

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

218 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772

Finding Military Records @ Fold3.com

Do you have ancestors who served in the military? The www.fold3.com subscription website has numerous military records available. Some of the military records available cover these wars: Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American and Early Indian Wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and more recent wars. This program will explain what records are available at Fold3 and give you some pointers on researching those record. In addition to searching on the website, you will be shown how to download military record images and print them. A brief business meeting will be conducted following the program. If you are interested in researching your ancestors in military records, you will want to attend this program.

The Genealogy Society meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The meetings alternate between El Dorado Springs and Nevada at the public libraries. **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 public libraries in Nevada and El Dorado Springs. Upcoming meeting locations and programs:

Oct: El Dorado Springs – Linda Myers, Field Archivist, Mo. Archives, speaker.

Nov: Nevada – Native American Research, Renee Glass, speaker.

Dec: El Dorado Springs (held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall) – The History of Dulcimers and Dulcimer Christmas music by Linda & Bob Snodgrass

Genealogical Jewels from Periodicals

Several have asked about the handout from the Periodic Source Index in August, and it is attached for your convenience. The links can be clicked for access to the websites.

Steamboat Arabia Museum & National Toy & Miniature Museum in KC

The Bushwhacker Museum will sponsor a bus tour to the Steamboat Arabia Museum and the National Toy & Miniature Museum in Kansas City on Monday, October 24th. Tickets are \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members. The fee covers coach bus transportation and entrance fees to both museums.

8:30 a.m. Depart from Old Bushwhacker Jail
(park in lot at corner of Hunter & Main, across from Bushwhacker Jail)

10 a.m.-12 m Tour Steamboat Arabia Museum

12:15 p.m. Lunch (location to be determined)

1:30-3:30 p.m. Tour Toy & Miniature Museum

5:30 p.m. Arrive back in Nevada

Seating is limited; call the Bushwhacker Museum at 417-667-9602 to reserve your space.

How to Reopen and Work a Cold Case [Brickwall]

Tap into your Inner Private Eye; 9 Strategies for Finding Living Relatives

Ways to Enhance your Genealogy Research with Old Maps

The Great Google Earth Game Show

If any of these subjects are of interest to you, you will want to attend the Johnson County [KS] Genealogy Society's annual seminar on Saturday, October 22, at the Ritz Charles Event Center, 9000 W. 137th Street, Overland Park, KS.

Seminar speaker will be Lisa Louise Cooke, owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. Non-member registration is \$65 and includes lunch. For details, please see jcgsk.org/cpage.php?pt=198

Top 100 Genealogy Websites for 2015

Sometimes you just need to look over a list of available websites to jump start your thinking about where to look for elusive clues that will help with your research. The list at this link was published by GenealogyInTime magazine. <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/top-100-genealogy-websites-of-2015-page02.html> Free or pay are indicated as well as the magazine's 2014 ranking.

November ~ Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month and thanks to the internet, more information on researching our Native American Heritage is available to us. If you think that you might have Native American Heritage, you may want to read this blog article about why your Cherokee grandmother may be missing from the rolls. <http://cherokeeregistry.com/blog/2016/08/20/why-you-may-still-become-a-tribal-member-even-though-your-cherokee-grandmother-is-missing-from-the-rolls/>

Additionally, at our November 15 regular monthly meeting, we will have a special program and guest speaker: Renee Glass will present a seminar on researching our Native American heritage – mark your calendar now to attend!

Born NC and Living Elsewhere: Making the Connection Back

Have you struggled with finding WHERE in North Carolina an ancestor might have been born pre-1850? Finding him on a post-1850 census tells us in which state he was born, but it doesn't tell us where within the state. This program will offer suggestions on how to work backwards into those early pre-1850 years and identify where your ancestors were. This is a free webinar from the North Carolina Genealogical Society will air during the weekend of Oct 7-9. More information can be found at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org/> If you will be viewing this webinar on a public library computer, please remember to take your personal headphones or earbuds.

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 organization they are for.

Newspaper Articles of Interest

[Editor's note: One or two of the below Nevada newspaper transcriptions may actually be from the Southwest Mail, Nevada, MO. I apologize for not being more careful with that detail.]

DIRECTOR OF WORLD'S FAIR SHOT AND KILLED

Special to The Post.

St. Louis, Dec. 8. 3:02 p.m.—Francis D. Hirschberg, a prominent insurance man and a social and financial leader was shot and killed at his home in this city this morning.

Hirschberg was one of the directors of the St. Louis World's Fair.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 11 December 1908

Joe Fryer killed an eagle Tuesday at Tucker lake which measured 7 feet and 2 inches from tip to tip of its wings. When Mr. Fryer shot the bird it was trying to carry away one of his live decoy ducks. Mrs. Titus will stuff the bird for Mr. Fryer.
The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 11 December 1908

KILLED BY TRACTION ENGINE.

Wm. Nichols of Schell City Killed When Bridge Gave Way Under Weight Of Engine.

T. B. Titus of Schell City was in Nevada Tuesday and stated to a Post representative that William Nichols of Schell City was killed Tuesday about 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Nichols was moving his saw mill from Schell City to a point near the river north of that city and while taking his traction engine over a small bridge, it gave way under the heavy weight and the engine fell through the bridge. Mr. Nichols was caught under the engine and instantly killed. His body was badly mashed and mutilated.

Mr. Nichols was about thirty-five years of age. He leaves a wife and two children. He has been a resident of Schell City for a number of years. His death was quite a shock to his family and the community. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 18 December 1908

DEATH OF THOS. BOONE

Thos. Boone, an old and highly respected citizen of Nevada died Saturday at his home, 1112 South Cedar Street, his death being due to the infirmities of old age. The deceased was 81 years of age and is survived by a wife, one daughter and three sons, two of the children being J. H. Boone and Miss Lillie Boone, of this city. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon after which the remains were interred at the Moore graveyard.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 18 December 1908

“HORSE GEORGE” DEAD

Few, indeed, are the people of Sheldon and vicinity who do not recall a man who camped in the neighborhood for some time and was known as “Horse George.” He acquired this appropriate cognomen because he believed himself to be a horse and at all times pulled the wagon in which all of his worldly goods were stored himself or hitched himself up with a single horse and pulled half the load. Aside from a peculiar obsession that he was a member of the equine family he did not seem to be mentally unbalanced.

He always had horse shoes nailed on the bottom of his shoes and had a set of harness he used to hitch himself to his load. His load consisted of almost every conceivable kind of article that he had picked up during his years of wandering.

A few days ago, George Asher, for that was his name, was found near Joplin, where he had long been a familiar figure, in a miserable hovel, frozen and in such a condition that it was known the end was not far off.

When an ambulance came to take him to a hospital he refused to go, saying, "I'll die if you take me inside—I've lived in the open all my life." He was forcibly taken to the hospital and given medical attention but the died in a few days.

The Joplin Globe recently made a feature story of his life and peculiarities that was very interesting and we would like to reprint it but it would make several columns and space forbids.

The Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; 9 March 1928

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