

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 10 a.m.

Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

302 East Hospital Road , El Dorado Springs, MO

Sharing Family Stories and Research Successes *Christmas Luncheon*

The December meeting is a time to share family stories and to celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone will be given time to write a short, 1- or 2-page story about an ancestor they knew in their childhood or a memory from their past which can be passed down to future family members. We will then share these stories with the group. As genealogists, we know that if our stories are not written down, the younger generations will not know. Don't you wish that some of **your** ancestors had written down their day-to-day thoughts about struggles they faced? Write your stories now, before it is too late!

Following the business meeting and family stories, if time permits you are invited to share a special find from your research this past year. For instance, how you found documentation to prove a relationship, or where you found a treasured photograph, or how you developed a research strategy that is providing results--a highlight about your research that you would like to share with others.

Those attending are invited to also bring a luncheon food dish for a Christmas pot-luck luncheon meal. Paper goods, plastic-ware, and coffee and water will be provided.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research. Meeting locations alternate between Nevada and El Dorado Springs on the third Tuesday of the month at the local library. If you have questions, please contact the society at Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net or call (417) 667-2457.

This newsletter is a bit different and focuses on Society house-keeping matters and business. Please read this information carefully because it is important.

1. Please note that the December meeting will be held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road , El Dorado Springs, MO, rather than at

the El Dorado Springs Library. The fellowship hall is larger and will provide the space for our luncheon. If you go to the Library and we are not there, this is why!

2. The 2016 Genealogy Society Dues are now due. Calendar year society dues are \$10/individual (\$15/couple) or \$100 for lifetime membership. In accordance to our Bylaws, dues should be paid on or before the January meeting. To verify that you have paid your dues, please email the Society or the treasurer. Dues can be paid at a meeting or mailed to the society at the above address, Attn: Membership.

3. If you currently receive the newsletter by mail, you must provide self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the Society before the January newsletter is published in order to receive future issues. (Those currently receiving the newsletter in print format can continue to do so; however no new member subscriptions to have the newsletter mailed will be accepted—all new memberships will receive the newsletter via email.)

4. **This is the most important part of this newsletter** – in order for the Cedar & Vernon Co, MO Genealogical Society to continue in operation, it must have members who will serve as officers. Below is an excerpt from our Bylaws:

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.

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 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.

At this time we need a commitment for the position of **President or Recording Secretary**. Our excellent President, Valo Jones, has offered to take one of these two positions if another member will volunteer for one. She has often commented that the position of President requires less work than any other! The Recording Secretary is to record only the official actions taken in the business portion of the meeting.

In the past we sometimes had two **Vice-Presidents** – one from the Cedar Co side and one from Vernon Co, lessening the program planning work required. These two members were then responsible for arranging for the programs in their counties. Outside speakers, video programs, and members presenting programs have proven very interesting and informative. We have had several outstanding programs presented by Glen Christie; however, at this time Glen is unable to continue as Vice-President. Lynda Bishop has graciously agreed to serve as Vice-President for Cedar County, and it would be helpful to have an individual on the Vernon Co side to assist in planning and arranging programs.

Your **Treasurer** has agreed to continue for another year in that capacity. However, if someone would like to take the Treasurer position, your Treasurer is willing to take one of the other positions.

Ladies and gentlemen, we all have a responsibility to serve the organization in which we have membership. Your help is needed if we are to continue the work of the Cedar & Vernon Co, MO Genealogical Society. Please consider in what capacity you could serve your Society in 2016, and contact Valo Jones at (417) 667-2457 prior to Tuesday's meeting and volunteer to help! Thank you.

Society Memberships

It is time to consider renewing the Society's membership in the Missouri State Genealogical Association. The annual fee for Institution membership is \$20, and the Association's publications are available in the Genealogy Dept.

It is also time to consider renewing the Society's membership in the Friends of the Missouri State Archives organization. The fee is \$25.

2015 Barton Co, MO History Book

It has been suggested that the 2015 "Barton County, Missouri History & Families" book be purchased for the Genealogy Dept from the Barton Co, MO Historical Society. The price is \$54.95. It is a nice hardbound book with 224 pages, including histories of hundreds of county families.

Speaker's Podium Donated to the Bushwhack Museum

The following message has been received from the Bushwhacker Museum Coordinator: "Please know that a very nice new speaker's podium has been purchased for the Bushwhacker Museum through the generosity of Curtis Lee & Maxine Weber. As per the donors' request, this podium will be available to borrow for any programs the library or genealogy society might have in the conference room. The podium is light and moves on castor wheels so it can easily be rolled onto the elevator. It has built-in 40 watt speakers, a reading light, timer, and wireless microphone. Just let me know if you want to borrow or to learn how to use it.

Sincerely, Will Tollerton, Museum Coordinator

Donation of State Hospital Correspondence

The Genealogy Dept has received a donation of correspondence regarding the deaths and paroles from the hospital of some former patients of the Nevada State Hospital. The correspondence will be arranged alphabetically by surname of the patients (no indexing will be required) and placed in the collections. Although patient deaths are available in the online Missouri Death Certificates, these materials will be of interest for researchers. These materials generally cover the years 1941 and 1945-1949.

Walker High School Yearbooks

The Genealogy Dept has received a generous donation of several issues of the Walker High School Yearbook from member Jenise B. These are being cataloged at this time and will soon be available in the Vernon Co Schools section of the collections. This is the second generous donation from private individuals of Walker School Yearbooks. *Thank you!*

Abstracted Walker Herald Newspaper Books

Member Neoma Foreman has transcribed all extant issues of the *Walker Herald* newspaper. These transcriptions have now been published as three books covering the years 1892-1923, 1924-1926, and 1927-1931. Each book has an every-name index! Copies will soon be available in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept, the El Dorado Springs Library, and the Midwest Genealogy Center. Microfilm of the Walker newspaper is available in the Genealogy Dept. A "21st Century Award" grant from the Missouri State Genealogical Association helped fund in part the publication of the books. The books will be available for purchase from the Cedar and Vernon County Missouri Genealogical Society at the society's address or by emailing NeomaForeman@centurytel.net. The sale price will be determined within the next few days.

Vernon Co, MO Circuit Civil & Criminal Records, 1855-1899

The microfilm of the circuit court records has been received from the Missouri Archives and is now at the Nevada Library. The film will be cataloged and made available to researchers in the Genealogy Dept. where it will be accessible during all regular Library hours. This is the project on which Genealogy Society members worked weekly for three years! An agreement between the Nevada Public Library and the Vernon Co Circuit Court Clerk enables this film to be stored in the Library rather than at the Courthouse for use by researchers.

Thank you to all of the Society's members who help with this project!

DNA in Genealogy Research

Patti Hobbs presented an excellent program on utilizing DNA testing in genealogy research. The Nov 17 genealogy program was very well attended and several enjoyed lunch with Patti following the program where the DNA and genealogy questions and answers continued.

Financial Report

\$2,841.82	Beginning Balance Nov 16, 2015
75.00	2016 Dues
-100.00	Program Exp – DNA Speaker Fee
-497.00	Print Walker Herald Books, 20 cy ea, 3 books (Grant funded)
\$2,319.82	Ending Balance Dec 14, 2015

Expenses to be approved for payment at the Dec mtg:

3.20	Scan 1911 Nevada Map
71.94	Small Binders – prepare soft-bound items for shelving
11.49	Small Binders – “
41.74	14” binders & sheet protectors – Funeral home & newspaper bks
2.30	Mail research request envelope
<u>130.57</u>	Total

Known expenses coming due in January 2016

199.00	Library subscriptions
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Unfinished projects that have been approved:

125.00	Estimate to fabricate 1911 Nevada Map
400.00	HD replacement binders for resources (donation funded)

The full 2015 financial report will be published in the January newsletter.

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