

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Genealogy Meeting and Program
Tuesday, October 18, 2011
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
302 E Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs

Land Grants

Christina Miller, Missouri State Archives

Christina Miller, Senior Reference Archivist at the Missouri State Archives will be guest speaker at the October 18 meeting in El Dorado Springs, MO. Her program will focus on "Land Grants" and will include how to utilize land grants in your family history research.

The meeting and program are open to the public, and everyone with an interest in 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.

Nov 15, Nevada: Griswold Cast Iron Skilllets.
Jeff Mitchell.

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

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee consisting of Valo Jones, Dorothy Foster, and Neoma Foreman was appointed at the September meeting. Please consider in what way you will help the genealogy society in 2012 and let the committee know. A brief summary of organization positions and responsibilities include:

President: preside at meetings; coordinate the work of officers and committees.

Vice Presidents (1 Cedar; 1 Vernon): preside at meetings in absence of president; arrange monthly programs in respective counties.

Recording Secretary: record the minutes of meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: receive and answer research requests.

Treasurer: custody of funds; keep full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; make disbursements as authorized; present financial statements.

Newsletter editor: prepare and publish monthly newsletter (present editor retiring after Dec 2011 issue).

Member Research

Member Betty H. and husband Wade share the following information from her research: Hello: I know you are through with the Cemetery book but I have uncovered information on burials in Welborn Cemetery which you do not have.

Laura Winifred Marquis Bailey and her husband divorced. Their son was Barden M. Bailey (believe the M. stands for Marquis but don't have proof at this time). You have him listed but not a full birth date. It is September 6, 1897. He died in Kansas City, Missouri where he was living with a wife and an 8 year-old-child in the 1930 census.

His dad is shown as an unmarked burial in the cemetery directory. His name is James Preston Bailey born 24 March 1868 in Missouri. He died on 06 February 1945, at his home on 1002 S. Spring Street, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri. He was buried on 25 February 1945.

James Preston Bailey's father and mother are shown as buried next to Braden in Welborn Cemetery. They are James Hess and Hattie N. O. Bailey.

This is part of the Marquis family. Wade did not remember or know Barden, but his grandmother Marquis had the name of Barden's brother in her address book. He was Frank Bailey. They would have been her nephews. This is Wade's mother's family. Grandmother Marquis was a Riker (buried in Green Lawn). She married Charles Sumner Marquis, and they raised their family in Schell City. Wade's mother graduated from Schell City School.

Frank Bailey died in 1975. He is listed in Newton Burial Park Cemetery. His full birth date was 9 October 1898 which I found on his WWI Draft card. He died in December 1975. (don't have the day - Cemetery Directory has just the year). He and his wife, Listra Violet are buried in Section 17. Thanks to the Cemetery Directory listing, I have his wife's name. It was Listron on the 1930 census. He was a Mail Carrier at the time of the 1930 census. His middle name was Quereau - can you figure that! He signed the death certificate of his Aunt Estella "Stella" Marquis in 1952. Stella was the one who published the Schell City News. She helped her parents in the post office in Schell City where her father was postmaster from 1912. My Notes: James G. Birney Marquis was postmaster of Schell City. A picture of him, Sarah and Stella in the post office in 1912 is in the possession of his descendants, Vena Marquis Hicks' children. His appointment can be found on the microfilm of Missouri Postmasters in the Mid-Continent Library in Independence, Missouri. It is listed in Vernon County, Missouri, appointments for Schell City, Volume 88, Page 635 - ca. 1894-1930 as follows: James G. B. Marquis - appointment 21 August 1897 - Presiding on October 1, 1912. Two notations were made: NB 16 Oct. 1901 and NB 31 Jan. 06 C/. These translate to Notices in the Postal Bulletin. Copies are in the Reference Library of Post Office

Department and Library of Congress. A New Postmaster - J. B. Davis - was appointed by the President and confirmed by Congress on 22 May 1913. This means that the picture mentioned was probably the last taken before the retirement of Birney Marquis. [A copy of this picture can be seen on the Vernon Co, MO USGenWeb internet site at www.rootsweb.com/~movernon/ click on Biographies and then navigate to the Marquis, James G. Birney link.]

I guess this is MORE than you ever wanted to know, huh!

Betty

[Editor's note: The unmarked James Preston Bailey burial will be shown as being next to the other three marked Bailey burials in Welborn Cemetery in the next edition of the Cemetery Directory. Additional information will also be added. The 2010 Vernon Co, MO Cemetery Directory has approximately 20 years of Vernon Co death certificate information already included. The next edition will have the balance of Vernon Co death certificates (to date of availability) included. At this time, the next edition of the Cemetery Directory is scheduled for publication around 2015. Corrections and additions are taken at all times. Please send them to the society, and thank you, Betty, for sharing this interesting information from your research.]

Nevada Library Genealogy Department

The resources in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department are the largest collection of Vernon County, Missouri materials *anywhere*, and several are "one of a kind" items. Through the cooperation of the Nevada Public Library and the Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogy Society, this invaluable collection is provided without charge for researchers' use in the Nevada Library. Because they are reference materials, items in the Genealogy Department can only be used in the department; they cannot be checked out or interlibrary loaned and are not to be removed from the Library. Much effort and expense has been put into establishing and expanding this collection for the benefit of all

researchers, and everyone's cooperation is required in maintaining and safeguarding the materials.

Books are to be returned to the shelf from which they were removed. The shelves are labeled and materials are arranged geographically. Additionally, when using the obituary card file, the yellow "Check Out" cards are to be placed in the drawer as a placeholder when a card is removed for copying – please use the card-out placeholders and return obituary cards to the correct location within the drawers.

And lastly, please remove any trash paper from the work table when you leave.

Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Herald Newspaper Office, Nevada

Member Ruth M. shares this 1933 photograph of the office of *The Herald* newspaper in Nevada, MO. Her Uncle Marvin Emery's first job was here. *The Herald* office was located at 112 North Washington Street at that time. The words



THE HERALD can faintly be seen in the left window above the more distinct "NRA" sign. If reading the newsletter online, enlarging to as much as 200% will show this much more plainly.

The earliest copy of *The Herald* we have is microfilm of the May 5, 1905 issue. At that time it was a weekly newspaper and Neff & Crigler were the publishers. O. W. Neff was the editor. Beginning in 1971, *The Herald* was continued as the Sunday edition of the Nevada Daily Mail. All available microfilm of *The Herald* has been purchased and is now

available in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department. Those issues include May 5, 1905; Jan 28, 1916; Feb 24, 1922; Jly 20, 1923; Dec 12, 1930; Jly 14, Dec 29, 1938-May 11, Dec 14, 1939; Feb 3, 1944-Dec 27, 1970.

Closer inspection of the NRA sign in the window shows that this is what was called a "Blue Eagle" sign, which was used by companies to show compliance with the National Industrial Recovery Act of June 16,



1833. The blue-eagle symbol was adopted on July 20, 1933, by the National Recovery

Administration. A similar design had been used by the War Industries Board during World War I.

The eagle holds a wheel, symbolizing industry, and bolts of lightning symbolizing power. All companies that accepted President Franklin Roosevelt's Re-employment Agreement or a special Code of Fair Competition were permitted to display a poster showing the Blue Eagle together with the announcement, "NRA Member. We Do Our Part." Consumers were exhorted to only buy products and services from companies displaying the Blue Eagle banner. On Sep. 5, 1935, following the invalidation of the compulsory code system, the emblem was abolished and its future use as a symbol was prohibited. [Blue Eagle information from en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Eagle]

Our thanks to Ruth for this very interesting picture.

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

The following Saline Co, MO article was provided by Kenneth Went.

CHARLES OTT

Charles Ott died at the home of his son, Henry Ott, at Nevada, Mo., Monday, August 31, 1908, after a lingering illness. He had

been in failing health for some time past, and passed away on the above date.

Mr. Ott was born in Germany, March 17, 1833, and came to this country in 1850, locating at St. Louis. Later he moved to Cole county where he lived a number of years. He then located in California and resided here up to the death of his second wife some two years ago, when he went to Nevada to make his home with his son, Henry. He was a consistent member of the German Evangelical church of this city.

Mr. Ott was twice married, his first wife's name was Elizabeth Reichel and the second Elizabeth Maus. He is survived by six children, all of them boys, as follows, Henry of Nevada, Oscar of Sedalia, Philip of Marshall, Walter, of Sedalia, and Emil and Alonzo of this city.

The body was brought to this city yesterday and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. A. Umbeck from the German Evangelical church this morning at 10 o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery in the German settlement southeast of the city.

The bereaved children and relatives have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.—
California Democrat.

Mr. Ott was the father of our townsman, Phil Ott, with the Rea Implement Co., and the latter attended the funeral.

Marshall Democrat News, Marshall, Missouri.
Sep. 12, 1908.

What was it like 100 years ago?

By Huell Warren
Special to the Daily Mail

What was life like a century ago in Nevada as 1889 turned into 1890?

Well, C. B. Brooks and Addie Woods were married on Christmas Eve at the home of her parents four miles south of town...AND the weather was so balmy they had the ceremony out in the yard!

Leslie Baze reported to the Nevada Noticer that "last week we had lettuce, onions and radishes that had grown in the

garden this winter just the same as in the springtime."

On Christmas Day they ran the open-air summer-time cars on the street railway routes.

But four mornings later, on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1889, the mercury dipped to 13.

Freakish weather, then, is nothing new. Automobiles are new since then, and airplanes and radio and TV and electric lights and refrigerators and tractors and combines and paved roads and a million other things.

For a taste of the difference we rely on the weekly Noticer because there is a not-completely-explained hiatus in the files of the Daily Mail.

The Nevada Noticer was published briefly by a fluctuating partnership that at various times involved W. R. Crockett, Harvey W. Isbell and L. H. McDaniel. Crockett had been editor and/or owner of the likes of the Vernon County Democrat, The Living Democrat, The Daily Democrat and The Weekly Post. In 1890, he also was Nevada's postmaster. His newspaper partner then at The Noticer was McDaniel, a former employee who later owned a piece of The Southwest Mail and ultimately had one of the largest job printing plants in these parts. In 1890, McDaniel also was city clerk.

"Jake Wachtel has let a contract for \$4,000 for a new house at Walnut and Tucker," The Noticer reported on Jan. 2, 1890.

The town of Metz was about to move a mile or so west, and The Noticer explained why:

"W. H. Yates and P. L. Swearingen of this place and S. H. Payne of Rich Hill and J. W. Petty of Boonville are owners of that land on which the new town and depot are to be located on the new railroad."

Another railroading note:

"The Gulf proposes to extend its Carbon Center Branch to El Dorado Springs, provided the citizens give \$10,000 and the entire right-of-way. Cheap enough."

Carbon Center is just one of a couple of dozen place names that appeared in the

newspaper 100 years ago but now have disappeared. Carbon Center was just east of the point where U.S. 71 now crosses from Vernon County into Bates County south of Rich Hill, and the railroad line to El Dorado Springs never was built.

The original Metz was called Pleasant Valley. But where were “Stringtown” and “Prairie Dell” and “Warwick?”

Everyone then probably knew the identity of the “Wild Man of the Woods.” Under modern election laws he would have had to sign his real name to this political ad:

“FARMERS, TAXPAYERS, VOTERS... Remember—Arch White is on record as being very well satisfied with the old courthouse if the people are. Well, of course we are satisfied with the old building and with the excellent sheriff who also is content with it. Recollect this and put Arch down in your book as an officer who you can vote for with pleasure if he asks to be reelected.”

The “old courthouse” has served for only 32 years, but it was a mess and had even lost its dome. Six years later, in 1906 and on the third try, Vernon County voters authorized a \$75,000 bond issue to erect the building which soon will have served us for 82 years.

An “Abell Bros.” ad took the top one-third of Page 2 in the Noticer 100 years ago. A big sale was on: “MENS AND BOYS OVERCOATS -- .48 to \$10.50...SHIRTS 5-95 cents...MENS SUITS \$2.48-\$13.50.”

As did nearly all newspapers of that time, The Noticer routinely mixed fact and opinion:

“The teachers of Vernon County are circulating a petition asking the County Court to give us county supervision. The scheme is a good one and should have been agitated a long time ago.”

Or:

“Lamar papers compare her people to a balky horse on the question of a waterworks. Som[e]body should whisper ‘oats’ in their ears.”

Or:

“The Nevada and Fort Scott wagon road has undergone some much-needed repairs

just east of Hatton’s Slough.” (Hatton’s Slough kind of disappeared into Little Drywood when U.S. 54 was rebuilt into a dual highway at the west edge of Nevada).

The Noticer also covered the national and international fronts, particularly on the front page. A massive Christmas dinner for the poor in Boston, riots in Shawneeville and Elizabethtown in Illinois, a column and a third on the lynching of eight black prisoners in Charleston, S.C. and Bob Ford eludes capture in Kansas City, Kan., still wanted for the murder of Jesse James.

Two-and-one-half columns of Page 1 rounded up the influenza epidemic then sweeping Europe and the eastern United States. Stories from Paris, Berlin, London, Gibraltar, Darmstadt, Vienna, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland...

It wasn’t called the “flu” then. It was “la grippe.”

One of the Page 1 flu stories was from Atchison, Kan. A Kansas state senator, John J. Ingalls, had fallen victim.

On Page 2, The Noticer reported: “The Kansas teachers have endorsed Prohibition. Now we understand by Sen. Ingalls is sick.”

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri.
January 2, 1990, page 1.**

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Online Access to pre-1923 Journals

Journal Storage (JSTOR) indexes and provides access to many academic journals, including 209 history titles. It is a database that normally only institutions are able to afford. JSTOR is now providing free access to all public domain materials which are those published before 1923. For more information and to access the materials, see <http://www.jstor.org/> Our thanks to the

Ozarks Genealogy Society for information about JSTOR in their recent newsletter.

History Books on CD

If you are looking for an out-of-print history book, county history, etc., for your personal library, you may want to look at what Hearthstone Legacy Publications offer. The website at www.hearthstonelegacy.com/ lists many county histories published on CD and available for purchase for a small fee. The CD for Vernon Co, MO contains both the 1887 and the 1911 history books and some maps. It is available online for \$11.90 and is also available locally at the Bushwhacker Museum for \$12 – a great bargain.

Indian Kinship

Member Nellie H. recommends this website if you are interested in learning more about Indian kinship. Thank you, Nellie.

www.accessgenealogy.com/native/tribes/history/kinship.htm

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Membership in the Cedar & Vernon Co, MO 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. 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 Cedar & Vernon Co, MO 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

Asst. Recording Secy: Janet Jones

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

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