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November 2023 Newsletter

Society Meeting: Wednesday, 15 Nov 2023

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting/program will be held Wednesday, 15 Nov 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.



Monthly meeting & program
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Everyone Welcome!

Membership Dues for calendar year 2024 can be paid at any time by mailing them to the above address or giving them to the treasurer at a meeting.

\$10 for an individual

\$15 for a couple, same household

\$100 for life membership.

Benefits of membership include receiving the emailed monthly newsletter, free posts and articles in the newsletter, and free lookups in the new database of Vernon County deaths

and burials. If you are unsure if your dues have been paid, please email the society and your inquiry will be forwarded to the treasurer to check the records and respond to you. **The treasurer will send email reminder notices if your dues have not been received by 1 Jan 2024.**

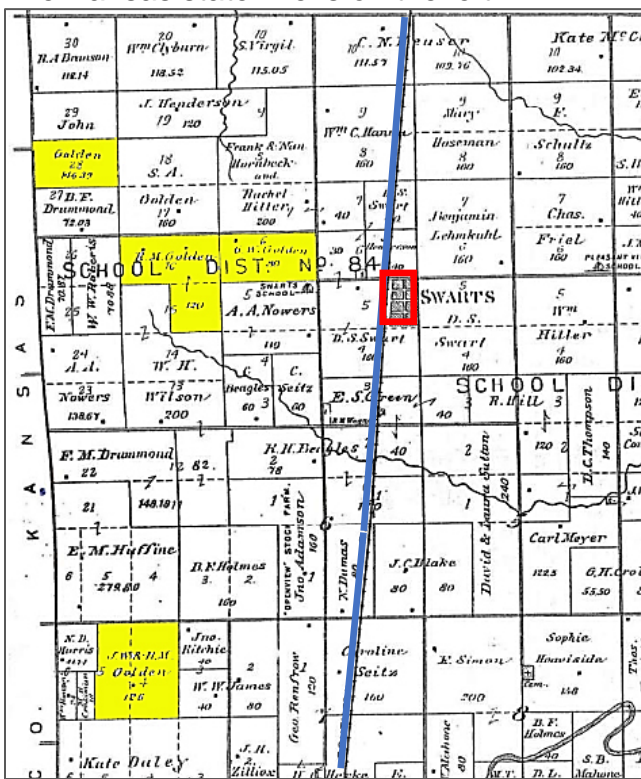
Marty's program on **Burial Customs in New Orleans** at the October meeting absolutely kept everyone's attention, and many questions were asked! Just a few of the several terms discussed were Acadian, Cajun, and Creole. Many Cajuns in lower Louisiana trace their roots to the influx of Acadian settlers after the expulsion from their homeland (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, part of eastern Quebec, and northern Maine) during the French and British hostilities prior to the French and Indian War, 1756-1763. Historic Saint Louis Cemetery, "City of the Dead," in New Orleans, LA, is closed to the public, but visitors can take a paid guided tour (picture below).



[Photo credit: By Uncredited - [1]Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University ([2])., Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=8096619>

Davis Steele Pierce - Additional Fact. The Oct 2023 newsletter article about Davis S. Pierce also brought to light that Pierce was the brother-in-law of the husband of a first cousin two times removed of Society member JaWan Thompson. This connection is through the Caton/Longacre family line.

A question was received about the location of **Swarts, MO and the Golden family** from the article in the October 2023 Newsletter. Swarts was on the railroad in the western portion of Harrison Township, Vernon Co, MO. The 1903 map section below of the northwest corner of Harrison Twp shows land owned by the Golden's (in yellow), Swarts (red), and the Kansas City Southern Railroad through this part of Vernon County (blue). The Kansas state line is on the left.



[To enlarge the map, hold the Ctrl key and roll the roller ball on your mouse.]

The Society is soliciting recommendations for additional resources to purchase for the Genealogy Dept. Please share the locations where your ancestors were—which colonies/states and counties are your geographic areas of research? Is there area/regional

Missouri newspaper microfilm you would like to see added to the collections? Please email the Society at

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The new Vernon County MO GenWeb website is slowly coming together. Please bookmark the new website address which is <https://vernon.mogenweb.org/> The site will be easier to use for those accessing it on their cell phones or other devices with smaller screens. When accessing on a computer monitor, you may want to set the window width to approximately 10-12 inches. The resources on the old website will not be available after 30 Dec 2023.

The new Missouri Evergreen Library System at both the Nevada and the El Dorado Springs libraries allows you to inter-library-loan (borrow) the genealogy resources from Midwest Genealogy Center at Independence, MO which are marked for circulation. Be sure to obtain the Evergreen library card (support your local library) and take a look at what is available.

Best Choice “Save-a-Label” Program. Did you know that you can also save “Clearly Organic” UPCs for the Society? Clearly Brand are the organic and gluten-free products at the local Woods Grocery Stores.

Who Are YOU Researching? The Society would like to share research being conducted by its members. Please submit an article about your research or picture of your ancestors (not limited to Cedar or Vernon counties) for publication in a future issue of the newsletter.

Making the Most of Addresses: Tips for Finding Your Ancestors in the Papers. Although the blog article at this link pertains to the Newspapers.com subscription website, it also applies to any digital newspaper website. <https://blog.newspapers.com/making-the-most-of-addresses-tips-for-finding-your->

[ancestors-in-the-papers/](#) Search your ancestor's street address to find more information about your ancestor or the home in which they lived. If you find something interesting, please let us know!

Reminder: Early Missouri newspapers are available to search online without charge at the State Historical Society of Missouri using this link:

<https://shsmo.org/collections/newspapers/mdnp>
Then click the "Search Digital Newspapers" button.

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PERSI has a New Internet Link. The Allen County Public Library has updated its website, and the new link directly to PERSI is <https://www.genealogycenter.info/persi/> It appears that the Cedar & Vernon County

Missouri Genealogical Society newsletters through 2017 have now been added to the Periodical Source Index. Copies of the 2022 newsletters will also be forwarded to the Allen County Library to be included in PERSI.

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Reclaim The Records: Check these online resources if you cannot find your ancestors on the regularly checked websites for Missouri births and deaths:

Missouri Birth Index:
<https://www.missouribirthindex.com/>
Missouri Death Index:
<https://www.missourideathindex.com/>

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This Methodist Church congregation photograph (estimated to be c. 1950s) is from the Garret Henry Summers collection and provided for publication in the newsletter by Tobie Brown, a Summers descendant of the first pioneer settlers in the area which became Vernon Co, MO –

Moses, Jesse J., and Allen Summers. We hope you might be able to recognize some of your family from this really great photograph!

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Newspaper Articles

[Editor's note: Details pertaining to the same incident can be different from paper to paper—look for additional reports in nearby or regional newspapers to get the full story and often additional details as shown in these first four articles.]

KILLED BY HIS FRIEND. W. R. Rambo of Mulberry Fatally Shot While Hunting.

Pittsburg, Kas., Nov. 4. W. R. Rambo, a prominent citizen of Mulberry, was accidentally shot and killed today by William Tracey, a friend, while the two were hunting ducks on the Manhattan [Marmaton] river.

Rambo received a charge of shot in his leg that severed the main artery, and he bled to death.

Weekly Republican; Cherryvale, KS; 4 Nov 1901, p1

FUNERAL HELD FOLLOWING HIS DEATH TUESDAY WILLIAM RAMBO IS LAID TO REST Pioneer Who Was Accidentally Shot and Instantly Killed Has Many Friends

Mulberry, Kan., Nov. 8—The funeral services over the body of William Rambo, 53 years old who was accidentally shot and killed instantly near Fort Scott last Tuesday afternoon by William Tracey, were held from the family residence in Mulberry at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Rhoades pastor of the First Methodist church conducted the last rites over the body. Interment was made in the Mulberry cemetery.

From the house to the cemetery the Sons and Daughters of Justice, of which the dead man was a member had charge of the body. The funeral cortege that escorted the body was many blocks in length. Many persons from neighboring towns, friends of the Rambo family were in attendance for the services.

Mr. Rambo in company with three other men, all of whom reside here, left Mulberry more than a week ago for Dearfield, Kan. [Deerfield, MO], on a hunting expedition. Tents were pitched last Monday a few miles out of town and the party spent the entire day in the woods.

On the following day, Tuesday, they resumed their hunt. Tracey and Rambo were returning to camp at four o'clock that afternoon. The latter was walking only a few paces behind Rambo. He accidentally discharged the shot gun he carried the load striking Rambo in the leg above the knee. Rambo fell to the ground dying instantly from the shock. He lost very little blood.

Following the accident the dead man was removed to Dearfield from where the body was sent here and prepared for burial.

Unidentified article shared on FindAGrave website.

A Terrible Accident. Tracy Accidentally Kills Rambo

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Sunday morning Wm. Rambo, Wm. Tracy, Wm. Vernon, Geo. Stocker, Fred Tracy and Lester Rambo left for a few days outing on the Marmaton and had camped about 3 miles from Eve and Tuesday evening Tracy and Rambo were together and about one-half mile from the camp, with Fred Tracy about 50 yards away. They had shot a squirrel and Tracy had shoved it in one of the large pockets of Rambo's hunting coat and picked up their guns and started for camp, carrying their guns horizontally in one hand, with Rambo about 6 feet in front, when Tracy's gun went off, the contents tearing away the inner side of the left thigh near the body. Rambo said, "Bill you have shot my leg off," at the

same time turning around, Tracy caught him and lay him down. In 20 seconds he was dead. His death being caused from the shock more than the wound.

Tracy stayed with him while Fred went for assistance. The body was carried to a farm house about a mile away when they phoned to Deerfield for a physician and to Nevada for the coroner, who after asking a few questions decided that an inquest was not necessary, as he was satisfied it was all an accident.

Honstead was phoned for and an ambulance sent for the remains, which was brought to the undertaking rooms where they were prepared for burial, then taken to the home.

William E. Rambo was born in Oak Hill, Jackson County, Ohio, December 28, 1855, where he grew to manhood. In 1876 he moved to Stafford, Kansas where he remained until 1887, when he moved to Litchfield, Kans, where he was married to Miss Rachel Jane Phillips, December 30, 1888. To this union 5 children were born, one son and five daughters, all of which are at home. He moved to Mulberry in 1895 and has resided here since.

He was a member of the Sons & Daughters of Justice, in which he carried a policy of \$1000.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock conducted by Rev. Rhoades, at the home, after which interment will be made in the Mulberry cemetery.

He was a kind husband and affectionate father and his untimely death is a sad blow to the family, and the NEWS joins their many friends in sympathy with them in this their sad and trying hour.

The News-Journal, Mulberry, KS; 5 Nov 1909 p1.

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Liberal Enterprise, Liberal, MO; 12 Nov 1909 p3

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One of the largest real estate deals in this vicinity was made recently through John Colteaux of this place and a firm at Forrest. By the terms James Crawford traded 160 acres of land adjoining Roberts for 520 acres in Minnesota, and John Crawford traded 320 acres of land south of East Lynn, Ill., for 480 acres of land in Vernon co., Missouri. The money value involved in both of these trades was about \$60,000, and the commission from such a trade would make any real estate agent smile.

Melvin Transcript, Melvin, Illinois 26 May 1899 p8

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Donaldson.

County Clerk Donaldson returned from Sheldon, Vernon county, Missouri, yesterday morning, where he went on a visit to his parents. He reports a pleasant time. While visiting the Nevada, Mo., fair he witnessed the miraculous escape from instant death of a daring aeronaut, who had ascended in a balloon to the height of about a quarter of a mile above the earth. While at that altitude the gas suddenly escaped from the balloon and it made a rapid descent of 200 feet, when it filled with air and its downward flight was momentarily stopped. The aeronaut, with remarkable presence of mind, yelled to the excited crowd below him, "when I reach the earth pull the canvass off me, and have a bucket of water ready." The balloon again commenced to drop, and struck the ground with great force, just missing a large tree. The bystanders freed the man from the meshes of the balloon as quickly as possible. He was badly shocked, but strange to say no bones were broken. On being seen at the hotel in the evening, he said he would be all right

again in a couple of days. He told Mr. Donaldson that this was his second fall, and that he would never attempt anything of the kind again. This proves that it sometimes takes a great deal of experience to make a man sensible.

Rock Island Argus, Rock Island, IL; 22 Sep 1884 p4

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In Judge Bridgford's court Friday morning Jonnie Blatt was fined \$25 and costs for keeping a bawdy house; Nellie Lee and Nora Allison, inmates, were fined \$15.10 each.

Nevada Noticer, Nevada, MO; 28 Feb 1889 p3

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On Wednesday, the 8th inst., J. S. Annett and family started for Vernon county, Missouri, where they intend to make their future home.

The Pantagraph, Bloomington, IL; 7 Nov 1882 p3

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MAYBE MET DEATH.

Homer Brand's Horse Found Riderless in Old Mexico.

He is a Brother of Mrs. J. D. Sterett of This City.

Mrs. Jennie D. Sterett was called to the home of her father, Dr. Brand, near Sprague, yesterday afternoon by a telegram to the effect that sad news had been received by the family. No particulars were given.

It is presumed the following, which appeared in yesterday's Rich Hill Review, accounts for the sudden summons:

"Miss Sallie Brand, bookkeeper for the Flannagan Mills, was in receipt for a telegram today making the announcement that it is supposed her brother, Homer, was killed near a summer resort in Old Mexico, where he is spending the summer. He had been absent a number of days and yesterday his horse was found without the rider. No other information was given. The parents of the young man reside near Sprague."

The Weekly Post, Nevada, MO; 29 Aug 1902 p3

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The work of building a bridge at Caton ford was commenced Monday. The site is a few

yards down the stream from the ford. The bridge and piers are all of steel, except the floor and hand-rail. It will be a great convenience to the people of the northern part of the county.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 22 May 1894

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Mr. Click is rigging up a saw mill to set at his old stand at the Caton crossing on the Marmaton.

Weekly Post, Nevada, MO; 25 Apr 1902 p4

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HE RESISTED ARREST.

Constable Weddle Shot by a Man Named Shanks Yesterday.

Shanks Was also Shot by the Constable Before He Would Give Himself Up.

From A. E. Tolle of near Horton the MAIL learned of a very bad shooting affair near that place yesterday evening at 4 o'clock.

A man named Shanks was wanted on a charge of beating his wife. Constable Weddle of Arthur came to Horton to arrest Shanks. Shanks heard of the officers being after him and he tried to escape. The constable chased him and finally headed him off in the field belonging to Tom Madison. When Constable Weddell started to arrest Shanks, the prisoner resisted, and several shots were exchanged. Shanks who carried a double barrelled shot gun, shot Mr. Weddell in the head and body. The constable fired two shots and the balls struck Shanks in the neck and breast.

Constable Weddell was taken care of by his friends and a physician was sent for. Geo. Jones of Balltown arrested Shanks and brought him to Horton.

The latest report was that both men were still alive today.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 25 Feb 1899

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NOT DANGEROUSLY HURT.

The Doctors Are Still Picking Shot Out of Shanks Today.

Reports from Horton today say the physicians are still picking shot out of Shanks, the man who resisted arrest and was shot by Constable Weddle.

The officers here expected Shanks would be brought here today, but he was not able to be moved. Although he was pretty badly shot, his condition is not dangerous. Constable Weddle, who was shot by Shanks, is reported as getting along very nicely today.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 25 Feb 1899 p1

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FOUGHT THE MAYOR.

Walker's Chief Executive Compelled to Administer a Thrashing.

Rufus Wolfenberger and Mayor McCready, of Walker, according to Editor Preston, of that place, who came in on the noon Katy, engaged in a fistic battle Saturday evening, in which the Mayor came out victor.

It seems that Rufus had gazed too long on the wine when it was red and soon after being started home by Marshal Wade came across Mayor McCready. He had a notion the mayor should be whipped and started in to do it himself.

The mayor is a big man and all muscle, that is why the bout lasted but one round and at the end of the round Rufus was on the mat.

He was assessed a light fine, which he paid.

The weekly Post, Nevada, MO; 29 Aug 1902 p3

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Can you help identify the below family photograph which was purchased from the Bushwhacker Museum in Nevada, Missouri? The information on the back of this unidentified picture says: **“I bought this picture at an auction in 1940. The house where the auction was [held was] about one block north of the square either on N. Main or the next street st. west of main.**

Cordelia Douglas”



An auction in 1940 possibly indicates a death and estate sale. Of note is that each of the seated men has the hand of one of the standing women on his shoulder, possibly indicating spouses. The photograph could be of eight siblings and three spouses. If someone has the same picture with the individuals identified, please contact the Society!

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