

## Cedar & Vernon County Missouri Genealogical Society

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### January 2023 Newsletter©

#### Wednesday 18 Jan 2023 Society Meeting.

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting and program will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the Nevada Library Annex, 200 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO. The Annex doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program will be "**Using PERSI, the Periodical Source Index**". Future meetings and programs are listed on the Vernon County website above.

The short historical video of Arrow Rock, MO which was shown at the December meeting is from the video collection at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwaY7Ha3fP\\_JJdDvOPXljjtKx9AkzGKq9](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwaY7Ha3fP_JJdDvOPXljjtKx9AkzGKq9)

#### Unit 8: Coming Through (Arrow Rock).

Please enjoy watching any of the videos and plan a day-trip to explore Missouri's history!

Business conducted included election of officers. Valo and JaWan will audit the financials. Members are reminded that the society's meeting will be cancelled if area schools are closed due to weather.

**Membership Dues:** Members are reminded that dues for 2023 can be paid at any time--\$10 per calendar year. Dues paid during Sep-Dec are for the following year. Lifetime dues are \$100 per person. Dues can be given directly to treasurer Marty P. at any meeting or 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 pertaining to Vernon County published in the newsletter. The Society meets on the third

Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. The meeting location is announced at meetings, in the newsletter, and on the Vernon County MO USGenWeb website at

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~movernon/>

**Programs for 2023.** Would you like to arrange a speaker for a monthly program in 2023? Would you present a program on some aspect of genealogical research which other members would find helpful? Is there a subject or research topic that you would like to learn more about? The Society is scheduling programs and would like your help and to hear from you! Please email the Society at [Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net](mailto:Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net)

#### Members' Best Research Discoveries in 2022.

At the December meeting, members were invited to present a brief summary of the biggest and best research discovery they made in 2022. The following summaries are from some of our members. Perhaps you can find a hint in another's research that will give you a research clue. If you did not report at the December meeting, please email your research summary to be shared in next month's Newsletter.

Laura reported that following the August program, she searched in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) free online databases for possible connections to her ancestors. She found two DAR proven lineages which connect to her family and provide her with information she can use to submit supplemental DAR applications to prove those lines, with just a little bit of additional research! [The link to the free DAR Descendants Databases is [https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR\\_Research/search/?Tab\\_ID=5&Tab\\_ID\\_Sub=2&Action=Search](https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=5&Tab_ID_Sub=2&Action=Search)]

Marty reported that she has been trying to break through a brickwall on her Mom's Hickman side of the family for a LONG time. Although she still hasn't broken through the brickwall, she did track down a missing family member's grandson. Her brickwall is Thomas Hickman who lived most of his life in Tennessee. He was born circa 1785 in North Carolina which would be about four years before NC became a state in 1789. Based on old maps that include the historical state of Franklin (which no longer exists), it is probable that he lived in the state of Franklin during the short time it was a state.

Thomas Hickman was the father of fifteen children, and at least six of them migrated to Missouri. One of those children was Frederick Hickman (the twin brother of her great, great grandfather). Frederick was the father of eight children, two girls and six sons. Most of the family settled in Caldwell County and stayed there the rest of their lives; but all six of Frederick's sons disappeared from the area! Earlier this year Marty was reading a newspaper item which she had had in her genealogy files for several years. The item mentioned a Humphrey Hickman who lived in Colorado who had been visiting family in the Polo, MO area. Using the Find A Grave website, she was able to narrow down the location in Colorado to the town of Rifle, in Garfield County, and soon found all of the missing boys there as well as one of their sisters! Marty contacted the Rifle, CO, Library and in only a couple of days had received the obituaries of all of them by email. One of the sons died at the age of 52, and his widow remarried two years later to a man who became a state senator. The first two sons, John and Owen, had moved to Rifle in 1887. The Hickman's became prominent ranchers in the Grand Mesa area.

Frederick's twin brother, Ahaz, had come to Missouri in 1854 and was Marty's great, great grandfather. This lineage qualifies Marty to join the Missouri Genealogical Association's *Pioneer First Families of Missouri*, and she

will be completing and submitting the First Families documentation.

Marty and Rich met in Casper, WY. After they were married, she began researching his family's history each time they traveled to South Dakota to visit his family. She explained that previously she could go to the newspaper office or library and search in actual copies of the old newspapers to locate articles. However, the newspaper office and library no longer provide access to archived copies of the papers for general research, making it more difficult to find articles about family members.

A discovery in Rich's research was that his great grandfather, William Henry Patton had married Belle Carney in Cassville, MO in 1885 where the Carney family was prominent. William Patton was born in El Paso, IL and had migrated to St. Joseph, MO and on west to Nebraska, finally settling in Gregory, South Dakota. Why he traveled through Cassville, MO or how long he was in that area remains a mystery!

The family of Thomas Carney is remembered in Barry Co due to a tragic event which occurred on 4 Dec 1869. Thomas' grandson, Jack, and his wife were murdered by George Moore in the store that they operated. The murderer was soon captured and lynched on the square in Cassville, MO. That is the only person in Barry County's history to have been lynched.

[Beginning about 2014, copies of some of South Dakota's early newspapers are being microfilmed and made available on <https://chronicling.america.loc.gov/> Some SD newspapers are also available on <https://www.newspapers.com/> at the local Family History Center in Nevada.]

In 2009 an application was submitted to the Missouri State Genealogical Assoc to register Thomas and Susan Carney as a Pioneer Family. To qualify as a Pioneer Family they must have been a Missouri resident between 1821 and 1860. [Information about the Missouri First Families Program is at <https://mosga.org/cpage.php?pt=9>]

Lynda shared that when her daughter wanted to join the Jamestowne Society, she was able to order a copy of another person's Jamestowne Society application to which her lineage connected. This enabled connecting to the previously verified lineage, making the application process easy. [Jamestowne Society website: <https://www.jamestowne.org/>. Many lineage societies have an online database or an option to purchase a copy of previously verified applications. Midwest Genealogy Center has numerous lineage books from many societies which may not have their databases available on the internet.]

Valo reported that her best discovery during 2022 was Sally helping her learn how to use the FamilySearch.org website. Besides volunteering at the Nevada Family History Center on Wednesday evenings, 1101 N Olive St, Nevada, MO, Sally has graciously offered to go to (local) members' homes to help them learn to navigate the website and upload/download images, etc. Some of the subscription website which can be accessed without charge at the Nevada FHC include American Ancestors, Ancestry Library Edition, Find My Past, Fold3, MyHeritage Library Edition, and Newspapers. To find a Family History Center near you: <https://www.familysearch.org/centers/locations/>

Nancy reported finding a Circuit Court case involving a Caton ancestor which descendants/researchers had not previously discovered. Noah Caton married a first-cousin in 1808 in Kentucky, and a daughter was born about 5 months later. A family researcher had shared that Caton's first wife refused to travel west with him from Kentucky into Missouri, according to descendants of that union. The wife and child remained with her parents in Kentucky. In 1813 Caton served under Nathan Boone in Missouri in the War of 1812. Caton married again in 1814 in Missouri, had about a dozen children, and

ended up an early-day settler with several of his adult married children in 1839 in the area that later became Vernon County.

Fast forward to 1862 -- Noah Caton died when about 73 years old. Because the Civil War closed down county government, his estate was not settled until 1868. Fast forward 13 more years, to 1875. A woman, claiming to be a grand-daughter of Noah Caton, filed a lawsuit in Vernon County against one of Noah Caton's heirs, a married daughter and her husband, attempting to obtain real estate from the Caton estate which had been settled in 1868.

Interesting facts brought out by the case include that Noah Caton's first wife had several children whom she claimed were all children of Noah Caton. A court case witness, a neighbor from Kentucky, testified that it was his understanding that Noah Caton had married the first time to help the family out of a situation with the unmarried family member.

The Circuit Court Case Summary shows that the case was dismissed by the plaintiff. [If you had ancestors in Vernon Co between 1855 and 1900, take time to look at the free, online Circuit Court Index at <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~movernon/resources.htm>. A copy of the court documents can be obtained from microfilm in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept or request a copy of the court case from the Bushwhacker Museum for a small fee.]

Email **your** 2022 research "success" to [Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net](mailto:Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net) to be published in the February newsletter!

**Missouri Death Certificates filed in 1972** are now available to index! Help make these valuable records publicly available online by becoming a Missouri State Archives eVolunteer and start indexing today! Follow this link to register and get started: <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/evolunteers/>

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BY Louisa Ploualdevou  
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## Newspaper Articles

### WENT TO WYOMING.

#### To See What Was the Matter with His Son Frank.

John W. Stevens, who lives near Filley [Cedar Co, MO], is a justly indignant man, and his son Frank, who resides in the state of Wyoming, is likewise very angry says the Eldorado News. About two weeks ago the father received a message from a Wyoming sheriff that Frank had gone crazy and to come and look after him at once. Of course he went and was put to a great deal of expense and inconvenience in so doing. His surprise was great when he was met by his son who was in just as good health, both mentally and physically, as he had ever been in his life.

The explanation is that the sheriff in question was jealous of the preference that a certain young lady had expressed for Frank and had made some derogatory remarks for which the unwritten law of that country provides a severe penalty. Fearing that Frank Stephens' just vengeance would be visited

upon him, the sheriff foolishly tried the scheme mentioned to get rid of him.

Frank has prospered greatly since he went to Wyoming seven or eight years ago, and is now worth many thousands of dollars made in the stock business. It gets pretty cold where he is and when his father was there it was nine degrees below zero.

Nevada [MO] Daily Mail; 11 Dec 1908 p1c3

#### VERNON COUNTY, MO.

Our neighboring County in Missouri is at last organized and in full running order. A special term of Court will be held at Nevada, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November; and on the 28<sup>th</sup>, an election for Representative to the State Legislature.

Our old friend, Major Pitcher—who was admitted to the Bar here at the last term of Court—has “hoisted his shingle,” and proposes to engage in a general land agency and collecting business, in connection with the law business. He will also have



supervision of a large stock of goods, which is about to be opened up there.

There is no finer country in the world than that embraced within the limits of Vernon County, and with such active, energetic and thorough-going Yankees as the Major to keep the ball in motion, it cannot fail to be eventually one of the most thriving counties of the State.

**The Weekly Union Monitor [Ft. Scott, KS]; 26 Oct 1865 p2c3**

--Died—Louis Baize [Baze], son of Esq. Baize [Baze], of Metz, on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> of erysipelas.

**Nevada [MO] Noticer, 4 Aug 1887 p3c1**

Mr. S. W. Minchall, formerly of this city, and a graduate of the College Hospital, was married to Miss Lulu E. Lewis, Oct. 3, at Green Ridge Lawn, Vernon county, Mo.

**Star Tribune [Minneapolis, MN]; 16 Oct 1887 p10c2**

On Sunday S. N. Crowley shipped from Clayton for St. Louis nine cars of native cattle. They were fed by D. J. Field, of Vernon county, Mo., and their average weight was 1,455 pounds. Crowley says this is the best shipment of cattle he has ever made from this part of the country, and expects to get a gilt-edge price for them.

**Fort Scott [KS] Weekly Monitor; Thursday 28 Aug 1879 p5c1**

### **Personal.**

E. Montgomery, of Metz, Mo., made our office a brief visit yesterday P.M. Ed. Is one of the "old timers" of Fort Scott, and though at present doing business in another State, we have little doubt but he will eventually return to his "first love" and settle permanently among his many warm friends here.

**Fort Scott [KS] Daily Monitor, 7 Jan 1873 p4c3**

### **Thief Stopped.**

Last Friday afternoon while C. McNally was driving a cow home from Mr. Simpson's, on Sugar creek, and when within about eight miles of Garnett, in an unfrequented part of the country, he discovered a man on horse-

back, bearing off in a westerly direction. Mr. McNally started toward him, when the stranger changed his course, seeming desirous of avoiding him, whereupon Mr. McNally rounded in on the gentleman, who immediately gave himself up, and acknowledged to taking the horse he was riding in Missouri, claiming, however, that he would return the horse. The young man had been watching some men who were out on the prairie hunting, and was persuaded, through his guilty conscience, that the "vigilantes" were in pursuit of him, and offered no resistance when taken in charge by McNally, who took him to his house, some three miles south of Garnett [KS], and the next day brought him to Garnett and turned him over to the civil authorities.

This trafficker in horses is under 18 years of age, resides on the east line of Linn county, and gives his name as Marsh Cannon. He plead guilty on his preliminary examination, and was remanded to jail.

The owner of the horse, W. T. Burton, of Vernon county, Mo., arrived on Sunday, and identified the horse.

The county attorney immediately telegraphed to the sheriff of Vernon county the facts in the case. G. J. Lucas, sheriff of Vernon county, Mo., arrived here Tuesday, and on Wednesday the prisoner was turned over to him and conveyed back to Missouri. Mr. Burton left for home with the stolen horse Tuesday.

**The Garnett [KS] Republican-Plaindealer; 19 Apr 1878 p2c3**

Mrs. Elizabeth Engel, aged 74, a county poor farm patient, died Monday night. Her remains were buried Tuesday at Schell City.  
**The Weekly Post, Nevada, MO; Friday 11 Dec 1903 p2c4**

[The 2010 Vernon County Missouri Cemetery Directory shows that the Deerfield Cemetery gravestone of Elizabeth Miller has only a date of birth engraved. With a the below recently found obituary, her full date of death will be published in the new cemetery directory.]

## **GONE TO HER ETERNAL REST.**

### **Mrs. Elizabeth Miller Passed Away After a Long Illness.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Taylor, 316 West Allison street, aged 78 years, after an illness of several months, from which she was confined to her bed for eight or nine weeks. Her death was occasioned by a complication of diseases superinduced by old age.

Deceased was born in Vigo county, Indiana, September 16, 1875, and was the eldest daughter of Byron Tichenor. She was married to Hiram Higet in 1843, and moved to Shelby county, Id., eleven years later, and from there to Vernon county in 1868. Eight children were born to them, five of whom are still living, three daughters and two sons. Her husband died in 1876 and seven years later she married John Miller, who died about 14 years ago.

She was a good, kind Christian woman, and she will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services at Deerfield Thursday at 11 o'clock, interment at Deerfield cemetery.  
**The Nevada [MO] Daily Mail; 14 Oct 1903 p4c5**  
[Oct 14, 1903 was a Wednesday; Mrs. Miller having died on Tuesday, Oct 13, 1903]

### **100 Years Ago – August 5, 1903**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the Old Settlers of Vernon County was held at Lake Park today. The number of our old and respected citizens who were in attendance was not so large as last year but those present had a most delightful time renewing their acquaintances and were all entertained by the excellent program arranged for the occasion.

Moses Summers of Metz Township is still the oldest member in the county, he having come here during the year 1839 [1829].

These good citizens are of the old type, pure and rugged and who follow the golden rule to the letter.

Their heads have been whitened by the passing of many winters and their kindly faces show the effects of life's battles but

underneath the shaggy gray eyebrows are eyes that sparkle with kindness.

**The Nevada [MO] Daily Mail; 5 Aug 2003 p4c3**

We mentioned in Sunday's paper of the rumor that two men had been hung on the Drywood. There was a good deal more truth than poetry in the rumor, for it appears that a couple of men were arrested near LeRoy, and hung up—"for one time only," in order to make them tell what they knew about some horses that had been stolen from that vicinity. These parties were innocent, however, and they purpose to make it warm for the parties who conducted the handing.

**Fort Scott [KS] Weekly Monitor; Thursday 28 Aug 1879 p5c2**

An infant daughter of Joel Armstrong of Lake township, died Thursday night. The funeral will be conducted Saturday at the residence. Burial at Antioch.

**The Nevada [MO] Daily Mail; 17 Mar 1899 p4c5**

--Mrs. Beard died at her home near Enoch, Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., and the remains were interred at the family burying ground.  
**Nevada [MO] Noticer, 20 Sep 1888 p1c6**

--David, the 16 year-old son of John Bothie of Deerfield township, died Tuesday of typhoid fever.

**Nevada [MO] Noticer, 12 Feb 1891 p3c1**

Mrs. Martha A. Cartner, of Nevada, died at the asylum last Sunday

**Vernon County [MO] Democrat, 28 Mar 1902 p5c2**

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