

January 2014

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and are having a great New Year! Was your Christmas Wish List filled with requests for ancestor's full date of birth, Uncle Joe's wife's surname, ggg-grandfather's name... Here's hoping that you will give yourself some of these genealogy gifts in 2014!

The newsletters will be a different format from what I did previously. My plans are for it to be less structured and focus on genealogy programs and local research. Although not specifically a genealogy society newsletter, it will be emailed to those who are Cedar & Vernon Co, MO Genealogy Society members and will contain information about upcoming meetings and programs.

January 2014 Meeting

The next **meeting** of the Cedar & Vernon Co, MO Genealogy Society will be held **January 21 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Nevada Public Library meeting room**. We have the meeting room reserved from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, so come on out a little early to visit before the meeting and help set up the tables and chairs. Lots of great genealogy programs are being planned for 2014!

Nevada Public Library Hours, Weather Policy, and Security

The **Nevada Public Library** has changed its Saturday hours – it is now open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Please note that if the Nevada public schools are closed due to **inclement weather**, the Nevada library will also be closed. If we have a meeting scheduled at that time, it will automatically be cancelled. The library is closed on federal holidays. **Security cameras** have been installed throughout the Nevada Library and also in the Genealogy Department.

New Computers in Genealogy Department

The **Genealogy Department** has received the two **new computers with large monitors**, and they work wonderfully! Our thanks to Jodi, our Library Director, for her efforts in grant writing to obtain these for researchers. Please note that the computers in the Genealogy Dept. are for genealogy research only. If checking email, facebook, surfing the web, etc., please use the computers in the main library.

A **12-month library card** will be required to use any of the computers in the library, including those in the Genealogy Dept. Library cards are free for those who live within Nevada city limits, and \$25 for those outside of Nevada. [A few years ago people outside of Nevada voted to NOT support the public library with a small property tax—in most cases this would have been less than \$25/year—so that is why a fee is charged to non-Nevada residents.] You can request **1 free guest pass per month** if you do not use the computers very often.

The library card (your **personal library number and password**) will enable you to sign on to a computer for up to 1 hour at a time. There is a timer on each computer, and your session will be closed at the end of 60 minutes...so plan accordingly with your research.

Printing from a computer must now be paid in advance. The most efficient way to handle this is to deposit funds into your personal printing account so you do not have to walk up front and pay each time before you can print. The librarians can help you with this. When you are ready to print, the computer will tell you how many pages you have selected to print and what the fee is for that number of pages. If you have deposited funds into your printing account, it will show what your beginning balance is, the cost of what you want to print, and what your remaining balance will be. You will then click OK to verify that you do in fact want to print and pay for that many pages. Library cards must be renewed after 12 months, and any unused deposited print money is carried forward in your account.

The librarians are more than happy to help you with any questions you might have about library cards, print funds, computer use, etc.

2014 Membership Dues

Genealogy Society membership dues for 2014 can be paid now if you have not already done so. Dues are on a calendar year basis, January through December, \$10 per individual, \$15 per couple, or \$100 individual lifetime. Your dues can be mailed to the society: Cedar & Vernon Co, MO Genealogy Society, Attn: Dues, 218 W. Walnut St, Nevada, MO 64772. Dues can be brought to a genealogy meeting or left in an envelope at the Nevada Library – please ask the librarian to put your envelope in the Genealogy Mailbox. If you have not paid your 2014 dues, a reminder email will be sent to you in February. Dues must be paid by March 1 to continue receiving the newsletter. The newsletter will not be posted online after that date.

Missouri State Genealogical Association

The **MoSGA newsletter** always contains helpful information regarding research and usually has addresses for numerous recommended websites. Take time to review it – recent copies of the newsletter are in the periodical rack next to the obituary card file, and older copies are in the periodical section of the resources room.

Find A Grave Website

At a couple of our recent meetings, we have talked about some of the **changes at www.FindAGrave.com**. The new procedures are listed below, copied from the Frequently Asked Question section of the website:

How do I correct an error in memorial data?

You can submit updates or corrections of factual information for any memorial by clicking on the 'Edit' tab on the memorial in question. Be sure you are logged in.

From here you can select one of the following options:

Birth/death date, birth/death place

Name

Plot and/or GPS

Marker Transcription

Suggest any other correction or addition

The first four options allow you to make the factual update to the memorial. Once this is submitted, the manager of the memorial will receive this information as an editing request and will either approve it or decline it.

The final option allows anything not handled by one of the first four options to be sent as an email message. Follow the instructions to submit your correction. An email will be sent to the contributor who manages the memorial page (even if that person does not have an email showing on their contributor page). Please limit the use of this option to no more than 20 email requests per contributor per week. Most of our contributors are unable to make updates on the same day a request is sent in.

Help, I submitted a wrong or incomplete editing request, how do I delete it?

From your 'Profile' page, select the 'Edits' tab.

Select 'Pending Edits I submitted' from the dropdown menu.

Find the edit which needs deleted and click the 'x' to the right of the edit. Confirm deletion and the edit will be removed.

How do I process memorial edits I have received?

From your 'Profile' page, select the 'Edits' tab. The tab will display the number of edits you currently have pending. If the number is more than 25, the number will be displayed in red.

'Pending Edits I need to review' will be displayed. From here, you can review the pending edits submitted to you by other members. You will see three columns. The first will be the name of the memorial which you can click on to open the memorial in a new window. The second will show you how the memorial looks currently. And the third will show you the proposed look after the edit. All edits are by default as 'Accept'. Do not click 'Process selected edits' at the bottom of the page until you are ready to approve all the edits marked 'Accept'.

Accepting the edit will update the memorial to show what is in the 'Edit' column.

Ignoring the edit will allow you to hold the memorial while you research the proposed edit.

Declining the edit will not process the update for the memorial. If you decline the edit, you must select the reason from the dropdown menu as well as leave an optional short note.

Once you have selected one of the three options for each of the edits on the page, click 'Process selected edits'. The system will begin updating the memorials with the selected updates. Wait for the page to complete before going on to the next task.

What if I suggest a correction and the contributor doesn't respond?

Have patience. Many contributors receive hundreds of corrections every month and it may take a while for your correction to be processed. Also, not every Find A Grave contributor is active on a daily basis on the site. If you have suggested a correction and waited longer than thirty days for it to be processed or if you have found a contributor who you believe to be permanently inactive, please send the correction to edit@findagrave.com and we will edit the memorial on their behalf.

If you are a volunteer on the Find A Grave website, please familiarize yourself with all of the how-to's of that website to help make things run smoothly. And remember to check your profile page at least every couple of weeks. If you do not respond to a suggested edit, the requestor can submit the suggestion to findagrave for them to make the change.

Brown Research

Do you have **surname Brown** in your research...how about a John Brown? If you are researching **John Brown in Vernon County, MO** there are certainly several to sort through to determine which one is the correct one. The below listed John Brown's have been entered into my Family Tree Maker program so I can more easily identify them when looking at various local records. This helps determine which ones are in my family lines and which were simply area residents.

John Brown: b. 11 Jun 1844 in IN; d. 20 Sep 1940. Buried in Brasher Cemetery, Cedar Co, MO. Parents: John T. & Cynthia Brown.

John Arthur Brown: b. 10 Mar 1883 in Montevallo, MO; d. 26 Dec 1952 in Rich Hill, MO. Parents: John H. & Carlotta (Thompson) Brown.

John B. Brown: b. 23 Jun 1832; d. 26 Sep 1874. Buried Welborn Cemetery, Moundville, MO. Spouse: Malinda Brown.

John E. Brown: b. 24 Jul 1939; d. 23 Oct 2009. Buried Green Mound Cemetery, Harwood, MO. Spouse: Marian Jean Brown.

John Finley Brown: b. 25 Jun 1879; d. 17 Oct 1953. Buried Newton Burial Park, Nevada, MO. Spouse: Jessie Pearl Brown.

John Henry Brown: b. 24 Jan 1857 in Hendricks Co, IN; d. 17 Jul 1932 in Bates Co, MO. Buried Fairview-Rider Cemetery, Rich Hill, MO. Parents: Elias & Sarah (Kester) Brown. Spouse: Carlotta (Thompson) Brown.

John Ira Brown: b. 15 Sep 1889 in El Dorado Springs, Cedar Co, MO; d. 2 Oct 1947 in Nevada, Vernon Co, MO. Buried in Newton Burial Park, Nevada, MO. Parents: Joshua & Lou Ann (Young) Brown.

John J. Brown: b. 6 Sep 1864 in IL; d. 28 Sep 1926 in Osage Twp, Vernon Co, MO. Buried Greenlawn Cemetery, Rich Hill, MO. Spouse: Bertha Leon (Wilson) Brown.

John J. Brown: b. 16 Mar 1874 in Vernon Co, MO; d. 11 May 1959 in Nevada, MO. Buried in Lefler Cemetery, Harwood, MO. Parents: Joseph S. & Lodicia (Shade) Brown. Spouse: Mary Ellen (Whitley) Brown.

John Brown (jr.); b. Apr 1892 in MO; d. __. Parents: John J. & Bertha Leon (Wilson) Brown.

John Lindsay Brown: b. 20 Jul 1852 in IL; d. 23 Dec 1916 in Nevada, MO. Buried in Antioch Cemetery, Vernon Co, MO. Spouse: Madilla A. Brown.

John T. Brown: b. abt 1816 in TN or KY; d. Sep 1863 or 1862 in Vernon Co, MO. Buried unknown. Spouse: Cynthia Brown.

John W. Brown: b. & d. unknown. Broken gravestone in Deepwood Cemetery.

The information above comes from easy to find census, marriage records, obituaries, cemetery directory, published bios, and the probate index. If any of these men are in your research, please let me know if some of my information is incorrect. Which John Brown is in *my* tree? John Henry Brown -- he and his new wife went to Texas to homestead. When a cyclone took their cabin and everything they had, they came up to the Vernon Co area where they raised their family and lived the remainder of their years.

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Next month's newsletter will include some excerpts from an 1880 *Vernon County Democrat* and an 1881 *Daily Democrat* newspaper which are being abstracted.

Remember – if you are researching Vernon County, Missouri, there are several key websites to use...all free:

Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogy Society: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/>
Search previous issues of the monthly newsletter with the search field on the Home page.
Numerous newspaper article transcriptions were published in the newsletters.

Vernon County, Missouri – A USGenWeb Project:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~movernon/> All of the “how to” information for researching Vernon Co, MO. Contains numerous online links and indexes for Vernon Co records, and has marriage indexes through 1969.

Lyndon Irwin's Genealogy and Local History:

<http://lyndonirwin.com/> Includes numerous pages on Bronaugh, Moundville, and Nevada; the 1904 train wreck; surnames researched, and lots of old photos.

Vernon Co, MO Genealogy and History by James Baker, Jr.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jrbakerjr/vernon/vernonco.html> Includes many Vernon Co records which he has transcribed, including census, property tax lists, etc. Civil War information includes Civil War Era Records, 1890 Veterans & Widows Census, Provost Marshal Records, Partisans/Guerrillas/Bushwhackers, and Military Reports and Dispatches.

The Bushwhacker Museum:

<http://www.bushwhacker.org/> Preserving the memories of Vernon Co, MO. Books, postcards, etc., are available for purchase on the Museum's website.

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