

# *Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society*

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## **Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

212 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO

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## ***Researching Women in Your Family Tree***

March is Women's History Month, and you are urged to celebrate it by researching **women** in your family tree! Finding a married woman's surname can sometimes be nearly impossible...in the early days, generally, women could not own property, could not vote, could not be appointed guardian of their own children if their husband died, etc. So how do you find who the women in your family tree are? This video program will provide suggestions to help point you in the right direction to discover a married woman's maiden name and who her parents were. A discussion following the video will provide an opportunity to both ask questions and share how you discovered the elusive surname of a female ancestor.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in genealogy, so please feel free to bring a friend!

Calendar year 2015 dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the society at 218 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO 64772. They are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple (\$100 lifetime). This will be the final newsletter received for those who have not yet paid their 2015 dues. If you are unsure whether or not you have paid, please email me and I will let you know.

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## **Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society Banking Summary Report 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2014**

### **Income**

2014 Dues	233.00
2015 Dues	215.00
2016 Dues	10.00
Best Choice/SummerFresh	60.00
Donations	410.00
Lifetime Dues	100.00
Research	<u>384.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,409.00</b>

## **Expenses**

BestChoice/Summer Fresh	7.52
Friends, Mo State Archives	25.00
Library Exp.	2,593.39
Program Exp.	95.00
Research Exp.	62.65
Sale Books Exp	81.60
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,865.16</b>

**Overall Total** **\$ - 1,456.16**

The Bank balance as of 31 December 2014 was \$1,597.66. As you can see from the above report, Membership Dues are very important to the continued work of the Society as research fees continue to decline.

Note: 2014 Book Sale Income was deposited and posted 5 Jan 2015 and will be reflected in the 2015 financial reports. If anyone has any questions regarding the report, please email Society President Valo Jones at [r.r.jones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.r.jones@sbcglobal.net), phone (417) 667-2457, or email the Society at the above email.

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## **Writing a Family Story**

At the February meeting, President Valo Jones shared a short family story her husband, Ron, had written and challenged each member to write a family story about one thing or incident to share with the group, and stories will be read each month. Writing a series of small stories is an easy way to eventually have the BIG story of your life written and is not such a daunting task. Bring a written family story to share at any meeting.

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## **Nevada Library Genealogy Department Computers**

The bookmarks are being reset on the first computer. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## **Books Donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Department**

The below books have been donated, cataloged, and are on the shelves for researchers! Reminder – look at the Dewey Number Lists to determine where the books can be found in the stacks.

***The Pirate: Walker School Yearbook, Walker MO.*** 1947, 1950, 1951, and 1969.

The following two books were donated by James Phillips, owner of AAA Towing (Phillips Towing & Auto Sales) 3 miles north on Hwy 71. The books belonged to his

wife, Susan, who passed away last year. Family research from this collection will also be added later this spring.

***Parnell [Nodaway Co, MO] 1887-1987: Yesterdays Towns Today.*** The history of Parnell and the surrounding community of Gaynor, Oxford, and Orrsburg which are now part of the community of Parnell.

***Gone, but not forgotten: Directory of the deceased in Atchison County, Missouri.***

The following books were donated by the family of Garrett Summers, deceased, whose mother, Shirley (Real) Summers, was a DAR member:

***North Carolina Taxpayers 1679-1790.*** Vol. 2. Compiled by Clarence E. Ratcliff.

***Province of North Carolina 1663-1729 Abstracts of Land Patents*** by Margaret M. Hofmann.

***Genealogies of Virginia Families.*** Vol I, II, III, IV, V.

***Missouri 1840 Census Index.*** Editors Ronald V. Jackson, Gary R. Teeple, and David Schaefermeyer.

***Patriots of the Upcountry: Orange County, Virginia in the Revolution.*** By William H. B. Thomas.

***A History of the Gilman City Area 1897-1997.*** Harrison Co, MO.

***Echoes of the Past: A Nostalgic Look at Early Raytown and Jackson County [MO],*** by Ethylene Ballard Thruston.

***Brimson History, Brimson, Missouri 1898-1985, Grundy County, Missouri.*** Vol. 1.

***The Stepp/Stapp Families of America: A Source Book,*** by Henry P. Scalf in collaboration with Rudolph B. Stepp.

***Monongalia County, West Virginia: Will Abstracts 1796-1816*** by Mary K. Williams.

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### **HeritageQuest**

Notification has been received from the Nevada Library Director that HeritageQuest will no longer be available under the current agreement where the library receives it free of charge. The exact date of discontinuance is not known. As a reminder, the El Dorado Springs Library does have HeritageQuest available for researchers who would like to use it. Heritage Quest has census records and other records and books available to patrons with access from their homes with a Cedar Co Library Card.

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### **State Hospital Cemetery Renovation Project**

Linda Chesnut is heading up an effort to locate and reset gravestones in the Nevada State Hospital #3 Cemetery which is located 2 1/2 miles north on Hwy W (North Ash Street), and 1/2 mile west on Logan Road. The Cemetery is on the south side of the road, on the west side of the Callaway Cemetery. If anyone is interested in working on this project or donating funds for supplies, additional information will be provided. The State Hospital Cemetery has more than 1,500 burials.

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### **DAR and Women's History Month**

The Elizabeth Carey Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is observing Women's History Month by helping women search to find a Revolutionary War patriot in their lineage. The DAR is a lineage society with more than 177,000 members who honor their Revolutionary ancestors and promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism in their communities. If you would like for DAR members to search for a proven Revolutionary War patriot in your lineage, please email the genealogy society for additional information about what you will need to bring to a scheduled one-on-one meeting at the Library to conduct searches. This free search is provided as a community service project **for women by women** of the Elizabeth Carey Chapter DAR. For more information about DAR, see <http://www.dar.org/>, and information about the Elizabeth Carey Chapter DAR can be found at <http://www.mssdar.org/ecarey/>.

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### **"How Old Did He Have To Be ...?"**

The North Carolina Genealogical Society will present a free online webinar by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, 3–5 April 2015. Go to this link at any time during Apr 3-5 to view the webinar. <http://www.ncgenealogy.org/webinars-menu>

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### **Best Choice UPC for Cash**

Please remember that you can bring Best Choice UPC labels to any meeting or place them in the Best Choice box in the Nevada Genealogy Department. The Society receives cash for the labels. A big "Thank you" to Dorothy F. for collecting and submitting our labels.

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### **Newspaper Articles**

Continuing articles from the February 2015 newsletter, the below items are from the 5 Sep 1895 El Dorado Springs Sun, F. M. Haislet, editor and publisher. There is no Nevada newspaper extant for this time period.

Captain Henry McPherson and Col. H. A. Fisher of St. Louis, passed through Sedalia this morning enroute to El Dorado Springs. These gentlemen have in hand the

building of a railroad from some point on the M. K. & T. railway to El Dorado Springs. The people are well known in central Missouri and need no commendation from the Bazoo. Mr. Fisher is a well known railroad man of extensive experience in railroad building having built a railroad from St. Louis to Clifton Terrace, Illinois—known as the Bluff Line. Mr. Fisher is in middle age of life and thoroughly active. He has the confidence and credit of moneyed men to such an extent that if the prospective road has merit that he can recommend there will be no trouble in securing the funds to put the road through. The Bazoo takes pleasure in recommending Mr. Fisher to the good people of El Dorado Springs and southwest Missouri.—Sedalia Bazoo.

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.**

### **Contract and Bond of the Court House Contractors Accepted.**

The city council met in regular session at the town hall Monday evening and roll call showed all members present except Alderman R. N. Banister. After the transaction of routine business, allowing regular bills, etc., the bond of the city treasure, W. H. Allen, was read and accepted. The contractors for the building of the new court house having their contract and bond in readiness the same was submitted to the council. Both contract and bond were read and accepted.

The contract stipulates that the contractors, Everman & Robertson, shall have the building enclosed and the plastering completed on or before December 10, 1895, and that they shall have the said building completed according to draught, scheme and specifications on or before January 1, 1896. It is also made a further part of the consideration that in case said contractors fail to have the building enclosed and the plastering completed on December 10, 1895, then the said contractors shall forfeit to the city the sum of \$5 per day for each and every day after that date that said building is not enclosed, and that unless said building is completed on or before January 1, 1896, the said contractors shall forfeit to the city the sum of \$5 per day for each and every day that the building is not completed after January 1, 1896. It is also agreed by the contractors that before final settlement is made they will file with the superintendent of said work (superintendent to be appointed by the city) full receipts of every subcontractor, workingman or person or persons furnishing material of any kind on said building. In consideration of the fulfillment of this contract the city agrees to pay said Everman & Robertson, contractors, the sum of \$6,544 in full for said building. Payments will be made every two weeks, if convenient with the board of aldermen, that the contractors may be enabled to settle with men employed on the building. The bond of the contractors is for \$7,000 and is signed by some of the best men of the community.

The specifications of the city hall state that the foundation walls shall be set on solid rock and that the dirt coming out of the excavation shall be used for grading purposes. The foundation shall be of 24 inch stone, with a 30 inch footing rock and shall be built to a height of 36 inches above ground—all wall above ground to be of pitched face range work. The steps of each of the four outside doors will be of 6 feet cut rock 7 ½ inches thick and 12 inches wide. The entire exterior of the building is to be of good quality stock brick, balance of wall to be of common brick. First story to have 18 inch walls; second story walls to be 13 inches, and partition walls 9 inches. Plastering to be of two

coats with hard finish. Porch columns and cornice to be of brick. Height of stories to be 12 feet in clear below and fifteen at sides above and 24 feet in center. Galvanized iron cornice to be put on main building. Roof of cedar shingles. Woodwork outside to have three coats of good oil and lead paint; inside hard oil. All materials used are at all times subject to inspection of the city superintendent. The said city hall is to be erected on lot A.

The board adjourned to meet in special session next Friday night when the sidewalk question will be the order of business.

**[Note: The September 2008 issue of the genealogy newsletter carried the story of the El Dorado Springs Courthouse being struck by lightning and partially destroyed. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/images/newsletters/200809.pdf>]**

The case of Sidney Sapp vs. N. Fry on account, before Justice Smith, which was called last Friday, has been postponed until September 15.

"I have been thinking of issuing a proclamation," said Mayor Naffziger to THE SUN man, "calling upon the good people of the town to clean up their yards, cut the grass and weeds from the streets in front of their property and take special pains to rid our town of the Canada thistle, which is spreading itself here quite rapidly. This thistle is a great nuisance and when it gets a good start once is hard to weed out. Now is the best time to fight it, while it is green, and before its seeds ripen and fall to the ground. Even if it was not injurious," continued the Mayor, "it, together with other weeds, should be cleaned out for the sake of appearances. Now that the town is on an upward move we should make it look as neat and clean as possible. We should take special pride in our streets; in fact, we should see that they are first class in every respect."

Among the old-timers who have derived great benefit from the use of El Dorado water, there are none more enthusiastic than Uncle Charlie Elgin. He says our celebrated waters have been a God send to him and he takes pleasure in telling of their many virtues. Uncle Charlie suggests that we keep in future a record of those who are benefitted by using the spring water, and his suggestion is a good one. "Let us have a public register," says Uncle Charlie, "and place it in charge of some competent person who can watch the effects of the water upon invalids, and when cures are effected kindly request the person who is relieved of disease to testify in the city's blue book. Then, the doubters and the sneers who come this way could be easily quieted. Besides, this register would be a fine thing as a matter of reference." There is no doubt that many important testimonials are overlooked, many of which would be suitable for publication and sending abroad. If the city should not see fit to buy a register the small amount needed could be easily raised by private subscription.

Miss Lucy B. Lyon is visiting relatives in Cass county.

Miss Mamie Brand of Lamar spent last week at the springs.

Walter Glick of Schell City was visiting El Dorado friends Thursday.

C. H. Dallas came in this week from an extended business trip abroad.

Our esteemed citizen J. C. Lyon, Esq., has been painfully ill the past week.

Will Dawson, left Sunday for Springfield, where he will remain one week.

Attorneys Banister and Davidson were in Nevada Monday on legal business.

Mrs. Forman of Joplin is here for her health and is stopping with Mrs. Harrison. Charley Tharp informs THE SUN of the illness of his father, J. Tharp, near Virgil City. H. Trow has returned from his farm in Vernon county, where he has been for several weeks.

Mrs. H. J. Babler, who is visiting her mother at Monroe, Wis., has been very sick, but is reported better.

Mrs. W. J. Kemper left Wednesday for a brief sojourn at El Dorado Springs.—Harrisonville Democrat.

Miss Elsie Danley of Milo has secured a four months' term of school at Kader, Cedar county, Mo.—Nevada Post.

Mrs. W. O. Allen of the Elgin Cottages is quite ill—in behalf of her many friends, THE SUN extends sympathy.

John Birth and Harry Mickey spent Sunday or a portion thereof with friends east of town. They spun out and back on their bikes.

T. M. Montgomery of Akard moved his family to El Dorado last Monday. He has moved there to school his children.—Stockton Journal.

Ex-Sheriff McFarland and family of El Dorado, were visiting relatives and friends in Stockton last Saturday and Sunday.—Stockton Journal.

F. M. Haislet and family occupy the Jennings cottage on North Main street where they desire to make the acquaintance of the people of El Dorado Springs.

Miss Noga Kerr returned to her home at El Dorado Sunday, after a pleasant visit at this place. Elton Smith accompanied her home.—Stockton Journal.

Mrs. H. D. Silsby of Springfield accompanied by her daughter Miss Florence and son Harry have been visiting Mrs. J. H. Davidson of this city during the past week.

Mrs. A. F. Brand of Lamar, who has been stopping at the Park hotel and drinking the water of the Wonder spring the past week, departed for home Monday morning.

Earl Pemberton, who has been spending vacation here with relatives, will leave about the 15<sup>th</sup> for St. Louis, where he will again take up his studies at the St. Louis Medical College.

Attorney Ora Summers of Stockton, worthy son of our esteemed friend Colonel Summers, paid his father a visit Sunday. Mr. Summers is a rising young lawyer and deserves a good practice.

The Baptist brethren of this city are making an effort to secure the meeting of the State Baptist Association for this place next year. In case they are successful the event will bring more than 500 delegates to the city.

J. J. Little and wife, have moved to Nevada.

John Yates and family attended the circus at Nevada last Friday.

Mrs. Ad Ferguson of Greenfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley, of this city.

Mrs. T. C. Mashburn of Humansville, who has been visiting Charley Reese and family, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Charles E. Reese, Mrs. T. C. Mashburn, Miss Mattie George and Judge Periman were over to see the elephant at Nevada Friday.

The Nevada people came over to our picnic and we were glad to see them. Now our citizens are returning the compliment by attending Nevada's circuses.

Prof. Wm. Downey of Hardin College, who has been spending several weeks at El Dorado Springs, was here yesterday on his way home.—Nevada Mail.

Street Commissioner Knowlton informs THE SUN that he will commence work this week on a bridge over Walnut creek on the north side. It will be substantially built. The lumber has been ordered. This bridge has been badly needed.

C. H. Venter, of Cobb, St. Clair county, and Miss Katie Farris of Dott, St. Clair county, were married in this city Sunday evening by Rev. R. H. Love of the Christian church. The happy couple will visit in this city a few days and then probably make their permanent home at Balm. THE SUN extends congratulations.

Dick Clemmons was mixed up in the affair that occurred at the picnic ground Thursday night of last week and has skipped the country to avoid arrest for making threats and flourishing a revolver in the faces of parties who were camped there. It is understood that he has gone to the Indian country.—Stockton Republican.

J. F. Smalley, who was struck in a saw mill at El Dorado about two weeks ago, and reported fatally injured was able to attend the circus here today. If any thing will bring a man out of his shell a circus will. Mr. Smalley appears to be a long ways from being dead. He has almost entirely recovered from his injuries.—Nevada Mail.

Prospective home seekers who are questioning the quality of Cedar county soil would do well to visit the Cruce bank and see the huge pumpkin that is on deposit there. It was grown in this city by W. N. McBride and weighs 110 pounds. Mr. McBride has several other pumpkins in his truck patch that are nearly as large as the one on exhibition.

William Elgin, the 6-year-old son of Isaac Martin, who lives just north of the city, died Wednesday evening of congestion of the bowels. The remains were buried at the Martin cemetery Thursday at 2 o'clock, the funeral being preached by Rev. R. H. Love of the Christian church. The evening previous to its death the child was well as usual and it was ill only a few hours.

Attorney R. N. Banister has been retained to assist City Attorney Jake L. Babler in fighting the court house injunction case which will be heard at the October term of the circuit court. The injunction was issued by Stockton parties to restrain the deputy court officers from performing their duties at this place, the said parties claiming that the bill passed by the legislature to divide the courts is illegal. There is no doubt but that El Dorado will be victorious.

Several cases of diphtheria are reported from the vicinity of Taborville. Two of John Harrison's children died of that disease last week.

THE SUN was informed Monday morning by John Hutchinson of the death of Mrs. Mary L. Neumann of the Page neighborhood. She was the wife of George H. Neumann.

[Note: As previously stated, the computer has auto-corrected most spelling errors in the above transcriptions.]

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