

# *Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society*

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## **Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

218 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64771

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## ***Find Your Ancestors in Tax Records***

Tax records can often place ancestors in a particular place and time when census records are not available. Tax records will often state a father-son relationship and can provide an approximate year of birth based on when a young man first appears on the rolls. You will learn why you should not ignore tax records. The various types of tax records will be reviewed and explained.

**DNA seminar:** We will look at some charts that will approximate the relationship of a DNA match based on the number of shared centimorgans – please see the website at <http://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2016/06/26/update-to-the-shared-cm-project/>.

Following the DNA session, Nancy will assist anyone needing help in downloading their test results and transferring them to [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) and [www.gedmatch.com](http://www.gedmatch.com). You can bring your personal laptop, or just bring your account passwords to accomplish the transfer. If downloading your data from ancestry, you will need access to your email.

**Inclement weather policy:** If either the Nevada or the El Dorado Springs schools are closed, there will NOT be a regular genealogy meeting. Please note that the Nevada Public Library will be closed if the Nevada Schools are closed due to weather.

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](mailto:Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net)

Mar. - Nevada, MO	Apr. - El Dorado Springs, MO
May - Nevada, MO	Jun. - El Dorado Springs, MO
Jul. - Nevada, MO	Aug. - El Dorado Springs, MO
Sep. - Nevada, MO	Oct. - El Dorado Springs, MO
Nov. - Nevada, MO	Dec. - El Dorado Springs, MO, Christmas Luncheon

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## **New Resources in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department**

The following books have been donated and are being cataloged:

Grundset, Eric G. (2015). *Massachusetts and Maine in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Williams, Betty Harvey (1977). *Swamp Land Sales 1854-1855 Bates County (including Vernon County), Missouri*.

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## **Best Choice UPCs and Labels for Education**

Members are urged to save both Best Choice UPCs and also Labels for Education. The Genealogy Society collects the Best Choice UPCs; and our sister organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, collects Labels for Education. You can bring both to any meeting or place them in the box in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. One of the DAR members will take the Labels for Education for the local DAR chapter. Several DAR members regularly save their UPCs and give them to us, and we are glad to also save labels for them.

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## **Newspaper Articles of Interest**

### **Zodiac Items**

We have had a nice rain and the crops look fine in this part of the country.— Harry McClendon and wife spent Sunday with their uncle, Isaac Wickliff of Zodiac. Miss Violet Attlebery left Sunday for Kansas City.—Bill Cogle, and Monroe and Dollie Curby spent Sunday with Edna Mulkins at Zodiac.—We received the sad news of the death of Mr. Luke Robinson, who has been in the sanitarium at Latham, Mo.

**Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; 15 May 1914**

### **A Little Light on Lane's Operations.**

Not a little wonderment has been excited by Adjutant General Thomas's allusions to the maltreatment of Union men by General Lane's force in Southwest Missouri, in his letter of instructions to Fremont, and by his request that the abuses be corrected promptly. In many cases it has been received as an exhibition of mean spite, in which imbecile dotage is apt to indulge towards ill-regulated vigor, and has been sternly rebuked by the press. In others it has been set down to the account of the usual indifference to intelligence of any kind, which prevails in Washington. But we have reliable evidence that the Adjutant General's admonition was not mistimed or uncalled for, and that Lane's men,

either through his culpable connivance or scarcely less culpable indifference, have great misused as good Union men as there are in Missouri. Many of our readers are well acquainted with the family of Mr. Sickles, of this city, and know that no truer Union men live than they, or men whose words may be received with more unhesitating confidence. For some years they have been settled in Southwestern Missouri, where they are well known as devoted Unionists. We have before us two letters from one of the brothers to his relatives in this city, of course not intended for publication, and therefore free from any purpose to affect Gen. Lane one way or the other, which fully establish the imputations implied in Thomas's letter. Of the conduct of Lane's men, he says, under date of October 3d, Mounds, Vernon county Missouri:

Mounds, Vernon Co., Mo,  
October 3d, 1861.

"All of our cattle and horses are yet safe, except the mare E. rode to Clinton, and the Federal troops stole her six or seven weeks ago. They have been doing foul work, I tell you, on this border. Had such a man as Major Sturgis been appointed by the Federal Government to command the troops in this region, things would now wear a different aspect. But no! Those scoundrels, Jim Lane, Montgomery, Jennison, &c., who are a curse to any country, are in command, and such a time we have had of it!

About six or seven weeks ago a part of Federal troops came down from Kansas, and after routing a part of secessionists, committed various depredations, a few of which I will mention. They burned McNeil's mill and the bridge over the Little Osage, and though this McNeil is a Union man, and has been threatened time and again by the secessionists, yet they have robbed him of nearly all his horses, cattle, carriages, &c., and forced his negroes to accompany them.—Some of them even tried to ride their horses into his house. Other Union men suffered in the same proportion. One Union man barely escaped with his life, and probably wouldn't have done so if he had not had a copy of the St. Louis *Democrat* in his house.

Mr. Austin (whom you know), a Union man, was called out of his house and shot, the ball taking effect in his hand and thigh—it first struck a rail and glanced downward, or, in all probability, it would have struck him in the breast and killed him. He now, however, is about well.

The Federal troops here take every negro they can lay their hands on, whether he belongs to a Union man or a secessionist. They have negroes in their army, too, equipped as white soldiers. In short, their manner of proceeding here is enough to disgust any man.

**The Democratic Press, Eaton, Preble County, Ohio; 7 November 1861**

### **From Long Sojourn in Orient**

George Masters, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Masters of this place, arrived Tuesday from a stay of sixteen years in the Far East. He enlisted in the United States Army at the time of the Spanish-American war and was assigned to duty

in the Philippines. Since that time he has made one visit home—at the expiration of his enlistment. He returned shortly afterward to the Orient, and has been there continuously since. He left Hong Kong, China, on April 11, for his homeward trip, arriving at Sheldon on May 12.

**Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; 15 May 1914**

California News – We have been permitted to read a letter written by Mr. W. C. Campbell of Polk county, to his wife, dated at Sacramento City, Oct. 15, 1849. We have not room today for the letter, but will endeavor to give our readers the substance. He arrived in the valley on the 1st of October, having been detained in the Mountains by the sickness of Dr. Tate fifteen day. All the company were in good health, and making money. Ten dollars a day was the lowest price for labor. Mr. Campbell had not seen much of the mines, but was well pleased with the prospect of making money. He says he finds every thing said by the public prints to be literally true—prudent, industrious men are bound to make fortunes, as a man can make money at any thing he turns his hand to. Mr. Campbell did not know when he would return but, if he concluded to stay longer than he intended before starting, he would send for his family to come.

A letter from Mr. Joseph Wilhite, of the same date, says: “Pork is worth \$20 per 100 lbs.; Flour \$10 per 100 lbs; and other things in proportion. We find gold to be as plenty as it was represented to be. I shall work in the dry diggings. A man can made from \$15 to \$25 per day there. Thos. Hunt and R. L. Campbell are in the service of the United States at \$10 per day—that is the price of labor here.”

**The Springfield Advertiser, Springfield, Missouri; 5 January , 1850**

### **Bellamy Brieflets**

There was a large crowd at church Sunday night and the Mothers' Day programme was a success.—Quite a wind storm visited this country Monday evening. Several trees were blown down.—There will be no Sunday school at Dunnegan Grove Sunday morning on account of the Children's Day exercises at Bellamy.—Mabel McClenagan spent Sunday with Gracie Beal.—Mr. and Mrs. Walters and Luella Walker spent Sunday at Bell's.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maize and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maize spent Sunday at John Maizes'.

Barney Wright went to Nevada Monday.—Charley Lindsay, Len Batts, Douglas Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Beal, Earl Mossburger, Mart and John McClenagan, Frank Faith and Nora and Rhoda Shepherd were all in Sheldon Monday. There was a large crowd at Bellamy Saturday afternoon and the merchants were all busy.—Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman were in Sheldon Saturday.—Stillman Armstrong, Pete Nelson and Johnny Pokenhagen spent Sunday with Rupard and Anthony Harmon.—We are preparing for a nice time Sunday. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

**Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; 15 May 1914**

The remains of Andy Dillon formerly of near Bellamy, arrived here Wednesday from Webb City, where he died the first of the week.

**Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; 4 December 1914**

H. L. Swan has retired from the editorial chair of the Sheldon, Vernon county, *Enterprise*, and is succeeded by Mr. R. G. Campbell. We wish the new management unbounded success.

**The Springfield Express, Springfield, MO; Friday 11 November 1881, p. 2.**

Not long since, while chopping wood in Vernon county, Byron Gould was caught by a falling tree, which broke his left leg about the middle of the thigh and dislocated the hip joint.

**The Springfield Express, Springfield, MO; Friday 28 October 1881, p. 2.**

Near his home in Cedar county while attempting to evade arrest for the crime of murder committed in Arkansas about a year ago, John M. Gragg was shot by officials and mortally wounded.

**The Springfield Express, Springfield, MO; Friday 28 October 1881, p. 2.**

A movement is underway in the coal region of Bates county to organize a new county, with Rich Hill as the county seat. For territory it is proposed to cut off the south part of Bates and the north part of Vernon county, lying between the Osage and Marais des Cygnes rivers. The Democratic organ of Rich Hill suggests as a name for the new county the very appropriate title of "Carbon."

**The Springfield Express, Springfield, MO; Friday 9 December 1881, p. 2.**

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