

**Cedar & Vernon County Missouri Genealogical Society**

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The Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022 Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting and program will be held at the Nevada Library Annex, 200 W. Walnut St, Nevada, MO, beginning at 10 a.m. Please note that the Annex doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. -- come early to visit. Society member Judith will present the program on "Some of my Personal Research."

Nevada Family History Center update: The FHC continues to experience intermittent internet service. Please call or text Sally at (417) 529-9793 before going to the facility to ensure you will be able to conduct research. The FHC will be open from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, when internet service is available.

As a follow up to the Aug 17 program on researching in the DAR databases, the webinar at the below link will be available to view without charge until the end of September. In addition to the DAR databases, Elizabeth Swamay O'Neal also explores the Sons of the Revolution and the US Daughters of 1812 databases for research in her program, "What can you Learn from Lineage Societies without being a Member":

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/what-you-can-learn-from-lineage-societies-without-being-a-member/>

Research Tip: As you conduct your research and find a special document, such as a mid-1850s plat map which shows where

your 3x grandfather's land was located, copy the map itself and save it to your computer or print a copy...do not simply copy the link and file it with a note of what the item is because websites change, items are removed from the internet, and your special document may no longer be available.

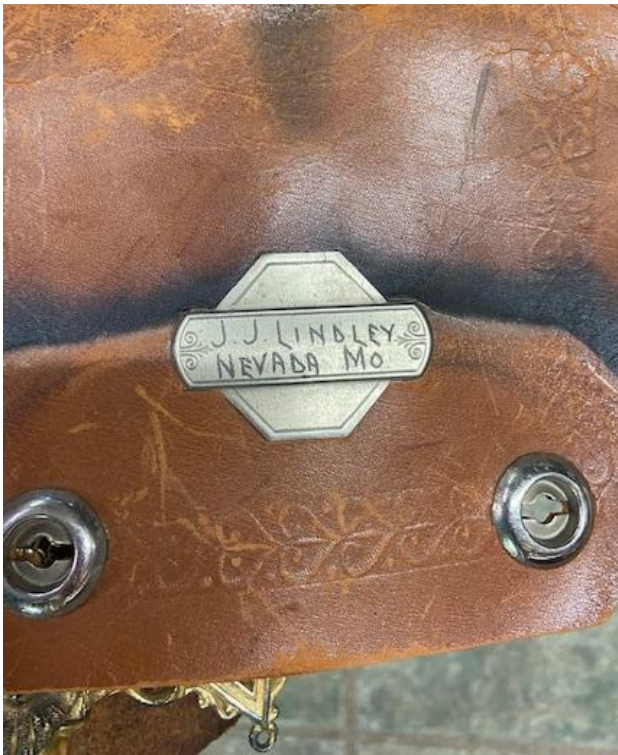
We welcome information about your research to be published in the newsletter! Write a paragraph or two or three or more...a mini story about one of your family members that can be shared with the society. Email it to [Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net](mailto:Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net)

The State Historical Society of Missouri now has 65 free videos which can be viewed or listened to at any time. The website is <https://shsmo.org/on-demand> --check it out!

Our member, Lyndon I., shared the following: "I was in an antique/junk store down on I-44 [Aug 31] and saw two Nevada items. Both are swords from the Knights of Columbus. They have the names of the person on them. The dealer said he bought these at an auction in Jasper. I didn't ask the price but I could. I'm sending you this in case the historical Society members or the genealogical Society members might be interested."

Will T. provided the correct identification of the Masonic organization as Knights Templar.

A little bit of genealogy research revealed that the O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15 meets at the Nevada Masonic Lodge in Nevada, MO.



A quick search of genealogical records shows that Mr. James J. Lindley died May 26, 1950 in Nevada, MO. The front-page obituary in the Nevada Daily Mail says that Mr. Lindley was the former mayor of Nevada and that he was survived by his wife, Florence (Cockerill) Lindley and one daughter, Mrs. Stuart Stout of Springfield. The Missouri Death Certificate of Mrs. Lindley shows that she died 26 Dec 1962 in Clayton, St. Louis Co, MO and was buried in Kansas City, MO as was her husband. Their daughter, Almond (Lindley) Stout, died 25 May 1965 and is buried in Springfield, MO. The 1950 Greene Co, MO Census shows a teenage son and daughter in the household of Stuart and Almond Stout, both born in the mid-1930s.

Ralph L. Warden died 14 Mar 1956 in Vernon Co, MO. He was associated with his father in a drug store on the north side of the Nevada square and later operated another drug store. For a short time, he was the druggist at State Hospital #3. He had three children: Herbert, Jeanette, and Ata Warden.



Jeanette died in 1936, and Ata died in 1906. Ralph's son Herbert Warden was a veteran of World War I and died in 1972. Herbert was the first commander of the American Legion Post in Nevada after World War I. His wife and two sons survived him, one being H. W. "Jack" Warden of Nevada, who died in 2003, leaving two sons and two daughters.

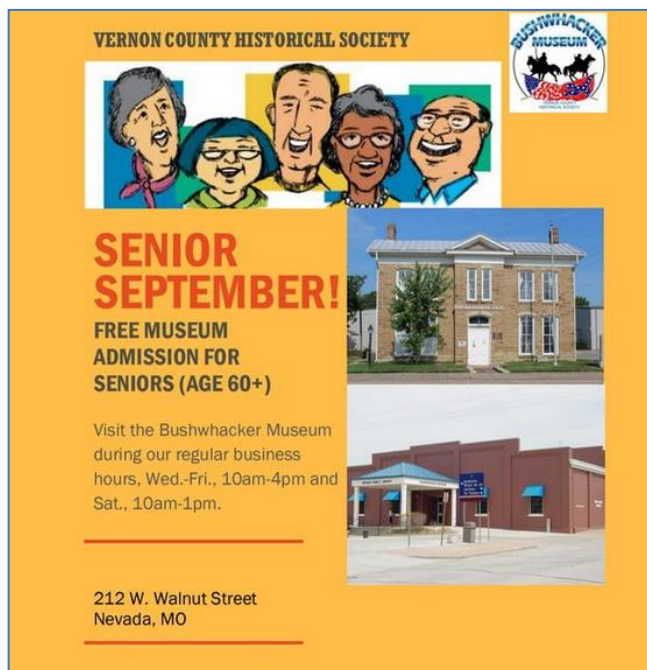
On 7 Sep Lyndon wrote again: "I was at the antique store again yesterday and

inquired about the two Nevada swords. I was told that they both sold to a buyer from Texas. That's all I know but that's the end of the story I guess."

Consider some of your items which help tell the history of your county and the value

they would have to your local Historical Society and Museum. A donation of these two swords which belonged to two prominent businessmen in Vernon County would have been welcome gifts.

### Senior September at the Bushwhacker Museum!



(To enlarge the image for details, hold the Ctrl key and roll the roller ball on your mouse. If on a hand-held device, enlarge as you would a picture.)

Bushwhacker Museum hours:  
Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Newspaper Articles

#### AFTER TEN YEARS.

Clark and Ed Duzan Receive a Letter from Their Brother Ben.

Clark and Ed Duzan received a letter a few days ago from their brother, Ben R. Duzan. It is the first time they have heard of him for ten years.

About twelve years ago he left Moundville without telling anyone where he was going. Two years later Messrs. Duzan received a letter from him stating his whereabouts.

Since that time he had not been heard from until this week. Both brothers supposed him dead.

Mr. Duzan's letter states that he is now located at Lilly, Ky., where he is running a store.

In a mine accident several years ago he lost one leg. He is married and has two children, and writes that he hopes to visit Vernon county soon.

It is needless to say that his brothers were overjoyed to hear from him.

**The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 9 May 1902 p4c3.**

---Frank M. Brown, a man who killed another near Metz., Mo., last summer, has

returned and given himself up, claiming the reward offered for his apprehension.

**The Rock Island Argus, Rock Island, Illinois; 22 Jan 1878, p1.**

#### SLIPPED OFF A HAY STACK.

Isaac Chambers Meets Sudden Death,  
Saturday.

Fell Off a Hay Rick and Broke His Neck  
While Feeding Stock.

Isaac Chambers aged 65 years fell off a hay rick on his farm near Brush College, Saturday, and broke his neck. He had climbed on the rick to put down hay for his stock when he lost his balance and fell to the ground, alighting in such a position as to break his neck. Death resulted almost instantly.

Mr. Chambers had been a resident of the locality in which he was killed for many years, and besides being known extensively throughout northwest Vernon and Southwest Bates, he was held in the highest esteem and honored by everyone as well.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 3 Mar 1896.**

#### A BIRTHDAY AND A HOME.

They Come Together to Little Minnie Fabria.

Today was the fourth anniversary of the birth of little Minnie Fabria. She is very young but her experiences in the rougher usages of life have not been proportioned to her tender years.

A few years ago, the little girl's father was sent to the penitentiary and not long afterward, her mother married M. V. Ott. The second marriage did not prove a happy one and the mother and wife took her little daughter and went to St. Joseph. After she had been there a short time Mrs. Ott sent the little daughter back to this city to her stepfather, Mr. Ott.

Minnie was then taken to the home of Charles Ritchie in the western part of town

and kept as a member of the family, but was again returned to her stepfather.

Today Mrs. Ritchie came after the little one, and declared her willingness to keep it if permitted to adopt it. That arrangement was effected and the baby was taken to her home.

It is said that Minnie was delighted with the prospect of returning with Mrs. Ritchie to whom she had become very much attached.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 7 Mar 1894.**

#### A NEGRO FATALLY HURT.

While Whipping His Wife Other Negroes  
Attack Him.

Rich Hill, Mo., March 7.—A negro named J. Sheppard was seriously and probably fatally beaten near the distillery here late yesterday evening. Sheppard was whipping his wife when a negro named Simon interfered. Sheppard was too much for him when another negro named Jim Coleman took a hand. Clubs were freely used and Sheppard got decidedly the worst of it.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 7 Mar 1894.**

#### HORSE NOT STOLEN.

But Its Disappearance Caused Much  
Uneasiness of Mind.

County Clerk H. W. Isbell was on the anxious seat for over an hour Wednesday afternoon. He hitched his horse and buggy to the hitch rack at the court house and on going out to go home they were gone. The first thought that flashed through Harvey's mind was that his horse had been stolen. After looking around for an hour, he found the horse hitched to the west fence at the Central school building.

Mrs. Isbell, who has lived with Harvey for a long while and knows him better than anybody, has an idea that he hitched the horse at the Central school fence and forgot about it. Anyhow, Harvey was glad to

reclaim the lost horse, as the walking has been bad for several days past.

**The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 6 Nov 1903, p4.**

---Dr. Frey's mad stone was given a test which proved satisfactory, last Saturday. John Davis, of this county, had a mad cow which slobbered on one of his hands upon which he happened to have a small abrasion. Fearing he had absorbed some of the poison he came to town and applied the stone which adhered fully four hours before dropping off.

**The Nevada Noticer, Nevada, Missouri; 18 Aug 1887, p3.**

#### PREFERS JAIL TO THE POOR HOUSE.

Rich Hill, Mo., Jan. 19—Thomas Hilton, 80 years old, a resident of this city since its infancy, has made application to keep in jail until warm weather, as he does not wish to be sent to the poor farm. In his younger days he was practical miner in this district and made a fortune which he has squandered. He says he has a son who is able and willing to keep him, but his daughter-in-law objects. **The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 26 Jan 1906 p2.**

Decided to Celebrate before "Croaking."

St. Louis, Aug. 9.—A dispatch from Paducah, Ky., says: A colored woman named Annie Watkins was apparently dead here on Saturday, and was to have been buried yesterday. The body was prepared for the grave and all arrangements for the funeral made. As the neighbors were gathering for the sad rite, the supposed corpse astonished everybody by sitting up in her coffin. The assembled darkies fled in great confusion, greatly frightened, and refused to return. Some white women went to the house and assisted her, and Annie has so far recovered as to be able to

participate in the emancipation celebration to-day.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 10 Aug 1887.**

#### CAUGHT BULLET IN HIS MOUTH.

Peculiar Accident Near Walker Results In Painful Accident to Judge J. W. Underwood.

A peculiar accident occurred near Walker Saturday morning which resulted in the painful wounding of Judge J. W. Underwood of that place.

At half after seven o'clock a rabbit was seen in Judge Underwood's yard and Oliver Van Buren who is employed on the farm picked up a small caliber rifle and went out in the yard to shoot it.

It was in such a position that the man had to shoot in the direction of the house.

Judge Underwood was in the yard saw some of the children near a window almost in line of fire and started toward them to warn them to find a safer viewpoint.

Just about that time Mr. Van Buren fired at the rabbit. He missed and the ball, glancing from the ground struck Judge Underwood. He was leaning forward in such a way that the ball, which struck the bridge of his nose ranged downward and piercing the roof of his mouth dropped on his tongue. The force of the shot was so spent, however, that no injury was done his tongue.

Dr. Davis of Walker, was called and rendered the necessary surgical assistance. Judge Underwood while very painfully hurt is not thought to be dangerously injured.

**The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 19 Feb 1909 p6.**

#### A Country Store for Sale.

Or will trade—Located at good trading point Cedar county, Mo. With it goes the P. O., blacksmith shop, 2 dwellings and 40 acres very rich land. It is a money maker—Can reduce stock of goods to suit purchaser. Will price very cheap and make terms to suit

or will exchange for Nevada property or a farm and assume some incumbrance or pay cash difference or will trade for livestock or livery stable. Make offers quick. John S. Harper.

**The Southwest Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 21 Sep 1906 p3c6.**

---As an objection to the repeal of the law prohibiting the introduction of Texas cattle into the State, a gentleman in Vernon County, Mo., asserts that that county alone has lost \$200,000 worth of cattle by the Texas or Spanish fever, introduced there by the droves of Texas cattle in one season alone. He says if the law protecting them from this pest is repealed, the people of that section of the State will protect themselves by a law of their own.

**The New England Farmer, Boston, Massachusetts; 30 may 1868 p1.**

The dead body of an unknown man was found on the roadside near Metz, Vernon county. There was a bullet wound in his head. The affair is a mystery.

**The Macon Republican, Macon, Missouri; 17 Mar 1887 p2.**

Research tip: Newspaper items can be found in locations other than where your ancestor lived.

The Society's previous newsletters are posted on the MOVernon USGenWeb website at <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~movernon/newsletters.htm>, and they are searchable by keyword. The 2022 newsletters will be added to the website next year.