

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 10 a.m.

El Dorado Springs Library Meeting Room

808 S. Main St., El Dorado Springs, MO

The Civil War

The June meeting of the Cedar & Vernon County Genealogical Society will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the El Dorado Springs Library. The guest speaker, Warren Love, will be speaking on the Civil War.

Mr. Love is a carpenter by trade and spent many years operating Love Construction, building residential homes and barns. The Love family owned and operated the ToadSuck Grill in Iconium for several years and he previously worked for MoorMan Manufacturing Company selling livestock minerals and feed. He currently serves as the State Representative for the 125th District, which covers Hickory and St. Clair Counties and portions of Benton and Cedar Counties.

The genealogy meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The meetings alternate between El Dorado Springs and Nevada. For more information, email the society. **Members are reminded to write down and bring their 3- to 5-minute family history mini-story to share at the meeting.**

Meeting locations alternate between the Nevada Public Library and the El Dorado Springs Public Library – upcoming meeting locations:

July Nevada

August El Dorado Springs

September Nevada

October El Dorado Springs

November Nevada

December El Dorado Springs (held at alternate location to accommodate Christmas luncheon)

Financial Reports

Monthly Report

\$ 2,729.44	Beginning Bank Balance May 20, 2016
30.00	2016 Dues
60.00	Best Choice labels
<u>- 40.95</u>	Envelopes for mailing Walker Herald & Marriage Indexes
\$ 2,778.49	Ending Bank Balance & Total Assets June 10, 2016

Additions to HeritageQuest

If you haven't visited the website HeritageQuest in a while, you might want to check out the new additions to this database. HeritageQuest is very similar to Ancestry Library Edition, in fact they share a parent company, but HeritageQuest can be accessed from home using your library card (both El Dorado Springs and Nevada libraries offer this service). Recently, HeritageQuest added a number of collections, which include indexed plat maps, international records, immigration records, expanded military records, and more. HeritageQuest's updated map section contains indexed plat maps, census maps, and even photographs from the Library of Congress. Plat maps are a wonderful way to fill out gaps in your ancestor's life. Did they own land? Who owned land around them? You can find other relatives or even clues to break through brick walls. Search the expanded International Records for your family's immigrant ancestors, too.

Best Choice UPCs and Labels for Education

Remember to save both Best Choice UPC labels and Boxtops for Education. The Genealogy Society collects the Best Choice UPCs; and our sister organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, collects Boxtops for Education. You can bring these to any meeting or place them in the box in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. Dorothy F. handles the Best Choice labels and Valo J. or Nancy T. can take the Boxtops for the local DAR chapter. Several DAR members regularly save their UPCs and give them to the Genealogy Society, and we will be glad to also save labels for them. Please keep the labels sorted by which ones they are.

State Historical Society of Missouri – new web address, new building

The Historical Society's web address has changed to shsmo.org with a new look as well as making the website easier to navigate and locate the information needed.

Plans are also moving forward to build a larger, more modern and accessible headquarters building in Columbia. The new facility, "Center for Missouri Studies," will be built at the corner of Sixth and Elm Streets and feature an art museum twice the size of the current gallery space and an expanded research center to meet the needs of the growing number of visitors who use the Society's

resources. The new building will replace the current Columbia headquarters in Ellis Library on the University of Missouri campus. Groundbreaking on the new center is anticipated in 2017.

Inter-Library Loan of Genealogy Resources from Springfield Library

The Springfield-Greene County Library has announced that researchers can now order items from the Ozarks Genealogical Society's (OGS) materials housed in the Springfield Library Center's Local History and Genealogy Department through Inter-Library Loan. The procedure to do this is to locate the resource in the Springfield-Greene County Library's online catalog and verify that it is an OGS item. If so, note the full, complete title and the call number. Take this information to your local library and request that it be ordered via Inter-Library Loan. Your local library will contact you when the item is received, and you can check out the book with your library card. The OGS collection includes a significant number of resources about people who arrived on the Mayflower and material relating to Revolutionary War veterans. If you have questions regarding Inter-Library Loan, please speak with staff at your library.

Civil War Research

Some online resources for those researching their Missouri Civil War ancestors includes:

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/soldiers/> Missouri Digital Heritage "Soldiers' Records: War of 1812 – World War I."

<http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/moawar/waro.html> Cornell University, Making of America, "The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies."

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> National Park Service, "Soldiers and Sailors Database."

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/provost/> Missouri Digital Heritage, "Missouri's Union Provost Marshal Papers: 1861-1866."

<http://shsmo.org/research/guides/civilwar/> The State Historical Society of Missouri, "Guide to American Civil War in Missouri."

Additionally, the Nevada Library has a hard-bound set of the Confederate Veteran Magazine and the Cumulative Index for the set as well as numerous other Civil War resources.

Newspaper Articles of Interest

Vernon County (Mo.) Registration.

The following are some of the questions asked and reasons assigned by the registrars for disfranchising loyal citizens after they take the oath:

First case—Did you vote for Claib Jackson for Governor in 1860?

I did.

They you can't be registered.

Second case—Did you wear crape on your door when Lincoln was killed?

No.

You will have to be put on the rejected list.

Third case—How old were you when the war commenced?

Between eleven and twelve years.

Did you not go into the rebel lines?

My father moved South and took me with him.

Have you always been loyal?

Yes.

Did you never sympathize with the South?

I never did.

Well, you can't be registered as qualified, on account of going South.

Fourth case—Was not your father in the rebel army?

Yes, he was.

And two brothers of yours?

Yes, they were.

{Illegible}

When the armies had a fight did you not sympathize with the rebels?

No, sir, I did not.

Did you not hope that your father and brothers might not be killed or captured in fight?

I did hope that they might not be killed, or any harm befall them; but I was always a Union man.

That will do for you; we must put your name on the rejected list.

Fifth case—Are you a Union man?

I ought to be, I served four years in the Union army.

Have you an honorable discharge?

I got one when I was mustered out, but I don't know where it is now.

You can't register unless you have an honorable discharge.

I am willing to swear I had one at the end of the war when I was mustered out.

That makes no difference. The law says that unless a man has an honorable discharge from the army he is not a voter. That is the law, and we will carry it out. Unless you have a discharge, you can't be registered as qualified.

Sixth case—Where were you born?

In Virginia.

Did you live in Virginia during the war?

No, I left Virginia in 1853, and moved to Iowa.
Did you live in Iowa during the late war?
No, I moved to Pike county, in Illinois.
Were there not a great many rebels in Pike county?
None that I know of. There were a good many people called Copperheads.
Did you not shout for Jeff Davis?
No.
Did you not say that Virginia had a right to secede?
I did think she had that right according to the constitution of the United States.
We will have to reject you.

These and similar questions are the ground on which twenty out of thirty Democrats were rejected in the township of Moundville, and this is the way in which registration has been conducted throughout the whole county. This is what made men indignant, and more than that, it was an outrage. These law abiding (?) registrars swear that they will carry it on, or overrun the county with militia.—Nevada City Times.

The Lincoln County [MO] Herald, 13 Oct 1870

Gov. Fletcher's Bank of Regulators in Southeast Missouri—They Overpower, Insult and Rob.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Times, writing from Southeast Missouri, under date of October 20, says:

I find two editorial articles in the Southeast Missouri Enterprise, of the current week, a Radical sheet published at Ironton. These articles, put in juxtaposition, present a rather singular state of facts—if both be true.

The one states that Captain Monks, of Howell county, is after the horse thieves and desperadoes in the county of Howell, and other counties adjoining, and that he has cleared those counties of the aforesaid desperadoes. The other states that the militia "on duty," in Howell and Shannon counties, had, on the Sunday before the issuing of the Enterprise paper of the 10th of October, visited Ironton and Pilot Knob, in Iron county; that they arrested citizens on the road below town, and compelled them to act as guides; that the squad came to John Layman's farm, etc.; that they proceeded to search Layman's premises, and appropriated several articles of value, and told L.'s little daughter that they intended to kill her father, etc. Now, it is a well known fact in all Southeast Missouri, that Tom Fletcher has recently authorized this Monks to raise a company of militia for "duty" in the counties of Howell, Oregon, Shannon, etc.; that Monks and his band are of the Babcock order of men; that they go out with full power to kill horse thieves, bushwhackers, etc., under which power they kill, steal, rob and burn, as to them may seem fit. It has come to the knowledge of this present writer that the people in those counties have become terror stricken, and many have fled with fear from their homes. Can any one doubt this information in the face of the admissions of this Radical organ? If those cut-throats have done in Iron county

what the "Enterprise" man says they have, what have they *not* done in those counties where they had license to commit all manner of crimes?

The comments of the editor of the Enterprise upon the conduct of the cut-throats who arrested Mr. Layman are well timed and appropriate.

He remarks that the sheriff of Iron county and her citizens are fully able to attend to all the violators of the law in that county, without the aid of the Monks militia. This same can be said of all the counties which have been cursed by these roving, lawless thieves, who pretend to be acting under the authority of "Railroad Tom." There is no doubt but the counties in Southeast Missouri are more or less infested with horse thieves, and the country ought to be rid of them; but it is equally true that this same militia "on duty" are men of the Babcock order, and while pretending to rid the county of desperadoes, rob and steal, themselves, and drive out the better class of men. I have no hesitancy in saying, that if the truth were really known there have been more robberies, thefts and murders committed since those men went on "duty," than have been committed in these counties within the last twelve months. Monks and his militia are not the men to suppress crime. The people have never asked for them and do not want them. If they are not able to suppress the crime alleged to be committed in these counties, without the aid of military authority, they deserve to be cursed with horse thieves and desperadoes. The men of that character are plenty enough, in all conscience, everywhere, and the Governor should not send upon that people a still more desperate and hungry set.

The Lincoln County [MO] Herald, 7 November 1867

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