

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

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

Nevada Library Meeting Room

212 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO

Grandpa “Stole Chickens in the Nighttime”

What Penitentiary Records can Tell About Your Family

This lecture will focus on the Missouri State Penitentiary, and will give researchers an idea of common types of penitentiary records which can offer a wealth of information on hard to find family members. You can discover big things like a date of death or parents' names, or smaller details like what kind of tattoos great-great grandpa had. This program will include a brief history of the Missouri State Penitentiary, descriptions of what types of records have survived, the information you can learn about inmates, and practical tips for doing research. There will also be stories about riots, gangsters, daring escapes and stories about grandpa stealing chickens and grandma running a bawdy house. The program will be presented by Mary Stansfield, C.A., Research Analyst I, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research. Meeting locations alternate between Nevada and El Dorado Springs. If questions, please contact the Society at Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net or call Valo Jones at 667-2457.

Making Every Leaf Count: Researching, Organizing, and Protecting Your Genealogy Saturday, August 22; 9 a.m.–12 noon; in the Bushwhacker Museum, 212 West Walnut St., Nevada. \$5 registration fee. The State Historical Society of Missouri's Amy L. Waters, reference specialist, will present this workshop. She will explore new avenues in finding, documenting, and citing sources, along with organizing and storing all the materials produced from research. Tips will be provided for finding your family's history and organizing it for future generations. The class is suitable for beginning to advanced genealogists, as well as those who want to learn how to best maintain their family history research.

Please complete the attached registration form and bring to our July 21 meeting or mail to the Genealogy Society at the above address prior to the event. If you prefer to leave your registration form and fee at the Nevada Library, **please put it in an**

envelope marked Workshop, and ask the library staff to place your envelope in the Genealogy Society's Mailbox. This special program is open to the public and will be advertised to area historical and genealogical societies, the DAR, and the general public. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

This is sure to be a great program --- Mark your calendar now!

Program on Using DNA in Genealogy Research

Several members have requested a program on using DNA in genealogy research. An individual who could present a program has been identified and contacted, and she would be willing to come present a 1 ½- to 2-hour program on this subject. She lives between Nixa and Clever in Christian County and would require an honorarium to help cover her mileage (107 miles one way). Patti Hobbs, CG, is a Certified Genealogist who works at the Springfield-Green County Library in Springfield, and is a part-time professional genealogist. Armed with a BA in biology, Patti instructs on the use and analysis of DNA testing and how it complements traditional research in original records.

At the July meeting we will need to decide if we would like her to present a program, where/when the program would be held (coordinated with her schedule), and what additional emphasis our group would like her to address. For instance, navigating the website(s) from which DNA test results were obtained; how to transfer test results to another company/website; which company is recommended for testing; which tests are needed for the information that you are trying to find, etc. **Please consider what your needs are concerning DNA testing and research and write them down. Bring your written comments with you to the 21 July meeting. Your comments can also be emailed to the Society at the above address.** This information can be shared with the presenter.

Computers in Genealogy Department—ARE WORKING!

Both Genealogy Department computers are now working. However, the new microfilm reader and computer may need a new PCI card to allow the vertical monitor to position correctly. At this time, the monitor is horizontal which makes it somewhat inconvenient but still usable. This will be remedied.

New Great Migration Title Now Available

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has announced the publication of Robert Charles Anderson's ***Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640***. One of the most important genealogical and historical sources ever published for New England, this book is a complete survey of all individuals known to have come to New England during the Great Migration period, 1620-1640, covering individuals not included in previous Great Migration compendia (which covered the period 1620-35 and which we have in the Gen. Dept.). Each brief entry provides critical data, including identification of the head of each household, English or European origin

(if known), date of migration, principal residences in New England, and the best available sources of information for the subject. This title is now available for \$53.46 (regularly \$64.95). Price does not include shipping. Do we want to purchase this book?

Replay of the North Carolina Genealogical Society Webinar, FREE, “Tarheels in the Family Tree? Part II” will be available online anytime 7–9 August. This webinar was presented by Helen F. M. Leary, and emphasizes the county records—what, where, and how to find them and their importance. The record groups include deeds, wills, estate files, court minutes, and more. Helen discusses vital records (birth, marriage, divorce, death), tax records, marriage bonds, guardian, and apprentice records. These records are presented in their context as direct or indirect evidence for your genealogical situation. Helen discusses the meaning of burned counties and what that means to you in your North Carolina research. Go to the website <http://www.ncgenealogy.org/webinars-menu> and scroll down the center column in the page to the blue “Register Today!” button. You will then fill in your name, email address, etc., and submit your registration for the webinar. You will receive a registration confirmation email, and a reminder email will be sent to you prior to the first day of free viewing of the program. If viewing/listening to this webinar at the Nevada Library, ask for 2 hours on a guest pass so the end of the webinar is not cut off and bring your own earphones. You can use a general public computer.

Missouri Marriage Records Part C Finished!

Member Betty H. shared the following information from the Missouri State Archives Volunteers program: Part C of the Missouri Marriage Record Project is finished! It has been completely indexed and arbitrated. FamilySearch will soon have the images up and searchable at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2060668> “THANK YOU” to everyone who worked on the marriage records project that was started in October 2013. Initial projections were that it would be finished sometime in 2023. Indexing of Part D of the Missouri marriage records project will begin soon.

The 1962 Missouri death certificates will be re-indexed with additional fields, which will make them more easily searchable. Our thanks to all of the volunteers who work on these projects. Anyone who would like to help with indexing, can contact <http://www.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/evolunteers/>.

Family Information in Probate Files

Here are excerpts from a researcher’s response after being able to obtain a copy of family member Adaline’s Vernon Co Probate file: Oh my goodness.....a wealth of information. Apparently from her will it was determined her son was an alcoholic and his part of the inheritance was to be kept in trust by her daughter until he could stay sober for one year. Her son was born the same month his father was killed. His father was president of the bank in Lexington and was shot and killed by Union soldiers. When she died, they took her back to Ray county and buried her beside first husband.

I had wondered why another family member named Mary never married, and the file answered that question as the doctor's report stated she had been an invalid all her life. This concludes my Vernon county research.

Balltown Cemetery ~ Final Resting Area of Fallen Law Officer

The following information regarding law officer down has recently come to our attention: William Harrison Jones, Constable with the Bartlesville, OK Police Department died 17 February 1911 as a result of gunfire in the line of duty. Constable Jones was born 15 Sep. 1866 in Greenup, Cumberland Co, IL. Excerpts from newspaper accounts of Officer Jones' death: The remains of [William] Harrison Jones, son of George Jones, a former well known citizen of Balltown, were buried yesterday at Balltown cemetery. Deceased was city marshal of South Bartlesville. On Wednesday night of last week he was called by telephone to quell a disturbance caused by a gang of about fifty Polanders who were employed in the oil fields near that town. The Polanders were having a dance at a boarding house and, it is said, had gotten a supply of whisky from a keeper of another boarding house a few doors away. Seeing the condition of the foreigners the boarding house keeper refused to sell them any more liquor, and that was when the trouble began. The doors and windows of the boarding house were broken open and other damage was threatened, when the landlord telephoned for the officer. Marshal Jones summoned three deputies and they went after the drunken foreigners. Ten were arrested and placed in an empty building with one of the deputies on guard. The marshal and his other two men started down the street after the rest of the gang. As they passed a building only a few steps distant one of the foreigners fired a shotgun at Mr. Jones, who in return discharged his revolver at the would be murderer. Both shots took effect. The trouble has made it unsafe for the Polanders who reside at Bartlesville and they are leaving by the scores. It is said that there were about six hundred of these foreigners living in Bartlesville, and the last one of them will probably be away from the place before the end of the week. Funeral services were held over the remains at Bartlesville after which they were shipped to Horton accompanied by the bereaved family and number of the Bartlesville police officers and deputy marshals. He leaves his wife, Hermoines Wilmoth and 9 children. One son was serving in the U.S. navy and was located at San Francisco. Burial was delayed in order to give him time to return.

[Information taken from The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; 24 February 1911, page 1.]

Revised By-Laws

The recently revised Society Bylaws are attached as a separate document so you can keep them in your file or on your computer.

Don't forget to fill out the registration form for the Aug 22 special program!