

# *Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society*

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## **Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 10 a.m.

Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

302 E. Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO

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### ***Family History Research***

The genealogy society has a program regarding some aspect of family history research at each meeting. The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in genealogy, so please feel free to invite a friend!

Calendar year 2015 dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the society at 218 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO 64772. They are \$10 per person.

Members who do not have email and would like a printed copy of the monthly newsletter mailed to them in 2015 must furnish 12 self-addressed and stamped envelopes along with their dues.

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### **New Resources in the Genealogy Department**

Two copies of *Elements of Genealogical Analysis* have been obtained in memory of member Mary Snead. A copy will be available in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. and at the El Dorado Springs Library.

*Harwood, Missouri, Centennial 1882-1982* has been donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. by the Elizabeth Carey Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Nevada, MO and chapter member, Jenise (Kennedy) Burch, in memory of her mother, Helen (Newland) Kennedy 1918-2013.

*1975 WICAH, Bronaugh School Yearbook, Bronaugh, Missouri*, donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. by Rosemary and Normal Noel

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Hello Missouri Genealogy, Historical Societies and fellow researchers,

My name is Erin Smither. I have an MA in history from Missouri State University and an MLS in Library Science from the University of Missouri. I am pleased to announce that The State Historical Society of Missouri and Missouri State University have partnered to open a research center in Springfield, and I will be the representative of SHSMO in this new project. What this means for you as a researcher is that you now have easier, and more frequent access to the collections of the State Historical Society of Missouri. Requests for these materials can be placed on the Society's home page at <http://shs.umsystem.edu/research/requestform.php>. After placing the request the material will be delivered to the new research center which is housed in the Special Collections Department on the third floor of Meyer Library. Please see the attached flier for details about the new center. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve Southwest Missouri's research community. Please feel free to come visit us or send me an email if I can help you in any way. Thank you for your consideration and here is to the hope of a long and fruitful collaboration between two wonderful organizations.

Erin Smither, Manuscript Specialist, State Historical Society of MO  
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## **Best Choice UPC for Cash**

Bring the Best Choice UPC labels you have been saving to any meeting. The Society receives cash for the labels.

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## **Early Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants in Kentucky County, Virginia**

### **Non-Military Registers and Land Records**

In 1776, the Virginia General Assembly formed Kentucky County out of Fincastle County. The complete text of all Acts creating Kentucky's 120 counties, plus the Acts creating Fincastle, Kentucky, Beckham, Henrietta and Zollicoffer counties, is contained on this website.

Land in Kentucky is allocated by the land patenting process, which consists of four steps:

- 1.The warrant(s) authorizing the survey;
- 2.The entry reserving the land for patenting;
- 3.The field survey; and
- 4.The Governor's grant finalizing the patent.

Title is not conveyed until the grant is issued.

The Secretary of State's Land Office is the repository for all records pertaining to patents issued within the Kentucky boundary, including patents issued by the state of Virginia prior to Kentucky's statehood in 1792.

Kentucky land patents are divided into nine major groupings, each of which traces its origin to Acts of the Virginia or Kentucky General Assembly. In all instances the grantor is either the state of Virginia or the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the grantee is the person or persons who receives the Governor's grant finalizing the patenting transaction. Images for patent files that have been scanned are available through the Patent Series Overview website; additional patent series will be made available online as they are scanned.

Early Kentucky settlers who made an improvement and planted a crop prior to January 1, 1778, were entitled to a 400-acre certificate of settlement and could purchase an additional adjacent 1,000 acres under a preemption warrant. Persons who made an improvement and planted a crop in Kentucky County, Virginia from January 1, 1778, through May 1779 could purchase a 400-acre preemption warrant. This office maintains a database of settlers whom the Land Commission deemed qualified for Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants.

Read more about Kentucky land at this link

<http://www.sos.ky.gov/admin/land/non-military/Pages/default.aspx>

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## **Newspaper Articles**

### **THE MISSOURI LYNCHING.**

#### **The Brutal Butchery for Which Hepler Was Hanged by a Mob.**

A Nevada (Mo.) special announces the fact that Hepler, the murderer of Mrs. Goodly and her child, had been lynched by a mob of 250 men. The crime for which he received summary punishment was a peculiarly atrocious one. About a week ago Hepler, who had been drinking, went to the house of Mrs. Goodly, near Kenoma, and butchered that lady and her youngest child, a boy about 6 years old, and left for dead her daughter, aged 9 years. Mrs. Goodly's head was crushed with a heavy-bottomed chair, one arm and her jaw being broken. He assaulted the girl with a heavy iron poker, striking her, as he supposed, fatal blows and left her lying across her mother's prostrate form. The little boy came next and his head was crushed to a jelly.

Two of Mrs. Goodly, children were absent from home at the time and, returning shortly after, found the bodies as above described, and hearing some

one in the second story of the house, hastened to Kenoma and gave the alarm. Citizens were soon upon the scene, but the murderer had fled after rifling the drawers and boxes upstairs, going directly to his own home, a short distance from there. The little girl showed signs of life and the boy was still breathing when help arrived. The little girl, upon recovering consciousness, stated that Hepler had committed the deed, and an examination showed his tracks leading from the Goodly residence to that of his own, where he was captured after a desperate struggle. He was taken to Lamar and lodged in jail.

The only motive known for the commission of the crime is that of robbery or revenge, as Hepler had made threats against the Goodly family. Hepler was about 34 years of age and leaves a widow and five children in destitute circumstances.

Hepler attempted suicide in the jail by hanging himself with a rope made out of a blanket. He was discovered and cut down, but not until he had grown black in the face. Sheriff Bartlett, fearing summary vengeance would be visited upon Hepler, finally took him to Nevada, Mo., where the mob stormed the jail.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 24 January 1892.**

### **EASTERN DISPATCHES.**

#### **Train Wrecked by an Explosion of Gunpowder.**

Fort Scott, Kansas January 25th.— About 200 cases of gunpowder exploded while in transit over the Missouri-Pacific Road, half a mile west of this city, at 1 o'clock this morning. The train consisted of twenty-three freight cars, and fifteen of them were completely demolished and the magazine car was blown to atoms. The engine was badly broken up, but not blown off the track. Scott Hooker, a brakeman, was instantly killed. A great hole was blown in the roadbed, and the rails, ties and the ground torn up for several rods distant. Ten thousand dollars' worth of plate glass and window glass in the central and western parts of the city was destroyed. Many thought it an earthquake, and left their beds and ran from the houses. A report comes to-day that several window-panes were broken at Nevada, Mo., twenty-five miles distant, and also at Rich Hill. Houses were shaken all over this county.

**Daily Alta California, San Francisco, California; 26 January 1887.**

### **"FAINTING BERTHA" AGAIN ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY**

#### **Clever Pickpocket Disguises Herself as Female Drummer and Tries to Reach Home of Mother in Iowa**

CHICAGO, June 15.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Peoria, Ill, says: Bertha Lebecke, alias "Fainting Bertha," who made her escape from the tuberculosis tent at the Bartonville asylum at Bartonville Saturday, was recaptured in this city yesterday. Bertha was well disguised as a female drummer when arrested. She said she intended to go to the home of her mother in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

This is the fifth time "Fainting Bertha" has escaped from her asylum guardians, and she has in addition a record for several clever disappearances from the Nevada (Mo.) asylum.

Bertha Lebecke, 28 years old, is conceded by the Illinois state authorities and the police to be the most troublesome criminal ever within the state.

"Fainting Bertha's" favorite scheme of robbery is to pretend she has fainted, and so well does she practice the deceit that everyone near her rushes to her assistance. While they are ministering to her apparent needs she robs them of whatever she may find in their clothes. They never suspect until they have sent her on her way recovered.

Bertha stole \$1000 worth of goods in two days after escaping from the Elgin asylum December 26, 1906, and taking a train for Peoria. On the train she fainted and robbed the conductor. On Peoria she robbed three stores, registering at three hotels under assumed names and escaping with the goods.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 16 June 1908.**

### **Husband and Wife for Seventy-Seven Years.**

Kansas City Times.

There alighted from the southbound Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train at Nevada, Mo., the other day perhaps the oldest married couple in Missouri. They were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Quick of Appleton City, and they were on their way to Rich Hill with their son, W. H. Quick, their home, with all its contents, at Appleton City having been destroyed by fire last Friday. The old gentleman was born in Albemarle County, Va., in 1794, and has voted for every nominee of the Democratic party for President, his first vote being cast for James Monroe. He came to Missouri in his youth and was married to his wife on his twenty-first birthday. She was born in Bowling Green, Ky., ninety-six years ago, and came to Missouri with her parents when she was only 2 years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Quick have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church South nearly sixty years.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 5 March 1893.**

### **THEY RAN A LOTTERY.**

#### **The Little Joker That Was Behind a Missouri Bond Scheme.**

Chicago, Oct. 16.— The Federal authorities have secured the indictment of the officers, past and present, of the Guarantee Investment Company, which they charge is conducting a lottery business. The headquarters are supposed to be in Nevada, Mo., the company having been incorporated two years ago under the laws of Missouri. The former officers were J. C. Talbot, president and general manager; J. M. Vanslicke, vice-president; T. C. Hambaugh, secretary and treasurer; C. M. McDonald, assistant general manager. The present officers, who have also been indicted as were those named above, are: George V. McDonald, president and general manager; W. B. Stevenson, vice-president and treasurer; Francis M. Swearingen, secretary; J. B. Johnson, director, and D. P. Slattery, director.

The company sold bonds in \$1000 denominations all over the country on terms of \$10 down and \$1 25 per month until the bond matures. The bonds are numbered and dated consecutively, but in the payment of them is where the lottery comes in. Should the first bond paid, for instance, be numbered 121, the next one to mature would be No. 605, the company using the multiple of 5 to determine the number of the next payment. The Federal authorities assert that nearly 50,000 people have invested in the scheme so far.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 17 October 1893.**

### **VETERAN URGES MILITARY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS**

#### **Charles G. Burton of Missouri Elected Commander-in-Chief of Grand Army of the Republic at Convention**

By Associated Press.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 12.— The first business session of the forty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic took place today. The early hours of the session were devoted to the annual address and reports of Robert B. Brown, commander-in-chief; Joseph M. O'Neal, adjutant general; William H. Armstrong, senior vice commander-in-chief; Dr. W. H. Johnson, surgeon general; Warren Lee Goss, patriotic instructor, and other officers.

Patriotic Instructor Goss urged that steps be taken to place military instruction into the curriculum of the public schools. Mr. Johnson recommended that the establishment by the government of hospitals for insane veterans be hastened.

Charles O. Burton of Nevada, Mo., was this afternoon elected commander-in-chief.

The Woman's Relief Corps today elected Miss Kate E. Jones of New York City, national president. As a result of the parade yesterday two of the veterans died today.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 13 September 1907.**

Mrs. J. A. Daly and family of Nevada, Mo., have taken a cottage on Arcadia beach.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 5 Jun 1902.**

John Edward de Merrit of Newport, Nebr. although only 13 years old, is attracting general attention by his ability as a preacher. He has preached at Fort Scott, Kan.; Nevada, Mo., and many other Kansas and Missouri towns. He was licensed to preach by the Baptist church of Fort Scott last year, since which time he has been traveling in the rural districts. He is not yet out of knee-breeches, and has all the airs of a child, except his delivery as a pulpit orator.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 5 September 1897.**

#### **BREVITIES FROM THE WIRE.**

Floods at Nevada, Mo., washed away many bridges and inundated grain fields.

**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 30 July 1895.**

#### **OVERLAND TRAVEL.**

##### **Passengers Passing Carlin.**

Carlin, Nev., May 23d.—The following is a list of passengers passing Carlin, to arrive in San Francisco Thursday evening, May 24<sup>th</sup>: ...

Mattie Sullens, Mrs. N. Dove, Nevada, Mo.

**Daily Alta California, San Francisco, California; 24 May 1877.**

#### **Missouri Bank Closed**

By Associated Press.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.— The Bank of Stottsburry [Stotesbury], Vernon county, a small private bank owned by D. A. Beck, and having \$22,500 deposits, closed today. Its funds were on deposit with the failed National Bank of Commerce.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 7 December 1907.**

#### **Among the Miners**

Nevada, Mo., July 3.—The order issued by operators of the various Vernon county coal mines stating that striking miners would be given their places back if they resumed work has now expired, and about 500 men are still out. A number of deputy sheriffs guard the mines. Secret meetings of the miners are being held. The operators have agreed to all the strikers' demands except the recognition of their union, and to this they still refuse to accede.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 4 July 1899**

#### **A Familiar Tale**

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The Journal and Advertiser says that the woman, known as Florence Helm, who lies dead in Roosevelt Hospital from the effects of poison taken with suicidal intent, was once Florence Cutter, the belle of Richardson, Vernon county, Mo. She was married at the age of 16, and a year later was a widow. A Massachusetts Congressman, visiting the Missouri town, was captivated by the young widow's pretty face and induced her to go with him to Washington. He lived with her until tired of her, and then she had to shift for herself. The rest of the story of her life, down to the end by suicide, is commonplace, except the devotion shown by her faithful maid, who has been with her five years and cared for her to the last.

**Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California; 13 October 1897.**

#### **SALOON MEN CAMPING OUT.**

Resorts Closed and Their Keepers Dodging a Special Grand Jury. FORT SCOTT, Kans., April 26.— At midnight last night every saloon in this city was closed and there was an exodus of saloon-keepers and bar-tenders to Missouri on account of the special Grand Jury called for to-morrow to inquire into the violations of the prohibitory law. About twenty of them went into camp in Vernon

County, Mo., and will remain there hunting and fishing until the jury is discharged. Attorney W. B. Webster for the State Temperance Society had the special jury summoned and the saloon men have named their camp after him in derision. They have organized under military rules and appointed one of their number correspondent for the local papers to furnish daily reports of the camp.  
**San Francisco Call, San Francisco, California; 27 April 1896.**

**WILLIAM J. STONE.**

**The Ex-Governor of the State of Missouri.**

Ex-Governor William J. Stone of Missouri, is one of the leaders of the new Democracy. He was conspicuous at the Chicago convention and made the notification speech to Bryan in New York.



He was born in Madison County, Ky., in 1848. He went to Missouri in 1863, and in 1872 was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Nevada, Mo. In 1884 Mr. Stone was nominated and elected to the Forty-ninth Congress from the Twelfth district of Missouri. In 1890 he declined to be re-nominated to Congress. In 1892 he was elected Governor of the State.

**Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, California; Tuesday, 6 July 1897.**

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