

## *Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society*

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### **Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 10 a.m.

**NOTE LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING:** 1101 N. Olive St., Nevada



Using W. Atlantic Street to N. Olive St. from the north will keep you out of both School Zones; see map previously sent. The parking lot is being resealed on Tue and Wed – one side each day. Please note that there are parking lot entrances on the north and on the south sides of the building. The lot will be open both days, but one day parking will be on the opposite side and you will have to walk around the building to the door at the southwest corner. We apologize for any inconvenience

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### ***Resources for Researchers at the Nevada FHC***

The May 17 Society meeting will be held at the Nevada Family History Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1101 N. Olive St., Nevada, beginning at 10 a.m. We will not be meeting at the Nevada Library. Enter the FHC at the southwest door from the parking lot at the back of the building; an “open” sign will be at the door. Kim Gomez, director of the FHC, will explain the various resources available to researchers at the center, the research assistance available, and how to order microfilm from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The Nevada FHC is open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. each Wed and at other days/times by appointment. Kim Gomez can be reached at (417) 448-9569 if you have questions or would like to schedule a research appointment for other than regular FHC hours. Come learn about the below listed Internet websites that are available to use without charge at the Nevada Family History Center:

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive
- Alexander Street Press: The American Civil War
- Ancestry
- Find My Past

- Fold3
- Historic Map Works
- Kinpoint
- My Heritage
- Access Newspaper Archive: Boyd County KY Public Library
- Paper Trail: Pioneer Wagon Train Diaries
- ProQuest Obituaries
- Puzzilla
- ArkivDigital

Use of these online resources could further your family history research.

The genealogical society continues to encourage you to begin writing your personal history by using short stories which you are invited to read aloud at meetings. Your story must be written down and no more than 3-5 minutes long.

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](mailto:Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net)

### **HeritageQuest now Available from Nevada Public Library**

HeritageQuest can be accessed remotely (from home) or at the Nevada Library. At the Nevada Public Library website <http://www.nevadapubliclibrary.com/> click on the HeritageQuest icon below the “Genealogy” button on the right side of the screen. At the sign-in window, enter the letters **NPL** followed by your library number. Many records and books are available at HeritageQuest, including all of the U.S. Federal Censuses. A 12-month library card can be obtained for \$25 at the Nevada Library. In addition to accessing HeritageQuest from home, with your library card, you can use the library computers every day. The cost of printing at the Library is \$0.20 per black/white page and \$0.50 per color page. Documents can also be downloaded to a personal flash drive to be saved or printed later. From the comfort of your home, explore all that HeritageQuest has to offer.

### **1911 Map of Nevada, MO**

A 1911 map of Nevada was donated to the Genealogy Society at the end of 2014. The approximate 3x4-foot map was water stained and would require reframing and conservator work at great expense to prepare it for public use. The Society decided to have the map scanned and printed on coated metal to withstand the rigors of public use. The original map, printed on a fabric-type material, has been donated to the Bushwhacker Museum for preservation. The newly fabricated map has [finally] been received from the sign company, and the cost was \$120.00, which is less than the price originally quoted. This map is

presently setting to your right just as you enter the Genealogy Dept.; it will eventually be hung on one of the walls in the Genealogy Dept. Check out the location of the Nevada Train Depot, street car tracks, and other features which made Nevada look much different than what it is today.

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### **Vernon County, Missouri 911 Road-Names Map**

A large (approximately 4x4-foot) framed map of Vernon County with 911 road names has been donated to the Genealogy Society by Pat Miller (County Extension Office). This map is also presently setting to your right as you enter the first room of the Genealogy Dept. It is hoped that the Genealogical Society will be able to work with the Vernon County GIS Division to eventually include all of the known cemeteries on the County maps.

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### **Computer Training**

The Nevada Public Library continues to offer beginning and intermediate computer classes monthly at the Library. If you would like to learn more about using the computer, how to look up websites, setting up and using email, etc., please sign up and attend these wonderful, FREE classes at your Public Library.

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### **Annual Conference of the Missouri State Genealogical Association**

Registration is now open for the MoSGA Annual Conference to be held this August 5-6 in Columbia, MO, at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. The keynote speaker is John Colletta, a nationally known speaker; and there are several supporting speakers covering a wide range of topics. Consult the online brochure at this link for the full schedule and program descriptions:

[mosga.org/upload/files/Final\\_draft\\_of\\_2016\\_MoSGA\\_Conference\\_brochure.pdf](http://mosga.org/upload/files/Final_draft_of_2016_MoSGA_Conference_brochure.pdf)

Registration is online or by mail. The Conference information page is at

<http://mosga.org/cpage.php?pt=30>

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### **Free May Webinars from the Family History Library**

Have you ever wanted to attend one of the classes at the Family History Library, but you live too far away or just don't have the time to come? Good news! You are now able to view many of the Family History Library classes online as webinars. These webinars cover a variety of topics and countries. During May, all webinars are in English except for one in Spanish. See the following list for details. **(All times are in mountain daylight time.)** Remember to take your personal headphones/earphones if viewing the webinars at the public library. For North American ancestry:

- [United States Records before 1850](#), May 12, 6:00 p.m.

- [United States Church and Cemetery Records](#), May 26, 1:00 p.m.

The British Isles team offers a unique style of hands-on and research strategy webinars along with other classes:

- [Ireland Hands-On Case Study and Brainstorming Session](#), May 3, 1:00 p.m.
- [Tracing Scottish Ancestry in Nonparochial Registers](#), May 12, 1:00 p.m.,
- [More Irish than the Irish Themselves: The Hiberno-Norman Families](#), May 16, 2:00 p.m.
- [British Research Problem Strategy Session](#), May 26, 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about your Norwegian ancestry, check out these two webinars:

- [Exploring Norwegian Emigration Records: Finding Place of Origin](#), May 20, 11:00 a.m.
- [Exploring Church Records in Norway](#), May 20, 1:00 p.m.

For help in finding elusive ancestors in Sweden, you will want to attend these webinars:

- [Figure Out Place-Names for Swedish Genealogy](#), May 27, 1:00 p.m.
- [Interpreting Money in Swedish Records](#), May 27, 2:00 p.m.

Have you tried searching for Swiss ancestors but had no luck? This webinar will help you narrow possible locations for Swiss ancestors:

- [Register of Swiss Surnames](#), May 14, 10:00 a.m.

This month also has a special Mexico theme day, with webinars focused on helping those who have ancestors from Mexico. You will learn the basics of Hispanic research and how to use various websites for Mexico research. Three webinars are offered:

- [Relatives Masked in the Ancestry Indexes](#), May 21, 1:00 p.m.
- [I've Found My Abuela in Mexico! Next Steps](#), May 21, 2:00 p.m.
- [Online Resources for Mexico](#), May 21, 3:00 p.m.

The following webinar is available only in Spanish. This month, learn the basics of FamilySearch Family Tree by attending:

- [Descubre Árbol Familiar de FamilySearch](#), May 7, 1:00 p.m.

To view these webinars live, click the title of the webinar you would like to attend. We recommend that you enter the webinar about 15 minutes before the start time to ensure your connection is functioning properly. All these webinars will be recorded and posted on the FamilySearch Wiki page [Family History Library Classes and Webinars](#) where you can access/view them at other times. On this page you will find information about upcoming webinars, links for webinar classrooms, links to handouts, and past webinars.

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North Carolina Genealogical Society. Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA  
**“Finding Women: Maiden Name Not Known”**

The North Carolina Genealogical Society will present this live Webinar on 20 May 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm CDT. Learning the maiden name of a wife can be one of the more difficult tasks in genealogical research. It is clear that women can be

hard to find; at least more difficult than finding the husbands. When a maiden name is hard to find you may have to learn it through the records of the men in her life. The males in a woman's life may be her father, her grandfather, her husband, her brother, her son, and her son-in-law. They could also be her ex-husband, her father-in-law, her brother-in-law, and so many others. To register for this free Webinar, or go to

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5324971470827688707>

(The website for the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS) has recently had some technical issues due to a Denial of Service Attack. They are working to get it back online as soon as possible and apologize for and inconvenience.)

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### **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 Elizabeth Carey Chapter DAR collects Labels for Education. You can bring both to any meeting or place them in the box in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. Dorothy F. handles the Best Choice labels and Valo or Nancy can take the Labels for Education for the local DAR chapter.

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## **Newspaper Articles of Interest**

### **A 24 HOUR'S RAIN**

#### **The First Genuine Soaker in Almost Five Months.**

The long looked for rain came last Friday night. Shortly after dark it began to come down gently and continued all night. With but few intermissions the gentle downpour continued all day Saturday, thus making it a twenty four hour soaker. This was the first real good rain that has fallen in this locality since last September. The ground was given a thorough soaking and cisterns that had been dusted out for many weeks were filled to the brim.

Saturday night the rain turned to snow, and though it melted until a late hour as fast as it struck the ground, there was a pretty coat of whiteness for a Sunday. It continued to snow about all day Sunday, but the flakes were small and light. At Kansas City more than fourteen inches of snow fell, while here it was less than four inches deep.

Monday morning the sun peeped through the clouds and the north breeze was less chilly. Tuesday was considerable warmer. Wednesday morning the wind came from a southerly direction and began to play havoc with the snow as well as the roads. By last night "the beautiful" had almost entirely disappeared.

### **Oliver Thornel Dead.**

Oliver Thornel died at his home in Horton last Thursday night, after an illness of several weeks with chronic Bright's disease. Funeral services were held Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m., conducted by Rev. Hargis of Nevada, and the remains were



buried at Balltown cemetery. Deceased was aged fifty-three years, four months and seven days. He was a native of Illinois, but had resided at and near Horton for many years. Six children—four little ones—are left to mourn. The mother passed away about four years ago.

### **A Death South of the River.**

Johnnie, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Howard, residing four miles south of town, died Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock. The remains were buried yesterday at the Click graveyard near Nevada.

### **MIS-CEL-LANEOUS**

#### **Ragen Won the Bout at the Owls Club at Nevada.**

Charley Ragen went over to Nevada last Thursday night and returned all smeared over with glory. He was declared the victor in a boxing bout pulled off by the Owls Club in the Armory Hall in that city, and from all reports the decision was a fair and square one.

Ragen and a fellow named Cephas came together for a six-round battle in the preliminaries, while the Burns and Jordan fight was to be the big feature of the night's program. There were two other battles in the preliminaries, but after all the six bruisers had tried their hand Ragen was the only one declared a winner; the others were called a draw.

Ragen's opponent outweighed him thirty-three pounds and was well built for fighting, but the Metz boy was there with the punches and good foot work. He got busy as soon as the gong sounded and kept at it until the round was finished. Cephas looked worried at the end of the second round, and in the third Ragen seemed to get the best of him. The fourth round was also favorable to Ragen, and after the referee had called time Cephas sent a right to Ragen that went below the belt. This was a foul, and the referee declared the battle ended with Ragen the winner.

Those who witnessed the fight say that Ragen was fast and furious and displayed good head and foot work, and if any one thinks there is a yellow streak in his make up they are badly mistaken.

Ragen says he is ready to meet any amateur boxer his weight any time or place.

Who knows but what Ragen is "the white man's hope"?

#### **The Literary Club.**

The meeting of the Literary Club held on Thursday night of last week was perhaps the most interesting of the winter. The literary program was good, but the debate was the big feature. The subject was "Resolved, that when a man's conscience tells him he is right, he is right." A. G. Altham and O. W. Waggoner affirmed and O. M. Johnson and W. Y. Foster of Nevada took the negative side. All of the speeches were pronounced good by the large crowd in attendance, but the judges decided in favor of the Nevada gentlemen.

### **They Didn't Look Like Runts.**

G. W. Mahler marketed a dozen hogs in Metz Wednesday that didn't look much like runts. Eight of them weighed 1,890, three weighed 1,460, and one weighed 550. They were of the Duroc stock. He received \$6.80 per hundred for them.

Henry Harrison of Nevada was in Metz a few hours yesterday on business.

**The above articles: The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 24 Feb 1911**

Mrs. Cal Weaver daughter of Mr. Mrs. J. T. Campbell, a victim of tuberculosis died at the home of parents after several months illness. She returned only three \_\_\_ ago from New Mexico, she had gone, hoping for relief.

Mrs. Weaver was born and raised on her fathers farm one and one half miles north east of town. Seven years ago she was married to Cal Weaver son of J. Cal Weaver. She had a sweet and sunny disposition making friends where ever she went. The fact that she was taken in the prime of youth, makes it seem uncommonly sad. The bereaved friends have the sympathy of the entire community.

Little Ewell Borden the sweet four year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Borden was also called in the great beyond Saturday night. He was the very flower of the home a universal pet but the All Wise Father transplanted it in the fields above.

**Montevallo Matters, The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 8 Jan 1909, p. 7**

### **JAMES ASHBROOK'S FUNERAL MONDAY**

The remains of James Ashbrook, whose death occurred at Chillicothe Mo., Saturday arrived in Nevada this afternoon, and were interred at Deepwood cemetery. He leaves a bereaved wife, (formerly Miss Ellie Davis of this city) who survive him.

The funeral was private. The pallbearers were Chas. Tom, Joe Harper, W. T. Ballagh, Ralph L. Wardin, W. C. Davis. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wright, of the Baptist church.

**Southwest Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 15 Jan 1909, p. 6, col. 2**

### **DEATH OF THOS. BOONE**

Thos. Boone, an old and highly respected citizen of Nevada died Saturday at his home, 1112 South Cedar Street, his death being due to the infirmities of old age. The deceased was 81 years of age and is survived by a wife, one daughter and three sons, two of the children being J. H. Boone and Miss Lillie Boone, of this city. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon after which the remains were interred at the Moore graveyard.

**Southwest Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 18 Dec 1908, p. 3, col. 3**

The remains of Mrs. H. V. Cole, who died at Walker Monday night, were brought to Nevada Wednesday and buried at Deepwood. A number of friends of the deceased attended the services here.

**Southwest Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 5 Feb 1909, p. 5, col. 2**

The remains of Celeste, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Dempsey, arrived in this city Sunday from Wagner, Ok., and were interred in Deepwood cemetery, the funeral taking place from the residence of A. C. Dempsey on North Ash street. The little one's death resulted from pneumonia. The friends of the family extend most sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

**Southwest Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 5 Feb 1909, p. 8, col. 6**

### **AN OLD SETTLER PASSED AWAY SUNDAY.**

Vincent Dally, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of this county died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Wilson, near Harwood. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and the remains were buried at the Mr. Vernon cemetery. The deceased was 80 years of age and his death was due to blood poison.

Mr. Dally was identified with the early history of Vernon county being a resident of this county back in 1858. He afterwards lived at Grant City but for the past twelve years he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Wilson.

**Southwest Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 11 Dec 1908, p. 11, col. 5**

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