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Wednesday 21 Dec 2022 Society Meeting.

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting and program will be held Wednesday, December 21 at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 E. Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO. The Fellowship Hall double glass doors on the street-side of the building will be open. If you have made an interesting discovery in your genealogy research during 2022, please write a brief summary of the discovery to share at the meeting and/or publish in an upcoming issue of the newsletter to share with other members. A short genealogy video is also planned. **Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish for a pot-luck luncheon which will be enjoyed following the meeting. Paper plates, napkins, silverware, coffee, and water will be provided.**

Membership Dues: Members are reminded that dues for 2023 can be paid at any time--\$10 per calendar year. Dues paid during Sep-Dec are for the following year. Lifetime dues are \$100 per person. Dues can be given directly to treasurer Marty P. at any meeting or mailed to the Society at:

Cedar & Vernon Co MO Gen Soc
Attn: Membership
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Benefits of Society membership include receiving the emailed monthly newsletter, free personal genealogy lookups in the cemetery database, and free queries pertaining to Vernon County published in the newsletter. The Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. Meeting location is announced in the newsletter and on the Vernon County MO

USGenWeb website at
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~movernon/>

Midwest Genealogy Center free on-line program: Using DNA for Your Brick Walls (Zoom program). Tuesday, 10 Jan 2023; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

DNA results can provide hints and answers to many brick wall cases. Join professional genealogist Kathleen Brandt as she discusses filling in collateral lines, building your genetic network using DNA matches, and testing tools to leverage power and uncover answers to your ancestral brick wall. Registration with email is required. You must sign in prior to the start of the program; entrance to the program will close five minutes after the program's start time. The start time is Central Standard Time. Register as "Guest".

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/79643/using-dna-your-brick-walls-zoom>

Miscellaneous single issues of Richards, Schell City, Sheldon, and Walker newspapers are at www.newspapers.com, in addition to thirteen Nevada newspapers and the Metz Times newspaper 1904-1943.

"Richards Chronicle." Richards, Vernon Co, MO. 16 Oct 1890 issue, 4 pages. Published every Thursday by Canutt & Son. Entered at Richards P.O. as second-class matter Aug 13, 1890. Item from Oct 16 issue:

—Richards is now six months old and we have to hear of the first fight or criminal offence of any kind within her borders. The people in town and in all the country surrounding are honest law-abiding and most estimable people, in fact hard to beat.

“**The News**” Schell City, Vernon Co, MO. Ove W. Bingham, editor. 10 Jul 1890 issue, 4 pages.

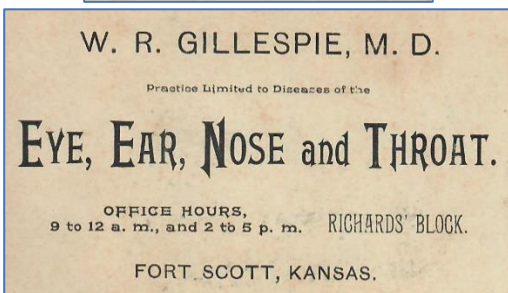
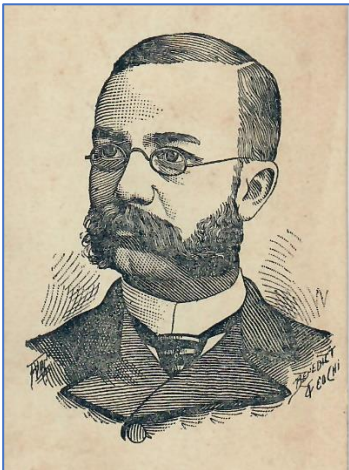
“**The Schell City News**” Schell City, Vernon Co, MO. 30 Oct 1890, 4 pages; 17 Nov 1904, 8 pages; 13 Apr 1922, 4 pages; 4 May 1922, 4 pages; 4 Oct 1923, 4 pages.

“**The Sheldon News**” Sheldon, Vernon Co, MO. S.L. Clayton, editor. 31 Oct 1890, 4 pages.

“**The Walker Herald**” Walker, Vernon Co, MO. 30 Aug 1884, 4 pages; 31 Oct 1918, 4 pages; 6 Feb 1919, 4 pages.

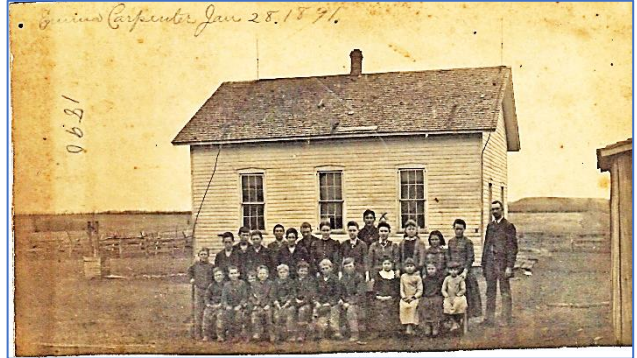
Deepwood Cemetery Update. A board of directors is being established for Deepwood Cemetery. The board will oversee all operations, maintenance, preservation of one of Nevada’s oldest cemeteries. By-laws and other documents necessary to carry on the work of cemetery will be created. Our thanks to Will T., genealogy society member and executive director of the Bushwhacker Museum for taking the lead on this.

W. R. Gillespie, M. D., Fort Scott, Kansas. Business card of Dr. Gillespie, eye, ear, nose and throat doctor of Ft. Scott, KS.



Please let us know if you have additional information about this Dr. Gillespie who would have resided just across the state line in Bourbon Co, KS.

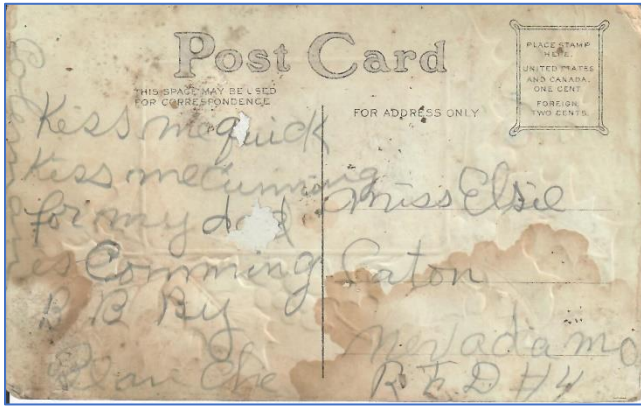
Red Top School, Will Latta Teacher



The Gillespie and Red Top School images are shared from the C. McNeil collection. A brief bio of the McNeil family is being created and will be published in 2023.

Our ancestors did not stop at the county line or state line...share items which other researchers might find interesting and helpful to their research! Once they are about one-year old, our monthly genealogy newsletters will be published on the MOVernon website, at which time they will be searchable/findable by anyone searching the internet.

If you have family ephemera in your genealogy research collections which you are willing to share, please consider including it in a future monthly newsletter. Scan and email the image plus any additional details to Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net. Include whether or not you would like your name, contact information, email, etc. published with the item(s).



Miss Elsie V. Caton (27 Nov 1892 – 30 Mar 1976) was the daughter of Charles Caton and Elizabeth Thomas. Elsie married Edward A. Selim 29 Jul 1917 in Nevada, MO.



Newspaper Articles

CLAYTON is the name of a new post office just established on the M., K. & T. road, five miles east of here, in Vernon county, Mo.
Ft. Scott [KS] Daily Monitor, 10 Apr 1872 p4c3

Three suspicious looking characters were arrested at Nevada, Vernon county, Mo., night before last, supposed to be the murderers of Mr. Brechbill, of Walnut Station, in Neosho county. The circumstances that led to their arrest are as follows: The horse belonging to Mr. B., on which it is supposed he was riding when killed, was afterwards found, and near him a pair of saddle-bags, in which was found a photograph of three persons in a group. The picture had been taken at Parker's gallery, in this city, a few days before the murder happened. It was also ascertained that the same parties had been in this city after the murder. Copies of the picture were given to conductors on the railroads, with instructions if such parties were seen on their trains to have them arrested; and they were accordingly arrested at Nevada. A requisition will be made on the Governor of Missouri for them, to be sent to this state for trial.

The Topeka [KS] State Journal, 6 Sep 1875 p2c2

Obituary.

Died, on Sunday at 1 o'clock p.m., at his residence near Deerfield, Vernon county, Mo., of bilious fever. Mr. Alphonso Wright, in the 34th year of his age. Mr. Wright emigrated from Gilmer county, North Carolina, in 1868, and together with his parents, brothers and sister, settled in that part of Vernon county known as Deerfield valley. He was an active, intelligent farmer and trader, and by industry and energy had become one of the most successful and prominent citizens of his county. He was a man of sound judgment and fine social qualities—was ever glad to welcome and entertain his friends in his beautiful home; and while we bow in humble submission to

the will of Him who doeth all things well, we can but regret that one so useful and dear to so many should have been taken so early in life. He leaves a kind of devoted wife, (formerly Miss Anna Wilson, of Charleston, Ind.,) and one little child, father, mother, five brothers, one sister, and a large circle of friends and relations to mourn his loss. His funeral at Deerfield was attended by a large concourse of relations, friends and neighbors.

While we weep with those afflicted ones, we would bid them look to a Higher Power for that comfort and consolation that no earthly friend can give.

E.B.D.

Ft. Scott [KS] Daily Monitor, 22 Oct 1875 p4c5

[Alpheus Wright died 19 Oct 1875; burial Deerfield Cemetery.]

Mrs. H. J. Welch, of Newkirk township [Newkirk, OK], died last Friday after an illness of several months. Mr. Welch took the body to their former home in Missouri for interment. The DEMOCRAT joins with his many friends in extending to him their sympathy.

Newkirk [OK] Democrat, 25 Jul 1900 p5c1

[Mrs. H. J. Welch is Leona Welch, born 18 Dec 1862 and died 20 Jul 1900; burial in Deerfield Cemetery.]

He Died of Drink

Special to the Sunday Morning Bazoo.

Nevada, Mo., March 19.

At 9 o'clock this morning a young man about nineteen years of age, name unknown, and claiming to be from Parsons, Kas., stopped at the Missouri Pacific depot and claimed he had the chills.

He was carried across the street to the Laclede hotel, where he called for a drink of water, and which in the act of drinking he fell over dead.

The coroner was notified and an inquest was held, when the fact was developed that death was caused from a congestive chill.

The Sedalia [MO] Weekly Bazoo, 22 Mar 1881 p4c1

Freight Train Ditched.

SEDALIA, May 21.—An M., C. & T. freight train encountered a washed [out] culvert near Walker station, Vernon county, Mo., last night. The engine, tender and ten freight cars went into a ditch. Damage considerable; no one injured.

The Pantagraph [Bloomington, IL], 22 May 1875 p1c4

The remains of John W. Petty, who died of typhoid fever in Metz, Mo., were brought here on Saturday and deposited in our cemetery. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Petty, of this place, and a young man of industrious, energetic habits. He had been residing in Missouri for some time, though his parents had the consolation of being with him in his last illness. Much sympathy is felt for the grieved family.

Kentucky Advocate [Danville, KY], 8 Oct 1889 p1c1

Mysterious and Suspicious.

The citizens of Balltown and Metz, Vernon county, are very much excited over the mysterious conduct of a party of movers who passed through there several days ago, crossing the Osage at that point. The following condensed account is from the *Daily Democrat*:—"Persons meeting them noticed there was a stench from their wagon that was very unpleasant and spoke of it after reaching Balltown that day. Nothing more was thought of the matter, however, until a few days since when some boys, who were bathing in the river, stirred up such a stench that they were forced to leave it. Putting the circumstances together the citizens have come to the conclusion that a murder has possibly been committed, and the body of the victim thrown in the river for concealment. This may not be true, but we are forced to admit that circumstances look a little suspicious, and it might be well enough to have the matter investigated. It might turn out to be an other Stair [murder] case. One thing is certain, if the citizens of Balltown are once convinced that a wrong has been committed they are the

last people in the world to let the guilty parties escape."

The Clinton [MO] Advocate, 19 May 1887 p6c2

Early in the spring Marshal Bruner, of this city, captured a couple of men who had been disturbing the peace, and after the parties had been safely lodged in the calaboose, he received a card from the sheriff of Vernon county, Mo., giving a description of one of them, who was wanted upon the charge of mule stealing. The following from the Nevada Ledger tells how he came out:

"The case of the State of Missouri vs. George Waters was decided by jury trial in the Circuit Court of Vernon county, on last Saturday, in which it was the judgment of the jury that George should go to the pen for five years for the unlawful appropriation of sale of Newton Waters' mule, or at least a mule that Newton Waters had in his possession some time within the past six months. The evidence was abundantly strong and positive enough to make out a clear case against George Waters, and at the same time the evidence was comprehensive enough to require some explanation to make it appear clearly to unprejudiced public opinion that he was altogether alone in this crooked transaction in the mule business, but he pays the penalty which he deserved and which he undoubtedly expected, at the end of a successful career of short term of years of defiance to the law and its officers—judgment has been visited upon him. This man George Waters has been a turbulent and unmanageable member of society in the southeastern part of this county for a good while, and has played his part and contributed his mite to bring about that state of affairs—of outlawry, the fruits of which the good people of that vicinity have lately had some dealing with. A rigid enforcement of the law is the remedy for the evils complained of in this county; a resort to summary measures, for the punishment of criminals, as a rule, the remedy is worse than the disease."

Ft. Scott [KS] Daily Monitor, 15 May 1880 p4c3

STRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by M. N. Watts, and posted before D. P. Swearingen, J. P. Metz township, Vernon county, Mr., one red cow, about six years old, branded on right hip with the letter L. L. (one upside down), white spot on forehead and tip of tail white, small white spot between forelegs. No other marks or brands. Has a young calf about ten days old. Appraised at \$20 by M. Griffin, J. P. Brashear, and E. D. Allen, this 29th day of November 1886.

Nevada [MO] Noticer, 16 Dec 1886 p2c4

--Mr. J. G. Dryden, of Metz, Vernon County Mo., made this office a pleasant call last week. He is out looking after some land belonging to his son which is located near this city. Mr. Dryden admits that he was agreeably surprised at our growth in western Kansas but he has no notion of leaving Missouri just yet. Mr. Dryden is one of the CHRONOSCOPE readers.

The Larned [KS] Chronoscope, 30 Jul 1886 p5c4

NEW TOWN.—Deerfield is the name of a new town, just laid out in Vernon county, Mo., ten miles east of Fort Scott. Lots are offered to any person who will build. A Dry Good and Grocery store would do a good business at this point. Also a good location for a physician, and in fact, other branches of business would prosper in such a location. For particulars inquire of David Redfield, Deerfield, Mo.

Ft. Scott [KS] Weekly Monitor, 2 Jun 1869 p5c2

FUNERAL OF GENERAL BAILEY.—The funeral of Gen. Joseph Bailey, murdered by the Pixley [brothers], in Vernon County, Mo., was attended on Sunday last, at Fort Scott, Kansas, to which place his remains had been brought for interment. The funeral was conducted by the Masonic fraternity, of which the deceased was a member.

The Fort Scott Press informs us that Gen. Bailey was killed by these assassins, after having arrested them on a charge of being engaged in a murderous affray some time

since. They are, no doubt, villains of the most desperate character. After murdering the General and robbing him, they concealed his body in a brush pile near the road, about two miles from Nevada, and immediately left the country. It is earnestly to be hoped they may yet be arrested.

Leavenworth [KS] Daily Commercial, 6 Apr 1867 p4c1

[Gen. Bailey was buried in the Ft. Scott National Cemetery. However, when his widow then discovered that she could not be buried beside him, she has his remains removed to Evergreen Cemetery in Ft. Scott where they presently rest, side by side.]

The authorities of Vernon county, Mo., have offered \$3,000 for the arrest of the two murderers of General Bailey, and half the amount for the death of each of them.

Sunbury [PA] American, 20 Apr 1867 p2c4

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Merry Christmas!

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