



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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NEWSLETTER

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July 12, 2008, Meeting -- 10 a.m.
Resources Available at the Missouri State Archives and How to Research the Collections
Robyn Burnett, Reference Archivist, Missouri State Archives, Guest Speaker

Robyn Burnett, Reference Archivist with the Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City, MO, will be the guest speaker for this program. She will review the various kinds of resources in the State Archives collection and explain how to access the materials and what researchers need to know before making a trip to the Archives. Additionally, the new Missouri Digital Heritage Program will be previewed.

This is a program that will benefit those who are just beginning their family history research as well as experienced researchers. The Missouri State Archives is the repository for state records of historical value. Currently, the Archives holds more than 336 million pages of paper; 400,000 photographs; 9,000 maps; 61,000 reels of microfilm, 560 cubic feet of published state documents, and 1,000 audio/video items. The Mo. State Archives website is <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/>.

The public is invited to the July 12 program and there is no charge. Please email the Society if you have questions.

Society Programs in 2008

The following excellent selection of programs has been arranged for the remainder of 2008:

Aug 9, El Do: *Orphan Trains in Missouri*, by guest speaker Rita Wagner, whose mother was an orphan train rider.

Sep 13, Nevada: *The World Renowned Weltmer Institute of Nevada, Missouri*, by guest speaker Melissa Earll, premier Weltmer researcher and creator of the *Rediscover Nevada, MO!* website.

Oct 11, El Do: *My Family Came to Cedar County and We Lived in a Log Cabin*, by Dale Goodman, local historian, author, and member of the Cedar County Historical Society.

Nov 8, Nevada: *What to Look for and Where to Look when the Research gets Difficult*, by Helen Lodge, noted local genealogist and speaker.

Dec 13, El Do: Election and Installation of Officers and Christmas Luncheon. Members are to bring a photo or historical item of interest to show and share highlights of their genealogy research.

Visitors and guests are always welcome at genealogy meetings and programs.

Tri-County Genealogy Website www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/

Information added to the website in June includes a new page that lists area "Photographers" and new/updated biography pages on William M. BOWKER, Charles G. BURTON, Noah CATON, DeWitt Clinton HUNTER, Chapman WARKINS, and John WRAY.

The website's "Research Trip" information was updated with additional details helpful to those traveling to this area for research.

For Society members who do not use a computer in your research: if you would like to see any of our website information, please arrange with one of the Society's officers to meet at a convenient time at the Genealogy Dept, and the information will be brought up on the computer for you to read; any printing would be at 10¢ per page.

Who are YOU Researching?

Members are invited to submit their name and contact information (email and/or mailing address) and surnames being researched in this region with details such as location, years, pictures, etc. 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.

Derl Barnett, 303 S. Belisle St., El Dorado Springs, MO 64744, shares the following from his research:

Philip Anthony Barnet (5 Jun 1793-20 Nov 1877) married Susannah Flannagan (28 Dec 1802-19 Dec 1872). Philip stated in his will that he was born in Amsterdam, Holland. The unconfirmed report is that at the age of 19 that he had an argument with his parents in Amsterdam, after which he went down to the docks and got on a ship to America. He is listed on the tax rolls of Lincoln Co., NC in 1820. It appears that Philip got married in 1821 as his son Jacob was born 17 Oct 1822. His first wife may have died soon afterwards as his son continued to live with him. He married Susannah 25 Jul 1824. They lived in NC for several years except for a brief time in 1838 when their daughter Susannah was born in SC. They settled in Johnson County, MO in Sep 1839 where they lived the rest of their lives. Both are buried in the Payne Cemetery, Grover Township, Johnson County, MO. Children: Jacob, Maria Frances, Lava, John, Mary Polly, Clara, Susannah, Nancy D., Emily J., and Phillip Jesse.

Jacob Barnett (b. 17 Oct 1822) married Emily Marshall Goins (27 Aug 1823-6 Mar 1880). Emily Marshall was married first to Pollard Goins by whom she had three children: Martha E., Mary F., and Thomas W. They lived in Johnson Co, MO most of their lives except for a brief period in Stone Co, MO about 1859-60. Emily is buried in Payne Cemetery and we presume Jacob is buried next to her. Their children: Philip James who married Edna Mariah Strickland; John who married Mary Helen Hammond Richie; George Washington who married Luticia Amick and then Rhoda McKinley Bull Nunn; Jesse A.; and Abraham L. 'Link', who married Abith D. Hall.

(If you have submitted information about your research and it has not yet been published in the newsletter, please email or mail your information to the Society again, and we will get it published next month.)

Cedar County Probate Files Project

The Cedar Co. Probate Project continues with the workday being Thursdays from 10 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room of the Courthouse at Stockton. If you can help with this project, please come to the Courthouse in Stockton on Thursdays. Entries added to the database: 416.

Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

Total volunteer hours given to this project: 4,137.50!! Again, thank you to everyone who worked on this project!

Resources in Nevada Library

Stafford Agee has donated a copy of "Agee Lineages: Descendants of Mathieu Age' Des Agés" to the Nevada Library Genealogy Department. This 2,300+ page genealogy is on CD and is completely searchable in PDF format. This is a valuable asset to our genealogies collection. **Thank you, Stafford!**

The Society was given permission to make a copy of the Glade Springs Baptist Church records for the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. These records are now available for researchers; they are temporarily shelved under the counter with Vernon Co church records, although technically the church was located in Cedar Co. (Presently there is not room to shelve these materials in the Cedar Co. section.)

Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources, Third Revised Edition June 2004. Illustrated. Hardcover. By Alice Eichholz (Editor), has been donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. by the Tri-County Genealogical Society. The Society has also donated a copy of this book to the El Dorado Springs Library.

Wireless internet service is now available in the Nevada Library. Local researchers who do not have high-speed internet service at home can bring their laptop into the Library to access the Internet. (The new McDonald's Restaurant under construction will also have free wireless internet in Nevada. Now, if we can just get high-speed internet available in all areas of the county!!)

**"Paths to the Past"
Springfield Genealogy Conf. ~ Sep 12-13**

Information on the fall genealogy conference in Springfield is now available. Featured speaker will be Lloyd DeWit Bockstruck. \$45 registration fee (incl. lunch) postmarked by Aug. 30. The flyer has been posted on the Genealogy Dept. bulletin board.

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

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

The celebrated dog case of W. I. Fisher against Albert Badger for \$20 damages for the killing of a fox hound owned by W. I. Fisher, was reversed by the Court of Appeals and remanded back to the Vernon county circuit

court for a new trial. The case was decided in the courts here after having the third trial in favor of Fisher and was appealed to the higher courts by Badger. The cost and damage in the case now amounts to about \$320.

Vernon County Democrat, Nevada, Missouri.
June 13, 1902

Bellamy News.

Special Correspondence of the Mail.

BELLAMY, MO., Feb. 19.—The Grove Church was discovered to be on fire late Sunday evening by W. A. Elkin, who was passing at the time. He summoned help and the flames were extinguished. The damage amounts to about \$40. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary origin, as the seats and stove had been displaced, and obscene writing was found upon the walls. The perpetrator (*sic*) of the act may be ferreted out. The members of the church are justly indignant. They will take action Saturday night to investigate the outrage.

J. A. Riley was in Kansas City this week with a car load of cattle.

J. P. Allen, who has been very sick for the past year is still no better.

Will and Joseph Vanderford are in Arkansas hunting.

There is considerable sickness in this locality.

Miss Millie Casner is home after a three months visit with her sister at Hilltop, Kansas.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.
February 20, 1897.

HERE TO STAY.

Hard Times in the State of Oregon.

J. J. Blevans, of Joseph, Oregon, arrived Tuesday night to visit his sister, Mrs. Thomas H. Austin. He expects to make his home in Nevada. Mr. Blevans reports money as being very scarce and the people of Oregon badly in debt. However, there is no enforced idleness in that state. There is abundance to eat, and work for those who want it. Mr. Blevans resided in Oregon the past 40 years. He made his first trip to that country in 1852, with an ox

team. He was four months going from Leavenworth to Oregon City; on his return he made the trip in four days. The agricultural part of Oregon is settled. Farming lands are low in consequence of the scarcity of money. "I saw," said he, "thirty or forty head of good brood mares sold recently at Enterprise, at forced sale, at \$8 a head. Fat cattle and hogs command good prices, but nothing else does. The wheat crop in the eastern part of the state was badly damaged last season."

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.
Wednesday, February 1, 1894, p. 1.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. MALLORY
Former Vernon County Lady
Drops Dead at Webb City.

Gary Hutchens received the sad intelligence by wire Monday that Mrs. John Mallory dropped dead at her home in Webb City. The immediate cause of her death was heart disease.

Mrs. Mallory was a daughter of Zack Hathaway and wife, of this county, and a sister of Mrs. Guy Hutchens and Dan Hathaway of this city. She was raised near Montevallo and had many acquaintances and friends in Vernon county. The family moved to Webb City about twelve years ago. Her sudden death is a great shock to her relatives and friends.

Zack Hathaway and wife and Mrs. Guy Hutchens are now at Ola, Idaho, and will be unable to attend Mrs. Mallory's funeral.

Deceased leaves a husband and three grown children.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri
May 25, 1905.

FOUND HIS RELATIVES
Foe Fryer's Relatives Were All Saved But Their
Homes Were Swept Away.

Joe Fryer returned from Kansas City at four o'clock this morning. He brought back with him two of Richard Fryer's children. Mr. and Mrs. Fryer remained, with the hope of saving something from their overflowed store, but have little hope of accomplishing anything.

The family escaped when the water was four feet in depth but at latest report the flood has almost reached the roof of Mr. Fryer's store house, and it is a two-story building. It is located in Armourdale, [Wyandotte Co, KS].

Mr. Fryer says it is impossible to describe the desolation. Some trouble is being experienced from the depredations of thieves. He says one of the looters was knocked out by a skiff by the police. The fellow was caught in some wires, but managed to get loose and grasp a telephone pole.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kellogg, who is Mr. Fryer's youngest sister, was not located, but he learned that she had been seen in a wagon and is doubtless safe.

Mr. Fryer's father also lived in Armordale (*sic*). His house, as well as the dwellings of Richard Fryer, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Kellogg, all members of the same family, were washed away.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri.
June 5, 1903.

IN THE FLOOD.
Mrs. C. F. Rodea Waded Water
Three Feet Deep.

Mrs. C. F. Rodea returned from Kansas City yesterday. She had been visiting her niece, Mrs. A. J. Lewellyn, in Armourdale, Kas., and was one of the many persons caught in the flood.

Saturday morning about four o'clock mounted policemen alarmed the sleeping populace. They were advised to flee for their lives. The banks of the Kaw river had given way; and by the time Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn, their three children and Mrs. Rodea were ready to leave the house the water was rushing down the streets three feet deep. For four blocks the ladies and children waded the water, jammed in a crowd of panic-stricken people all making for the viaduct.

Mr. Lewellyn remained behind to lock up the house. He has not been seen nor heard of since.

Only two blocks away lived Mrs. Gilbert with her little grand son. Mrs. Gilbert is a sister of Mrs. Rodea. No word has been heard from them.

In two hours after the alarm was given, Armourdale was flooded, houses were washed away and a wild rush of water swept over the site of the town.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri.
June 5, 1903.

State of Missouri

vs.

Thomas Jones and Robert Marchbanks (Civil War Incidents from Court Documents)

The following information has been abstracted by Nancy Thompson from the Vernon County Circuit Court records, which are presently being indexed and microfilmed.

State of Missouri vs. Thomas Jones and Robert Marchbanks. Cause of action: Taking horses by force of arms.

Frederick Brown swears that on or about Sep. 11, 1862, some 7 or 8 men came to his house during the late night and took various items from his house such as clothing, bed clothing (bedding), and other miscellaneous items. They additionally took one horse, saddle and bridle, and \$140 [possibly value of horse, saddle & bridle \$140]. They demanded guns or other arms. They ordered Brown out of his house to kill him they said and to make him tell where a double barrel shotgun and pistol were. They cocked and pointed their guns at him, but got no guns from him. They gave Brown orders to leave the area within eight days and then let him go. They then went to Squire J. Baze's (as told to him by Squire Baze) and also to Mrs. Milstead's where they recognized two of the men, one was Thomas Jones the other Robert Marchbanks.

(signed) F. Brown

[In 1860 Frederick Brown, 30, a farmer, and his family lived in Little Osage Twp, (old Metz), Vernon Co, MO. Brown's wife was Sarah Ann

Summers, daughter of Jesse J. & Charlotte McDermid Summers.]

Squire J. Baze swears that Robert Marchbanks and some 7 or 8 others came to his house on or about Sep. 11, 1862 just before daylight and took men's clothing, one hat, and other clothing. They also took jewelry such as earbobs, etc., all of the value of thirty dollars. Baze said he heard Marchbanks say that he had been at Fred Brown's that night.

(signed) S. J. Baze

[In 1860 Squire Baze, 31, a blacksmith, and his family also lived in Little Osage Twp (old Metz). His wife was Mary D. Summers, daughter of Jesse & Charlotte Summers.]

Mrs. Almira Taylor swears that Thomas Jones came to their house on Sep. 11, 1863 (*sic*) with a large gang of armed men about midnight. They took about 15 yards of fabric worth \$2 per yard, four woolen bed blankets worth \$20, two new calico dress patterns worth \$5, a black coat worth \$10, and a large number of other things. They also took a sorrel horse worth \$200, bridle and saddle worth \$25, and a silver watch worth \$25.

Mrs. Taylor further swears that Robert Marchbanks and a gang of others on Jul 15, 1863 came to her homeplace and took away three horses – all fine animals.

[Mrs. Almira Taylor is presumed to be the wife of Zeller Taylor, 48, also a blacksmith, living with his family in Little Osage Twp, near Squire Baze.]

On May 31, 1866, Thomas Jones, Jonathan Jones, and Elias Lecompte appeared before John G. Dryden, Justice of the Peace, and each posted \$500 bond to appear Oct 8, 1866 to answer an indictment against Thomas Jones.

[Thomas Jones was the son of John Jones, a large land owner in Henry Twp, Vernon Co. Robert Marchbanks was the son of Nathaniel R. Marchbanks, also a large land owner living in Henry Twp.]

There are additional documents regarding this case in the file. Much more could be

written about these families, their lives, and the Civil War or the War of the Rebellion in this region...but we will leave it to your research of the soon-to-come circuit court records to find the "story" of your family.

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 tricitygenealogy@centurytel.net.

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, 218 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772.

2007 Society officers are:

President: Neoma Foreman

V. Pres: Janet Jones & Nancy Thompson

Recording Sec: position open

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Sec: Darlene Lukenbill

You received this monthly newsletter notice 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 this email notice in the future, please contact the Society at tricitygenealogy@centurytel.net and request that your name be removed from the email list.

*You are cordially invited to support the work of the
Tri-County Genealogical Society with an annual membership.*

See You July 12 at the Nevada Library Meeting Room ~~ Bring a Friend!