



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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Vernon County Courthouse
Nevada, Missouri

NEWSLETTER

March 2008

April 12, 2008, Meeting -- 10 a.m.
302 E. Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs
Eldon Steward, Guest Speaker

MY HERITAGE &

A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR

Eldon Steward, local historian, genealogist, and Civil War aficionado, will share information on his family history research and the Civil War. Steward has been instrumental in locating Civil War burials in this region and obtaining military markers for unmarked graves.

Following the program, attendees will move to the El Dorado Springs Library, 808 S. Main Street, for a brief overview of the genealogy resources available there. The El Dorado Springs Library Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Society Programs in 2008

The following programs are scheduled for the remainder of 2008:

May 10, Nevada: Looking at American History through Glassware and Fruit Jars, by Rosemary Noel, historian and DAR member. Brief tour and overview of Genealogy Dept. following the program.

Jun 14, El Do: Opera House Movie Theater Tour and Presentation, by Davin Allison on the history of the building and problems of undertaking such a large remodeling job. May see the movie showing at that time.

Jul 12, Nevada: Resources Available at the Missouri State Archives and How to Research

the Collections, by Robyn Burnett, Reference Archivist, Missouri State Archives.

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

Sep 13, Nevada: Program to be announced.

Oct 11, El Do: Presentation on different subjects that would be of interest to the Genealogical Society, by Wilma McKinley and Ernie Harris.

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

Dec 13, El Do: Election and Installation of Officers and Christmas Luncheon.

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.

'New' 1851 Pioneer Burial Discovered in Vernon County, Missouri

1887 History of Vernon County, Missouri. p. 787. Chapter XXVIII. Moundville Township. "A very sad case of accidental loss of life in early days was long remembered by the people. An old man named James H. Barnett, who was one of the first settlers in Moundville township, was frozen to death on the 29th of March, 1844. Mr. Barnett, Judge Wm. Hudson and Reid Hudson had been down on Spring river and were returning home. A heavy snow storm came up and blew in their faces and it grew

very cold. The party became chilled and bewildered and wandered aimlessly about over the trackless prairie waste, until at last, near the Round Mound, in the edge of Barton county, old man Barnett lay down and froze to death."

Additional details of this family tragedy were written by Theresa (Caton) Barnett in 1933. She tells that her husband's Grandfather, James H. Barnett, and two other men had gone south about fifty miles with two yoke of oxen in a covered ox wagon to get their cornmeal ground for their summer food. As they were returning home, it began to rain and the rain then turned to snow. The men got wet and their clothes froze. When they were within a short distance of home, they turned the oxen loose (the oxen could no longer pull the wagon through the mud), and the men started to walk but soon found that Grandfather Barnett could not go any further. He persuaded them to leave him and the two of them go on to the settlement. They didn't go very far until the young man dropped and could go no further. He told Grandfather Hudson to try to get to a nearby house and send out help to find them. The men found young Hudson and he survived, however they could not find Grandfather Barnett until the next day.

Robert Barnett was a son of James H. Barnett. Robert's wife was Eliza Hudson, daughter of William P. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bingham) Hudson. In the 1850 Bates (Vernon) County, Missouri Census, Dist 6, Dwelling 118, the Robert Barnett family was enumerated as follows:

BARNETT, Robert, 30 yr old male, wheelright, \$150 real estate value, born AL.

....Eliza, 21 yr old female, born TN.

....Sarah, 7 yr old female, born MO.

....James, 4 yr old male, born MO.

....William, 3 yr old male, born MO.

Families living nearby included George Taylor, William Hudson, C. P. Hudson, and John Branson.

Another tragic accident befell the Barnett family when both Robert and Eliza Barnett were killed in a buggy accident, leaving their three small children orphans. The children were taken by different family members to raise. William P. Barnett was taken to live with Andrew Jackson and Nancy (Hudson) Hall of Pottawattamie County, IA. William Barnett later married Theresa Caton, daughter of Hugh M. Caton.

The burial place of Robert and Eliza Barnett was unknown until a recent cemetery survey found a stone in McMullin Cemetery, Vernon Co, Missouri, which reads:

R. Barnett

Died Feb 16, 1851

Aged 30y 3m 7d

It is presumed that Eliza Barnett is also buried here, although a stone has not been found.

There are numerous burials marked with river rocks in McMullin Cemetery, and James H. Barnett may also be buried here.



Tri-County Genealogy Website

www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/

There were 314 searches on our website in Feb., and 288 as of March 30.

If you would like to help expand the website by typing biographies from the 1887 History of Vernon County for posting online, please email us.

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. 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.

Norma Bailey, 3550 S. Harlan #337, Denver, CO 80235-2709 is researching POWELL, MOORE, JUSTUS, SHARP, SIMPSON, FERTIG, and ROSS.

Raymond Manahan, P.O. Box 1074, Ft. Scott, KS 66701 is researching CURRY, MADDOX, YOUNT, AMBER, and LEVAUGH.

Becky Viles, 19100 S. Clare Rd, Spring Hill, KS 66083 is researching ROBINETT, DAVIS, PILCHER, LOGSDON, HOWARD, HOWELL, LINCOLN, SULLIVAN, MARTIN, HUMPHREYS, SIMPSON, CAIN, BROCKMAN, FOSTER, NEFF, AGNEW, ENDICOTT, KENNEDY, LUKES, WALLACE, STROUD, MISNER, and CAMPBELL.

Mike Hardester, 3118 Gaitway Court, Jacksonville, NC 28546-6973 is researching Susan ROOK, who along with Stella Rook, was living in the home of S. A. and Rebecca HILL in the 1880 Schell City, Vernon Co, MO Census. And also Catherine Rook, daughter of John and Mary (Specard?) MILLER, noted in the 1860 Federal census for Polk Twp, St. Clair Co, MO.

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 on Thursdays, please come to the Courthouse in Stockton on Thursdays.

Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

Volunteers continue working at the Nevada Library to complete the court case files project. The project phase of verifying the term of court for each case is nearing completion.

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

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

House at Balltown Cemetery Burns

The house on the Balltown cemetery grounds, occupied by Bert Bloodworth, was destroyed by fire Monday forenoon. In the absence of his wife Mr. Bloodworth had built a fire in the cook stove and gone to the garden to dig some potatoes. The flames were making rapid progress when discovered and a sewing machine and trunk were the only things saved. The barn being near the flames quickly reached it and only part of a set of harness and a buggy were saved. Luckily there was no stock in the barn at the time. The house and barn were the property of the Balltown Cemetery Association and were not insured. Mr. Bloodworth's household furniture was insured.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, September 29, 1916.

Death of James Hill.

James L. Hill died at his home near Roscoe Saturday morning. Funeral Services were held at Pleasant Grove Church Sunday and interment was at Pleasant Grove cemetery. Mr. Hill formerly lived in the Prairie Valley neighborhood and is well known to the old settlers here. He was an uncle of John and Gus Peters.

The Schell City News. Thursday, May 4, 1922.

Mrs. Chas. D. George returned Thursday from Columbia Mo where she attended the graduation of the Senior Class at the University. She was accompanied home by her niece Miss Earleen Allen of Butler who was one of the graduates.

Miss Allen graduated from Stephens College two years ago and received the B. A. degree at the State University this year.

The Schell City News. Thursday, May 4, 1922.

We are sorry to state that Uncle Morris Mann's condition is very serious, with little hopes of his ultimate recovery.

Stock bills were printed at this office Tuesday for B. T. Stonum of Fairhaven. It is said his stock is extra fine, as good as any in the county.

Mrs. M. M. Spitler left this morning, accompanied by her physician, Dr. E. A. Dulin, for Kansas City, where she will undergo a surgical operation.—Nevada Post.

Mrs. Steinstry of Dederick was operated on at the Wesley Hospital at Kansas City last week for cancer of the stomach. The operation was successful, and Dr. C. H. Moore, who accompanied Mrs. Steinstry to Kansas City, says at last report she was doing nicely.

In the election here Tuesday the following candidates were elected: For school directors H. V. Cole, Frank Still, W. H. Ewing and J. R. Moss. Alderman first ward, Lon Gordon; second ward Dan'l Dale. The additional tax levy of 50 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation to pay bonds carried by a large majority.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Forman of Gillespie, Ill., are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Forman south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mobley of Kansas City, who have been visiting George Smith, left last night for their home. They will move to Roswell, N. M., within the next few days.—Nevada Post.

The condition of the roads in this section is simply terrible, and only those who have to come to town do so. The roads may have been worse in years gone by, but if so it has been so long ago that no one remembers it.

Walker had another fight Sunday. The fight occurred near the post-office in front of Miller's drug store and the participants were Wallace C. Bowman and S. S. Dunn. The fracas was the outcome of politics. Parties who saw the fight say Dunn slapped Bowman's face when the fight was discontinued, Bowman taking a

seat and remaining quiet. They were arraigned before the Mayor and upon a plea of guilty, they were both fined \$3.00 and cost.

The Walker Herald. Thursday, April 4, 1912.

Binding Machine

As a reminder, the Genealogical Society has a comb-binding machine which is being stored at and is also used by the Vernon Co. Historical Society. Tri-County members can use the machine by calling the Museum (667-9602) to arrange a convenient time. You can purchase plastic binding combs from any office supply store, or the Museum has a small supply of various size combs (1/4, 1/3, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 1, 1-1/2-inch) which can be purchased individually, ranging in price from 20¢ up, for members who want to bind just a few copies of a book/document.

Programs and Field trips

Please share your ideas and suggestions regarding monthly programs and field trips to help make Tri-County Genealogical Society of maximum benefit to its members. Research trips and field trips can be scheduled if there is interest. Please let your officers know what would be of benefit in your research.

The New "Midwest Genealogy Library" 3401 S Kiger Road, Kansas City, MO

Everyone is looking forward to the grand opening on 14 May 2008, of the Midwest Genealogy Library (formerly Mid-Continent Library). The opening is in conjunction with the National Genealogical Society Conference to be held in downtown Kansas City, MO. For information about the conference see www.ngsgenealogy.org

The Midwest Genealogy Center will be the largest free-standing, public genealogy facility in the country and should be on the destination list of all genealogy researchers. The Center will have oversize parking for buses and RVs; a patron lounge with lockers and limited food service; and ample tables,

computers, and reader-printers for researchers.

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.

New Resources Purchased

Copies of the following two books have been purchased by the Tri-County Genealogical Society and placed in both the Nevada Genealogy Department and the El Dorado Springs Library:

Carolyn M. Bartels, transcriber, *Missouri State Guard: The Forgotten Men* (Independence, MO: Two Trails Publishing, 1995).

Wayne Schnetzer, compiler, *More Forgotten Men: The Missouri State Guard* (Independence, MO: Two Trails Publishing).

Please submit additional suggestions for book purchases to the Society.

Browsing Old Cemeteries

Neoma F. shares the following...

A truly Happy Person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. And, one who can enjoy browsing old cemeteries...

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Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York: Born 1903--Died 1942. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

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In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

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On a grave in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Only The Good Die Young.

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In a London, England cemetery: Here lies Ann Mann, Who lived an old maid but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767.

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In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery: Here lies Johnny Yeast... Pardon me for not rising.

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In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery: Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake. Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

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In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery: Here lays The Kid. We planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger. But slow on the draw.

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A lawyer's epitaph in England: Sir John Strange. Here lies an honest lawyer, and that is Strange.

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John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England, cemetery: Reader, if cash thou art in want of any, Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.

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In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England: On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

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Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls , Vermont: Here lies the body of our Anna, Done to death by a banana. It wasn't the fruit that laid her low, But the skin of the thing that made her go.

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On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket , Massachusetts: Under the sod and under the trees, Lies the body of Jonathan Pease. He is not here, there's only the pod. Pease shelled out and went to God.

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In a cemetery in England: Remember man, as you walk by, As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so shall you be. Remember this and

follow me. To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone: To follow you I'll not consent. Until I know which way you went.

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***All Tri-County Genealogy 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.

2007 Society officers are:

President: Neoma F

V. Pres: Janet J & Nancy T

Recording Sec: position open

Treasurer: Ray L

Corresponding Sec: Darlene L

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 tricountygenealogy@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.***