



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

*Tri-County Genealogical Society  
(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties)  
c/o Nevada Public Library  
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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

January 2008

**February 9, 2008, Meeting -- 10 a.m.  
El Dorado Springs, MO  
"Show-n-Tell a Family Item  
Handed Down"**

The program will be a 'Show-n-Tell' about an item that was handed down from an ancestor and its importance in their life. Members are invited to bring the item or a photograph of it.

The meeting will be held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs, MO.

**In case of inclement weather (snowing or ice on roads), the meeting will be cancelled.** The meeting is open to the public.

If you would like to carpool from the Nevada Public Library, please contact Nancy T. at 922-3596.

**Programs for 2008**

Share your ideas regarding monthly programs for this year. Bring them to a meeting or email them to the address above.

**2008 Membership Dues**

Thank you to those who have paid their 2008 membership dues. You can also bring your dues to the February meeting. Dues help provide additional resources such as books and microfilm of area newspapers; and they help purchase materials such as the acid-free protective sleeves and binders that are needed to prepare some resources to be used by family history researchers.

If you have benefited from the resources in the Genealogy Department or the Internet

website, please help support the local genealogy society with a membership.

**"Records and Recollections:  
Family History Day at the  
State Historical Society of Missouri"**

On Mar 15, the State Historical Society of MO is sponsoring a mini conference from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Societies are invited to participate with a vendor table (no fee). Two workshops are planned: 10:15 a.m. Seth Smith presenting on the Draper Manuscripts, a collection of letters, legal documents and interviews gathered in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries by Lyman Draper, the first director of the Wisconsin Historical Society. At 1:30 p.m.: Dr. Winifred Horner, MU Dept of English, will present the art of memoir writing. Conference registration is \$15/members and \$30 nonmembers. Additional information on their website at <http://shs.umsystem.edu/>.

**Best Choice UPC Labels  
and Summer Fresh Grocery Receipts**

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting – they will be redeemed for cash.

**Tri-County Genealogy Website  
[www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/)**

A lot of activity has been taking place on our website! The new search capability added in December allows users to search for key words within our site. From Dec. 15-Jan. 29, there were 274 searches conducted. On Sat.,

Jan 5, 60 searches were conducted! The top several search words include: cemetery, young, farmer, mills, john, collins, ford, county, barton, summers, long, page, and scott. We presently have about 600 webpages on our site and more than 200 pictures.

New pages added in January include a page that tells how to research Vernon County Births and a page which groups all Military-related links in one place. Pages were added on Mexican War Veterans, a Shooting at Metz in 1900 (see below), St. Francis Orphans' Home; newspaper stories on pioneer settlers' annual picnics, and articles on Vernon County's Confederate Veterans Reunions which lists names and units.

New biography pages were added for Joseph R. AINGELL, Joseph BAILEY, Augustus BAKER, James BEDFORD, T. Y. BRANNOCK, David CRUISE, A. J. KIBLER, Paul Irvin LYONS, W. F. McDANIEL, William Riley NEAGLE, Henry A. PURNEL, Elijah RHEA, Simeon SHEARER, Lafayette SHINDLER, Annie E. (Edwards) Simpson SMITH, Wilson SPAYDE, H. J. SPENCER, Milton STROUD, William M. STUART, James M. TURLEY, William VAIL, Isaac WELCH, Robert L. WILLSON, and James WITT.

If you have information to add to the website, please email the information to [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net)

### Who are YOU Researching?

Members are invited to submit their name and contact information (email and/or mailing address) and surnames with location and years that they are researching for publication in the newsletter. Share something about your research for other members. Others may be researching the same family, and this will enable researchers to contact each other and share information if they desire to do so.

*Please bring your information to any meeting or email to the Society to be included here next month.*

### Cedar County Probate Files Project

The Cedar Co. Probate Project continues with Thursday workshops from 10 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room of the Courthouse at Stockton. File packets are being opened, cleaned, flattened, put into folders, and labeled. If you can help with this project on Thursdays, please come to the Courthouse in Stockton on Thursdays.

### Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

Volunteers continue their weekly workshops at the Nevada Library to process court case files. More than 65 of 101 boxes have been completed in this phase of verifying the term of court for each case. Additional volunteers can still help during these last few months of the project. Contact Nancy @ 922-3596 to get started.

### Items of Interest from Area Newspapers *The Nevada Noticer*, Nevada, MO September 15, 1887

[Each of the below newspaper articles was transcribed by Nancy Thompson from microfilm at the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Department.]

### Newsy Notes by Noticer Item Gatherers Throughout the County.

#### From Walker.

We were visited with a very heavy rain, attended with lightning which struck the residence of Mrs. Patrick, demolishing the chimney and breaking a limb of her daughter, aged 14 years.

M. D. Johnson shipped a car load of fine draft horses a few days ago.

James Hart has been selling some stock here.

Mrs. Edison is lying quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell, near this place.

Martelle, the man supposed to have been murdered by Hamilton, some weeks since, passed through Walker last Sunday evening. He was on his way to Eldorado to get part of his team supposed to be at that place.

A young man named Daniel Holt, was arrested here, Saturday, on the charge of stealing a pair of boots from Hayes & Bredenkamp's store. He was arraigned before Squire Hawes, and plead guilty, his punishment being fixed at \$5 and costs.

The Jim Dandy nine, of Harwood, met the Walker "Snorters;" a score of 19 for the first to 30 for the "Snorters."

**From Sheldon.**

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Z. H. Baker, on the 7<sup>th</sup>, inst. Mr. A. L. Chamberlain, of Leroy, Kan., and Miss Eva Baker, of Sheldon, Rev. J. W. Finley officiating. The wedding was a private affair, only a few relatives and friends being present. Mr. C. is a model young man, and Miss Eva is one of Sheldon's fairest daughters; they left on Thursday for a trip to Indiana; after their return they will settle down at Leroy in regular old folks style, and may their pathway through life be strewn with the sweetest of flowers, is the wish of their many friends.

Rev. E. C. Emmons closed his conference here as pastor of the M.E. Church south, at this place, last Sunday. Mr. Emmons has made many warm friends during his stay among us, who regret exceedingly to see him leave.

H. C. Wakefield has sold his stock of fancy groceries and barber shop to George Sharp and moved his family to Kansas City.

**From Moundville.**

W. E. Jones and brother, J. D., have purchased the mill formerly owned by W. H. Cooper and are doing a good business. This is an acquisition to our town which the farming community is highly appreciate, and it is also the means of attracting much trade to the place which otherwise would go to other points.

J. N. Pierce has just returned from Kansas City where he has been purchasing goods for the firm of Pierce Allison & Co. They have a large stock of goods and sell as reasonable as any other firm in the county.

W. E. Overstreet has resigned his position as lumber merchant, and will return to his first love, the field of pedagogics. Mr. Overstreet will teach in Barton county.

W. M. Donaldson and J. A. Chester, have commenced the erection of buildings on the grounds recently occupied by those consumed by the fire. Moundville will soon resume her former appearance or a better one, and make a town of which the citizens of Vernon county will be proud. One thing for which they have reason to be proud is the growing interest in temperance work. The Good Templars have now a membership of near seventy. And a temperance Sunday School is held here which is well attended and more than ordinary interest manifested.

J. E. Vandiver, Shelby Brockman, Benj. Jeans and Oscar Davis, contemplate making a visit to California in the near future.

**From Stringtown.**

Frank Wealand, of the Nevada Marble Works, was in Stringtown, on Monday last on business.

J. W. Riley has sold his personal property, rented his large farm and will engage in business in Nevada, at an early date.

Wes Cray is visiting in Sheldon this week.

O. F. Cochran and wife left last week for Colorado, where they will make their future home. We wish them success in their new domicile.

Ben Roark, of Nevada, was buying cattle in this heat last week; he succeeded in buying quite a drove.

Uncle Joe Claggett, at this writing, is very sick.

Rev. Lamkin, of this place, sounded the gospel trumpet at Sandstone last Sunday.

Charley Hereford, our violin king, called on us last Monday and favored us with a "concert;" come again Charley, you are always welcome.

Nathan Creek is suffering from paralysis at this writing.

**From Prairie Dell.**

M. Stroud, of Badger township passed through the Dell last Saturday. We tried to entice him into our retreat, but failed.

Mrs. John Owens was baptized at Warwick last Saturday, by Rev. E. D. Owen.

Uncle Dan Williams was appointed school director, at a meeting of the board last week, in place of Walter Cook, who removed to Washington Territory.

Uncle Jo. James will start to Nebraska to-day (Monday). He has rented his farm to James Toalson.

Messrs. DeCoursey, Cole, Meyers and Swim, of the Mounds, were over to see their brother-in-law, H. Mitchell, last week.

B. F. St. John has embarked in the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sewing machine business. We advised him to take F. F. Lear in as a partner. We think they would make a strong firm.

Rev. Emmons preached his farewell sermon at Warwick last Sunday. We hope he will be sent back to this circuit again.

Prof. Dillon will begin his singing school at Warwick, Tuesday night of this week.

**Items of Interest from Area Newspapers**  
***The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO***  
**December 21, 1900**

**SHOOTING SCRAPE AT METZ.**

**Ed Melton Received a Bullet From Hogan's Revolver**  
**Not Seriously Wounded.**

CORRESPONDENCE SOUTHWEST MAIL.

METZ MO, Dec. 20—At a public dance at the hall in Metz Wednesday night, whiskey was the ruling spirit. An altercation occurred in the hall in which Ed Melton struck Frank Hogan and received a bullet in his right side from Hogan's revolver. Trouble had been predicted and Constable Penrod sent for. He was present and made an effort to prevent a fight, but the general rush interfered. As soon as Hogan fired he made a rush for the door. The Constable followed and doubtless would have brought Hogan to halt had not Arch Falore caught and tripped him which gave the fleeting culprit good time to make his escape in the dark.

Falore was arrested and disarmed and released on bond to appear before Justice Hudson, charged with interfering with an officer and carrying concealed weapons.

Dr. Hornbeck removed the bullet from Melton's side and pronounced it only a flesh wound, but dangerously near the abdominal cavity. Melton resides in the South part of Metz township and Hogan lives near Amos in Henry township. He is said to be a ready man with weapons having once years ago been implicated in the cutting of one Meeks in Henry township.

Squire Hudson of Metz in a letter to Prosecuting Attorney J. R. Moss says that Melton is not seriously hurt although the bullet from Hogan's revolver passed clear through his side. He also states that the officer who attempted to arrest Hogan was caught and held, allowing Hogan to escape.

**Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings of the Tri-County Genealogical Society (Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties of Missouri) are held the second Saturday of each month and begin at 10 a.m. They are alternately held at Nevada and El Dorado Springs at the following locations:

**Nevada** Public Library Meeting Room, 212 West Walnut, Nevada (enter at South side of building). On Saturdays, there is not a 2-hr parking limit on the streets.

**El Dorado Springs** Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs. Carpooling from the Nevada Library to the El Dorado Springs meeting is usually available; contact Nancy or email [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net).

***All meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome!***

## Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 70, and we use nametags at monthly meetings to help everyone get acquainted. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in family history research. Annual dues are \$10 for an individual membership (+\$5 for each additional member within the same household up to \$25 maximum), \$5 for a Student, or \$100 Lifetime, per person. We would be pleased to have you join the local society if you are not already a member, and you can do so at our next meeting or by sending a check to Tri-County Genealogical Society, 212 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772. 2008 Society officers will be elected at the February meeting.

President:

Vice President:

Recording Secy:

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding/Research Secy: Richard Johnson, Rachel Harmon, and Darlene Lukenbill

You received this monthly newsletter because you are a member of the Society, have indicated an interest in our organization, or represent an area genealogy group. If you do not want to receive email notice of the newsletter in the future, please contact the Society at [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net) and request that your name be removed from the email list.

***Thank You for your membership in support of the work of the  
Tri-County Genealogical Society!***

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