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## **NEWSLETTER**

**April 2011**

**May 17, 2011, 10 a.m.**  
**Genealogy Meeting and Program**  
**Nevada Library Meeting Room**  
**218 West Walnut St., Nevada, MO**  
***TOUR OF DEEPWOOD CEMETERY***

Honoring two law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and telling their stories will be part of the tour of Deepwood Cemetery, presented by Rosemary Noel and Betty Garton on Tuesday, May 17. These little known or forgotten stories of fallen officers, one from the 1880s and the other from the 1930s, will be included in the cemetery tour along with information on several other burials. Deepwood Cemetery, located on South Washington Street in Nevada, is one of Vernon County's older cemeteries.

Please meet at the Nevada Library Meeting Room at 10 a.m. for a brief business meeting and then the group will drive to the cemetery, a few blocks away. In case of inclement weather, the program will be given using photos in the Meeting Room.

The meeting and program are open to the public, and everyone with an interest in local history or researching his or her family's history is invited to attend.

### **2011 Society Programs**

The following programs are tentatively scheduled for 2011. Watch the newsletter and website for updated information or changes as programs are finalized.

**Jun 21, El Do Spgs:** Field trip: Osceola Museum and lunch in Collins.

**Jul 19, Nevada:** To be announced.

**Aug 16, El Do Spgs:** To be announced.

**Sep 20, Nevada:** Research at Nevada Family History Center.

**Oct 18, El Do Spgs:** Land Grants. Christina Miller, Missouri State Archives.

**Nov 15, Nevada:** Griswold Cast Iron Skillets. Jeff Mitchell.

**Dec 20, El Do Spgs:** Installation of Officers and Christmas Luncheon.

**[Program co-chairs: please email changes to the newsletter editor as they are known.]**

### **1887 History of Vernon County, Missouri**

The 1887 History of Vernon County, Missouri (the first major county history) is out of print. However, the complete book is available on CD for only \$12 (plus \$3 if by mail). This is the complete, full book with index. Local purchases can be made at the Bushwhacker Museum; mail orders can be sent to our address above, Attn: Books.

### **Genealogy Society Membership Rolls**

The mail and email lists of Society membership have recently been updated. If you do not automatically receive the newsletter via mail or email, please contact the society at the above address so corrections can be made. We apologize for any errors in this regard and appreciate your assistance in correcting the newsletter lists.

**Lyndon Irwin to Present Vernon Co  
Historical Society Program on New Book  
*Bronaugh: the Town, the Man  
and his Friends***

Sunday, July 10, 2 p.m. at the Bushwhacker Museum, 212 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO. More details to follow.

**Vernon County, MO USGenWeb**

Information on the genealogical society's website that pertains only to Vernon Co is being moved to the newly redesigned Vernon County, MO USGenWeb site. As part of the expansion of that site, several hundred additional biographies from the 1887 History of Vernon County, MO have been typed by six **fantastic volunteers** so the bios can be placed online. **"Thank You!"** to Becky S., Marty P., Anna G., Ginnie B., Kay H., and Julia B.!!! Several of these new biographies are being posted on the website each week. The USGenWeb site is [www.rootsweb.com/~movernon/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~movernon/) The USGenWeb Project is volunteers working together for free genealogy information on the Internet for every county in every state.

As genealogists, you are encouraged to support the USGenWeb websites for the geographic areas where you research and those that are of interest to you. If you have benefitted from genealogy resources that are free – either on the Internet or at a research library – please **"pay it forward"** by giving some of your time or money to a genealogy project.

**RootsWeb Message Board ~  
Edit or Delete Previous Posts**

Most all of us have used the RootsWeb Message Boards to post queries about people we are researching or to reply to a query another researcher has posted. There is now a feature available where we can edit or delete previous posts. Because this is such an important feature for researchers, part of a recent article on using the RootsWeb Message Boards is being reprinted below. This information also

explains how to update your email address in old messages to ensure other researchers can contact you.

**1) Updating e-mail addresses on old messages posted on the boards:** Posting on the message boards has required registration for several years and any posts you have made since the registration requirement are linked to your registration status. If you go to MyAccount and update your e-mail address or other account information (such as a change of name) this will update all board posts associated with your username(s). Older posts may be updated in some cases also. If you have more than one username, all will be updated in this manner provided the usernames are all linked to your account at RootsWeb's secure site at <https://myaccount.rootsweb.com/>

**2) Finding existing posts you have made to message boards:** Finding your old posts enables you to check to see if your posts require editing or removal (hopefully followed by replacement with an updated post). Many users are apparently unaware that they can click the VIEW POSTS link on any board message for their username to bring up a list of all posts made under that username. Very recent posts may not be found until they have been indexed and made searchable.

**3) Using the new user edit and message removal features on the boards:** Use the new EDIT feature to fix errors or typos or merely to help draw attention to your post by replacing a weak subject line with one that will attract searchers. The surname box can help



future researchers find your posts--so you may wish to review old posts you have made to ensure the surname box is used correctly and advantageously. Comments from readers have stressed the fact that the message subject is equally important in drawing readers to your message and many felt this topic needed

greater emphasis now that an editing option is available.

**4) Editing existing posts to replace a weak subject line with an attention-grabbing subject:** If your old posts include non-informative subjects such as "Help!" "Genealogy" "Looking for Family" or "Searching" you will want to replace them with a more informative subject such as "Seeking Parents of Abraham ROBINSON who died in 1802 in New Jersey" or "Need Obituary for James H. SMITH who died in January 1920 in York, PA." Give a clue as to what you wish to learn from your query, who it concerns, and the time frame and location. Readers make up their minds quickly whether they are going to look inside at the content of your message. No one is going to help you or make a connection with the family if they don't read your post.

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**Charles L. Burriss died WW II, Mar. 2, 1945  
Netherlands American Cemetery  
Margraten, Netherlands**

Dear Sir, madam,

I am from Holland, and have an interest in WW 2 history. I do research about the US Military Cemetery Margraten (Holland) and the US servicemen (especially those that were killed in WW 2 in and near Holland, Belgium and Germany and are or were buried in the US Military Cemetery in Holland). The cemetery is near where I live. I am one of many volunteers who are researching the names for a Memorial Center that will be built near the Cemetery. Plans are to make a digital presentation about as many as possible soldiers that were/are buried at the Cemetery/to put a face to the names, and also about the soldiers who worked there (Graves registration and Engineers for example).

I am seeking for a picture from the soldier below (also on behalf of one of his former buddies). He was from Vernon County, MO.

Can you please help me?

Your help/reply will be appreciated.

Best regards from Holland,

Antoine

CHARLES L. BURRIS, SGT. ASN 37009323  
Died March 2, 1945  
PLOT E, ROW 11, Grave 25  
NETHERLANDS AMERICAN CEMETERY  
MARGRATEN, NETHERLANDS  
[http://www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/ward\\_ept/pframe.asp?HonoreeID=1238619&popcount=8&tcount=13](http://www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/ward_ept/pframe.asp?HonoreeID=1238619&popcount=8&tcount=13)

[Antoine, would you please provide your email address? Thank you.]

**Family History Expo in Overland Park, KS  
July 29-30, 2011**

Society member Sheila M. shares the following note: I was reading my new Family Tree Magazine today and noticed that there will be a Family History Expo in Overland Park KS, Jul 29-30, 2011. It doesn't give any details of what they will be covering yet, just says coming soon. You may have already read this – just wanted to let you know if you hadn't. <http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/>

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**Items of Interest from Area Newspapers**

[The below newspaper articles were transcribed by society members.]

**A DESPERADO HANGED.**

St. Louis Mo., July 20.—Oliver P. Frakes, a notorious desperado, was hanged by vigilants (sic) near Nevada City, Mo., on Saturday last.

*The New York Times*, Jul 21, 1874.

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### NEVADA 59 YEARS AGO TODAY.

A. P. Williams relates some interesting reminiscences of Nevada before the war. He came to Nevada from St. Charles, Mo., Feb. 15, 1855, and located on a farm known as the Caton place northwest of the city. There are very few of the old settlers living here now. Mr. Williams father, Reuben A. Williams, was the first sheriff of Vernon county, which at that time, included Bates county.

Reuben A. Williams was a captain in the confederate army and was killed in the battle of Pea Ridge.

Mr. Williams saw the little town of Nevada twice destroyed by fire during the war, and has seen it come up out of the ashes of those striving times and grow into the beautiful little city of which we are justly proud. A pride that means more to the old pioneers that struggled with the adverse conditions of those times with no finance and with crude implements of labor, which made progress necessarily show.

Great credit is due the old pioneers for their sacrifices and industry which has cleared away the forest and established the foundation of our splendid citizenship.

Mr. William's father was County Judge and Postmaster when Vernon and Bates county were one county.

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO.*  
Date unknown.

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### THE LAMAR MURDER. Additional Particulars Told by a Missourian Extra.

Yesterday's DAILY MAIL contained a special telegram, giving an account of the killing of Banner Brummitt by Alex. Brown, during the progress of a dance at the latter's home the night before. The facts in the case are just as stated by the MAIL'S Lamar correspondent; but in order to give our additional particulars of the affair we reproduce the following account, which

comes to us this morning in a Missourian Extra:

"At a dance at Alexander Brown's house, near the evaporator last night, Alex. Brown severed Banner Brummitt's left jugular vein, killing him instantly. The following appear to be the facts as near as we can get them: Brummitt kept interrupting the "calling off," of the sets, when Brown told him he had to stop, instead of which Brummitt applied to him the foulest epithet known to mankind, following it up with a blow. In the scuffle which followed, Brown completely severed his adversary's left jugular with a pocket knife. After receiving the death wound, Brummitt ran out into the street and almost immediately expired. The body is now at the house of Samp. Brummitt, father of the young man, who is at Eureka. Brown gave himself up at six o'clock this morning—five hours after the killing. He is about 35 years old, while Brummitt is 22. Brown is a nephew of Hon. Robt. Brown."

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO.*  
November 3, 1883, page 4.

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### WICKED CEPHUS. His Fondness for Horses Gets Him in Trouble Again.

Prosecuting Attorney Davis showed us a card to-day from Prosecuting Attorney Ashley, of Columbus, Kansas, dated November 2, which says:

"Joseph Cephus was tried here and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for horse stealing."

Cephus is about 26 years old, and was born and raised in Osage township, Vernon county. He served a ten-year term in the Missouri penitentiary, under sentence from Pettis county, for the robbery of old man Garton, at Green Ridge, from which place he was released about eight months ago, on the three-fourths rule. After his release he staid around Nevada two or three months, when he left, and soon after turned up in the Cherokee county jail for horse stealing. He was overhauled at Atchison for the theft, and

during the arrest snapped his pistol three times at the Sheriff. It is said that all that saved the officer was the fact that Cephus had, through mistake, loaded his center-fire pistol with rim-fire cartridges.

Before leaving Nevada the last time Cephus told Mr. Warden that he did not expect to get into any more trouble but in case he did he would not allow himself to be arrested.

Jacob Foland knew Cephus from a small boy, and says he always was a wild, bad boy, and at one time, before his sentence to the Missouri penitentiary, attempted to shoot Silas Davis, at Balltown. He is a bad fellow, and the general impression here is that his last sentence is not for a long enough term.

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO.  
November 3, 1883, page 4.*

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**JOHN BAILEY.**

**He is Held to Await the Action of the  
Grand Jury.**

The case of State against John Bailey, for shooting Hiram Bates, brought before Justice Mobley, was concluded to-day at noon, the court holding defendant in bond of \$800 to await the action of the grand jury.

Bates' statement of the case was substantially as follows:

"John Bailey came to my house, called me out telling me that my horses were in Jeff Bailey's corn. I got the horses and tied them up. Bailey soon after came driving a drove of cattle through my field. He was on horseback and had a gun with him. I went to the gap, and scared the cattle back, and told John that he must not drive through there. He said he would drive them where he \_\_\_\_\_ pleased, taking his gun from his shoulder. He then rode off, and soon after came back with another drove of cattle—in full run. I stepped in the gap, as he came up, and the cattle turned off. Bailey then came back within thirty steps of me, and appeared to be looking for the place where the cattle got in the field. I went where he was and told him that the cattle got in on the west side of the

field. I had taken my six shooter down when I saw the cattle come into the garden, and had it sticking in the front of my pants. When I told him the cattle got in the west side, he cursed me, and said I had abused his mother and brother, Jeff, and said I needn't try to bluff him, and with this grabbed his gun, saying he would blow my brains out. I told him he shouldn't abuse me like he did Gilwater. I then glanced down the road where Jeff was. As I did so John leveled his gun at me, and seeing his action I jumped behind a tree. The smoke blinded me, and a few shot struck me in the face. I then drew my revolver, and as soon as the smoke cleared away I fired at him. About the time I shot Bailey shot the second time, filling my arm, face and shoulder with shot. I then went to the house and sent for a doctor.

Wm. Conley said: "Tom McDaniels and I arrested John Bailey and took him to town the night following the shooting. On the way to town McDaniels said to Bailey—"you came near getting away with Bates today." Bailey replied, "Yes, I would have gotten away with him if my gun had not snapped. I wanted to kill him, but my gun snapped, and he jumped behind a tree. I gave him the best I had." I then turned him over to Deputy Sheriff Harmony."

Thos. McDaniel testified about the same as above.

Justice Scroggem testified that he came to town to notify the Sheriff, and that the Sheriff went out that night to look for Bailey.

Bailey was released on bond of \$800.

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO.  
November 3, 1883, page 4.*

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The below two items were transcribed by member Kenneth W.

Mr. George A. Price, of Little Barlow, St. Clair county, Mo., was willfully murdered on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., by a man the name of John Dudley, who immediately made his escape. A reward of \$100 is offered by Mr. John N. Price for his recovery, and the Governor has

been asked to offer a like reward, which he will probably do. Dudley is about twenty-five or twenty-six years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, heavy set, has a slight defect in one of his eyes, which can be discovered only by observing it closely, voice irregular, changing from masculine to effeminate, his clothing unknown.

*Marshall Democrat, Marshall, MO. Sep. 16, 1859.*

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Daniel Cline, an old and respected citizen of Osceola, Mo., committed suicide on the 26<sup>th</sup> ult., while in a fit of mental derangement.

*Marshall Democrat, Marshall, MO. Jan. 25, 1860.*

#### **Summer Fresh Grocery Cash Register Receipts and Best Choice UPC Labels**

The Tri-County Genealogical Society continues to collect Best Choice brand UPC product labels and Summer Fresh Grocery Store receipts. Please note that the Summer Fresh receipts are void if the bottom portion of the receipt is removed. Bring these items to any monthly meeting. They are redeemed for cash used to purchase genealogy resources for our public libraries.

#### **Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings of the Tri-County Genealogical Society (Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties of Missouri)

are held the third Tuesday 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 W. Walnut, Nevada (enter at South side of building). There is a 2-hr parking limit on the streets.

**El Dorado Springs** Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs.

#### **Tri-County Genealogical Society**

Membership in the Tri-County Genealogical Society is on a calendar year basis, and memberships are welcomed and accepted throughout the year. Membership in the Society is currently at about 70, and nametags are used 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, and \$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. 2011 Society officers are:

President: Dorothy Foster

V. Pres: Valo Jones; Lynda Bishop

Recording Secy: Neoma Foreman

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Secy: Darlene Lukenbill

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***Annual membership is only \$10 -- join today to support the work of the Society!***

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