

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

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

Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

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

Genealogy Show-n-Tell & Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

Bring a family antique or treasure, tell a family story, or share a great genealogy "find." Following the Show & Tell, everyone is invited to enjoy a Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon. Dinnerware, plasticware, and beverage will be provided; and everyone is invited to bring a dish of food for the luncheon table.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in genealogy, so please feel free to bring 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 or \$15 per couple.

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, stamped envelopes along with their dues.

1911 Map of Nevada

Thanks to the keen interest in all things historical and genealogical – and being in the right place at the right time – member Ray M. received a gift of a large framed 1911 map of the City of Nevada for the Genealogy Dept. Some preservation work may be necessary before the map is hung. The glass has been cleaned, and it can be viewed in the first room when you enter the Genealogy Dept.

Ancestry.com

Ancestry reports that it is making updates that may impact Family Tree Maker user experiences. Starting in October 2014, Ancestry Web Search within Family Tree Maker software will have reduced functionality or may not be supported by Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft Windows Vista, or Internet Explorer 8 or 9. Microsoft Windows 7 or 8 will now be required for Ancestry Web Search functionality to work properly. Ancestry additionally recommends using Internet browsers Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Internet Explorer 11.

Along this same line, the Nevada Library is changing all of its computers from Internet Explorer to the Google Chrome browser which is proving to be more reliable, according to the library director. Your newsletter editor switched to Google Chrome about four months ago.

Best Choice UPC for Cash

Please remember that you can bring Best Choice UPC labels to any meeting. The Society receives cash for the labels.

The Power of Our Stories

Vernon County Historical Society Annual Meeting & Program will be held Sunday, 11 Jan. 2015, 2:00 p.m., at the Bushwhacker Museum, 216 West Walnut Street, Nevada. Geoff Giglierano will be the guest speaker. His topic is ***"The Power of Our Stories: Preserving and Sharing Community, Family, and Personal Narratives"***. Geoff is the former Executive Director of the Missouri Humanities Council. His talk will explore examples of various stories which illustrate how the tales people tell about their ancestors help us to understand who we are individually and as a people. The program begins with a brief business meeting and election of board members for the new year. Refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to the public.

"Vita Brevis" – The New England Historic Genealogical Society's Blog

There are numerous genealogy newsletters and blogs to which researchers can subscribe, and many of them are free. Vita Brevis is designed to offer the reader short essays by the Society's expert staff on their own research as well as news of the greater genealogical community. NEHGS is the nation's oldest genealogical Society and is truly a national resource for family history. You can sign up for a free Guest User Account and subscribe to Vita Brevis at <http://www.americanancestors.org/>

"I wish I had thought to ask my grandmother..."

This article is particularly interesting in that it suggests a couple of ways you can use a census record and picture of a building/house to jog an older family member's memory about where they lived, who their neighbors were, and what everyday life was like "back then." Read the article at <http://vita-brevis.org/2014/12/asking-grandmother/>

Who was Grandma Hubbs?

It was an old tintype photo of a woman, labeled only as Grandma Hubbs; but I had not identified any "Hubbs" while doing research. So who was this Grandma... important enough that a tintype from the 1870s was kept and passed down with other family photographs from my husband's mother? The little dark tintype had been tucked away in a binder of pictures we had been given about ten years ago. This is a case of *"I wish I had thought to ask my mother-in-law."*

Fast forward to last week. I began going through a large folder of items that I had very hurriedly scanned in 2010 when my husband's brother was dividing up pictures and letters that my mother-in-law had accumulated over the years. He was thoughtful enough to give me the opportunity to scan anything that I wanted before he sent items to various family members. After all, I am the genealogist in the family. As I went through the hundreds of digital pictures and letters and trying to file some of them away in surname folders, two pictures c. 1880-1890 caught my eye – they were identified as Grandpa Hubbs and Grandma Hubbs. My habit is to scan the back of any photo which has identifying information written on it, and I name that file so it will be right next to the picture it identifies. Below the handwritten name "Grandpa Hubbs" was this note: "Raised Virgie's grandmother Caton. They lived a mile south of the Selim farm on the west side of 43." My mind went back to the tintype of a younger woman, and I knew I had to research the people in these pictures and find out more about Mr. and Mrs. Hubbs and why Virgie's Grandmother Caton has been raised by them.

Virgie's mother was a Caton before her marriage, so Virgie's Grandmother Caton (her mother's mother), was Elizabeth Dorothy Thomas. Checking my research, Elizabeth Dorothy Thomas was born 20 Jan 1858 in Newton Co, MO and died 26 Feb 1942 in Moundville, Vernon Co, MO. She married Charles Caton on 21 Nov 1878, in Vernon Co; and sadly, only three of their children lived to adulthood.

The census is usually my first stop when searching for a family. Going to the first census before Elizabeth's marriage, the 1870 census of Vernon Co listed a Hubbs family in Moundville Township – Abram, 42, a farmer, and Mary, 42, keeping house. There are three young Hubbs boys: DeWitt, George, and Arthur. And a 12 year old female, Dolly Thomas. Although relationships are not given in the 1870 census, I presume this is a husband/wife with three sons and an unrelated Dolly Thomas who is the right age to be the Elizabeth Dorothy Thomas who later married Charles Caton. But why is she living with the Hubbs family and where are her parents?

Notes from an uncle who has researched for many years say that Elizabeth Thomas' father was Benjamin Thomas and that he was killed about 1862 or 64 in the Civil War in Newton Co, MO. More research will have to be conducted to find the details of his death and also when and where his wife died.

It appears that Elizabeth Dorothy Thomas was taken in by Abraham and Mary Hubbs and lived with them until her 1878 marriage to Charles Caton. Abraham and Mary Hubbs, along with other family members, are buried in Section 4 South in Deepwood Cemetery, Nevada, Missouri.

Find A Grave memorials have been created for the Caton and Hubbs burials, and the photographs will be added to the memorials.

Please share any additional information you might have about the Benjamin Thomas family or the Abraham Hubbs family. I may have to make a trip to Neosho, MO early next year!

Colonial Laws

Member Nellie H. subscribes to the Mocavo Blog <http://blog.mocavo.com/> and shares the following information from it. One of the most important sets of records to use is the laws passed by colonial and state legislatures. By knowing and understanding the laws of the time and place in which your ancestors lived, you can determine a great deal more information from the records with which you are dealing. For example, knowing that copies of records were supposed to be kept in multiple places, that wills needed to be entered into administration within a certain time after death, and that up to the early Federal period many people petitioned the legislature for redress or other issues. One area where this is very common is in military service, and this continued through the Revolutionary War where many served in the state militias as well as the Continental forces.

The libraries at Bowling Green State University in Ohio have created a free finding aid to help you locate the laws in each of the original thirteen colonies (Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia). The website is <http://libguides.bgsu.edu/ColonialLaws> Click the green tabs near the top of the window for the state you are researching.

Census Records

The November program on census was very informative. A handout concerning the 1940 census was provided which provided information to understand the Occupation Codes <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/ocodes1940.htm> and the Miscellaneous Codes <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/mcodes1940.htm>

The codes that appear in columns F and J of the 1940 U.S. Census have been summarized in a 1940 Census Bureau publication which explains that these codes were put on the census pages well after the enumeration was done, and therefore provide no additional information. However, sometimes knowing the code can help you determine the occupation in cases where the quality of the microfilm is poor or the handwriting of the enumerator is difficult to read.

The 1860 Slave Schedule gives the number of slave houses and suggests that if there were no slave houses, the slaves probably lived in the owner's home and were probably house servants rather than field hands.

Understanding what each of the census column headings were is essential to understanding the census. This information can be printed from https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census_Forms

Newspaper Articles

SEARCH FOR DICKSON AND HIS YOUNG WIFE IS NOW NATION-WIDE Dickson Is the Youth Who Robbed the Stotesbury Bank and Was Sent to Prison Following His Plea of Guilty.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Smiling and carefree, a pretty blond girl, now 16, posed with a girl friend for a photograph a year ago. It was a fine picture.

Today that picture was making her the nation's most notorious woman outlaw. It was being plastered on bulletin boards in nearly every postoffice and police station in the nation—in many cases on the same bulletin boards from which once hung the pictures of Bonnie Parker and Irene Schroeder, women outlaws of another day who found only death at the end of the crime trail.

The picture meant that the hunt for Estelle Dickson and her desperado, ex-convict husband, Benny Dickson, 27, was in full cry. It also reflected the widespread methodical hunt that federal agents organized for Estelle. The agents, in digging out Estelle's past piece by piece, hoping to find some clue which might ultimately trap her, found a girl friend with whom Estelle had posed for a picture in her more carefree days. Laboratory experts blocked out the picture of the girlfriend and used Estelle's picture on the police posters marking her as a "wanted woman."

Estelle, from a respectable Topeka family, already faces a possible life term in prison if she is caught. Her case was an unique parallel to the shoddy cases of Bonnie and Irene except that Bonnie and Irene were once wanted for murder whereas the most serious crimes charged against Estelle were bank robbery, kidnaping and motor car theft.

She is said to have been the driver of the get-away car when her husband allegedly held up the Northeast Security National bank at Brookings, S. D., and the Corn Exchange bank at Elkton, S. D., within the last two months. She also was said to be driving the car when Dickson succeeded in shooting his way out of police traps in Kansas and Michigan.

According to witnesses' statements, Estelle also held a revolver on three men the Dicksons kidnaped in a flight across Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. And federal agents said, it was Estelle who encouraged her husband when he appeared to be losing his nerve.

Claude Mennis, 23, a Vicksburg, Mich., filling station attendant, one of three men kidnaped and later released by the Dicksons, said "the woman seemed the more determined and daring of the two." She also kept telling Dickson "Don't lose your nerve," Mennis recalled.

In Topeka, however, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Redenbaugh, parents of Estelle, give a far different picture of the Dicksons. The Redenbaughs are respectable persons, well liked by their neighbors. Mrs. Redenbaugh said her daughter was "a fun-loving girl, but also a good girl." The mother added that she had never seen Estelle use a gun and doubted if she could use one. As for Dickson, Mrs. Redenbaugh said he was a model son-in-law who never smoked, drank or used profane language. The Dicksons were married in Los Angeles in April of last year and since have spent about a third of their time at the Redenbaugh home.

"My own son couldn't have been nicer," Mrs. Redenbaugh said, in speaking of Dickson.

Dickson is the youth who held up the Stotesbury bank in 1931 and later entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary. The money, more than \$1,100, stolen from the bank was found hidden over the state line in Bourbon county, Kansas.

Nevada Daily Mail and Evening Post, Nevada, Missouri; 7 December 1938

REVOLVER DROPPED FROM HIS POCKET.

Young Waller Dangerously Shot Near St. Joseph---Reported to be From This City.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 19,--Cleaver Walter, a well known young man of Nevada, Mr., lies at Elsworth hospital with a fatal wound in his throat, the result of the accidental discharge of a revolver on a Burlington emigrant train last night. The Walter family consisting of father, A. N. Walter, mother, two sons and a daughter left Nevada yesterday, their destination being Foley, Minn.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 19 March 1903. (Name is given as both Waller and Walter)

A PATHETIC LIFE STORY.

Mrs. W. A. Sullivan Died This Morning.

Husband Died Very Suddenly, Also New Born Babe—One Daughter Left.

Mrs. W. A. Sullivan, aged 25 years, died this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Russell, at 916 West Walnut street. Her death was due to child birth.

A babe was born to her Thursday. It also died and was buried Friday at Deepwood cemetery.

The mother will be laid to rest tomorrow morning. Funeral from the home of her parents at 10 o'clock. Rev. V_rgin will conduct the services.

Mrs. Sullivan's husband was found dead at a lodging house in East Nevada on November 19. It was thought at the time, and claimed by some, that his death was due to suicide, but the coroner's jury failed to assign a cause.

One little daughter is now left fatherless and motherless. The death of the mother is the end of a sad life story. To the dear little girl is extended the sincere sympathy of this community and it is hoped that future years will bring to her happiness in a measure that will tend to soften the sadness of her past, and in some degree repay her for the great loss she has suffered in the death of her mother and father.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 4 March 1904.

NEWT BURRIS' HOGS DYING.

Eighteen Died in One Night from Eating Cocklebur.

From A. B. Halcomb, who was in Nevada Thursday, the MAIL learns that Newt Burris of Deerfield township lost 18 head of hogs this week, all dying in one night. It is supposed the hogs died from eating green cockleburs.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 22 April 1903.

FT. SCOTT JAIL BREAKER AGAIN A PRISONER.

MORAN Kas., April 25.—J. D. Moore who was captured here two weeks ago for stealing a horse in Bourbon county and broke jail in Ft. Scott where he was awaiting trial, was captured five miles north of here yesterday at the home of his sister, where he had gone to get clothes before his final getaway. The sheriff came on the morning train and captured him, arriving before Moore did. Moore walked from Ft. Scott and cut through fields to avoid meeting any one. Sheriff Brooks came yesterday afternoon and he and his deputy returned to Ft. Scott with their prisoner. The jailer in Ft. Scott who was slugged by Moore in getting away was said by the sheriff to be in a pretty bad condition.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 25 April 1905.

The family of C. G. Ryburn who recently purchased the Shively farm in Deerfield township, has arrived from Bloomington, Ill., and are pleasantly located in the Sol Simon cottage on West Cherry street. Mr. Ryburn will operate the farm from here.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 25 April 1905.

HORSE THIEVES AT WORK.

Strong Demand and High Prices Suit Them.

The strong market and advanced prices of horses have set the horse thieves to work again and hardly a day passes but what Chief of Police Moore receives a notice of horses being stolen and spirited away. This week horses have been stolen at Lamar, Ft. Scott and Nevada.

So well are these scoundrels organized that it is almost an impossibility for the officers to capture them. It has been a well known fact for some time that these fellows have regular routes of travel which avoids all the towns and on these routes are stations or stopping points. At these places the stolen horses are generally hidden until they rest and the thief continues on his way with the horses he receives in exchange for the one stolen. It may happen and does happen, that officers who have found the trail pass the horse thief. After a day or two of rest the horses are taken out of the country during the night resting in the woods during the day.

The spring demand for horses has been usually strong this year and the prices are very high and this has set the horse thieves at work. Parties who have horses should keep a close watch upon them these days.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 25 April 1903.

AFTER THIRTY-NINE YEARS.**Smallpox Germs in Clothes Cause Indiana Woman's Death.**

Scipio, Ind., April 10—Thirty-nine years ago, the father of Miss Minnie Peterson died of smallpox. Miss Peterson died of smallpox here yesterday, having taken the disease. Just two weeks after she opened a trunk containing her father's clothes for the first time since his death.

This is the longest period on record where germs of smallpox have continued deadly. Medical experts have taken great interest in the case. The state health board is preparing a scientific report.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 10 April 1903.

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