

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

216 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO

Preparing for a Research Trip

This is the time of year when people begin thinking about taking a trip to visit the location where their ancestor lived or to a regional library to conduct genealogy research. But before you travel 2,000 or even 20 miles for family history research, there are several things you should do. This program will give you tips on how to successfully prepare for your trip so you know what to take and where to go for the research you want to conduct. Properly preparing will ensure you have a successful research trip.

Attendees are invited to bring a short family story to read at the meeting.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in genealogy, so please feel free to bring a friend!

Missouri State Archives :: Missouri State Penitentiary Records: 1836 - 1931

The Missouri State Penitentiary was the first state penal institution west of the Mississippi River. It opened its doors in 1836 and operated continuously until 2004. The Missouri State Penitentiary, also called MSP or the Walls, was a notoriously brutal prison. In 1967, Time Magazine named it "the bloodiest 47 acres in America." Search 1836-1931 records here <http://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/msp/>

PERIODICALS – FOR FREE AT MAY MEETING IN NEVADA

As several of you will recall, we have a miscellaneous selection of periodicals which have been determined to not be needed in the Genealogy Dept. A couple of years ago, it was thought that with the periodicals organized, we would advertise them to other libraries for only the cost of mailing. That is a good idea, but it will take a lot of work to accomplish and there are other much more pressing needs in the Genealogy Dept. to be addressed. Out of the need to clean up that section in the Genealogy Dept., a new direction is being taken: Several of these periodicals will be put out on tables at the May 19 meeting in Nevada for genealogy members to take any which they might want.

If there are any remaining after the May meeting, they will be placed on a “free” shelf in the library for public patrons to take. Any remaining after a month or so will be taken to the Nevada Recycle Center by the Library staff.

The Beekman Patent, Volume 12: Smith to Spaulding

\$ 85.00 + \$11.07 s/h; by Frank J. Doherty; published April 2015; hardcover, 1,173 pages. This is the 12th book in the series of which we have already purchased the first 11. The major part of this book (over 560 pages) is devoted to the many Smith families in the Hudson Valley, New York. Other families included are Snedeker, Snyder, Soper, Soule (including new information on the Mayflower Soules of Dutchess County), Southwick, Southworth, and Spaulding.

Fern School in Center Township, Vernon County, Missouri

Ruth Mische calls to our attention a pen and ink correction to be made to the location information for Fern School. On page 58 of *Readin' 'Ritin', 'n' 'Rithmetic: The Story of Vernon County's Country Schools*, the legal description in the heading above the picture should read Section 27 (rather than S34). The second paragraph in the school information correctly reads Section 27. On page 235, change the map to show the location of Fern School as being just across the line in the section above where it is now marked. Thank you, Ruth, for calling this to our attention.

The Missouri State Archives...Where History Begins : Special Genealogy Edition

Several articles which may be of interest to you in this periodical include:

--What's In a Name?

--Land Records at the Missouri State Archives.

--Picture This: O. T. Honey Collection (includes pictures from Camp Clark)

--Divided Loyalties: The 18th Regiment at Shiloh (the Civil War in Missouri)

--Friends of the State Archives Annual Meeting to be held Jun 13 in Jefferson City. The luncheon program will be presented by Terence O'Malley on famed Missouri dress designer and manufacturer Nell Donnelly Reed, or Nelly Don. Authentic Nelly Don dresses will be modeled and on display.

Read all of these articles in the Winter/Spring 2015 issue of the *State Archives...Where History Begins* which is in the Genealogy Department.

p.s. Also note on the next to last page under Institutional Contributors that the Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society, Nevada, is listed.

Nevada Family History Center

The following email was received from zemog5157@sbcglobal.net

To: Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net

Subject: Family History Center

Hello! I am the Director at the Family History Center at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Nevada, MO. I wanted to make sure you know we are here as a resource. We have access to premium websites for FREE in the center. We have 3 computers available now, expect to add 2 more very soon, and we have a microfilm/fische reader/printer, scanner and 2 printers as well as wifi for users who prefer to bring their own computers. Right now we are open every Wednesday from 11am to 8pm and plan to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well very soon. We are also available by appointment by calling 417-448-9569 or 448-9529. Everyone works in the center on a volunteer basis and if anyone would like to volunteer they would be most welcome!
Thanks! Kim Gomez

“DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy Research”

This free webinar by the North Carolina Genealogical Society will be available for viewing 5-7 June. This presentation will provide an overview of the three types of DNA testing for genetic genealogy purposes: YDNA, MtDNA or mitochondrial DNA, and atDNA or autosomal DNA. Information will be given about the major testing companies with examples of their typical displays and costs. A case study will be presented detailing the search for the biological ancestral line for a North Carolina ancestor whose results did not match the supposed family of origin. This involved the use of Y-DNA and atDNA testing. To view the webinar, go to <http://www.ncgenealogy.org/> If viewing at the Nevada Library, remember to take your earphones.

The Power of One By Barry J. Ewell, copied with permission

Focus on one ancestor, one question, and one record at a time. I refer to this as the “Power of One.” How can you simplify your genealogy research? Start by realizing that genealogy research is a project, and a genealogy project is completed one individual, one question, and one task at time.

Below, I have outlined my first genealogy research project, which is the basis of the process I follow today:

Choose one individual, family, or generation to focus your research on. Use pedigree charts and family group sheets to help identify problems to resolve, such as:

- Missing information: names, dates, or places that are missing.
- Incomplete information: part of a name, date, or place that is missing.
- Unverified information: information that cannot be traced to a credible source (that is, someone who would have known the information first hand).
- Conflicting information: information from two sources that does not agree.

Develop a list of questions and tasks associated with the project. Review the list and pick the most important item to complete. As you begin, outline the task in detail by asking yourself questions such as the following:

- What is my goal for the task?
- What information do I have already?
- What resources will provide the answers I am looking for?

- Do I have the desired information in my records already?
- Do I have the knowledge to complete the task? If not, what do I need to learn about and where can I find the answers?
- Do I need help from others? If so, who?
- Do I need to conduct Internet research?
- Do I need to go to the library?
- Do I need to contact another family member or genealogist?

I will then work on the task until it's complete. Essentially, I apply the 80/20 principle, which tells us that 80 percent of our results will come from 20 percent of our inputs. By picking the most important task to work on, we're making sure that it falls within the critical 20 percent. Also, by focusing 100 percent of our energies on this item, we'll accomplish it much faster than we would have if we had allowed ourselves to be distracted by interruptions—or worse, tried to multi-task and complete two or three items at once.

Best Choice UPC for Cash

Please remember that you can bring Best Choice UPC labels to any meeting or place them in the Best Choice box in the Nevada Genealogy Department. The Society receives cash for the labels.

Draft Revision of Genealogy Society Bylaws

It has been several years since the Society's Bylaws were revised and several updates are needed. Below is a first DRAFT of the document with several recommended changes included. This is presented for all members' review and comment. Please send your additional suggested changes to be incorporated into the document, and it will again be published in the newsletter for all members. Later this summer, an official vote will be taken to adopt the revised Bylaws. Additions are shown by double underline and deletions are shown by strikethrough.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF ~~TRI-COUNTY~~ CEDAR & VERNON CO, MO
 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 Amended September 2004
~~Amended~~ Amended June 2015

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Cedar & Vernon Co, MO ~~Tri-County~~ Genealogical Society, ~~(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair)~~, and it is referred to in this Constitution and Bylaws as the Society.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSES

1. To furnish mutual aid in genealogical research.

2. To foster and encourage the interest of members and ~~others~~ other in genealogical research.
3. To acquire and place genealogical publications and accurate records in the ~~Nevada and El Dorado Springs, Vernon, Cedar, and St. Clair county~~ public libraries for the use of the members and the general public.
4. To provide genealogical assistance and/or support for the public libraries in ~~Nevada and El Dorado Springs, Missouri. the Missouri counties of Cedar, Vernon, and St. Clair.~~
5. To provide genealogical assistance and/or support for the preservation and maintenance of any cemetery physically located in the Missouri counties of Vernon and Cedar. ~~Vernon, Cedar, and St. Clair.~~
6. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational, ~~religious, educational, and scientific~~ purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section ~~501(c)(3)~~ 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law?

ARTICLE III. BASIC POLICIES

The following are basic policies of the Society:

1. The Society shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan.
2. The name of the Society or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to promotion of the objectives of the Society.
3. The Society shall encourage officials in charge of public records and genealogical collections to preserve them and to make them accessible to interested persons.
4. The Society may cooperate with other persons, organizations and agencies concerned with genealogy, but persons representing the Society in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the Society.
5. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

6. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Membership is open to all individuals interested in promoting the basic policies of the Society. An individual may become a member of the Society subject only to compliance with the provisions of the Bylaws. Membership in the Society shall be available without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

2. Each member of the Society shall pay annual dues to the Society at or before the January meeting as follows:

\$10.00 Individual or \$15.00 for a family. ~~Each additional member~~ within same household. ~~up to \$25.00 maximum.~~

\$10.00 Institutional.

\$100.00 Lifetime, per son (10 times the annual dues).

~~\$5.00 Student.~~

3. The Society shall conduct an annual enrollment of members, but persons may be admitted to membership at any time.

4. Only members in good standing of the Society shall be eligible to participate in its business meetings or to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

1. Officers.

A. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. Officers shall be elected by ballot annually in the month of December.

However, if there is but one nominee for any office, it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the elective ballot of the Society for the nominee.

C. Officers shall assume their official duties following the close of the annual meeting in December and shall serve for a term of one year or until the election and qualification of their successors.

~~D. A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.~~

2. Election.

a. At least one month prior to the December election, a 3-member nominating committee shall be selected. One member shall be selected by the Board of Directors from its body, and two members shall be selected by the Society. The Society shall select the chairperson.

b. The nominating committee shall nominate one eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the regular meeting in December at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

c. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

3. Vacancy. A vacancy occurring in any office except President shall be filled for the unexpired term by Presidential appointment. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President shall serve as President for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these Bylaws or assigned by the Society or by the Board of Directors, and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Society in order that the purposes may be promoted.

2. The Vice President shall act as aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. The Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee.

3. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, shall have custody of important Society documents, in conjunction with the Treasurer shall maintain an up-to-date roster of paid-up members, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her-him.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive and answer correspondence of the Society and maintain file copies of same and shall serve as chairman of the Records Committee in the maintenance and preservation of the records and publications of the Society.

5. The treasurer shall have custody of all of the funds of the Society; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the approved budget, as authorized by the Society, the Board of Directors, or a special committee. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the Society and at other times when requested by the Board of Directors, and shall make a full report at the January annual meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of such books of account and records as conform to the requirements of the Bylaws. The President shall appoint an audit committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts following the January meeting. ~~Board of Directors shall examine the Treasurer's accounts annually at least two weeks before the annual meeting.~~

6. All officers shall:

a. Serve as members of the Board of Directors.

b. Perform the duties prescribed in the parliamentary authority in addition to those outlined in these Bylaws and those assigned from time to time.

c. Deliver to their successors all official material not later than ten days following the election of their successors.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the elected officers of the Society. As such, they shall serve until the election of their successors.
2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to:
 - a. transact necessary business in the intervals between meetings of the Society and such other business as may be referred to it by the society.
 - b. present a report at the regular meetings of the Society;
 - ~~c. at least two weeks before the annual meeting, audit the Treasurer's accounts;~~
 - ~~c.d.~~ prepare and submit to the Society for approval a budget for the fiscal year;
 and
 - ~~d. e.~~ approve routine bills within the limits of the budget.
3. The Board of Directors shall meet annually prior to the December meeting and at any time as deemed necessary by a minimum of two Board members. Notice (phone, written, or e-mail) stating the day, time, and location of the meeting and the purpose(s) for which the meeting is called shall be provided to each Board member not less than five days before the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the designated location. The meeting location will alternate between Nevada ~~and~~ ~~in~~ El Dorado Springs. Meeting notices will be provided to both the Nevada and El Dorado Springs newspapers for publication.
2. Written notice of meetings will be mailed at the direction of the Board only if a special called meeting is necessary.
3. The annual meeting shall be in December.
4. A majority of the members present at any regularly scheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the Society.
5. Rules for governance shall be as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order to the extent these rules do not contradict the Bylaws of the Society.

~~ARTICLE IX. SEAL~~

~~The seal of the Society shall be as more particularly shown in the following impression.~~



ARTICLE ~~IX-X~~. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by a majority vote of members present at any regular or special called meeting of the Society.

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