

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

218 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64771

Getting Your Research off to a Great Start in 2016

Get your 2016 research year off to a great start by letting your computer read documents, emails, and books to you! Glen Christie will show us how to do this and explain some of the many ways that this can help in our research.

Start writing your short stories now, before it is too late. It is easier to write a series of short stories about your life rather than trying to write the entire story of your life at one time. How do you do this? Start with the very first thing you can remember as a child and write about it. Then move on to the next thing you can remember. Where did you live? What was the "center of warmth" in your home? Who were your neighbors? Did you have neighbor children with which to play? Members will be allowed 3 to 5 minutes to read one of their stories at each meeting. Bring yours in January

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 questions, please contact the society at Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net

Full Slate of Officers for the Genealogy Society – *THANK YOU!*

Following the appeal for volunteers to step forward to accept positions in our organization, a full slate of officers has been obtained. Your officers for 2016 will be: President, Valo; Vice President and Program Chairman, Lynda; Recording Secretary, Jean; Treasurer, Nancy.

2016 Genealogy Society Dues

Do you wonder if you have paid your 2016 Genealogy Society dues? Below is a list of those who have paid and life (L) members. Memberships are very important to a small society such as ours, and we continually search for ways to be of more benefit to our members. Ideas are always welcome! Please don't hesitate to ask for the list to be double-checked if a name appears to be missing. We presently have 83 members. Individual dues are \$10, two persons in the

same household are \$15, and lifetime dues are \$100 per individual (only available for those with email addresses). The newsletter editor, not the Society, provides print copies for 6 members who do not have email, and those members must supply stamped, self-addressed envelopes for this monthly service. Only these few grandfathered members can receive the mailed newsletter. Thank you to the members who have already paid their 2016 (and 2017) dues!

Betty G.	Judy H.	Maxine M.	Shirley R. (L)
Charles F. (L)	Hazel R. (L)	Nancy S.	Sue P.
Connie K.	Kim G.	Nancy T. (L)	Susan D.
Connie P.	Larry W.	Neoma F. (L)	Trish F.
Daniel G.	Linda D.	Pat G.	Vernon Co HS
Darlene L.	Linda M.	Ray L.	
Derl B.	Lyndon I. (L)	Robert C. (L)	
Jean L.	Marty P. (L)	Nellie H.	
Jeff M.	Mary C.	Rebecca S.	2017 Dues
Jenise B.	Mary J. (L)	Sandee M.	Connie P.

Transcribed *Walker Herald* Newspaper Books Available for Purchase

Three volumes of the transcribed *Walker Herald* newspaper books have been published, thanks to the dedicated work of member Neoma Foreman. These three fully indexed, comb-bound books can be purchased for \$45 from Neoma (417-465-2389 or neomeforeman@centurytel.net). There will be a small shipping/handling charge if the books are to be mailed. Neoma has done an outstanding job in transcribing and indexing all of the extant issues of the *Walker Herald* newspaper. Member Jenise Burch's grandfather was the editor of the newspaper, and the Genealogy Society is indebted to her for the family's permission to transcribe and publish these books. A copy is available at the Nevada Library Genealogy Department and a copy will also soon be available at the El Dorado Springs Library.

Best Choice UPCs and Labels for Education

Members are urged to save both Best Choice UPCs and also Labels for Education. The Genealogy Society collects the Best Choice UPCs; and our sister organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, collects Labels for Education. You can bring both to any meeting or place them in the box in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. Dorothy handles the Best Choice labels and Valo or Nancy can take the Labels for Education for the local DAR chapter. Several DAR members regularly save their UPCs and give them to us, and we will be glad to also save labels for them.

Missouri Digital Newspaper Project Surpasses One Million Online Pages

A free, online searchable database of the state's historic newspapers is at shs.umsystem.edu/newspaper/mdnp/ Although no Vernon County newspapers are included in this project, people and locations within Vernon County can be searched in the index. There are some newspapers from Rich Hill and also Lamar in the images database as well as several other Missouri cities. These are all available through the Library of Congress's Chronicling America website at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

What Will Happen to Family Tree Maker at the End of This Year?

If you use the Family Tree Maker software to manage your genealogy data, this question has already crossed your mind! Ancestry.com has announced that after January 1, 2017, Family Tree Maker software features that require connectivity to Ancestry.com, such as TreeSync, uploading and downloading trees and media, and Web Search, may no longer be supported. Many people are already switching to other software programs because they want to maintain their database on their personal computer and do not post their research on ancestry.com. At this time we do not know anything more about this situation, but additional internet stories and blogs will be coming out as the Jan 2017 date approaches. Ancestry says, "We are committed to helping our users through this transition. Towards the end of 2016, we will assess our progress toward a smooth transition for our customers and review our support commitment at that time." A blogger recently wrote, "Your genealogical information is financially *valuable* to genealogy companies. (Read [Ancestry's Terms of Service](#) to refresh yourself on what they can do with your information.) [Do you] think AncestryDNA is only about your ancestry? You must understand that it is not. Aggregated data is sold in the marketplace to other companies. ([Read this article](#) at Wired.com about one partnership Ancestry has with the Google-owned biotech company Calico.)"

Guide to Finding WW II Records

This website provides a step-by-step guide to find the records necessary to tell the story of what your father or mother did while in the armed forces during World War II: <http://www.wjohnston.net/dadswar/>

Indiana Birth, Death, and Marriage Records

The State of Indiana, through the Indiana Commission on Public Records (State Archives) has entered into a contract with Ancestry.com to digitize and eventually post online more than 13 million birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage records for access by Hoosiers. These online historical records, those older than 75 years, will start to become available in 2015, with the completion date

expected by the State's Bicentennial in 2016. This will be the largest online collection of the State of Indiana's materials ever digitized.

The Indiana State Archives will provide access to the records more than 75 years old at its facility. Ancestry.com also will provide access to its paid subscribers for the historical records when the project is completed.

Newspaper Articles of Interest

COMRADE JAMES HENRY MORRIS IS DEAD.

We sleep, but the loom of life never stops, but patterns which were weaving when the sun went down today will be weaving when the sun comes up tomorrow. Though we are dead the evolution of time rolls on forever.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Eternity has no gray hairs, the flowers fade, the heart withers, man grows old and dies, the world lies down in the sepulcher of ages, but time writes no wrinkles on the brow of eternity.—Byron.

The world is but the vestibule of an immortal life, while every action of our lives touches some chord that will vibrate in eternity.—James A. Garfield.

We mourn the death of our friends when they pass away, but all their toil is over and they who are just will put on immortality and precede us but a short time and we will see them again where parting is no more. Comrade J. H. Morris was a good man, beloved by his neighbors and by us as an ex-Confederate soldier. We will miss him from our camp fires and the bugle calls but our loss is his eternal gain, therefore let us not weep.

Resolved by the Nevada Post No. 662 that we feel grieved because the family of our friend and comrade must part with so dear and such a noble husband and father. We extend to them and all the friends our heartfelt sympathy in this their days of grief and sorrow, but as God is just and trust in Him who doeth all things well it will not be long until we meet him again.

Resolved that this be placed upon our record of the post, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

James Henry Morris was born in the county of Simpson in the state of Kentucky, near the town of Franklin, June 12, 1830. Died in the City of Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri, November 12, 1905, aged 75 years and 5 months.

Fraternally submitted.

R. J. McGowan,

T. B. Martin,

D. I. Thornton.

Committee.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 23 November 1905

UNDER THE WHEELS

Frightfully Mangled by a Freight Train.

From a gentleman who came in this morning on the L. & S. express, a MAIL reporter learned the following particulars of the killing of William Washington, colored, who formerly acted as porter on the Lexington & Southern road. For some weeks Washington has been taking care of the cabooses on this road. Yesterday he was on freight train No. 127, going north, and short distance south of Pleasant Hill, while in the act of climbing from a box car to a coal car he lost his footing and fell between the cars. He was not missed by the trainmen until the train reached Pleasant Hill, and it was not known what had become of him. Shortly after this the men on a south-bound freight picked up Washington's dead and horribly mangled body by the track.

The head had been severed from the body, as were also both legs; and the left side and breast were horribly crushed. The body and head were separated by a distance of several hundred feet. Washington was about 20 years old, and formerly run through Nevada as porter on the Lexington & Southern road.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 21 January 1886

FUNERAL OF GEORGE MOSLEY.

Remains of An Old Resident Laid to Rest at Deepwood.

His Death Was Sudden, His Life Had Been Long and Useful—Was An Ex-Confederate.

The funeral of "Uncle" George Mosley was held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Cumberland Presbyterian church Rev. McCord officiating.

His death occurred Thursday morning at 4:30 o'clock, as a result of apoplexy, aged 69 years.

He had not been feeling well all day Wednesday and at night, Watchman Moore visited him several times to see how he was getting along.

Early in the morning he began to grow worse and a physician was hastily summoned but before his arrival "Uncle George's" spirit had gone to that great land where pain and trouble is unknown.

Uncle George Mosley was one of the best known men of Vernon county, having had the keeping of Vernon County's court here for many years.

His sterling character as a man and his faithfulness to every duty has endeared him to all with whom his life has come in contact.

He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and through all of his life he has been true to the tenets of his religion.

During the civil war he was a member of the southern army and fought in many of the big battles. To the Ex-Confederates of Vernon county he was as dear as a brother and no meeting of the old southern soldiers was complete without "Uncle George."

His daughter, Mrs. Ingram and his brother, both of Kansas City, came in today to attend his funeral.

The funeral was in charge of the Ex-Confederates.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri; 6 December 1907

Little Ila Hawkins Died Sunday Morn

Ila Fern, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hawkins, was taken ill with appendicitis last Thursday. She was quite ill that night, but on Friday her condition seemed greatly improved. This, however, was only temporary, for on Saturday she was not so well. That evening it was deemed best to resort to surgery and Dr. Newman of Fort Scott, assisted by local physicians, performed an operation. She died at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, aged 7 years and 13 days. The body was shipped Sunday evening to Leonard, Mo., for burial, and truly it was a sad mission of the family who made the trip back to their old home. Ila Fern was a bright little flower, and though she had spent but four days in the public schools here and attended Sunday school but once she had made many little friends. Mr. Hawkins and family had been here only about two weeks but all Metz was ready to sympathize with them in their sorrow.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; 16 September 1921

—Corn has been selling at 27 cents here in Nevada, but some buyers are holding back until it falls to 25 cents.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gordon entertained a number of their friends handsomely, last Friday evening, at their beautiful suburban home.

—Postmaster Crockett has sold his farm, consisting of 240 acres, four miles east of Nevada, to Oscar Andreen, of Lexington, Mo., consideration \$4,000.

—A movement is on foot in this city to lease the property of the Nevada Creamery Company in East Nevada and fit the building up, preparatory to putting in a woolen mill.

—Senator and Mrs. S. A. Wight entertained a number of their friends last Friday evening. The occasion was in honor of their guest, Miss Lizzie Patton, of Hannibal, and was most delightfully enjoyed by all present.

—Col. D. C. Hunter has been preaching nightly for sometime past at the Advent church on the second coming of Christ. He claims that the Messiah will surely appear on earth during the present century, that is within the next fourteen years.

—Elder J. J. Stark baptized five persons Sunday in Birch Branch near Mr. Sumner's place. The meeting is still in progress at the Journey school house, two miles and a half south of Nevada, and will continue over Sunday, when a church will be organized at that place.

—Mrs. G. T. Conkling met with a singular accident one evening last week by which she was laid up for several days. She fell from her chair in the G.A.R. Hall hurting herself so severely as to necessitate her being carried home. Fortunately no bones were broken.

—The electric light matter, for some reason, still hangs fire. One thing is certain, if it is ever tried here our people will never give it up. The writer passed through Sedalia and Clinton one night last week, and had opportunity to contrast the electric and gas lights. The gas jets looked like tallow dips. The electric lights

were incomparably superior, in every way, and Nevada ought to have a plant right away.

—Wm. Sears and family made a narrow escape from a terrible death one evening last week. Mr. Sears took some fish home which his wife proceeded to prepare for their evening repast. Having no meal in the house, she stepped over to her mother's to obtain a supply. Not knowing that her mother had placed arsenic in the meal chest to kill rats which had been annoying her, Mrs. Sears took what meal she wanted from the chest and fried the fish in it, of which she, her little daughter and Mr. Sears ate heartily. Soon after supper they were all violently affected. Dr. Harris was hastily summoned and soon had them out of danger. It was indeed a narrow escape.

Nevada Noticer, Nevada, Missouri; 25 November 1886

Geo. Hatton, an old negro 95 years of age, residing east of town, claims to have voted the Democratic ticket for 20 years. In the late war George took sides with the southern cause, and was with the noted guerrilla, Bill Anderson, in several hard-fought skirmishes in this section. George was called by Anderson's man, "Bill's high-toned hostler." Anderson always persisted in George wearing a plug hat, and now George takes great pride in exhibiting a weather worn plug, through the crown of which a minnie ball passed during a running fight with Chariton county Militia. George says it was a close call, but he "dodged."—*Rockport Commercial*.

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