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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 10 a.m.

El Dorado Springs Library Meeting Room

808 South Main Street, El Dorado Springs, MO

The Importance of Names and Naming Patterns

Have you thought about why family names are important and what you can learn from a name? This program will look at names and some common naming patterns which may help you locate difficult to find ancestors. Names that are used over and over in a family will be explained.

Attendees are reminded to bring a family short story to read at the meeting.

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

Books Donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Department

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

--***Missouri Marriages to and Including 1840 from Select Counties. A – G, H – M, and N – Z.*** Three Vol. Compiled by Mrs. J. R. Carter.

--***Clutter Heritage: Descendants of John Clutter*** compiled by Lucille Lovell Curnutte.

--***Descendants of Hugh Alexander & Sarah (Harkness) White.*** By Barbara Rose (Gillwater) Brown.

--***The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany.*** Vol 41 Yearbook 1966-1968.

--***Morris and Jarretts of West Virginia*** researched and compiled by Flora M. Beeler & Janette B. Bishop.

--***Raytown Remembers: The Story of a Santa Fe Trail Town.*** Raytown Historical Society 1975.

--The following books were donated by Sandra S. Haimerl. Each has an every-name index.

--**Trial Docket of 1864-1868 Bourbon County Kansas.** 2006. Transcribed by Sandra S. Haimerl; Indexed by Alan Chilton.

--**1865 Kansas State Census Bourbon County Kansas.** 2009. Transcribed by Sandra S. Haimerl; Indexed by Alan Chilton.

--**1857 Kansas Territory Census: Bourbon, Dorn, McGee Counties. 1859 Census Kansas Territory Bourbon County.** Transcribed by Sandra S. Haimerl; Indexed by Alan Chilton.

Walt Ryan Books Purchased and Donated

Two copies of *The Shenandoah Sharpshooter* and *Tales From Clear Creek*, both by Walt Ryan, were purchased by the Genealogy Society and are being donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Department and the El Dorado Springs Library. The copy at the Nevada Library can be checked out by patrons. Mr. Ryan was featured in the October 2013 issue of *Rural Missouri* in a full-page story. This is a bit involved, but here are the steps to get to the article: Go to www.ruralmissouri.coop. Click the **Issues** button and select **Archives**. In the first paragraph, click the **digital edition** link. In the white and gray tool bar below the Subscribe button, enter **Walt Ryan** and click the magnifying glass to the right. Another search box will come up with Walt Ryan already entered as your search keywords. Click to mark **Search all issues of this publication**. Then click **OK**. The first item in the list of results should be the article which is titled "Linn's History Connection." [Personal note – I cannot believe they have made it so difficult to search back issues of this publication –if you find an easier way to search, congratulations!]

Finding Resources in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department

Most of the resources in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department are arranged by geographic area, using Dewey Decimal Numbers. To locate an item for a State other than Missouri, find the State in the list posted on the ends of the stacks in the resource room and make note the Dewey number. Then locate that number in the stacks of resources. There are guide cards on the end of each stack to let you know which numbers are in those stacks. Facing the stacks, items in the first row on the left include compendiums and information on Adoptions, Churches, Immigration, Native American, and Family Histories. Military resources are against the back wall, primarily divided by War. Missouri counties are shelved by the county number from the Dewey list, and Missouri general are grouped together at the Missouri Dewey number.

Please note that there are Vernon County resources shelved in both rooms and they are grouped by kind of record; e.g., Marriages, Maps, Cemeteries, Histories, Funeral Homes, Newspaper Indexes, Census, Phone Books, City Directories, Schools, etc.

HDMI

Here is the official definition of what HDMI stands for: **H**igh **D**efinition **M**ultimedia **I**nterface. (High definition mirror image also works for me!)

Readin’ ‘Ritin’, ‘n’ ‘Rithmetic: The Story of Vernon County’s Country Schools

If you have a copy of the Vernon County Schools book, please make the following pen and ink correction on page 119: 1951-52 grades 1-8: change “Wayne Ryan” to “Walt Ryan.” This correction will be made in the copy of the book in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department. Information for this correction was provided by Walt Ryan.

Michigan Death Certificates

The Archives of Michigan has announced that images of Michigan death certificates from 1921-1939 are now available for free at Seeking Michigan:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/> The index for records from 1940-1952 will be made available in the next few weeks, with additional certificate images to be released each year as privacy restrictions are lifted. Together with the records from 1897-1920 that have been available at the site, this collection makes Seeking Michigan the one-stop destination for more than 2.6 million free, publicly-available 20th century death records for Michigan ancestors.

Census Records

This is a quick reference for determine which census you might want to look at based on the information you are seeking. Most of the 1890 census was destroyed in a fire.

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940
Name of Head of Household	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Names of Family Members							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relationships Between Family Members							*	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dates of Birth of Family Members		*	*	*	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Places of Birth of Family Members							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year of Marriage												✓	✓		✓	
Military Service						✓					✓		✓		✓	
Year of Immigration											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Email Message from Ron S.

I just received this week a letter from the genealogy society regarding research done for me on the Naturalization Records for my Great Grandfather Charlie Johnson and his two nephews Ola and Daniel Peterson. Will you please share this note with your researchers?

Thank you so much for the letter updating me on your research. I realize you were unable to find these individuals in the Naturalization Records you were able to access and it sounds like more naturalization records will become available in the near future. I want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts in searching through the seven books you were able to look at. I know that is time consuming as I am currently volunteering at the Colorado Archives to index the naturalization records here in this state. Also, I appreciate anything you may be able to do in the future to locate these records in the older books that may exist in the attic of the court house. Digging through old courthouse records are some of the most fun times I have had in doing family research. Thank you so much.

I thought you might be interested in knowing that Charlie Johnson is buried in the Deerfield Cemetery along side his wife who died of TB in 1900. My mother and her sisters are descendants of him. One of her sisters (my Aunt) lived in Vernon County all her life and taught school in the county for over 40 years (until 1976). She taught for the first years in one room country school houses and then in Deerfield and the last years in the Nevada Schools (elementary grades). Her name was Eva Pettibon who was married to Earl Pettibon. They are both buried in Deerfield.

Again, thank you for your efforts. In the late spring or early summer, I hope to bring my sister to Vernon County to do more research and visit some old places of family history. If we make it, I would like to visit your county museum and to say hello.

Ron S.

[Editor's note: From conversation with the Circuit Court Clerk, the attic storage is being cleaned up and books sorted--Yeah! As additional Naturalization books are located, they will be taken down to the Circuit Court Clerk's office. Ola Peterson married Minnie Ripley and they are also buried in Deerfield Cemetery, as are Daniel Peterson and his wife Hilda. Immigration records can hold a wealth of information, and some of our Vernon County records will be featured in a later edition of this newsletter.]

Common Nicknames

This is a guide but is not all-inclusive or set in stone...probably others, but for anyone who is interested, check it out! <http://usgenweb.org/research/nicknames.shtml>

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.

Newspaper Articles

Continuing articles from the Feb and Mar 2015 newsletters, the below items are from the 5 Sep 1895 El Dorado Springs Sun, F. M. Haislet, editor and publisher.

SHABBY TREATMENT.

The M. K. & T. Ry. Co. is a wealthy corporation which, like all of its class, has no respect for the rights of the people where the beneficent influences of competition are not present. The publisher of THE SUN recently shipped over its like about 20,000 pounds of freight. Being unavoidably delayed in securing a suitable place to store the goods he requested the agent at Harwood to hold them for a couple of days. In the twinkling of a sheep's-tail the command flashed over the wire: "Take this freight away at once or it will cost you two-dollars-and-a-half to unload it in our depot and two dollars per day for storage."

Up in Iowa, where "Plain language for truthful James" is admired, that would have been called down right hoggishness.

A tolerant public may be kicked, cuffed and spat upon by a nabob corporation for "many moons," but if persisted in the time will come when forbearance ceases to be a virtue and the people are heard from through the legislature. The M. K. & T. has about placed the last straw on the camel's back.

G. Boynton visited Joplin and Baxter Springs last week. Mr. Boynton recently completed a neat frame residence on the south hill and the boys say he is now visiting our neighboring towns in search of a better half. Plenty of nice girls at home, Guy.

J. A. Simpson of the firm of Simpson & Co., general merchandise dealers, Montevallo, was in the city this week visiting his brother, G. H. Simpson. Mr. Simpson's firm is a new one, but it is already enjoying a good trade. A first-class stock of new goods is carried and prices are consistent with the times.

Hon. John Foley, one of the representative business men of Chickasaw county, Iowa, spent several days with us last week and was very favorably impressed with the city, not only as a health resort, but as a progressive business center. Mr. Foley's opinions, like his friendship and citizenship, are away above par.

G. L. Ackerley of Ossawatimie, Kan., is spending a few weeks in the city. Mr. Ackerley is one of our annual visitors, having been here each season for several years, and is now talking of making this place his permanent home. He has many friends here who would be glad of having him become a citizen of Cedar county.

Charley Whipple is doing his part towards building up our town. He is erecting a splendid stone business building on East Spring street, and also has carpenters at work on a fine frame residence on the south side.

The Vernon county old settlers reunion at Nevada closed Wednesday night of last week. It was a success in every particular. Moses Summers, the oldest "old settler," has resided in Vernon county sixty-one years.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF A STRANGER.

Those who are concerned in the growth and importance of El Dorado Springs will be interested in the impressions which are indelibly stamped upon the minds of strangers who visit the place for the first time. These impressions have much to do with the course pursued by visitors when here and also with the reports they circulate about us when at home among their friends.

A favorable impression is made by the universal cordiality of our people. They have a way of welcoming a new comer and extending little courtesies which is highly creditable.

An unfavorable impression is made by the untidiness of the streets, homes and vacant lots, and the horribly foul, disease-breeding condition of the outhouses and alleys. Bad smells and nauseating sights play havoc with temper and appetite and often hasten one's departure. A confusion of unsightly weeds on vacant lots, paper, rags and watermelon rinds on the streets, unsightly posts, torn window shades and dilapidated signs along the main thoroughfare, the otherwise beautiful park bestrewn with paper-bags, tin-cans and the ghastly remains of picnic dinners—all these make bad impressions. We may get used to it in time—we are creatures of habit—but they shock the sense of propriety at first.

Cows, horses and donkeys, are blessings to mankind but a stranger from a tidy town marvels to see them browsing about the streets, breaking and littering the walks and grassy plots, and making themselves a nuisance on general principles. I know of no other town of this size where this evil is tolerated by the city fathers.

The third day after I came here I saw a lady ride a bicycle to the park and start to the spring for a drink. There were several young persons in the forms of men near the spring and I heard them use profane language in the lady's presence and finally one of them went and offered her a fan and otherwise insulted her. Mr. Chas. Hickey of 305 W. 8th St., Kansas City, went to her rescue and made the rascal apologize. It was a shocking thing and must have made a very bad impression upon the mind of that lady who, I afterwards learned, was a visitor here for her health. That gallant traveling man should be sent a souvenir of respect from the city and the marshal should never cease until he finds and makes an example of the wretches who would thus disgrace our city—it may be your wife or your sister's turn next. I mention this more particularly because I have noticed considerable rowdyism on the part of a small coterie of roughs which should be suppressed—we have police—they should be on the alert—it is their business to protect the public.

Our city is on the up grade. The attention of capital is being turned this way. Thousands of people from older settled localities will visit us during the next year, many for health and many in search of homes in this salubrious climate. Their first impressions will influence them when here and furnish them topics to entertain their friends with when they return home.

I came near forgetting an important matter: I was favorably impressed with our stone side-walks but the effect was destroyed when I strolled about town. There are ridiculous walks in front of many nice cottages but the total absence of walks in all parts of the city is very remarkable to one who is in the habit of seeing good walks on all the streets, even in the smallest villages. The condition is not complimentary to our enterprise.

You who expect to make this city your permanent homes must needs be loyal and feel a just pride in its growth, its healthfulness and its good name—to maintain and perpetrate these blessings the whole city must be placed in a sanitary condition and made to pleasing to the senses that the first and last impressions of the thousands who visit us shall be to our everlasting credit.

Col. H. McPherson and Chas. B. Pearson came in Thursday evening from El Dorado Springs to consult our business men in regard to the building of El Dorado's railroad. They briefly and plainly stated, that neither Harwood or Schell City had any promise of the road being built to either of their places, and that Walker stood a good show of getting the road. They invited our citizens to make an effort to security the road as they considered this route the most feasible one from El Dorado to connect with the M. K. & T. They also consulted 'Squire Oliver Calvin about his coal land. It is the general belief that the projectors of this road are after Col. Ed Brown's old grade, and if it can be bought for \$15,000 or \$20,000 that the road will be pushed through and the cars running between here and El Dorado by Christmas. They both left for St. Louis on the evening train.—Walker Herald.

A MISNOMER.

A movement is on foot among the sound money men of this city and vicinity to organize a club. The matter is in process of incubation at present.—Nevada Daily Mail.

The Mail, as an advocate of the free coinage of silver, should not give the euphonious title of "sound money men" to the misguided advocates of mono-metalism. That term is a glaring misnomer when applied to such a doctrine. A money which decreases the value of all property and distresses the people of a nation is not "sound money" and the advocates of such a monetary system are not "sound money men."

Like the term "protection to American working men," it is misleading and carries with it a vast amount of strength. Its coining by the "gold bugs" of the east was as cunning as it is libelous.

There is another thing in this connection which makes THE SUN very tired: Every republican paper in this country is coddling the German citizens with the assurance that it is characteristic of all Germany to swear by "sound money"—which implies indirectly that they are wiser and more honorable than other people. That is mere clap trap. It is like throwing a tempting bait to a fish and will be resented as an insult by intelligent Germans. THE SUN fully appreciates the stability and true worth of the Germans, but it does not consider them wiser or more honorable than the people of other civilized nations. The people of the United States can as a rule give foreigners lessons in finance—they are better versed in its details—and these republican journalists who are bating for the German know it.

William Powell of Mayview, Mo., who has been drinking spring water for his health during the past two weeks, returned home Monday morning. He was greatly pleased with our little city and will probably return again next season, as the water did him much good.

Mrs. Addie Hayter has traded her residence on Logan Street to Dr. J. Z. Scott and will leave in a few days for El Dorado Springs, Cedar county, where she will reside in the future. We regret to lose Mrs. Hayter from our city but our loss is El Dorado's gain.—Billings Bee.

Nevada Silver Slogan: John Yates, big hearted, all round Christian gentleman, of El Dorado Springs, was a pleasant visitor to our sanctum yesterday. He says even the popcorn in Cedar county has grown so large that it will have to be chopped up with an ax before it can be fed to cattle.

"I have had no occasion to make an arrest in the past six weeks," said marshal Armstrong Saturday. "The town has been more quiet and orderly this season than ever before. There has been but little drunkenness and few disturbances. Order has been very good and the people are to be complimented."

J. W. Powell, Jr., who has been spending vacation with his father, Captain J. W. Prowell, east of town, returned to school at St. Louis last Friday. He is now entering upon his third year at the St. Louis college of physicians and surgeons and will graduate next year. Billy is a splendid young man and THE SUN wishes him success.

The gymnasium boys of Nevada now number thirty-five. They are greatly interested in physical development, and in the purchase of a complete physical culture outfit have set an example for El Dorado's athletic young men to follow. It ought to be an easy matter to organize an athletic association in the Wonder city with a membership of fifteen or twenty young gallants.

J. W. Ball of Parsons, Kan., is one of the many visitors who have been benefitted by the use of El Dorado water this season. Mr. Ball came here in May and was suffering great pain, he having kidney and hip trouble. He has used the spring water constantly and is greatly pleased with the result. He will remain a few more weeks, and hopes to return home entirely cured.

Joseph Phillips was struck on the right side of the head Thursday night by a rock thrown by unknown parties. The injured part is considerably swollen and the boy's face bears a few bold gashes. Young Phillips was with some boys near the old Flat church at the time of the accident, so he says, and while talking to the Sun man hinted something of a watermelon patch, but when closely questioned closed up like an oyster. He is able to be about the streets.

Joe Sanders was at Nevada Friday.

Joe Jennings and wife spent Friday at Nevada.

Minton Pine, of Walker, is clerking in Jone's drug store.

Price Packard was at Nevada Friday. He took in the circus.

[Note: The computer has auto-corrected some spelling errors in the above transcriptions, so it is not a true transcription of the paper; and some typing errors I have missed, too. The monthly newsletters will eventually be available for searching on the genealogy society's website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/>]

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