

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

* * * **FIELD TRIP – SEE INFORMATION BELOW** * * *

Field Trip to the Johnson Library & Museum

The April meeting will be a field trip to the Johnson Library & Museum located at 220 Main St., Osceola, MO. The Museum has graciously scheduled a private tour for the Genealogy Society, and we thank Lynda and Jean for arranging the details of the tour for us. Please see the Museum's website at www.johnson-library.org for information on its founder and book and museum collections. The schedule for carpools is as follows. Please consider an appropriate gratuity if you will be riding in a carpool; the round-trip mileage from Nevada is about 110 miles and from El Dorado about 73 miles.

12 noon – Depart from the east side of the Nevada Walmart parking lot.

12:30 p.m. – Pick up in El Dorado Springs in front of the old Woods Grocery on State Hwy 32, one-half block south of US 54; Shopko and Shannon's Real Estate Office are in this strip mall.

1:00 p.m. – Lunch on your own at Smith's Short Stop Restaurant in Collins.

3:00 p.m. – Tour of Johnson's Library & Museum.

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You can, of course, drive directly or meet us at any of the locations enroute.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A 10 A.M. MEETING AT THE EL DORADO SPRINGS LIBRARY ON 19 APRIL – IF YOU DO NOT READ THE NEWSLETTER AND YOU SHOW UP AT THE LIBRARY AT 10 A.M., WELL, HANG AROUND AND MEET US AT THE EL DORADO PICK-UP LOCATION AT 12:30. ☺

The genealogical society continues to encourage you to begin writing your personal history by using short stories which you are invited to read at any meeting. They must be written down and approximately three to five minutes long. If we have time during our lunch stop in Collins, members will be able to share their stories. If questions about the tour, please contact the society at Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net

1965 Missouri Death Certificates – Online!

The 1965 Missouri Death Certificates are now available online. Our thanks to the many volunteers who assisted the Missouri State Archives with this project! The re-indexing of the 1961 Death Certificates will begin very soon and will provide additional search fields in the certificates (names of parents and spouse, date range, and the last four of a Social Security Number). If you would like to help with this project and have a computer and internet access available to you (you can index at your local library!), contact Kelsey Berryhill at archvol@sos.mo.gov or call (573) 526-6711. It will be about two more years before the expanded search function goes live.

“Footprints of Bourbon County”

The new Bourbon County, Kansas hardbound history book has been purchased by the Society and is available in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept., shelved in the Kansas section of resources. Genealogy resources cannot be checked out by patrons except those cataloged under Dewey label “G” which are located next to the microfilm cabinet.

Best Choice UPCs and Labels for Education

Don't forget to save your Best Choice UPCs and also Labels for Education and bring to any meeting. The Genealogy Society collects the Best Choice UPCs; and our sister organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, collects Labels for Education. If you have Labels for Education, please bring them in April because this program is changing and they must be turned in by 1 May.

El Dorado Springs Library

You are invited to help support the El Dorado Springs Library with a library card. If you do not live in Cedar County, you can purchase a 12-month library card for very little, and the card is free for Cedar County residents. With the card, you will have access from your home computer to the “HeritageQuest Online at Home” website (now owned by ancestry.com). This will give you access to all U.S. Federal Census Records, the 1850 and 1860 Slave Schedules, the U.S. Indian Census Rolls, Mortality Schedules, Agricultural and Industrial Schedules, and the 1890 Veterans Schedule. There are a variety of additional record images available including more than 28,000 family and local history books, selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, City Directories, and more. These are images from the ancestry.com website. If you do not presently have a personal ancestry subscription, this is a fantastic value for having access to all of the U.S. Census Records from home.

Both the El Dorado Springs Library and the Nevada Library support the Genealogy Society with maintaining the genealogy collections, meeting space, and equipment use. Each Society member is encouraged to obtain his or her own personal library card from either or both libraries. Our public libraries thank you for your support.

Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

The following resource information will be of interest to members who research their family in North Carolina. The NC State Archives provides a bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions. The website is:

<http://www.ncgenealogy.org/menu-resources/accessions-at-the-nc-state-archives>

North Carolina Loose Estates Waypointing Project

Volunteers are working to index estate records which have recently been found for five additional counties beyond what has already been indexed at familysearch.org. If you have checked previously and the county you needed was not available at familysearch, be sure to check back periodically to see if they have come online. Once completed, all extant loose estates papers found in the North Carolina State Archives county record series will be available online at FamilySearch!

Newspaper Articles of Interest

COMMITTED IN MISSOURI.

Bourbon County Officers Will Not Make Effort to Prosecute Case of Murder Forty Years Ago.

Every few years the officers of Bourbon or Vernon counties spring a surprise on the communities by declaring that they are going after one of the murderers of Capt. Baker who was killed near this city forty years ago, during the war, says the Fort Scott Tribune. Recently Sheriff Roodhouse was informed by a woman living in El Dorado Springs, Mo., that she knew where one of the murderers lived and that she was to impart his place of residence to the officers. Sheriff Roodhouse states that he will make no further effort to catch the fellow whose name is Upton, but who is supposed to be living under an assumed name about 70 miles from here.

The story of the murder of Capt. Baker is fresh in the minds of all of the older residents of Fort Scott, because of the fact that it is revived every two or three years. The murder was committed in Missouri and the fellow, if apprehended, could not be prosecuted in Kansas anyway. There were two people in the murder and one of them was captured at the time, court martialed and hanged in this city by the government authorities. The murder was committed just across the line in Missouri where Capt. Baker, who was in command of militia, lived.

Two years ago the Nevada officers took up the case and announced that Upton, one of the murderers who escaped, would be captured and prosecuted. After working on the case for a couple of months the matter was dropped, as it was in this instance.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; Friday, 1 September 1904

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

Happenings in and About the City—Business Locals, Etc.

Elmer Charles, notary public.

Mrs. E. B. Weyand is improving.

O. M. Johnson was in Rich Hill Wednesday.

Dr. A. P. Smith was on the sick list yesterday.

25ct work shirts are some of the bargains at Compton's.

Arch Hedden and Charles Wickham were in Nevada last Saturday.

Thoroughbred Rhode Island roosters for sale \$7 [?] each by T. M. Mead.

Don't forget to have your sale bills printed at THE METZ Times office.

Mrs. W. E. Snow and little son, of Rich Hill, are visiting here this week.

Those wishing full blooded bronze turkeys can get them of T. E. Williams.

Just received a shipment of B.B.B. shoes at Wiley Cox & Co's. No better shoe made.

W. O. Cox and family, of Richards, visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Charles yesterday.

Rev. M. A. Wolfe received a fall the first of last week that crippled him up considerably. He was confined to his bed a couple of days.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 4 January 1907

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