

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

218 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO

Your Ancestor's Timeline

Creating a timeline of your ancestor's family can help identify where to look for records. This program will provide suggestions on how to develop and use a timeline in your research. The program will be presented by Nancy T.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research, so please feel free to invite a friend!

New Resources in the Genealogy Department

Butler County Missouri 1849-1988 History, Vol. 1 and 2. Donated by Mrs. Velma Chastain.

Annals of Osage Mission by W. W. Graves. Donated by Nancy T.

The Companion Guide to FamilyTree Maker 2011 by Tana Pedersen. Donated by Helen White. [This book can be checked out.]

Beyond the Basics: A Guide for Advanced Users of FamilyTree Maker 2011.

Donated by Helen White. [This book can be checked out.]

Early History of Halley's Bluff Osage Indian Villages and Harmony Mission by Floyd C. Shoemaker, Secretary Missouri Historical Society. 1938.

Accessing Free WiFi at the Nevada Library

The free wifi at the Nevada Library is now accessed in a different way. Rather than using the password posted on the bulletin board in the Genealogy Department, you obtain a free "voucher" code at the Circulation Desk for the number of hours you will be working at the library; e.g., 2 or 4 hours. This new procedure puts wifi users on a different internet server from the regular library computers. This is necessary to ensure security for patrons using the library's computers. Additionally, this prevents people from setting in the parking lot and using library wifi and also prevents the library from being liable if someone does something illegal while using the library's free wifi. It is unfortunate that in today's world, there are less than honorable people in our community.

HeritageQuest Available at Nevada Library

The Nevada Library now contracts with a company which offers free resources for patron use while at the library. These free resources include HeritageQuest. HeritageQuest can only be accessed from a computer on the library's network from the library's website (icon is in the lower right corner)—either your personal computer on the library's wifi or from any of the library's computers (not just the two in the Genealogy Department). Under the library's contract, HeritageQuest cannot be accessed from your home. As you may know, with HeritageQuest, you can search several collections:

Census: The complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1940, including name indexes for many years.

Books: Find information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.

PERSI Archive: Find information about people and places from this index of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles (1800-2009).

Revolutionary War: Search selected records from the Revolutionary war Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.

Freedman's Bank: Search for individuals in Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), which was founded to serve African Americans.

U.S. Serial Set: Search the Memorials, Petitions, and Private Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress in the ProQuest U.S. Serial set.

Another Genealogy YouTube Channel

"Jason" has recently started up a new YouTube channel (and accompanying Facebook group) to share his genealogical discoveries with others. It's called "Ancestry 2.0" <http://www.youtube.com/user/AncestryTwo> He plans to add a new videos once a week or thereabouts.

World War I Prisoner of War Records

The International Committee of the Red Cross has placed about 4 million World War I POW records online. Read more here and search records.

<http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/icrc-archives/index.jsp>

Volunteers to Scan 40,000 Historic Titles at Onondaga Co NY Library for Free Online Access

Generations passed through Central New York as the nation grew, thanks to the Erie Canal and the salt industry. The first of these images will be available later this fall on the FamilySearch.org website. Read more here:

<http://www.localsyr.com/story/d/story/volunteers-to-scan-40000-historic-titles-at-ononda/17081/dYLSRDyG00uAJqdntho7zA>

Best Choice UPC for Cash

Bring the Best Choice UPC labels you have been saving to any meeting. Thank you to Dorothy F. for collecting, counting, and mailing these for the Society. We receive cash for the labels.

Member's Research – Lynda B.

Clara Belle Lintz was born 07 Feb 1894 in Fulton Co, KY and died Jun 1985.

She married William Erastus Owens on 24 Feb 1911 in Obion, Obion Co, TN.

Clara's parents were Belle Miller and James Garfield "Gartha" Lintz. Clara's mother was only 14 or 15 when she had Clara. Clara had a brother, Oscar Lintz. The father, James Lintz, disappeared when Clara was about 7 years old and was never heard from again.

Belle (Miller) Lintz had two siblings, Walter Miller and Elizabeth Miller.

Belle then married John White. Clara was sent to live with her grandmother and was also fostered out for work. Belle and John White had two children, Ruby White and a son that later died in an orphanage.

Belle died in Helena, AR.

Belle's mother was Sarah Angeline Slate. She was married several times, so am unsure if this is her maiden name.

I wasn't around my grandmother Clara much, but she lived with cousins that said she told them she was part Cherokee. Sarah Angeline Slate told Clara she remembered both of her parents dying on a wagon train when she was 3 or 4 years old, and she remembered being placed on a stump/block and being sold.

What research strategies can you suggest for Lynda to find possible connections to Cherokee heritage? How does a researcher find information on Cherokees

who were involved in the forced relocation as a result of the Indian Removal Act of 1830? Please email the Society; responses will be forwarded to Lynda.

From the Mailbag

I am having problems finding information about my grandfather who lived in Vernon County. My grandmother and grandfather lived in Vernon county around 1900-1910 according to the census. My grandmother is easy to trace but I believe my grandfather was part of the witness protection program since I cannot find much on him. His name was Fred Hoffhous (born 1865 and died probably circa 1935). According to the 1900 census, he was a 34-year-old barber in Bronaugh, and his wife Laura and daughter Glessie lived in the same household. In the 1910 census, he was a farmer in the Bronaugh area. He had 7 children and two died in Moundville (Flossie Hoffhous, born Dec 1898 and died Jan 1899, and Bonnie Hoffhous born Apr 1908 and died 1910). In 1920, 61-year-old Fred is still farming in the Bronaugh area and owns his own home free of mortgage. His wife and 4 children are living at that time. Fred does not show up in any census after 1920. Sometime after 1920 he abandoned my grandmother and started another family without divorcing my grandmother. My grandmother's maiden name was Laura Vansant, and she lived in Bronaugh before marrying Fred. My sister-in-law and I will be in Nevada in 3 weeks to research.

Thanks

Ronald K.

House Springs, MO

Another possibility that Ronald put forth about his elusive Fred Hoffhous while here researching is that the wife killed him and buried him under their house in Bronaugh! (You may also have an ancestor who seems to have suffered this same fate.)

By 1940, Laura is working in St. Louis as a saleslady in retail general merchandise. If anyone reading this newsletter also researches this Hoffhous family and has any ideas about Dead Fred, please email us!

Newspaper Articles

"ABSENT TREATMENT" TO BE STOPPED BY THE POSTAL AUTHORITIES So-Called Divine Healers Are to Be Barred From Using United States Mails
New York, May 6.—A special to the World from Washington says: Divine healers have come under the ban of the postoffice department and in a few days an order will be issued debarring them from the use of the mails. The department has been gathering information respecting their methods for a month, and it is now so well conceded that their business is illegitimate that it is the purpose to institute a general raid. The matter was first brought to the attention of the department by complaints from Nevada (Mo.), where Weltmer, a so-called divine healer, conducting his business by mail, endeavored to collect payment for continuing to treat a patient after the patient was dead. Further investigation showed that he had attempted this on several occasions, though, of course, he was not aware that the subject of his "absent treatment" had succumbed to disease. Prof. A. S. Weltmer is president of the American School of Magnetic Healing, which is located at Nevada (Mo.), and organized under the laws of that state. He claims to have treated 53,000 patients without personal consultation and to have cured all but 12. The postal authorities have notified the officials of the Nevada school to appear on May 12 and submit arguments to show why a fraud order should not be issued against them.

Mail Ordered Held

Nevada (Mo.), May 6.—Postmaster McNaulty is in receipt of a telegram from the postal authorities directing him to hold all mail addressed to the Weltmer institute.

As a result the American School of Magnetic Healing has laid off all its employes and will do nothing further until the United States courts dispose of the fraud charges against the managers. The Weltmer-Bishop trial wherein Prof. Weltmer sued a Methodist minister for \$20,000 damages for making charges against this school is said to have led to the department's investigation of the institution's methods.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; Sunday, 6 May 1900.

A Bridegroom Kidnaped by Relatives.

Cortland Riley, aged 19, of Rockville, Mo., was two weeks ago married to Miss Myra Johnston, four years his senior. Miss Johnston fled from her home to meet him, and they were, wedded at Clayton, Mo. Their honeymoon was passed at Nevada, from where they started to go to St. Louis.

At Rockville the train was boarded by Riley's mother, his aunt and elder brother, en route to Sweet Springs, twenty miles north of this city. When the train arrived here young Riley was seized by his relatives and hustled aboard the Sweet Springs train, which almost immediately pulled out.

He made frantic efforts to escape, but mother and aunt clung to him and he was compelled to witness the grief of his bride as she stood on the depot platform watching the disappearance of her boy husband. Nobody made any effort to interfere. The young wife returned to her home at Rockville.— Sedalia (Mo.) dispatch to N. Y. Recorder.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; Monday, 24 August 1891.

Heiress Is Married

NEVADA, Mo., April 22.—Lillian Smith, whose father, Frank Smith, inherited a portion of the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair, who were killed in an automobile accident just outside of Paris August 14, 1902, was married here today to Sterling Janes, manager of a local livery. Frank Smith, who was a brother of Mrs. Fair, formerly was a chef in the Santa Fe railway employes' hospital at Topeka, Kan. Charles L. Fair was a son of former Senator Fair of California.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 23 April 1909.

BURTON OF MISSOURI MAY BE G. A. R. CHIEF

Veterans of Civil War Assemble at Saratoga for Forty-first Annual Convention — Five Candidates for President

By Associated Press.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 10.— With the formal welcome of Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York state, the forty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was opened in Convention hall tonight. Six thousand veterans, members of the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and other patriotic organizations filled the hall to overflowing.

Indications tonight point to the election of Charles G. Burton of Nevada, Mo., as commander-in-chief to succeed Commander Brown. There are five candidates in the field. At caucuses held tonight Mr. Burton was indorsed by the departments of New York, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 11 September 1907.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(Issued Yesterday.)

... GUIGG-KEEFER-Jacob Guigg. 52, San Luis Obispo, and Mattie C. Keefer, 38, Nevada, Mo. ...

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 17 October 1903.

THE USUAL POSSE.

In Pursuit of a Gang of Missouri Robbers

St. Louis, Oct. 13.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Nevada (Mo.) says that burglars entered the Farmers' bank at Schell City last night, blew open the safe

and secured \$3,500 with which they escaped. A posse has been sent out to capture the robbers if possible. About 1 o'clock a.m. the town watchman was captured on the street by armed men and a bag was thrown over the man's head to stifle his cries. The burglars, of whom there were several, then broke into the bank.

The bank will lose nothing, as it held a policy in a burglar insurance company covering the amount taken.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 14 October 1899.

**MISSOURI DIVINE NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH IN THE SOUTH
Is Thrown From Rig and Wheel of Wagon Runs Over His Neck and
Shoulder.**

SAN BERNARDINO, Aug. 16.— Rev. E. D. Edwards, pastor of the Christian church at Nevada, Mo., narrowly escaped death to-day in a runaway accident. The pastor, with his wife, was on his way to the convention at San Francisco, and they stopped over for a few days to visit relatives. While driving in a wagon from the railroad station Mr. Edwards lost control of the horse, which bolted. A wheel of the wagon struck the car track, throwing the divine out. His head struck the rail and one of the wheels of the wagon passed over his neck and shoulder. He was to sail August 26 for Honolulu.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 17 August 1905.

ALL THREE FATALLY INJURED.

**Farmer Rutherford, His Wife and Daughter
Badly Hurt in a Runaway Accident.**

NEVADA, Mo., Oct. 28.— This afternoon George Rutherford, wife and daughter were thrown from their wagon by a runaway team and all were fatally hurt. Mr. Rutherford is a farmer residing about five miles east of town, and was on his way home with his family. In driving off Cherry street the wheels of his farm wagon slipped along the streetcar track, throwing him out and the wheels passed over his body. The team then ran about a block farther. Mrs. Rutherford was thrown out, her clothing catching on a wheel and she was whirled around two or three times. The daughter, a grown young woman, jumped after the team had run another block and was knocked senseless. No bones were broken, but it is thought all three received internal injuries that will prove fatal.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 29 October 1895.

FIENDISH DEED.

TERRIBLE CRIME OF A MISSOURI SCHOOLMASTER.

**A Young and Innocent Girl Brutally Outraged and Then Murdered —Suicide
of the Fiend.**

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

St. Louis, November 29th.—The details of a horrible outrage, murder and suicide come from Nevada, Mo., to-day. The outrage and murder were committed about eight miles south of Nevada yesterday. Miss Wray, accompanied by George Corb, who taught a district school and boarded with Mrs. Wray, went to the city. Corb returned last night alone, and said the girl had been dragged from his buggy and murdered by two unknown men. The body was found in a clump of bushes near the roadside, the young woman's throat having been cut from ear to ear. Corb was placed under guard, and during the night committed suicide by taking poison, thus escaping lynching. The Coroner's inquest developed the fact that the girl had been outraged and then murdered. LATER—Late this afternoon the Coroner's jury returned verdicts to the effect that the girl had been strangled by Corb, and that he committed suicide by taking poison. Opinion is much divided as to the girl's death and the motive of the murderer. The mother of the dead girl says that Corb had been visiting her daughter since last August, but that they were not engaged. She says the girl was engaged to another school-teacher, named Homer, who lives in the neighborhood, and had been for two years. Corb was a schoolteacher, and had taught more than a year.

Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento, California; 30 November 1888.

BIG SMELTER IS NEAR BANKRUPTCY

One of Largest Concerns of Kind in the United States May Go to Wall

JOPLIN, Mo., Feb. 7.—The A. B. Cockerill smelting company, one of the largest zinc smelting concerns in the United States, is on the verge of bankruptcy. Confirmation of a rumor to this effect was made by A. R. Cockerill, president of the company, today.

The National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis and George E. Nicholson of Kansas City, who hold bonds issued by the company to the extent of \$1,200,000. have been in charge of the company's properties for several days. According to Cockerill, formal assignment probably will be made tomorrow.

The company owns smelters at Altoona, Bruce, Gas City, Laharpe and Pittsburg, Kan., and in Nevada, Mo. Those at Altoona and Gas City alone are now in operation.

In all the plants the company has 26 furnaces with a total weekly capacity of 2,000 tons of ore.

Failure to recover from the effects of the 1907 panic, with the present ore situation, are given as reasons for the failure by Cockerill.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 8 February 1910.

MISSOURI CRIME

Mysterious Murder of a Family of Five

Joplin, Mo., May 23.—In and near a tent in the southeastern part of the town today were found the dead bodies of J. E. Moss, his wife, an infant child, a girl of 7 years and a boy of 9 years. The heads of all save Moss had been mashed with a hammer. He had a bullet hole in his head and still clasped a revolver. He had apparently killed his family, then committed suicide. The tragedy is believed to have occurred on Wednesday night while the family were asleep. The woman was in a nightdress and had evidently been killed before she could make resistance. The girl lay on a cot near her mother; the boy was stretched across two chairs, and the body of the father and husband, partly undressed, sprawled on the ground. The infant, its head severed from the body, was found outside the tent, where dogs had dragged it. The bodies were partly decomposed. Neighbors living within 200 feet of the tent knew nothing of the tragedy until today. A shot was heard Tuesday night coming from the direction of the tent, but no investigation was made at the time. Moss had made his living scraping ore about the abandoned mines, and the tent furniture and clothes of the family indicate that he had prospered. The family came here two months ago and had formerly lived at Butler and at Nevada, Mo.

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 26 May 1899.

BUSINESS REVERSES.

Kansas City, July 10.—A Nevada (Mo.) special says: The Citizens' Bank of Nevada closed its doors this morning. The notice stated that the stockholders of the bank hoped to pay all claims against the bank at an early date. The bank claims a capital stock of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$12,000. The failure is attributed to the stringency of the money market and slow collections. All the county funds are locked up in the bank. The amount of liabilities cannot be ascertained.

The failure of the Citizens' Bank forced to the wall its three branches in this (Vernon) county. They were located at Bronaugh, Walker and Sheldon. It is impossible at present to obtain an estimate of the assets and liabilities.

San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 11 July 1891.

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