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Society Meeting: Wednesday, 19 July 2023

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting will be held Wed, 19 July 2023, in the Nevada Library's Annex, 200 W. Walnut St, Nevada, MO. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. **Please note that the Library itself is closed for installation of a new catalog system, but the Annex is open.** The program will be a brief review of sorting DNA matches (FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage, GEDmatch, and Ancestry) and also looking at various free websites available to researchers at the Nevada Library.



Interested in Researching Your Family's History?

Have you Taken a DNA Test?

Wednesday, 19 July 2023
10 a.m. (doors open at 9:30)

Nevada Library Annex
200 W. Walnut St.
Nevada, MO

Sorting DNA Matches.
Access Free Family
Research Websites
at the Nevada Library

Public Invited. Adults.
Free

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Small genealogical and historical organizations have dwindled in membership, since covid and also because methods of research have changed. What are your thoughts about moving the meeting date to a Saturday morning which could possibly allow someone who works during the week to attend? Please be thinking about this as well as other possibilities to reach local residents.

What Does the Genealogical Society Mean to You? Take time to consider what the genealogical society means to you, what things you want to learn and discuss in our monthly programs, and how the society can better serve its membership.

--Do you know someone who could give a program related to some aspect of genealogical or historical research?

--Would you be willing to write a summary of your research for the monthly newsletter?

--Is there a genealogy-related project which the genealogy group could help?

--Is a business meeting needed every month, every other month, quarterly?

--Have you hit a brick wall in your research and would like help from the group?

Honorarium for Outside Speakers. The Society has automatically paid a small honorarium for local speakers who are not members of the society. Would it be appropriate to consider increasing the honorarium amount at this time and also possibly schedule more Zoom programs by outside speakers?

Murder & Mayhem Jefferson City. Thursday, 20 July 2023, 7 p.m. Streaming on Facebook Live at this link:

www.facebook.com/missouristatearchives/live

Archives staff member and author Michelle Brooks will speak about her new book, *Murder & Mayhem Jefferson City*. Join this free program to learn about many shocking events in Jefferson City's turbulent first century.

You can watch this program even if you do not have a facebook account, but you will not be able to post questions or comments. Click on the above link about 15-

20 minutes prior to the program and scroll down the page, ignoring all of the ads to “join facebook” or “create account” -- click the “not now” link usually below the “create account” link. Continue scrolling down to the video window and click on the video to play the program live when it begins.

If you need more information/instruction than the above, check this website which also covers watching live on phones, tablets, and computers. <https://www.wikihow.com/Watch-Facebook-Live-Video-Broadcasts>

Member Marty P. asks for your help in discovering a marriage record. Her message: The marriage that I need to document is for **Margaret Amanda Berry** who was born 16 Sep 1823 in (probably Hopkins Co) Kentucky and died 27 Mar 1905 in Cedar County, Missouri. She married **William Wilson Gray** who was born c. 1817 in (probably Hopkins Co) Kentucky and died 15 Nov 1858 in Dade County, Missouri. Their first child was **Mary Elizabeth Gray** who was born 9 Jan 1844 in Dade County, and all additional children of Amanda and Wilson were born in Dade County, Missouri. Amanda and Wilson were probably married in 1842 or 43 in Dade County. Wilson is living in Dade County on the 1850 census and owned land in Dade County as early as 1853. Please email the Society or Marty directly if you can help her with this marriage record.

Marty P. also shared her method of identifying her ancestors' large antique photographs which are hanging on the living room wall. Create a family tree chart of the person(s) in the photograph and write a brief biography of that family. Attach the chart and biography to the back of the picture to ensure it never ends up in the “no-one-knows-who-that-is” pile. Generations to come will have the written story of their ancestors including the lovely antique photograph.

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. on PBS. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, TV Channel 26, PBS, Finding Your Roots.

<https://www.pbs.org/weta/finding-your-roots/>
(Check your PBS channel because it may be other than Ch 26 Ozark Television in Springfield, MO.)

Who Are YOU Researching? Would you like to share some of your family history research with society members? The Society would like to share research being conducted by its members. Members are invited to submit articles about their research for publication in the newsletter.

Do you have a Brick Wall? Share information on your brick wall to be published in the monthly newsletter. Perhaps someone will have information or a suggestion on where you might find clues that can lead to documents which could allow you to climb over the wall! Organizing the details of a brick wall can sometimes bring new research ideas to mind. Let us hear from you!

If you have an **Historic or Family Picture and Story** that you would like to share in a future newsletter, please email the picture and story to the society at the above email address or bring it to a meeting to be scanned to publish. We would like to share some in each newsletter.

The first white settlers in the area that later became Vernon County The below information on the Summers family is shared by member Nancy T. who descends from the first permanent white settlers in the area that later became Vernon County. Moses, Jesse J., and Allen Summers, brothers, were sons of William Summers and wife Catherine Waymire who married about 1782 in NC. As far as known, William Summers was born in Pender Co, NC, in the seacoast area near Wilmington, NC.

Between the close of the Revolution and 1792, when Kentucky was admitted to statehood, Virginia had made a number of

military grants of land in this section [KY], and Kentucky continued the practice of military land grants. A grant by Virginia to General George Rogers Clark in 1784 included several thousand acres in the northern part of what later became Wayne Co, Kentucky. After 1797 the unappropriated lands were opened by grants under "headrights" by which any man twenty-one years of age could acquire from 100 to 200 acres of land by making survey and entry and living upon it one year.

Wanderlust or simply looking for opportunity for land and a way to provide for his new wife led them west, and Catherine's family never saw or heard from her again. Moses, Jesse J., Allen Summers and their siblings were born in Lee Co, the area in the west tip of VA, bordering on present-day TN and KY. Keeping their eyes to the west for opportunity and adventure, sometime after 1800 William and Catherine moved their young family to Wayne Co, KY where William and Catherine lived the remainder of their years and are buried in graves, now unmarked.

<u>William Summers & Catherine Waymire</u>		
Moses	Jesse J.	Allen
<u>Summers</u>	<u>Summers</u>	<u>Summers</u>
<u>Moses M. Summers & Mary Candacy Welch</u>		
Sarah E.	-	
William A.	-	
Mary A.	-	
Marion M.	-	
John H.	-	
Tabitha	-	
May C.	-	
Garret H.	-	

Moses, Jesse J. and Allen Summers, three sons of William & Catherine Summers were the first permanent white settlers in the area that became Vernon Co. The first child of Allen Summers was Moses M. Summers who married Mary Candacy Welch. Their children are listed.

Moving on west, Moses, Jesse J, and Allen's trek brought them into Missouri and then they dropped south into Arkansas where Allen

Summers' oldest child, Moses Marion Summers, was born in 1827. By 1830 the three brothers, Moses, Jesse J. and Allen Summers and their families came to the area now known as Vernon County and saw opportunity for quiet, peaceful life on the waters of the Osage River in northern Vernon County. Here the three Summers brothers raised their families; and when their time on earth was over, they were laid to rest with their initials carved in river rock to mark their graves. Today, only the initial rock stones of Allen Summers and his wife Elizabeth (Wright) Summers can be found. Those of Moses and Jesse J. and their wives are lost to time. This graveyard is now appropriately called The Summers Cemetery which began in the yard near the school house which was also used for church meetings in the 1830s and 40s.



Allen Summers



Elizabeth Summers



A new cemetery sign was fabricated and installed in 2010 by the generosity of the

Summers Reunion attendees and the work of the men pictures above. L-r: Garret (son of Marion M. Summers) and his son Garret Summers and JaWan T, spouse of another Summers descendent.

Many other Summers descendants are also buried in the Summers Cemetery.

Family stories passed down tell that the Osage Indians liked to dance on the board

porches of the Summers' cabins because of the sound their feet made.

The next Summers Family Reunion is planned for September 15-17, 2023 in Nevada, MO. Email the genealogy society for additional information.

Moses Marion Summers and wife Mary Candacy (Welch) Summers



October 24, 1901 anniversary celebration of Moses Marion Summers & Mary Candacy (Welch) Summers. "We then formed a group, with our guests in front, when L. H. Hood, the photographer, turned the camera for a snap."

FOR FORTY-NINE YEARS.

Moses M. Summers and Wife Have Lived Happily.

Some Interesting Points Concerning the Old Homestead in Metz Township.

To the SOUTHWEST MAIL.

Metz, Mo., Oct. 24, 1901.—Seventy-one years ago, 1830, that which is now Vernon county, with thousands of intelligent, progressive and aggressive inhabitants, its

beautiful capital city of ten thousand citizens, its miles of railway, its hundreds of school houses, churches, beautiful farms and homes, its asylum, rural postal service, and numerous villages, each a centre (sic) of trade and shipping point for the varied products of its fertile fields, pastures, timber, orchards, mines and poultry was then Jackson county, remote from civilization—with a small settlement of white men along the

Osage river, who sent to Independence, ninety miles north, for their merchandise and mail.

In Metz township, south of the Osage river, at the line where prairie leaves off and bottom begins, nestling snugly in a walnut and pecan grove, is the home for seventy-one years of Uncle Moses M. Summers.

It was then on the extreme picket line of civilization, when Allen Summers, originally from Kentucky, brought his family from Arkansas and nestled on the Osage to build a home for his young family. Moses, then five years old, grew up to manhood's estate, getting his first schooling from Mrs. Dr. Dodge, mother of Mrs. Dr. Melick.

Contact with the Osage Indians learned him their language and he often amuses his grandchildren by repeating to them sentences of their meaningless jabber.

Today 49 years ago, in a log house which stood on the north bank of the river, where the bridge now stands south of Metz, Moses Summers and Miss Casidina Welch were joined in holy wedlock by Elder James Scruggs, of the Christian church.

At the old homestead where he has spent his life, where his children have been born and some of them have died, where he has seen the red man come and go for the last time, where the terrors of the border warfare were fierce around him, where the storms of 71 winters have reared through the forest, about where he has seen the deer and wild turkey gradually driven backward by the on coming civilization which has wrought such wonders, here he lives surrounded by his children and grandchildren happy and content in the conscious backward view of a life well spent, honestly, calmly, meekly doing to others as he'd wish to be done to—unconsciously reflecting the light of his Lord into other lives—loved, respected and honored, regardless of creed or politics.

Here today more than a hundred of his neighbors found him and his good companion for 49 years, calmly enjoying the rest due old age, who had come with bountifully filled baskets to celebrate the day which was ideal

for an outing. At noon a long table had been spread in the shade of the pecan trees, and when it could hold no more the aged couple being the guests of their neighbors, were given the honored places at table, thanks reverently offered and after three table fulls had exhausted their capacities for eating, like the Gallilian (sic) feast, twelve basketfuls were left.

We then formed a group, with our guests in front, when L. H. Hood, the photographer, turned the camera for a snap.

All joined in the song led by Bro. E. B. Wyant, "Come Let Us Anew," after which the 13th of 1st Corinthians was read with comments and followed by prayer by B. A. Cooper. After singing "Nearer My God to Thee," we had a happy talk by E. B. Wyant in his characteristic style, which is always clever. After talks by J. H. Rinehart and others the numerous presents were presented to Brother and Sister Summers.

Especially I note the presence of Uncle Jimmie and Aunt Jane Hedden, residents of Metz township, whose fiftieth anniversary of their marriage was celebrated here eight years ago. All their friends who are all who know them are wishing them to enjoy the rare privilege of attaining their sixtieth anniversary.

Harden Summers, a brother of Uncle Moses, was also present. He has the distinction of having been the first white child born in the settlement of the Osage river.

The happy occasion ended with "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and a congratulatory hand shake to the two old couples, the sum of whose married life is one hundred and seven years.

The following named persons were present to wish Uncle Moses and Aunt Cassadina several more such happy anniversaries: E. B. Wyand and wife, J. W. Ramsey and wife, F. C. Johnson and wife, P. Henshaw and wife, Dr. W. Melick and wife, Dr. G. W. Petty and wife, J. H. Rinehart and wife, Uncle James Hedden and wife, Hardin Summers and wife, T. C. Koontz and wife, John Taylor and sister, Thos. Gilbert and wife, J. W. Carlisle and wife, O. S. Scrutchfield and wife, B. F. Potter and

wife, Marion Summers and wife, L. H. Hood and wife, G. W. Charles and wife, E. E. Rhea and wife, J. L. Dixon and wife, W. A. [William Allen] Summers and wife, S. C. Foraker [and wife Mary A. Summers], I. N. White and wife [May C. Summers], D. F. Cary and wife, G. H. [Garret Henry] Summers and wife, Mr. McKee and wife, R. T. Cox and wife, Virgil Hill and wife, J. T. Rynard and wife [Sarah E. Summers], M. A. Rinehart and wife, John Scott and wife, Mesdames Jane [Summers] Rhea, Mary [Summers] Baze, Misses Maude Rynard, Ethel Hill, Lizzie Foraker, Frankie and Clara Summers, Winnie Charles, Bettie Summers, Corine, Pearle and Alta Summers, Isabella Swan, Anna Whitfield, J. W. Swan, W. W. Blake, H. C. Moore, Shannon, Price, Wm. Earhart, and Misses Grace Scrutchfield, Versa Hill, Effie Summers, Everette Summers, Roxy Cary, Messrs. Oila Johnson, Arthur Walker, B. A. Cooper, Joe Johnson, Paul Summers, Eddie Summers, Arthur Whitfield, Otto Hill, Henry Summers, Lewis Rynard Arthur and Preston Summers, Rex Cook, Verna Potter, Lyndon Miligan.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 26 October 1901

**UNCLE MOSE DEAD
Grand Old Man Passed Away Early
Wednesday Morning.**

Surrounded by the members of his family Moses M. Summers died at his home in Metz at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, aged 77 years and 12 days. Death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Uncle Mose, as he was familiarly known, had been in bad health for the last thirty years. During his last illness he had been confined to his bed about a month and a half.

The remains were taken to the Rinehart Christian church yesterday, leaving Metz at 11:45, and the funeral was held at 1 o'clock. Rev. Wm. Miller, of New Home, a friend of the family for the last thirty years and a former resident of this locality, preached the funeral. A large concourse of friends followed the remains from Metz and many others were at

the church. The remain[s] were interred at the Rinehart cemetery.

Uncle Mose was Vernon county's oldest settler. Born in Arkansas in 1827, at the age of three years he came with his parents and settled on the old home place, about two miles southeast of where Metz is now located. With the exception of a year that he spent in Oregon and two months that he resided in Metz, he resided there all of his lifetime.

In 1852 he was married to Candacy Welch, who resided on the Osage near where the bridge is located. Eight children were the result of this union, six of whom are now living, as follows: Mrs. Sarah Reynard [Rynard], Wm. Summers, Mrs. Mary A. Foraker, Marion Summers, Mrs. May White and Garret Summers. All reside in this vicinity. Two brothers—Henry, residing in Idaho, and John a resident of the Indian Territory—survive him. The latter was at his bedside at his death.

Uncle Mose and Aunt Candacy were charter members of the Rinehart Christian church. For several years he has been an elder in that church. He joined the Christian church at the age of eighteen years and continued in that faith till the end. Uncle Mose was a Christian in all that the term implies. He had not an enemy on earth. Through all of his years of suffering he could greet his friends with a smile and all learned to love him. His years of toiling on the farm were rewarded with a good living, but he cared nothing for riches. During the stormy times in the sixties, and even back when Indians were numerous in this locality, his home was never molested. They were all his friends.

A grand, good man has gone to his home above.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 2 Dec 1904 p1.

An 87-year-old Knits for Soldiers

Aunt Candacy Summers, eighty-seven years old, has finished knitting her second pair of socks for the Red Cross. Aunt Can[d]acy well remembers when all the

hosiery work in this part of Vernon county was knit by hand.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 8 February 1918.



Moses Marion Summers and wife Mary Candacy (Welch) Summers

Aunt Candacy Summers 92 Years Old

Monday was Aunt Candacy Summers' ninety second birthday anniversary. Though she has been in feeble health for some time, she is feeling as well as could be expected for one of that age, and was in good spirits on this occasion. Aunt Candacy is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Rynard.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday 25 May 1923, p 1.



MOSES M. SUMMERS	CANDACY M. SUMMERS HIS WIFE
Nov. 18, 1827,	May 21, 1831,
Nov. 30, 1904	Feb. 15, 1926
MEET ME IN HEAVEN	

Aunt Candacy Summers at Rest

Mrs. Mary C. Summers, known by hosts of friends in northwest Vernon as Aunt Candacy Summers, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Rynard, in Metz at 4 o'clock Monday morning, after an illness of almost 18 months.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Tuesday at 3 o'clock p.m. conducted by Eld. Arthur Stout of Nevada. A large crowd was in attendance. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The pall bearers were six of her grandsons, Wm. C. Foraker, Lewis H. Rynard, A. Jake White, Preston Summers, Paul Summers and Emmitt Summers. Burial was in Rinehart cemetery.

Mary Candacy Welch was born in White county, Tennessee, May 21, 1831, and at her death was aged 94 years, 8 months and 24 days. She was the daughter of William and Mary A. Welch who were natives of the Carolinas. Her father died in Tennessee and at the age of 18 she moved with her widowed mother to Metz township. On October 24, 1852, she was married to Moses M. Summers, a son of one of the first settlers of Vernon county. He was a successful farmer, an upright citizen and a kind husband and father. He was affiliated with the Rinehart Christian Church, in which he served as an elder since very young. To this union were born eight children, four daughters and four sons. One daughter, Tabitha, died in early childhood, and one son, Johnnie, died when about 21 years old. Surviving are the six children:

- Mrs. Sarah E. Rynard, Metz.
- Wm. A. Summers, Metz.
- Marion M. Summers, Hume.
- Mrs. S. C. Foraker, Metz. [Mary A.]
- Mrs. I. N. White, Horton. [May C.]
- G. H. Summers, Nevada. [Garret H.]

Also 23 grand children, 45 great grand children and 4 great great grand children.

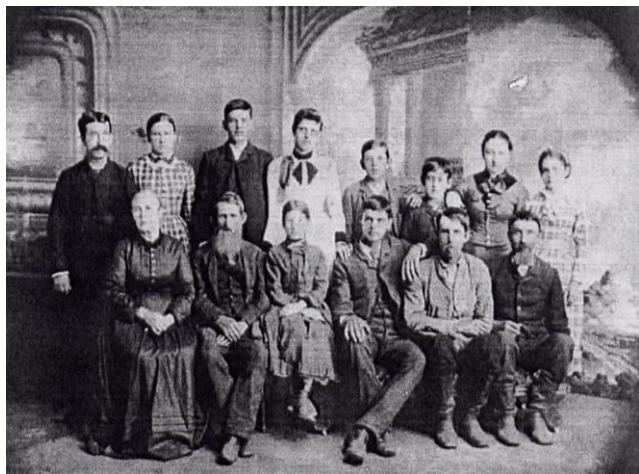
Early in life she united with the Christian church and was faithful until her death. She was a charter member of the Rinehart Christian Church. She was always cheerful

and kind, patient in her suffering, living with joy in her friends and her church.

After the death of her husband, November 30, 1904, she moved from the family homestead to Metz to make her home with her children. The last several years she lived with her eldest daughter, Mrs. J. T. Rynard, with frequent visits at the homes of other children and grandchildren. During the long period she was an invalid her daughters gave her close attention and were ever watchful for her comfort.

Faith, hope, love; these three abode in her. Her friends may regret the pain she suffered in her life, they may grieve over the loss of a loved one, but they must rejoice with the Master at a life of service and with her at her entrance into the eternal fellowship of the saints.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 19 February 1926, p 1.



Seated: Mary Candacy (Welch) and Moses Marion Summers, Florence Hill and spouse Joseph Hill, Henry T. Summers and Hardin W. Summers (brothers of Moses M. Summers).

Standing: William Allen Summers (son of Moses & Candacy Summers), Delilah Summers (dau of Henry T. & Caroline Summers), John Abner Summers & Alice E. Summers (children of John L. & Mary Ann Summers), Lee Summers (son of Henry T. & Caroline Summers), Garret H. Summers and Candacy May Summers (children of Moses M. & Candacy Summers), Stella May Rynard (dau of Joseph & Sarah Summers Rynard).

(Family identifications provided by descendants of Marion M. Summers, son of Moses & Candacy Summers. Please email the genealogy society if any of these identifications appear to be incorrect)

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