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The June 15, 2022 Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society will be held at the **Nevada LDS Family History Center, 1101 N. Olive St., Nevada**, beginning at 10 a.m. Please use the entrance at the southwest corner of the building. A facility tour and orientation of the Family History Center (FHC) will be given by our member, Sally H. The following subscription websites can be accessed at the FHC without charge:

--Ancestry.com

--AmericanAncestors.org

--Fold3.com

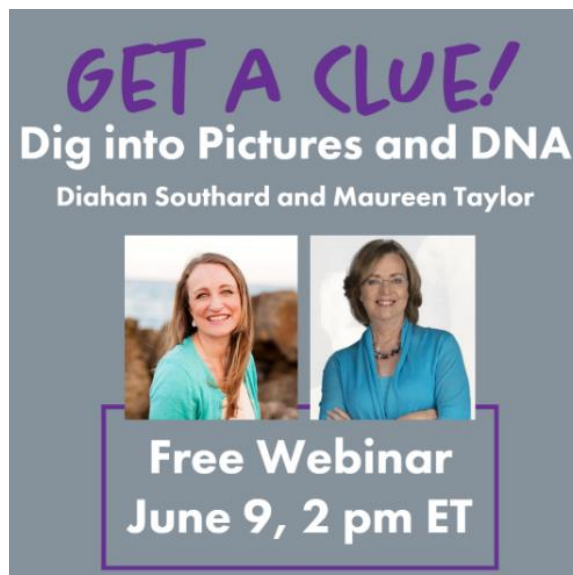
--Filae.com (French family history research)

--MyHeritage.com

--Geneanet.com (Continental Europe Community of Genealogists mutual aid and sharing)

Additionally, Sally will share new information about using the FamilySearch.org website along with tips on how to get the most from the site. Even if you generally use ancestry.com, this program will be an important learning opportunity to expand your research. The FHC is open to researchers on Wednesday evenings from 5 until 8 p.m., and there are four computers available.

REGISTER IMMEDIATELY for this free **June 9, 1 p.m. webinar**. Join the fun as Your DNA Guide Diahn Southard and Photo Detective Maureen Taylor swap strategies on their favorite topics. They'll trade advice about finding family history



clues in DNA and in old photos. By the end, you'll have fresh perspectives on using these powerful resources for genealogy—and so will they! Register at: <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/webinar> [Diahn's programs are always informative and fun!]

The Midwest Genealogy Center is offering many of its workshops “hybrid” meaning that they are both in-person at the Center and also by Zoom. You may want to take advantage of some of these programs: Here is a link to the upcoming program “Using Fold3”.

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/74876/using-fold3> To register to participate from your home computer/device via Zoom, there are some extra steps to register: Click **View All Times**. Click **Register Now**. Click **Continue as Guest**.

Complete the registration form and click **Register**. Under “How Will You Attend?” select **Online**.

The old **Gill Cemetery** in southwest Vernon County, MO is in the process of being restored to its park-like natural beauty. The cemetery is located at the corner of Zebulon Rd and S. 375 Rd in Harrison Township. It can be found online searching Google Maps: Gill Cemetery, Bronaugh, MO. It is two miles north of Oskaloosa, MO and one mile east on Zebulon Rd.



Brush, weeds, and trees have been cut to make the gravesites accessible. A perpetual care fund is being established for Gill Cemetery. Visitors, friends, and anyone interested in financially helping to preserve the Gill Cemetery is encouraged to contact Joe Yokley at 417-684-7070 or jsyokley@hotmail.com and donations can be mailed to him at 8459 E. Zebulon Rd., Bronaugh, MO 64728.

There are less than 50 known and recorded burials in Gill Cemetery, the first



being that of 13-month-old George Grant Gill who died April 2, 1874. He was the little son of J.C. and L. Gill. To read more about the J.C. Gill family which lived in this area, please see Lyndon Irwin’s website at www.lyndonirwin.com/gill.htm.

The last recorded burial in Gill Cemetery is that of Frances A. Williams who died Jan. 10, 1976. Her parents were Edward Williams and Gwenny Hughes who are also buried in Gill Cemetery as are her three sisters.

As with many of the pioneer cemeteries in Vernon County, Gill Cemetery was established near the school house which was also used as a church and community meeting house, the land often having been donated by an early settler. Gill School was consolidated into Bronaugh School in 1951.

Old, **microfilmed area newspapers** can yield a wealth of interesting, sad, and happy articles pertaining to our families.

The subscription website www.newspapers.com has many of the area newspapers online, but many of the papers are also available without charge on other websites. The Missouri Newspaper Archives at <https://shsmo.org/collections/newspapers/mntp#list> has many of the older Missouri papers available without charge. Many states also have similar websites where their papers have been digitized. Several area papers can be found at <https://news.google.com/newspapers?hl=en> However, some papers, such as the Nevada Daily Mail, have various years heavily redacted (partially erased) due to copyright issues. If you find a paper of interest, bookmark it so it will be easier to return to it. The Nevada Daily Mail is at <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=M3zsPnPgUIUC>

Below are some articles this volunteer has used in working on the new Vernon County Cemetery Directory. Please pardon the typing errors and autocorrect which changes the articles slightly from the published original.

SLASHED WITH A KNIFE

A Difficulty at Walker Saturday Night.

Correspondence of the Southwest Mail.

Walker, Mo., Dec. 26—Our town was the scene of a disagreeable occurrence Saturday night. Whilst all the people were making merry at the various Christmas trees, two youths, Frank Hathaway and Morrison became involved in a difficulty about an old watch trade. Hathaway attempted to strike Morrison with a stool, who cut him on the arm, inflicting a very painful, if not serious injury.

Charlie Hawes, a boy 12 years old, while scuffling with another boy in play,

fell against a red hot stove, burning his hand severely [and] also his clothing.

Santa Claus did not slight anyone here to our knowledge. P.Q.
The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 27 Dec 1897.

MRS. C. T. PATTON ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

At Her Home in North Dakota— Body Brought Here For Interment.

Mrs. C. T. Patton, 30 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Downs, 1117 East Allison street, Nevada, died at the Mercy Hospital, in Devils Lake, North Dakota, Saturday night.

Mrs. Patton was accidentally shot by a little ten year old girl who was shooting at gophers, a short time ago, and although everything possible was done, death resulted.

Mrs. Patton formerly resided in Nevada. Her body accompanied by her husband will arrive tonight and the funeral will be held possibly tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Pine street Baptist church, of which she had been a member for ten years, and burial thence at the Click cemetery. Rev. Odom will conduct the service at the church and the Woodman Circle will have charge at the grave.

Mrs. Patton is survived by her devoted husband, parents and three sisters, Mrs. Corda Crews, Mrs. Julia Griffith, Mrs. Louisa Brady and one brother, Ray Downs.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 14 Aug 1916.

The body of Mrs. C. T. Patton who died in the Dent's Lake, North Dakota, Saturday arrived this afternoon. The

funeral service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Pine street Baptist [church] thence in the Click grave yard.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri, 15 Aug 1916.

Mrs. Mary E. Craighead died Sunday of pneumonia, at her home in Lake township, aged about 44 years. Her husband preceded her to the tomb about two years ago. She left several small children. The body received interment at the Johnson graveyard.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri, 13 Mar 1893.

[Johnson graveyard is now Temple Cemetery; this death/burial was previously unknown.]

Miss Mary Dixon, aged 20 years, of Metz township, died Friday afternoon, after an illness of a year with lung trouble. The remains were buried at the Baptist cemetery, in Metz township.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 1 Apr 1904.

[The Metz Baptist cemetery is now Pryor Creek Cemetery].

Don't forget – the June 15, 10 a.m. meeting will be at the Nevada LDS Family History Center.

Genealogy Society dues are only \$10 per person (\$15 per couple in the same household)! — quite a bargain!

Dues can be mailed to the Society at:

Cedar & Vernon Co MO Gen Soc
Attn: Membership
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Benefits of Society membership include receiving the emailed monthly newsletter, free personal genealogy lookups in the new cemetery database, and free queries published in the newsletter. The Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. Information on upcoming meetings is available at <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~movernon/>

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