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Society Meeting: Wednesday, 17 May 2023

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting will be held Wed, 17 May 2023, at the **Nevada Library Annex**, 200 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO. The Annex doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Laura H. is in charge of the program.

Members who would like to present a video program at a future genealogy meeting can contact the society at the above email address and ask for a list of recorded programs on various family history research subjects which they can then preview and make a selection. Another member will take care of the technical side of showing the video for them, and the member can lead a discussion on the program's subject following the video. The society wants to schedule programs that will be helpful to members in their research or of historical significance. Because the society is emphasizing educational programs this year and the meetings and programs will be advertised, it is important that the society continues to provide high-quality programs which attendees will find helpful in their own research.

April Work Day. More than two dozen worn binders were replaced and other resources were placed in protective sleeves during the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept Work Day in April. Periodicals were also put in order and several boxes were labeled. Many thanks to those who came out to help!

The Nevada Library requires a **“Hold Harmless Agreement”** to schedule the meeting room. The Library's agreement to which a genealogy member has to agree reads: **“The user/use permit holder agrees to hold harmless the Nevada Public Library**

Board for any injury or damages to the person or property of any person in the use of said premises or incurred during users/use permit holder's time of said premises and to defend that users/use permit holders' expense, any legal action that may be brought against the Nevada Public Library, the City of Nevada or its agents, officers, board members or employees for personal injury and / or property damage during period of use.” Because a genealogy society member reserves the meeting room on behalf of the genealogical society several times a year, it would be appropriate for all meeting attendees to sign a similar hold harmless agreement which states that neither the Genealogical Society, any Society Officer, the Nevada Library nor the City of Nevada will be responsible for any injury or damages to a person attending a Society meeting/program at the Library, and that repair of any damage to Library property caused by an attendee would be the responsibility of the attendee. This item will be discussed at the May 17th meeting.

County and Municipal Records Database.

This database provides PDF images of county and municipal records that have been digitized by the Missouri State Archives. These records are not searchable by name or subject, but can be browsed by county, office, record type, and date. Content is regularly added to this database, but not all records that have been microfilmed are included. <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/countyrecords/Default.aspx>

To find a deed, first check the deed index books at <https://vernonmo.icounty.com/> for

the Deed Book date range and page number (see the May 2022 Society Newsletter article). Then go to the deed records at the State Archives site once you have the dates of the Deed Book and page number.

For a detailed list of the records held by the Missouri Archives for each Missouri county, see the County and Municipal Records on Microfilm web page:

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/county/croll>

Copyright and the old family photo. Just because you found a picture on the internet does not mean that you have the right to copy and post it elsewhere on the internet. Judy G. Russell, *The Legal Genealogist*, has a great article regarding copyright and the old family photo at this link.

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2012/03/06/copyright-and-the-old-family-photo/>. As genealogists, we generally conduct our research and use published information in our own personal family history research relying on the “fair use” clause. Follow Judy’s blog for her upcoming article about “fair use” as it pertains to this subject.

Tracing Your Native American and Alaska Native Ancestors. Wed, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. Are there family stories that you have Native American ancestors in your family tree? Learn tips for researching U.S. federal records and other documents that will help you follow a trail to your indigenous ancestor. This online program presented by Midwest Genealogy Center staff. To register: <https://www.mymcpl.org/events/81846/tracing-your-native-american-and-alaska-native-ancestors-hybrid>

Free Online Genealogy Consultation

FamilySearch offers free 20-minute online consultations for research guidance, methodology, and next steps. DNA

consultations are 40 minutes. Check out the information and schedule at this website:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/online-consultations>

The graphic features a dark background with colorful family tree icons. At the top, it says 'YOUR DNA GUIDE' with a logo. Below that, 'Webinar SERIES' is written in large, bold letters. The series includes four webinars: 'Test. Analyze. Repeat: Long-term DNA Strategies for Success' on May 25, 2PM ET; 'DNA Ethnicity Estimates: How to Actually Use Them!' on June 22, 2PM ET; 'Organize Your DNA Matches Simply and Efficiently' on July 27, 2PM ET; and 'Double Dip your DNA: YDNA + Autosomal DNA - A Case Study' on August 24, 2PM ET.

Register for any of these free “Your DNA Guide” webinars at this link:

<https://www.yourdnaguide.com/webinar>

Welborn Cemetery is an active, maintained Vernon County cemetery. The legal location is the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4, Section 28, Township 35N, Range 32W. This is at the corners of S. 900 Road and E. Stockade Road in Deerfield Township.

There are approximately 870 burials in Welborn Cemetery at this time, and several are without markers. The Welborn Cemetery Association incorporation document was signed 12 Oct 1891 and filed 23 Dec 1891. Below is a copy of the incorporation document that was filed in the Vernon County Missouri Circuit Court and a transcription of the document.

State of Missouri }
County of Vernon }

Articles of Incorporation

We the undersigned whose names are subscribed to these articles of Incorporation for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a cemetery on the south West corner of the South west quarter of Section Twenty Eight, Township thirty five range thirty two, in Vernon County Missouri, do by this article of agreement, form and constitute ourselves a corporation for the objects and purposes mentioned herein.

Article 1. said Corporation shall be known as the Welborn Cemetery association.

Article 2. The corporation shall be under the control and management of five directors who shall be elected for a term of one year, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, and out of this number said directors shall at their first meeting after their election, choose their president, secretary and treasurer.

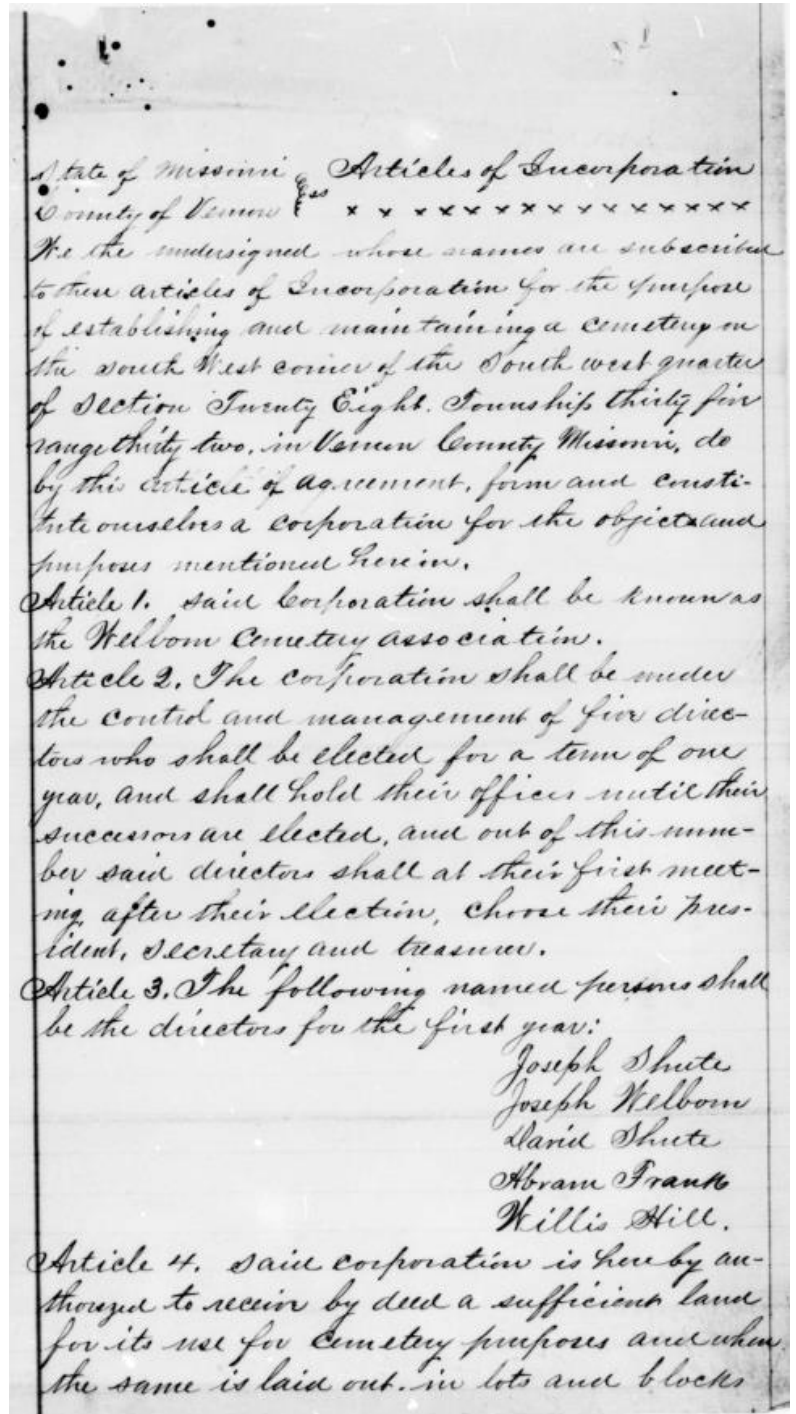
Article 3. The following named persons shall be directors for the first year:

- Joseph Shute
- Joseph Welborn
- David Shute
- Abram Frank
- Willis Hill.

Article 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to receive by deed a sufficient land for its use for cemetery purposes and when the same is laid out, in lots and blocks

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to authorize one of their member to sell any convey by deed to the purchasers through the deed to said lot to be signed by the president and witnessed by the secretary.

Article 5. All money arising from the sale of lots shall be used in the purchase of the land required for the cemetery and in protecting, beautifying and preserving said lands so indicated for cemetery purposes. The object of this association being to provide a suitable place for the burial of the dead, for the inhabitants of the surrounding country, who shall desire to bury their dead in the grounds of this association.

Article 6. The directors of this association shall have the power to make such bylaws and rules of regulation for carrying out the purposes of the association as will not conflict with the articles of incorporation as by them shall be deemed fit and proper.

Witness our hands and seals this 12th day of October 1891.

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STATE OF MISSOURI } ss.
County of Vernon. }

I, Oscar Diehr Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of the original Articles of Incorporation in the cause therein named, as the same appears on file in my office.

WITNESS, My hand as Clerk, and the Seal of said Court. Done at office in Nevada, this 23rd day of Dec. A.D. 1891

Oscar Diehr Clerk
For -- Deputy.

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Oscar Diehr CLERK.
Per _____ Deputy.

Who Are YOU Researching? If you would like to share a story from your family history research with society members, please email or mail a copy of the information to the Society at the address on page 1 of the newsletter.

Do you have a 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 could allow you to climb over the wall! Organizing the details of a brick

wall can sometimes bring new research ideas to mind. Let us hear from you!

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

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Newspaper Articles

ITALIAN PRISONER FATALLY WOUNDED AT CAMP CLARK

The Official Report Says the Prisoner Was Shot by a Guard When the Italian Tried to Escape.

(By the Associated Press)

Omaha, July 27 [1943].—Seventh Service Command officials said late yesterday that an Italian prisoner of war who attempted to escape from the prison camp at Camp Clark, Mo., Sunday afternoon was wounded fatally by a guard.

The prisoner, Antonio Alco (sic), tried to break out of the prison stockade, officials said. The guard was following orders in shooting at the prisoner and was exonerated of any blame, officials added. The prisoner died at the camp hospital yesterday morning.

The above Associated Press dispatch was sent out to the Associated Press newspapers late Monday afternoon but too late for the afternoon newspapers.

Reports, of course, were in circulation here all day Monday relative to the fatal wounding of the Italian prisoner and the above news dispatch came as no news but only as a confirmation of the current reports. Under the war news code, local newspapers cannot publish any news relative to war prisoners until it has been authorized by the army

officials and Omaha being the military headquarters for this area, authorization for publication of such news must come from there.

The Daily Mail and Evening Post had requested the Associated Press to give it the news item relative to the fatal wounding of the Italian prisoner as soon as authorization for publication had been received but that did not come until too late for the afternoon edition of this newspaper.

This newspaper has and will continue to observe the war newspaper code and has not and will not intentionally violate it. The code prohibits so many things being published that newspapers sometimes unintentionally violate it.

Southwest Mail and Weekly Post; 30 Jul 1943 p5

[Missouri Death Certificate Number 26369 shows Antonio De Falco died 26 July 1943, aged 24 years 1 month 25 days, burial at Camp Clark.]

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One of the strangest weddings in history, probably without precedent in military annals, was formalized this month when Niccola Belasco, an Italian prisoner of war at Camp Clark, Nevada, Mo., was married in absentia, so to speak, or by "remote control," to his pre-war sweetheart Adeline Propapato, in Taranto, Italy. Miss Propapato went through

the regular Catholic wedding rites in her home city and the wedding papers were forwarded to Camp Clark through the Apostolic delegate to the United States. When the papers arrived here, the Rev. John Knoebber, chaplain of St. Frances convent and orphanage at Nevada, administered the vows to Belasco and the latter signed the documents, completing the legal end of the marriage. The groom was given a wedding party by his fellow prisoners.

Tri-County News, King City, MO; 2 Jul 1943, p2

[This news item was published by numerous papers across the state and entire country.]

E. B. DAVIS FATHER OF 32 CHILDREN.

A family re-union was held at the home of E. B. Davis recently. Mr. Davis is the man who has the honor of being the father of more children than any other man in this vicinity. Mr. Davis is the father of thirty-two children, thirteen of whom are alive. All the living children attended the re-union including the youngest aged 8 and the oldest aged 50 years. The children present represented five states.

The Southwest Mail, Nevada, MO; 27 Jun 1913 p6

MAN BADLY HURT Hank Medley Severely Cuts John Hereford on Sunday Last.

The Post learns that a man by the name of John Hereford was seriously cut Sunday by Hank Medley, both the parties living some five miles east of Sheldon.

The Post's informant said that there had been some bad feeling between the two men and when they met Hereford struck Medley with a club. Medley immediately drew a knife and cut Hereford across the stomach and chest.

Dr. Boone, of Sheldon, was called and dressed Hereford's wounds. Dr. Boone said that while the cuts were very serious, nothing fatal would result from the affray, that is, if blood poisoning did not set in.

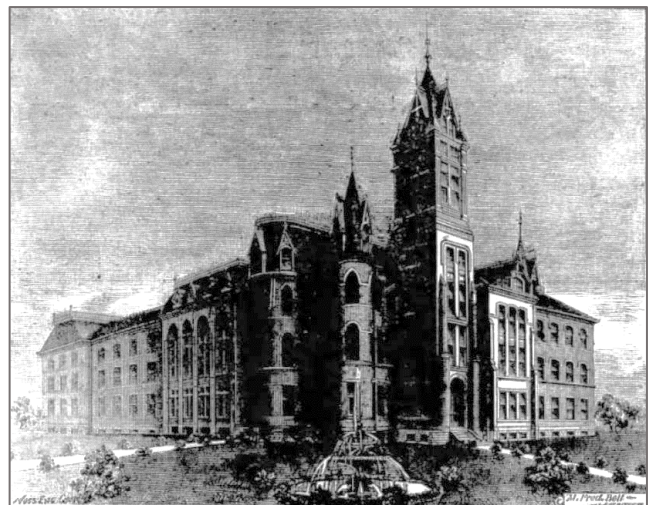
The Weekly Post, Nevada, MO; 22 Mar 1907 p4

FOUND \$3,000 IN GOLD.

A Farm Hand Discovers a Treasure Hidden During the War.

Ozark, Ark., March 30.—During the occupation of the contending armies during the war, Mrs. Mary Wilson buried a jar containing \$3,000 in gold, and as her death was very sudden her heirs found no clew (sic) which would lead to the discovery of the treasure. Not long since Milleage Whitlock, who was ploughing (sic) on the Wilson farm, found the jar and contents. He endeavored to keep the matter a secret, but it leaked out, and the grandchildren of Mrs. Wilson have brought suit against Whitlock to recover the money.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 31 Mar 1892 p1



The above cut represents the proposed Christian University to be erected in Nevada. The trustees have about 375 lots yet for sale, which are being rapidly disposed of at prices ranging from \$100 to \$400. Those wishing to invest in this growing city, and thereby aid in the establishment of a first-class institution of learning, in Missouri, may address A. H. Carter, Columbia, Mo., traveling agent, or A. E. Forderhase, Secretary, Nevada, Mo.

Nevada Noticer, Nevada, MO; 12 Jul 1888

The celebration at the residence of Mr. Custard, on Drywood, last Wednesday, if not

as largely attended as some others, was undoubtedly quite as enthusiastic and patriotic. A beautiful arbor had been erected, and beneath its refreshing shade the tables were laden with substantials and delicacies sufficient to have fed a crowd five times as large as the one there assembled, while in one corner, Harry dealt out ice-cold lemonades and other equally refreshing beverages, to this thirsty customers.

On motion of T. R. Roberts Esq., M. A. Redfield, of Vernon county, Mo., was unanimously elected "President of the Day." After the cloth had been removed, remarks were made—apt and appropriate—by Messrs. Roberts, Judson, Redfield, Norcross and others.

There being no regular toasts, several impromptu ones were offered which we give below.

1. The day we celebrate.
2. "Our Country—may she always be right; but right or wrong—our country."
3. The ladies—First in peace, last in war, and first in the hearts of their country men.
4. New England—The Father and birthplace of Freedom, and Kansas the youngest child and pet.
5. Our honored President; a son of the Empire State; whose footsteps we have followed to this Western frontier. May he live to see this wilderness "blossom as the rose," and his children's children enjoying the fruits of his own early toil.

The very best of music, both vocal and instrumental, was furnished by our hospitable entertainers. The only thing which occurred to mar the pleasure of the day, was the accidental explosion of a fine lot of fireworks intended for the occasion; but fortunately no one was injured.

A merry dance in the evening, and a moonlight drive home terminated our patriotic labors.

Fort Scott Bulletin, Ft. Scott, KS; 7 Jul 1861 p3c1

The Balloon Ascension.

F. A. Squire made a pretty balloon ascension from Lake Park Sunday afternoon. Several hundred people were present to witness it. The balloon arose smoothly until Squires was almost out of sight to the crowd, and drifted south. Squires came down with his parachute south of Atterbury's home, and the balloon fell near by.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 21 May 1894

MRS. VANHOOZEN TO GO TO LAWTON, OKLAHOMA. Has Been at County Farm Since Husband Was Taken to Prison.

Sheriff R. B. Moore received a letter Monday from Chief of Police H. Thomas of Lawton, Okla., stating that a ticket had been forwarded to the Nevada station for Mrs. Bessie Vanhoozen to be used by her to come to her sister at Lawton. Mrs. Vanhoozen is the wife of John Vanhoozen, who stole the P. F. Brophy horses and who is now serving a term in the state prison. After her husband was taken to the penitentiary Mrs. Vanhoozen was sent to the county poor farm.

The Southwest Mail, Nevada, MO; 19 Apr 1907 p3

A WHITE-CAP LETTER It Was Written to Mrs. Dora Rundle. She Was Warned to Leave Her Home Without Delay.

A Bit of Rope Accompanied the Ghoulis Missive.

After returning from the burial of A. W. Rundle, Mr. Conrad came to the conclusion that it was not best to leave his daughter, Mrs. Dora Rundle in that neighborhood.

Tuesday morning he returned, reaching the house about nine o'clock. The opinion which he had formed was confirmed by an incident which had occurred that morning.

Mrs. Rundle had returned from the home of Chas. Boling where she had been stopping and found a note hanging on the gate; it was suspended on a hedge switch across the gate posts.

In a plain, business hand was written: "This is a warning for you to leave here without further notice or you will be dealt with roughly.

FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

The last half of the note was underscored.

In a corner of the paper a piece of coarse jute twine was knotted.

The intimation that lynching would be the next step needed no plainer expression.

Mrs. Rundle is under the impression that she knows who did the writing but was not ready to make her suspicion public when seen by the writer.

Mr. Conrad brought his daughter and her two little boys to his home, where they are now staying.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 23 May 1894.

[This article pertains to the Rinehart, MO sensational murder of Arthur W. Rundle by William R. Perdue and Perdue's suicide. Rundle is buried in the Rinehart Cemetery beside his first wife, and Perdue has an unmarked grave in Turley Cemetery.]

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Searching for Seeley. A Deserted Wife Follows Up Her Truant Hubby.

Mrs. R. W. Seeley was at County Recorder King's office this morning to secure a certified copy of her marriage license. She was married to Seeley, a railroad brakeman, by Col. Bill Davis on the 30th of last July. Her name at that time was Mattie Wilson.

Mrs. Seeley stated that her husband had been very kind to her during the brief three months of their wedded life, but that unexpectedly to her he turned up missing last Wednesday. "He induced me," said she, to sell all of my household furniture several days ago by promising that he would throw up his place on the road here when he drew his pay, and take me to Kansas City to live. There was some delay about getting his pay so we had to board. On Wednesday he drew his pay and left without letting me know that he intended going, or where he went. I am satisfied, however, that he has gone to Talihuaia, Indian Territory, because I got a

hold of a letter to him from his mother who lives there telling him to come as she had a rich half Indian girl there for him to marry.

"I shall go down there next Monday with the proofs of my marriage and I'll show him that he can't treat me so shabbily without cause."

"How much money did he take?" "Oh, he only had \$35, but that was all we had; he left me without a cent."

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO; 26 Oct 1888

[R. W. Seeley and Martha V. Wilson, both of Nevada, married 30 Jul 1888 by W. F. Davis, Justice of the Peace. H. C. Schroeder vouched for ages that Seeley was over 21 and Wilson was over 18. The marriage is recorded on page 60, Vernon County MO Marriage Record Book E.]

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Jacob Peters, of Harrison township, was brought before Judge Gray to be examined as to his insanity. A jury was empanelled (sic) to examine into the matter. Dr. A. B. Peters, of Central Kansas, his brother, testified that Jacob had been wrong mentally since about two weeks ago. He says Wm. Warner, of Kansas city, has promised to get a suit of George Washington's clothes for him to wear on the day of the Republican rally in Nevada; also that he and Jesus Christ will soon mount the great white throne together, when all elections will cease. He is 37 years of age and has a wife and one child. He was adjudged insane and was sent to the asylum.

Nevada Noticer, Nevada, MO; 1 Nov 1888

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