

## Cedar & Vernon County Missouri Genealogical Society

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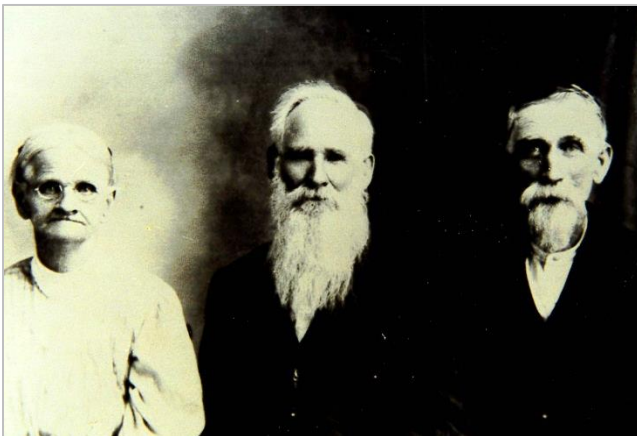
### April 2023 Newsletter©

#### Society Meeting: Wednesday, 19 Apr 2023

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting will be held Wed, 19 Apr 2023, at the Nevada Library Annex, 200 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO. The Annex doors will open at 9:30 a.m. This is a "work meeting" and there will be tasks for everyone. Come help replace binders that have worn out from heavy use, put new resources in plastic sleeves, process used books to be shipped to another library, and a variety of other tasks. **We will also discuss what kinds of programs might attract more attendees to the meetings.**

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The March program was given by Marty, who shared the below picture of her Fain family who made the **1878 Arizona or Bust** trek from Collins, MO to Camp Verde, AZ and just a few of the many humorous experiences which were recorded in a diary that was kept by Billie Crawford. *Westward ho!* for this group of Missourians was Apr 29, 1878, and the wagon train pulled into Camp Verde on Sep 17, having traveled more than 1,000 miles using today's maps; attendees were given a map with the route marked from Missouri through Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, and into Arizona.



L-R: Martha (Fain) Thompson, William "Willie" Fain, George Washington Fain.

**May 25:** Camped near Lake Plattoo. Shot 100 rounds at ducks and killed two.

**May 26:** John traded...for a horse he called "Hell." ... When he went to ride he always rared (sic) and fell. The way the boys broke him is amusing. They tied the halter to a horse's tail, put a saddle on each. Will Gash rode before, Tom Crawford on behind. They rode him in this manner every morning for nearly a week and at length he gave it up and rode fine. ...

**Jun 14:** ... Nothing happened during the day until late in the day John Gash went to hunt antelope. ... John came to the train and reported he saw four buffalo about two miles off. He got the only cartridge gun there was in the crowd and I went with him. We first hid in a dry ravine to await them coming for we thought they were going to the river to drink. We waited about half an hour and they didn't come so we rode out on the prairie and saw they were going away from us. We gave chase. Run them about two miles and I stopped and John run on within thirty yards and began to shoot. He shot fourteen times and never killed nary one. ...

**Jun 26:** Our camp was held onto for the three head of cattle that were lame were no better. Apparently the rain lasted all night and was very cold for this time of year. Wind tolerable hard every time it rains. This morning there was five of the boys struck out to hunt game. They found a young wolf. They run it down after breaking one hind leg with a picket pin. Tim run up on it and threw it at the wolf. Will Gash carried it to camp and tied it to the wagon and splintered its leg. He is going to make a dog out of it.

**Jun 30:** The last of June we found ourselves several hundred miles short of what we expected. ... Our cattle are still sore footed. We shoe them a little different from what we

did at first. We tie leather around the foot just above the hoof. We have dug a well here in a dry creek. It is three foot deep, plenty of water and tolerable good. ... We have no fear as to Indians here. The pet wolf got killed this morning for gnawing things. It got hold of Tom's hat last night and chewed it considerable and cut Mr. Gash's check lines in two in several places. ...

**Jul 1:** ... instead of being warm it was tolerable cool. The antelope are thick here. One came in sight of our camp and Mr. Gash took the old shotgun and took after it, crawling nearly a hundred yards. At length he got near enough to shoot. He took aim and fired. The old gun was heavy charged and it kicked him dreadful. His nose bled for a quarter of an hour. After it got done bleeding he found that he had not killed it so he struck out to find another. He shot once more but missed his aim. He was greatly excited over his sport. ...

Thank you, Marty, for sharing these and many additional interesting diary entries about the adventuresome families who took the wagon train west in 1878!

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**Correction to Camp Clark Cemetery Information.** Research has uncovered new information regarding the WW II prisoner of war burials which were originally made at Camp Clark, Nevada, MO. Previously, it was reported and generally accepted that POW remains were returned to the home country of the POW following the war; however, this is not correct. The remains of four Italian POW and ten German POW who were buried at Camp Clark when they died during the war were exhumed on 23 Jan 1946 and reinterred in the Fort Riley Post Cemetery, Fort Riley, KS, on 25 Jan 1946. In researching these burials, it was also discovered that five (rather than four) POW from Camp Crowder, Neosho, MO, were originally buried at Camp Clark following their deaths. This corrected information was confirmed with the caretaker of the Fort Riley Post Cemetery and will be included in the new cemetery directory which is being prepared for publication later this year. The WW II burial area at Camp Clark

was marked with white crosses several years following the removal of the remains.

### **Bodies of German, Italian Prisoners Moved from Here.**

The bodies of 14 German and Italian prisoners of war, which were exhumed from the burial plot at Camp Clark Wednesday, are being transported Thursday to Ft. Riley, Kas., for burial at that camp.

A group of German prisoners, commanded by officers from Ft. Riley, removed the bodies from the cemetery. The Hays Funeral Service had the contract for supervision of the removal.

The prisoners had died while interned at Camp Clark at the time it was a prisoner of war camp.

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; Thursday 24 Jan 1946 p1.**

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**Continued from the February 2023 newsletter.** Who was "George," the author of a Civil War letter that was found in a lockbox in the former Thornton National Bank building in Nevada, MO? Clues of location and officers from the letter were followed. Additional research was conducted on the war in Northern Virginia and military units at locations and dates given in the letter. Unit rosters were reviewed for soldiers named George. The primary clues are **14 Oct 1863, the Battle of Bristoe Station, and that Capt Tanner will lose his leg.** Capt Wm. A. Tanner's military unit was Courtney Artillery Battalion (Henrico Artillery). Courtney Light Artillery was recruited in Henrico Co, VA and organized during June 1861. After participating in Jackson's Valley Campaign it was assigned to A.R. Courtney's, H.P. Jones', and W.E. Cutshaw's Battalion of Artillery, Army of Northern Virginia. It disbanded early in 1865. The company served in Courtney's, Jones', and Cutshaw's Battalions Reserve Artillery. Its captains were Alfred R. Courtney, Joseph W. Latimer, and **William A. Tanner.**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Courtney\\_Artillery\\_Virginia\\_\(Henrico\\_Artillery\)\\_Confederate](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Courtney_Artillery_Virginia_(Henrico_Artillery)_Confederate)

There were 434 men named "George," born between 1830-1840 listed in the 1860 Henrico Co, VA census and 674 men in Henrico Co and adjacent counties.

In looking at the list of Confederate men serving in Courtney's Artillery, 18 men named George were identified. Research on these men will be continued.

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Virginia\\_in\\_the\\_Civil\\_War#Regimental\\_Rosters\\_and\\_Histories](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Virginia_in_the_Civil_War#Regimental_Rosters_and_Histories)

A couple of possibilities are men of the same name who are of the correct age and in the Vernon Co area at their death/burial in Vernon Co. They are:

**George W. Weaver**, 1836-1922, burial in Dunnegan Grove Cemetery.

**George Alexander**, died 28 Jul 1913 and presumed buried in the Vernon Co Poor Farm Cemetery (mentioned in the Feb 2023 newsletter).

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2387:3866?\\_phsrc=epC776&\\_phstart=successSource&ml\\_rpos=2&queryId=e32e7ec0ea17eb5f559da4b7d3b9b1c2](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2387:3866?_phsrc=epC776&_phstart=successSource&ml_rpos=2&queryId=e32e7ec0ea17eb5f559da4b7d3b9b1c2)

Local Confederate Reunion newspaper listings will be reviewed for men named "George" who served in the Army of Northern Virginia and were in this area.

As of this time, the identity of the young soldier, George, has not been discovered. Perhaps once this is published, both his and the young woman's identities will eventually be known. The letter was not destroyed...was there a wedding? Would the young lady have kept the letter all these years if they did not marry? Could the young man have been killed or died of disease sometime after the letter was written and the letter was kept by the young women? What are your thoughts? If and when something more is discovered about George, it will be published.

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**Native American Research: The Five Civilized Tribes (in-person and via zoom).** Presented by Midwest Genealogy Center, 27 Apr 2023, 2 p.m. <https://www.mymcpl.org/events/81682/native-american-research-five-civilized-tribes-hybrid> to register.

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**The Missouri Home Guard: Protecting the Home Front during the Great War.** 27 Apr 2023, 7 p.m. Both In-person and streaming on Facebook Live by author Petra DeWitt.

[www.facebook.com/missouristatearchives/live](http://www.facebook.com/missouristatearchives/live) Missouri was one of many states that established a defense organization to take over the duties of the National Guard that had been federalized for military service when the U.S. declared war on Germany in 1917.

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**DNA Painter's free Shared cM Tool has been updated.** The new version allows researchers to enter two cM values, and the new beta version being tested has updated relationship probabilities. If you are working with DNA genetic testing, you will want to check these updates. <https://dnapainter.com/tools>

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**Who Are YOU Researching?** The society will feature information in the monthly newsletter on research being conducted by its members. Because of the wide reach of the newsletter from both the MOVernon website and (soon) PERSI, you are invited to submit articles about your research in Vernon Co or in any other county or state.

**What is YOUR Brick Wall?** Share information on your brick wall to be published in the monthly newsletter. Perhaps someone will have information or a suggestion on where you might find clues that can lead to documents which will allow you to climb over the wall! Sometimes, just writing out the details of your research and arranging them in a logical sequence that others can quickly understand and follow, will bring new ideas to mind on what to look for and where to look. Let us hear from you!

If you have an **Historic or Family Picture and Story** that you would like to share at a meeting and/or have published in a future newsletter, please email the picture and story to the society at the above email address. We would like to share some in each newsletter.

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## Newspaper Articles

Mr. Clarke showed us yesterday some crude petroleum from a well on the farm of John Bauserman, in Vernon county, Mo. It is found also in Fort Scott, and for Sixty miles south of here. There can be no question of its ultimate development and use.

Fort Scott [KS] Daily Monitor; 8 Mar. 1872 p4c1

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### PUBLIC SALE.

I will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at my residence three and a half miles northeast of Clayton, In Richland Township, vernon county, Mo., and ten miles east of Fort Scott,

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1876,**

All my personal property, consisting in part of  
**20 Head of Blooded Cattle,**

35 head of two year old steers, a lot of cows, heifers and yearlings; a pair of work mules, several farm horses, 75 head of

**Long Wool Sheep.**

a lot of common sheep, 90 head of Chester White and Berkshire hogs. In the lot of cattle are two fine, aged bulls, "Joe Johnston," and "Starlight," three yearling bulls and four bull calves, about six months old, and some nice young heifers. Also, all my

**Farming Implements**

among which is 2 two-horse wagons, one spring wagon, cultivators, gang-plow, plows, harness, corn, hay and other articles too numerous to mention. Will also rent my farm on that day.

Terms made known on day of sale.

J.W. LILLARD.

The Fort Scott [KS] Weekly Monitor, 26 Oct. 1876.

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The following items are "local news" from the 8 Mar 1881 Daily Democrat, Nevada, Missouri.

Lamar is to have an Opera House.

Mrs. Nellie Grage edits the Eureka Springs Herald.

Hon. S.A. Wight left this morning for Decatur, Illinois, on legal business.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Will Sears, Monday evening, March 7, 1881, a daughter.

"Queen Esther" Wednesday and Thursday night at Dodson's Hall. Go early and secure a good seat.

When you want a first class livery rig at reasonable prices, call on Bridgford, East of the Nevada House.

Judges Cresap and McGovney are holding court this week. Judge Thornton not having returned from Texas.

Owing to the wretched condition of the roads trade has been dull the past week, and the visage of the merchant slightly elongated.

Louise Sylvester, well known to most of our theatre-going people, is now playing at the Grand Opera House, New York.

Installation of officers, Advance Lodge, No. 95, A.O.U.W., Monday night, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at which time all members are expected to be present.

Johnson, the man run over and killed by the cars near Adrian, on the L.&S. road, award property in Holden, this state, to the amount of \$15,000.

J.W. Cleland is the "boss" lumber merchant of the Southwest. When you want lumber and building material, of the best quality and at the lowest prices, call and see him, two doors East of the Nevada House.

Mr. J.S. Naudain (Nandain), of Montgomery county Illinois, is at present stopping at Walker Station, with a view to finding a location in Vernon.

For Sale. A farm only four miles from Nevada. Possession given this spring. For further particulars enquire at this office.

Do you care to know what is going on in Congress, in the legislature, in Nevada and Vernon county? Then take the DEMOCRAT, the official county paper.

The friends of Charlie Graves, one of our leading citizens, will be pained to learn that he is to be hung on next Wednesday night. May the Lord have mercy on his poor soul.

Max Roos, a teacher in the public school at Hermann, this state, is in jail at that place,

charged with having outraged a twelve year old pupil named Emile Bauman, an orphan.

Work on the L.&S. road between this place and Carthage is progressing rapidly, and we are told the road will be completed to Lamar, which is about half way, by the first of May.

Only a few short weeks intervene before the Rockwood House will be thrown open to the traveling public. The Rockwood House is one of the best arranged hotels in the Southwest, and is to be presided over by men of large experience in the business.

Our handsome young friend, Will Sears, came into our sanctum today, smiling like a fresh spring morning, and exclaimed: "I've got a daughter; it's a girl, and weighs ten pounds." Mother and child are doing well, but Will—well, we join with his many friends in hearty congratulations.

The subscription list of the Daily Democrat is increasing, and ere long will embrace all the solid men of Nevada. Come to think of it the Daily is not yet six months old. If it lives to see the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1881, it will be a year old, and the sprightliest child in Nevada.

Lewis VanOsdell met with an accident this morning, that came very year costing him his life. He is an employee of the Stone Mills, and going into the upper story to clean up, his clothing caught in the running gear and he was whirled around at a fearful rate, receiving an ugly wound in the left breast, and several severe bruises. Mr. VanOsdell is a most excellent young man, and although severely hurt we are glad to know his wounds are not dangerous. He was taking an active part in the play of Queen Esther and his services will be sadly missed. From Mr. C.O. Graves we learn that Mr. Wiard will take his place in the play and his part will be carried out by him. This is the second accident of this kind that has happened lately and we trust it will be the last.

Judge H.B. Cresap sold to Bryant Thornhill, of Walker, one day last week, 34 head of beef cattle at \$50 per head. Also a lot of hogs at \$4.50 per hundred. Eighteen hundred dollars cash for 36 head of cattle seems to us a pretty

good sale, and makes us wish we were in the cattle business.

Ladies Attention. Mrs. C. S. Golden, dressmaker, has room in the Rockwood building, and is prepared to cut, fit and attend to everything in the line of dressmaking in the latest and best styles and patterns, and at the most reasonable rates. Ladies desirous of anything in her line, will do well to give her a call.

State Journal: Last Friday a number of miners went to Gallagher Station, Johnson county, and began to drink heavily. One of them drank twelve glasses in quick succession and then tapped it off with the contents of a half pint flask. He was placed in a wagon and the crowd started home. On the way two of the miners turned the man on his face and played cards on his back. When they arrived at the mine the drunken miner was found to be dead.

Hotel Arrivals—Nevada House. A.P. Spracer, K.C.; Louis Deutch, Sedalia; J.D. Fleming, K.C.; K.S. Newcomb and J.S. Boyd, Chicago; W. F. Wiley, St. Louis; W. H. Buckley, St. Louis; A.B. Fast, Lamar; G.S. Andrew, Rich Hill; J.H. Light, Calhoun; F. Heybour, Ft. Scott; J.G. McVath, Chicago; S. Powell, Moberly; J.G. Wallen, Salisbury, B.A. Ragsdale, ditto; C.W. Kerr, Forsythe; J.W. Curedman, Schell City; Thomas Zyph, Scott county; L.L. Stith, St. Louis; W.G. Bawden, Ft. Scott; W.R. Howard, ditto.

We understand that Father Edwards, who is no longer able to look after his affairs, offers his property in East Nevada for sale. There is not in all \_\_\_ Missouri a better private boarding house or more desirable residence property than that of Father Edward's, and some man who understands keeping a private boarding house could get a bargain in this place. The Parson Speed place, also a most desirable residence property is for sale. Parties looking for homes in Nevada, one of the best towns in the Southwest, would do well to enquire after this property before purchasing.

There are three aldermen to elect at the April elections, two in the south ward and one



in the north ward, and it is time that the matter was being talked up, to the end that we secure the services of good officers. W.D. Bailey, in the north ward, is the only alderman holding over, the election of Mr. Burton to the judgeship causing a vacancy that otherwise would not have occurred. We understand there is money enough in the city treasury to put the streets and sidewalks in good repair, and we trust men will be selected for the position who will not be afraid to expend it.

Nevada Meat Market. To-day we insert in the Daily an advertisement for Messrs. Wilcox, Pray & Pemberton, proprietors of the Nevada Meat Market, to which we invite special attention. These gentleman have completed their new shop, and if you will take a trouble to drop in and see them you will find it one of the neatest, most commodious and best arranged shops in the country. In addition to this fact they have only experienced and skilled workmen—men who understand their business thoroughly—to wait upon customers and see that they get exactly what they call for. Nevada has reason to be proud of the Nevada Meat Market, and her people should manifest it by patronizing it liberally.

Easily Explained. The grand rush for groceries at Hagoods is easily explained, and if you want to know why the goods are going of his house with such a rush we will tell you. It is the quality of the goods and the low prices—that it is the cause of it,

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administratrix of the estate of Elias Dean, deceased, will make final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Vernon county, Mo., to be held in Nevada on the first Monday in April, A.D., 1881. Elizabeth Dean, Administratrix.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Taken up at my residence, three miles north of Walker, on December 20, 1880, five yearling steers, and described as follows: Two pale red steers, one with right horn broken off, some white spots on each one, also dim brand on each one on left hip. One dark red steer, white in

forehead, marked half crop off right ear and underbit in left ear, some white on top of his hips, dim brand on left hip. Fourth is a red roan steer, marked with a swallow fork in right ear, also a hole in left ear, dim brand on left hip. One small white steer with pale red ears, slightly red on sides and shoulders, no marks or brands to be seen. Posted before M.J. Moss, J.P. of Blue Mound township, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1881. Appraised at \$17 each by Wm. K. Yater, Rufus Moss and Lossen Cox. M.J. Moss, J.P.

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**Positively Friday and Saturday Only,**  
**APRIL 1 AND 2,**  
 Vacant Store, Southwest Corner Square.  
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 To see him dance is worth coming miles.  
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**Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 1 Apr 1876, p1.**  
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