

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

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

Nevada Library Meeting Room, 212 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO



This FREE seminar will provide an introduction to the basic concepts of DNA, DNA analysis, and the role DNA can play in your genealogy research. Topics will include:

-  Y-Chromosome DNA and the male line
 -  Mitochondrial DNA and the female line
 -  Autosomal DNA and the rest of the family
 -  What DNA can & cannot tell you about your genealogy
- ...and more

Featured guest speaker

Ms. Patti Hobbs

has a BA in biology and is a Certified Genealogist[™] and member of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists. She has made numerous presentations at local and national conferences on a variety of topics with special emphases on accessing original records and DNA analysis.

WHERE: Nevada Public Library
218 W. Walnut Street

WHEN: Tuesday, November 17
10 a.m. - 12 noon

Please note: All non-essential business will be postponed until December's meeting to provide additional time for the guest speaker's presentation on DNA. Following the seminar, anyone interested can enjoy a Dutch treat lunch at the Azure Iguana located on the south side of the Court Square.

2016 Genealogy Society Dues

Calendar year society dues are \$10/individual (\$15/couple) and can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the society at the above address, Attn: Membership. A monthly email newsletter is available to members whose dues are current. To check if you have paid your dues, please email the Society or call.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research. Meeting locations alternate between Nevada and El Dorado Springs on the third Tuesday of the month at the local library. If questions, please contact the society at Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net

DNA in Genealogy Research

Patti Hobbs recommends the following website for educating ourselves about DNA research. www.isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page In looking around this website, the link "Beginners' guide to genetic genealogy" caught my eye – that link is www.isogg.org/wiki/Beginners%27_guides_to_genetic_genealogy For those who would rather watch and listen rather than read, there are some videos and webinars about half way down the page. Please keep in mind that the more you prepare for the Nov 17 program, the more you will benefit from it.

2016 Society Officers

The nominating committee is working diligently to prepare a slate of 2016 officers and thanks those who have indicated that they will serve.

Tombstone Math

Here's a shortcut for calculating a birth date when the death date is given on the tombstone or in an obituary, but only the age in years, months and days. It is called the 8870 formula. Unfortunately, the correct citation cannot be given for this information as it was found on a sheet of paper with only the notation "by ROGER on May 10, 2009, Genealogy." Here's how to use the "magic" 8870 formula:

Ancestor died **May 6, 1889** at the age of **71 years, 7 months and 9 days**.

Convert those to numbers: **18890506** (year 1889, month 05, day 06)

Subtract the age: **-710709** (71 years, 7 months, 9 days)

Equals = **18179797** then subtract the magic number **-8870**

giving **18170927** or **year 1817, month 09, day 27** or **27 Sep 1817**

Note that when you have more than 30 days in the "days" column, subtract 30 from the days and add 1 to months. Likewise when you have more than 12 in the "months" column, subtract 12 and add one to the "years" column

Major U.S. Epidemics

A list of the major epidemic outbreaks in U.S. history, including locations and the number of deaths, is at this link: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0001460.html>



Can You Identify This Couple?

This is a Nevada couple that we would like to identify. They lived on North Washington Street as far as we know, and this appears to be their wedding picture. Do you recognize them?

Newspaper Articles of Interest

Jake Kensler Died in Iowa

If reports are true Jake Kensler, who for several months resided near Metz, died in Iowa in July. He went into a field to get some roasting ears. A few hours later his lifeless body was found.

Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 16 September 1921

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 fast 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, MO; Saturday, 2 September 1933.

HOOT GIBSON'S SECOND ALL TALKING PICTURE AT STAR TOMORROW

Hoot Gibson ropes a fine heard of laughs and thrills in "Courtin' Wildcats," his latest picture for Universal, which comes to the Star Theatre tomorrow.

"Courtin' Wildcats," an all-talking production sets a new mark for the always entertaining Gibson. Hoot blazes a new trail in this fact-moving picture, in which he starts out as a college boy and ends up as a tenderfoot with a wild west show.

Hoot's versatility never was better displayed. He starts in by posing as a weakling at college, to avoid being put to work in his father's foundry. In the wild west show he ends by winning the hand of "Calamity June," a beautiful performer who has been counted on as sure death for all aspiring males.

"Courtin' Wildcats," is crammed with action and amusement from start to finish. Among the high lights are Hoot's game of tag with police raiding a roadhouse, the stage coach holdup in the wild west show, and the mad auto ride in which Hoot tames the beautiful "Calamity June."

Hoot's own particular brand of humor is in evidence throughout the performance.

"Courtin' Wildcats" has an exceptional cast, including Eugenia Gilbert, Harry Todd, Joseph Girard, Monty Montague, John Oscar, Jim Corey, James Farley, Pete Morrison and Joe Bonomo.

Nevada Daily Mail and Evening Post, Nevada, Missouri; Friday, 3 January 1930

DRY RAIDER CALLED TO DOOR, SHOT DOWN

Three Men Hold North Carolina Officer While Fourth Empties Pistol at Him.

Whiteville, N. C., Jan 2.—Four men charged with shooting Deputy Sheriff Hoke B. Smith of Columbus county in retaliation for a raid he led on a whisky still were held in jail here last night while officers awaited the outcome of Smith's wounds before lodging formal charges against them.

The deputy, paralyzed by two bullets which struck his spine, was in a Lumberton hospital believed fatally wounded. He was also wounded in the hip and arm.

Accused of the shooting are Pope Floyd, Hubert Floyd, Woodell Milligan and Seals Hill. Smith said they called him from his home near Clarkton last night and asked him to accompany them on a search for a stolen automobile. Suspicious of a plot, he refused, he said, and three of the men then grabbed him while the fourth emptied a revolver at him.

The deputy also named the quartet as men he saw fleeing from a whisky still which he with other deputies seized in a swamp near here. Five thousand gallons of mash and several hundred gallons of whisky were destroyed at the still.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 2 January 1930

Stotesbury Drug Store Burns.

Sheriff Ben Baugh received a telegram from F. B. Croft of Stotesbury stating that S. L. Tucker's drug store in that place caught fire in an unknown manner about 11 o'clock on Wednesday night of last week and burned to the ground, says the Nevada Post. The store was a one-story frame structure 24x60 feet. The stock was valued at about \$1200 and is said to be covered by insurance. Mr. Croft, who is bondsman for Mr. Tucker who was arrested Tuesday on two charges of illegal sale of liquor, stated in the message that he wished to be released as bondsman and for the sheriff to come to Stotesbury and bring Mr. Tucker to Nevada. Sheriff Baugh phoned Mr. Croft that he had a right to be

released on the bond any time he wished and for him to instruct the constable in that township to arrest Mr. Tucker and bring him to Nevada.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 28 January 1910

A TRIP TO THE OLD VIRGINIA HOME. A Vernon County Lady Visits the Scenes of Her Childhood---A Picturesque Trip.

STAUNTON, Va., Aug. 19, 1907.

Editor of the DAILY MAIL

On July 29, 1907, in company with Miss Ida Mae Phillips and family we left Moundville for the East, they for Ohio and I for Virginia, my native state, traveling as far as St. Louis. There I made a close connection of 10 minutes, taking the B. & O. for Cincinnati, reaching that place 12 hours later, where I had 2 hours for rest and supper, then we were ready for the C. O., and to make our last run. We had no more than made ourselves comfortable for the night when the train came to a halt and remained so for 6 hours, there being an obstruction of five cars piled up on the track just ahead. When that was removed we moved on and after a rather tiresome ride of sixteen hours we reached the beautiful city of Staunton, the county seat of Augusta county, and the end of my journey by rail. The climate here is delightful and healthful and attracts many visitors—protected by mountains and having an altitude of 1,500.

After spending a few days here with relatives and friends I again was ready for one more day's travel taking the old "mail hack," which was heavily loaded with passengers and baggage for Highland county, and the home of my childhood. This was a most picturesque trip—a trip for the poet, painter and Kodak. All the world knows of the Shenandoah mountain and the beautiful valleys of Virginia, of which we crossed, and as I neared and reached my old home I was delighted as a child, and when I dipped down into our old spring of mineral water, I thought it like God's love, free to all and flows on forever and ever, and as I tread the soil that my father and mother trod, it all seemed so sacred that I should remove my shoes.

Truly this is a grand country, its rippling waters and blue sky and bracing air, the changing colors of the mountains. Man is prosperous and contented.

Truly this is a good place to live and die.

Mrs. Ida Welborn.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 21 October 1907

WESCOATT RITES

Mrs. Jay Wescoatt, 54, died Saturday morning at 6 o'clock at her home, 645 East Maple, following an illness of one week.

Funeral services will be held at the Hays Service Rooms, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be at Moore cemetery. The Rev. Frank Carroll, pastor of the Christian Army, will officiate.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 27 February 1930

Stotesbury Whisky Cases.

J. B. Journey received a telegram Monday afternoon stating that the case of the State of Missouri vs. C. L. Steele of Stotesbury had been reversed without being sent back to this city, says the Nevada Post. Steele was tried before a jury at the February, 1909, term of the circuit court on charge of issuing false prescriptions at his drug store in Stotesbury and found guilty.

A fine of \$500 imposed upon J. A. Woolridge of Stotesbury for violating his druggist's license in selling whisky was remitted Tuesday through the action of Governor Hadley, according to the press dispatches. Woolridge, who is now 65 years old, is an inmate of the asylum at Nevada. The action of the governor will be the means of saving what property he has for his family.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 28 January 1910

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO OBTAIN STATE PARK NEAR NEVADA Interested Group Hears Addresses By Officials of Missouri Historical Society.

Senator Allen McReynolds of Carthage, president of the Missouri Historical Society, and Floyd C. Shoemaker of Columbia, secretary of the society and editor of the Missouri Historical Review, were the speakers at the dinner given Thursday night at Memorial Hall by the Vernon County Historical Society for the purpose of making preliminary plans to secure the purchase by the state legislature of Halley's Bluffs, the site of Harmony Mission and Papinsville for a Missouri State Park. The Elizabeth Carey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Leon Ogier Post No 2 of the American Legion, and the official board of the Nevada Chamber of Commerce endorsed this project with the Historical Society and cooperated with the society in giving the dinner last night.

In his talk on "The Missouri Historical Society, Its Objects and Purposes," Senator McReynolds paid tribute to the secretary of the organization saying, "Floyd Shoemaker is doing the best job that is being done in any historical society in the United States. The Missouri Historical Society has the largest paid membership of any historical society in the United States and the credit belongs to Floyd Shoemaker."

Among the work being done by the society under the direction of Mr. Shoemaker, Senator McReynolds enumerated the publication of "This Week in Missouri History," the publication of the Missouri Historical Review, publication of the messages and papers of the governors of Missouri from the founding of the state in 1820 to the present day, the journal of the constitutional convention of 1875 and the debates of that convention. Senator McReynolds spoke of the society's collection in Columbia of papers, books and manuscripts in connection with the early life and history of Missouri, the 220,000 indexed biographical references to Missourians, and the preservation by filming them, of newspapers where the size of the papers would make it impossible to keep them.

“The collection of the Missouri Historical Society is absolutely invaluable to anyone interested in the history and the development of Missouri,” Senator McReynolds said.

Speaking on “The Early Settlement and History of the Harmony Mission, Papinsville, and Halley’s Bluffs,” Mr. Shoemaker traced the history from the first recorded visitor to the region of Vernon and Bates counties, Lieutenant Charles Du Tinne, who made the first inland exploration trip across Missouri in 1719.

“I am aware, also,” Mr. Shoemaker said, “that the history of Vernon and Bates counties has been closely identified with the history of Missouri since the early years of the eighteenth century and that the Osage river established contact between this western country and the early settlements on the Mississippi. It was the Osage river which served as the highway of communication and travel for the Indians, the early French traders, and the American settlers who followed. What the Mississippi was to eastern Missouri, what the Missouri river was to central and northwestern Missouri, the beautiful and powerful Osage was to your section of southwestern Missouri.”

Most interesting to those who heard Mr. Shoemaker was his description of Fort Carondelet, proposed to the governor general of Louisiana, Baron de Carondelet, by Auguste Choteau as a means of curbing the assassinations and robberies of the Osage Indians. The proposal was accepted and the fort built although the exact date of completion is not known.

Fort Carondelet was the most western fort built during the Spanish period, Mr. Shoemaker said, and the only one in Western Missouri during the Spanish regime. It may have been nucleus of a French settlement, according to Mr. Shoemaker.

“The exact location of the site of Fort Carondelet is difficult to determine,” Mr. Shoemaker said. “It is my understanding that your local historians have thought that Halley’s Bluffs in Blue Mound township of Vernon county meet the description better than any other place.”

Mr. Shoemaker described the establishment of Harmony Mission in Bates county, the first Indian Mission School in the state, gave an interesting account of the history of the school.

The founding of Papinsville in 1847, its development into a flourishing river town and the county seat of Bates county, now both Bates and Vernon counties, the reorganization of the counties in 1855 and the removal of the county seat of Bates county to Butler, were described by Mr. Shoemaker in his discussion of Papinsville.

Lee B. Ewing, chairman of the meeting, was elected temporary chairman of the committee in charge of the project to have a state park created and Judge Thos. W. Martin of Lamar was elected vice-chairman. Other members of the temporary committee are: Miss Florence Willard of Butler, regent of the Harmony Mission Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, second vice-chairman; J. B. Journey, secretary; Mrs. Emmett Kling, member of the Harmony Mission Chapter, assistant secretary; Mrs. Frank House, regent of the Elizabeth Carey

Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, treasurer. The temporary committee will meet later and a permanent organization will be formed.

The Rev. George Mack, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Butler, pronounced the invocation and was toastmaster in place of John T. Harding of Kansas City, who was unable to be present. Brief speeches were made by E. H. Busick, Senator A. E. Barbour of Springfield, C. W. Remm of Lamar, representative from Barton county, Judge O. H. Hoss, Mayor Lynn M. Ewing, Judge Thos. W. Martin, and W. T. Ballagh, vice-president of the Vernon County Historical Society.

The report of the resolutions committee was made by the chairman, Carl J. Henry of Butler, representative from Bates county. Members of the committee were Mr. Henry, Mrs. Frank House, Dewey A. Routh and Robert L. Ewing, representatives from Vernon County. The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting:

Whereas: The Vernon County Historical Society, members of the D. A. R., The American Legion, and other patriotic citizens here assembled are interested in a program of conservation of wild-life and natural life and beauty in the United States, and

Whereas: There is located along the border of Vernon and Bates counties, Missouri, a tract of land which possesses great natural beauty, and

Whereas: It is possible that this tract of land also contains the site of one of the ancient Osage Indian villages, and

Whereas: This tract of land, including Halley's Bluff and the site of Harmony Mission, would make an ideal state park and would attract a great number of visitors from a distance, therefore

Be It Resolved, that this meeting make every endeavor to have the above referred to tract of land purchased and designated as a Missouri State Park, and

Be It Further Resolved, that this organization appoint a committee to work for the accomplishment of this idea, and that this organization also invite all other civic organizations of this section of the state to participate in this project by appointing representatives from each organization who shall constitute one general committee to meet and organize for the advancement of this proposal.

Carl J. Henry, Chairman.

Mrs. Virginia House.

Dewey Routh.

Robert L. Ewing.

Approximately 200 persons from Vernon, Bates, Barton, Cedar and Henry counties attended the dinner. Members of the Women's Auxiliary to the American Legion served the dinner. W. M. Owens orchestra played during the dinner.

Nevada Daily Mail and the Evening Post, Nevada, Missouri; 9 December 1933

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