

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 10 a.m.

Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

302 E Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO

The History of Dulcimers & Dulcimer Christmas Music

By Linda and Bob Snodgrass

Genealogy Society Christmas Pot Luck Lunch

A special treat has been arranged for our December program and Christmas Pot-Luck Luncheon! Linda and Bob Snodgrass will share the History of Dulcimers and will also entertain us with Dulcimer Christmas music during the Luncheon. Everyone is invited to bring a covered food dish to share. Paper plates, napkins, water & coffee, etc., will be provided. **Please note that the December meeting will be held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 E Hospital Rd., in El Dorado Springs.**

Following the luncheon if time permits, we will have a copy of several marriage record books (Books I through Y) to put into sleeves and binders. This will take only about 20 to 30 minutes with several people helping. These are the indexes that the Vernon County Recorder's Office permitted us to make, and they will be finalized and published for sale this coming year.

Members are invited bring their written 3- to 5-minute family history story to read at the meeting. Christmas is a good time to think about family stories and write - them - down so they will be preserved for posterity!

The Genealogy Society meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The meetings alternate between El Dorado Springs and Nevada at the public libraries except for the December Christmas luncheon and any field trips. **Everyone is encouraged to write down and bring their mini-story to share at a meeting.**

Upcoming meeting locations and programs:

Jan: Nevada – program to be announced

Feb: El Dorado Springs - program to be announced

THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM – PLEASE READ – TAKE ACTION NOW

The 2017 Society dues are now due. We would appreciate those who have not yet paid to please send in their renewals in December or January to lessen the work of your Treasurer. Dues can be paid at the meeting, or leave your check at the Nevada Library in the Genealogy Mailbox (in an envelope, please).

Individual: \$10; Husband & Wife: \$15; Lifetime per person: \$100. Checks should be made payable to Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society.

Thank you to the members who have already paid their 2017 dues, and below is a list of those members. Lifetime members are indicated by (L). Please contact Nancy if you believe you have paid but your name is not on this list – the list is manually created from the financials, so a mistake could have been made, and she will gladly double-check the deposits!

-Betty H.	-Linda D.	-Peggy P.	-Sue P.
-Charles F. (L)	-Lynda B.	-Ralph S. (L)	-Sue R.
-Connie P.	-Lyndon I. (L)	-Ray L.	-Susan D.
-Darlene L.	-Marilyn P.	-Raymond M.	-Trish F.
-Derl B.	-Marty P. (L)	-Rebecca S.	-Valo J.
-Eva R. (L)	-Marty S.	-Robert C. (L)	-Vicky H.
-Hazel R. (L)	-Mary C.	-Ron J.	-Virginia B.
-Jean L.	-Mary J. (L)	-Rose Ann R.	
-Joyce B.	-Maxine M.	-Rosemary N.	2018 Dues Paid
-Kathe R.	-Mike H.	-Sandee M.	-Lynda B.
-Kay P.	-Nancy T. (L)	-Sharon C.	
-Kay S.	-Nellie H.	-Shirley R. (L)	
-Laura H.	-Neoma F. (L)	-Steve P.	

The newsletter editor (not the Society) provides print copies of the newsletter for 6 members who do not have email, and those members supply stamped, self-addressed envelopes for this monthly service.

New Nametags

New nametags will be available at the December meeting! You can find your old nametag and replace the old insert with the new one. New tag holders will be available if your old tag holder has ink stuck to the plastic, new tag holders will be available. **Our *Thank You!* to member Connie P. for the donation of new name tag holders!**

Walker Herald Newspaper Books

To date, we have purchased 40 copies of the published Walker Herald books at a cost of \$998.00 (\$24.95 per set). Approximately 10 additional sets were needed prior to the Christmas Season. Because we were between meetings and

the order needed to be placed, your Society officers exercised their authority according to the Bylaws to conduct necessary business between meetings and then report it at the next meeting. Ten sets of Walker Herald books were published at a cost of \$290.00 (\$29.00 per set).

Native American Research

Renee Glass presented an extremely interesting and informative program on Native American research! If you missed this program but would like a copy of her handout, your Newsletter Editor will have it available at this link for about one month: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/3570759/Cherokee%20Research.pdf> When you open the link, you can either print the seven pages or use Save as... to copy the document onto your computer. Please note that the handout does not follow the points of her talk (unfortunately), but it is helpful for anyone researching their Native American ancestors. She stressed researching side branches of your direct line ancestors if you cannot find them listed in any of the Native American records—often a brother, uncle, or other family member registered and can be found. Additionally, the names of Native Americans often changed over their lifetime, so that makes it doubly difficult to research them! Ms. Glass was a world of information, and she welcomes questions from researchers. She can be contacted via email at The Library Center, Springfield, MO; email reneeg@thelibrary.org

DNA Research – Learning Together

Following the January genealogy meeting, everyone interested in learning about DNA research is invited to stay for an informal gathering to discuss using DNA testing as another tool in genealogy research. In January we will begin with an overview of the various tests available and the companies that do testing. We will also look at step-by-step directions on using the Family Tree DNA.com website if you are testing with Family Tree DNA.com and have received notice that your test results are available to view. Some have tested with ancestry.com and we can look at that another time. If this is something in which you are interested, we will try to do this following each genealogy meeting. Depending on the time factor, we can consider lunch options; bring a brown bag lunch, run out and grab a fast food sandwich, order pizza delivery, or eat following DNA.

DNA Seminar

On March 11, 2017, the Ozarks Genealogical Society is sponsoring a day-long DNA seminar to be held at the Schweitzer United Methodist Church, 2747 E. Sunshine Street, Springfield, MO. The seminar will be presented by Patti Hobbs who presented the DNA program at our Nov 2015 program in Nevada. She will

discuss the use and analysis of DNA testing (Y-DNA, MT-DNA, and Autosomal DNA) and how the tests complement traditional research in original records.

Schedule

8:30-9:30: An Overview of Genetic Genealogy

9:45-10:45: Researching the Patrilineal and Matrilineal Lines through Y-DNA and Mt-DNA Testing

11:00-12:15: Autosomal DNA: Testing for All Genealogical Lines

12:15-1:45: Lunch

1:45-3:00: Autosomal DNA Data: Working the Results

3:15-4:30: GEDmatch: An Invaluable Tool for Autosomal DNA Analysis

Registration

Register by mailing the following information and fee, or registering online after Jan 1, 2017, at <http://ozarksgs.org>. Seminar fee \$25 and optional lunch: \$7.00; you may also bring your lunch or eat at an area restaurant.

Name: _____

Postal mailing address: _____

Phone for text _____

E-mail _____

Mail completed form and check to Ozarks Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 3945, Springfield, MO 65808-3945.

Those attending can carpool from Nevada/El Dorado Springs.

Missouri Death Certificates Online

The additional indexing of parent and spouse names in the 1960 Missouri Death Certificates is completed. Some administrative work is being completed before they can be uploaded to the database and are available for searches. All researchers thank those who helped with this project – all researchers love those online, free Missouri death certificates!

New Books in the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Department

--Havins, T. R., *Something About Brown (A History of Brown County, Texas)* donated by Justin & Hannah Simpson

--Bettinger, B.T., *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, purchased by the Genealogy Society. **Available for patron checkout.**

--Foreman, N.L., *Remember our Veterans*, purchased by the Genealogical Society.

How a Genealogist Uses the NC State Archives and the State Library

Online webinar presented by Diane L. Richard, 20 Jan 2017, 2:00 p.m. CST
Preparation is key to making a successful visit to a research facility. Learn tips and tricks for what to do in advance of arriving in Raleigh. We'll also walk

through the nitty-gritty of an actual visit – everything from signing into the building through checking out at the security desk after an effective day of research. Watch the NCGS website and the January 2017 issue of the NCGS News for more information about this webinar. www.ncgenealogy.org

Midwest Genealogy Center's Spring Seminar - March 4, 2017 Mark your calendar. The Midwest Genealogy Center is proud to present Judy Russell, the "Legal Genealogist" for the 2017 Spring Seminar! Judy holds a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark and is a nationally known Certified Genealogical Lecturer and Certified Genealogist. MGC's upcoming Seminar will be at Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs, MO. Featured lectures include: (1) After the Courthouse Burns: Rekindling Family History Through DNA; (2) Don't Forget the Ladies: A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law; (3) NARA Myth Busters: Your Family IS in the Archives; and (4) Rogues, Rascals, and Rapsallions: The Family Black Sheep. Registration is not yet available – watch next month's newsletter. Lunch will be provided. We will arrange carpools from Nevada/El Dorado Springs.

Missouri State Archives Website

This suggestion comes from Linda Myers, field archivist, who presented the program in October: When searching in the online databases, **search from the Secretary of State's website** and not the "Digital Heritage" website. From the home screen at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/> select "Research" along the navigation panel on the left side of the screen. Under the page heading "Research Room" you can click the links to go to a specific database, such as Military Records, Penitentiary Records, Photographs, etc. Also note that Missouri residents can send a research request to the Archives for a free lookup in their records with minimal copy fees – see their website for details.

Best Choice UPCs and Labels for Education

Remember to save both Best Choice UPC labels and Boxtops for Education. The Genealogy Society collects the Best Choice UPCs; and our sister organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, collects Boxtops for Education. You can bring these to any meeting or place them in the box in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. Several DAR members regularly save their UPCs and give them to the Genealogy Society, and we will be glad to also save labels for them. Please keep the labels sorted by which organization they are for.

In Rear of Vicksburg, Mississippi
June 19, 1863

Mr. John Waddilove
Sterling, Iowa

Dear Sir,

I should have written to you some days since. Though I can be the bearer of writing but sad news to you. Your son A. J. Waddilove was Severely wounded in the right arm on the 16th day of May at Champion's Hill, and it was necessary to amputate it, at least the surgeon so considered it. He must have suffered much, but the wound that did not prove fatal on the field of battle, only produced greater suffering and finally carried him away. I have not yet received from the surgeon official notice of his death, but the attendants of the Hospital have informed me that he died about the 20th last month. I was the only Commissioned Officer left in the company after the battle, and we were ordered to march toward Vicksburg immediately. You will therefore see that it was rendered impossible for me to give that personal attention to the wounded and dieing of my company, that it would have my desire to have given, we felt the necessity of pursuing the enemy, but it was very hard for me to forego the privilege of seeing and conversing with the brave men, who had so nobly stood up in the face of foes, greatly outnumbering them, and not in a single case showing cowardice. Your son was a good and faithful soldier, his morals were good. I feel that I can safely speak highly in his favor. I sincerely sympathize with you in your deep affliction. I can only point you to him who alone can give comfort to the mourner.

Vicksburg is a very strongly fortified city. It has [taken] many precious lives already, and there is but little show that they are yet subdued. Our campaign has been one of the most successful during the war, and yet the dead are many hundreds and the wounded many thousands. Future generations will hardly realize the cost to the North's quest of opening the Mississippi [River]. Vicksburg, which now blocks its navigation, must eventually fall and the blood that has been and may be shed to reduce Vicksburg and other rebel strong holds, and to uphold this nation, and maintain its authority will only make patriots hate the treachery of traitors both North and South. We have no fear but that we shall ultimately succeed at this place. We have not been at all alarmed by the rumors, that Joe Johnston, the rebel General, will attack us in the rear.

I am Truly Yours,

S. H. Hendleson

Capt. Co A, 24th Reg. Iowa Infantry

P.S. You had better apply to Mr. Hilsinger or some reliable agent to secure the back pay & bounty of your son. You are the only person to whom it can be paid, he has due him pay from 1st day of March to day of his death, and unpaid Bounty \$75.00

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The above original Civil War letter is owned by Bonnie Beisley of Sheldon, MO, who is a descendent of the Waddilove family. A copy of the letter and permission

to transcribe the letter and publish in the genealogy newsletter was obtained from Mrs. Beisley.

Alfred J. Waddilove was a Private in Company A, 24th Regiment, Iowa Infantry. The battle at Champion Hill was part of Grant's operations against Vicksburg. Estimated casualties at Champion Hill were 2,441 Union and 3,840 Confederate. Union victory. (www.nps.gov).

The 1860 Jackson Co, Iowa U.S. Federal Census, Sterling Post Office, shows that the Waddilove family enumerated as:

John Waddilove, 48 yr old stone mason, born England

Sarah Waddilove, 50 yr old female, born England

Alfred Waddilove, 18 yr old male, born England

Edwin Waddilove, 16 yr old male, born England

Mabel Waddilove, 14 yr old female, born Canada

Sarah A. Waddilove, 12 yr old female, born Canada

[If you have details of your research or information about an artifact that can be published in the Genealogy Newsletter, please email the information to the Society.]

Newspaper Articles of Interest

As they do in Barton, Probably

J. P. Richardson went up to Ft. Scott Wednesday to take charge of a wholesale house for the Rochester Brewing Co., of Kansas City. The warehouse is located in Vernon county, Mo., four miles east of Ft. Scott. Mr. Richardson will be general distributor of the Rochester Brewing Co's. products in the trade territory surrounding Fort Scott.—

Liberal (Mo.) News.

The above is only a small item but it discloses the intensions of the brewing company very clearly. Mr. Richardson is to be "general distributor," of the booze, and no doubt he is counting on distributing it very freely. How he expects to distribute it without violating the law is something of a puzzle. Fort Scott Tribune.

The Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; 11 September 1914.

CONFEDERATE SEAL FOUND.

RICHMOND, VA., May 20.—Announcement was made today that the seal of the Confederate States of America, which disappeared fifty years ago, had been found, identified by the English makers, and acquired by Eppa Hunton, Jr., William H. White and Thomas P. Bryan, of this city and brought back to Richmond, the old capitol of the Confederate States.

The relic was obtained from Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, U.S.N. retired, who got it from Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, U.S.N. retired, who got it from Col. John T. Pickett. The weird stories told by James Jones, the colored Hackman for President Jefferson Davis that the great deal was in his possession

are now forever set aside. The seal will be placed in the Confederate Museum, or the Battle Abbey, now under construction, may become its custodian.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 21 May 1912

[The design of the seal was finalized on April 30, 1863, and a set of embossing dies ordered from the London engraver Joseph S. Wyon. The seal dies eventually reached Richmond before the end of the war. However, due to the risks of running the Union naval blockade imposed upon the Confederacy, the accompanying embossing press was only shipped as far as Bermuda. The dies (crafted in silver) were thus unlikely to ever have been used in any official capacity.

Both sets of artifacts initially passed through private ownership before ultimately entering museum collections. The dies now reside in Richmond's Museum of the Confederacy; and the embossing press, equipped with brass replica dies, is in a National Trust Museum in St. George's, Bermuda. Info copied from Wikipedia.org.]

Jake Pine of Bronaugh, so badly injured in a thresher boiler explosion some week ago, was a picnic visitor. Mr. Pine, who yet lacks much of being recovered from the accident, is fearfully disfigured as the result of his burns and will carry the marks to his grave.

The Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; 4 September 1914

The Walker Herald edited and published by Col. S. J. Preston is thirty-three years old today and is just as young in spirit as it was when the young man started it on a career of success and usefulness. The Herald has passed through the stormy and balmy days of thirty-years and has never wavered in its efforts to upbuild Walker and that vicinity. Here is hoping that the end of the next thirty years will find the Herald and its present able editor still on desk and as cheerful as ever.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 2 December 1915

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