., 1872. A ten cent bill issued in 1863, and a compass and square were in the box. The officers and members of the school board inscribed upon a paper were: Peter Rexrode, president; Willis P. King, secretary; R. G. Pickle, treasurer, and D. C. Hunter, A. Churchell and W. W. Prewitt.

A paper upon which was written some facts concerning the building was found, but about all that is readable is that \$16,000 was appropriated, 1876, and the contract was awarded to T. J. Smith. The tin box was made by A. W. Chambers, Nevada City, Mo., Oct. 5, 1872.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; Saturday, 3 August 1907.**

### **BURGLARY AT LITTLE OSAGE.**

George Jones, of Little Osage, was in town Saturday, trying to get trace of one Ron Kent, who he has reason to believe entered his store last Thursday night and stole a quantity of nations, six or eight dollars in money and a revolver. Young Kent had been at work for Ab Dickinson and left that gentleman's employ on the day previous to the burglary. When Kent left Dickinson's he tied is clothes up in a wagon sheet, and this bundle was found in the store the morning after the burglary. Kent went to Humble on the Missouri Pacific road, but as he would not buy a ticket the agent did not stop the train, and it is said he "hoofed" it to this city. Mr. Jones failed to locate Kent in Nevada.

**Nevada Noticer, Nevada, Missouri; Thursday, 14 February 1889.**

### **COLEMAN'S REMAINS BURIED AT BICKETT GRAVEYARD**

The remains of Clyde Coleman who was murdered at Norton, Kas., arrived here Tuesday night and were taken to the Turpin undertaking establishment and today were buried at the Bickett graveyard. The remains came to Nevada by express and were unaccompanied. As stated in the MAIL Tuesday, Coleman was killed by Harry Dybeau.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; Wednesday, 5 October 1910.**

### **COLEMAN WAS KILLED BY ENRAGED HUSBAND**

Norton Kas., Oct. 8—Physicians said tonight they would be able to save the life of Mrs. Harry Dybeau, whose husband last Saturday killed Clyde Coleman and severely beat her when he found her in Coleman's room together.

Dybeau first shot Coleman and then beat him over the head with a rifle. He died in a few minutes. The husband beat his wife across the head with the rifle barrel. He was arrested and is in jail.

Coleman was from Nevada, Mo. His parents live in Yukon, Ok. He was a boarder at the Dybeau residence. Shortly before the tragedy Dybeau told his wife he was going to the country. He left the house but returned and spied on the couple.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; Tuesday, 4 October 1910.**

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