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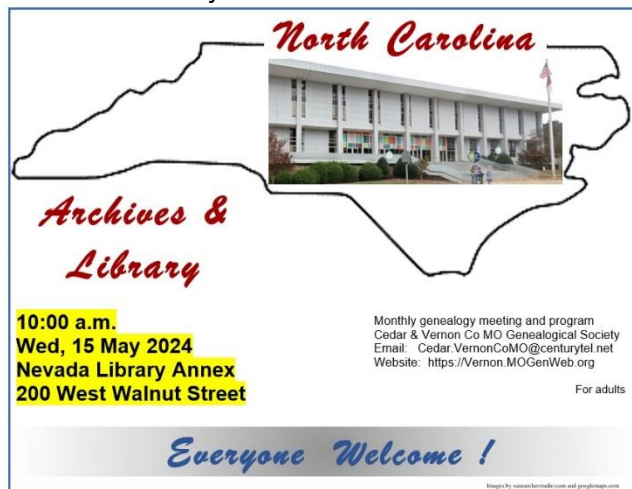
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Society Meeting: Wednesday, 15 May 2024.

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting will be held Wednesday, 15 May 2024, in the Nevada Library's Annex, 200 W. Walnut St, Nevada, MO. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program will cover several of the digital resources available at the North Carolina Archives and Library. Many early North Carolina residents moved west into Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri...were your ancestors in North Carolina?



Genealogy Society Receives Grant A \$200 grant has been received from the Wells Fargo Employee Grant program for volunteer work that member Nancy T.'s son completed in updating the Vernon County Cemetery Directory custom software database program which he created to both record burials and generate reports for publication. The Society thanks both John Laffoon for his work and Wells Fargo for this generous donation to the Society.

Reclaim the Records provides a free Missouri Death Index for the years 1968-2022 at <https://www.missourideathindex.com/>. This is an index only. If the certificate is less than 50 years old and not yet available online from the Missouri Archives, a copy can be ordered from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. See

details on obtaining Missouri Death Certificates at [this link](#). Reclaim the Records is a nonprofit organization working across the U.S. to help make records available to the public. Check its website for projects which might be in the geographic area you are researching. The URL is <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>. More than 100 years of Maryland birth, death, marriage, and naturalization records are now available through the work of Reclaim the Records.

Five Hundred Kentucky Pioneers by A. C. Quisenberry. Did you have early Kentucky ancestors in your lineage? See if their names are included in the list of approximately 500 Kentucky signers of two petitions to the Continental Congress dating back to 1780. The first permanent settlement of Kentucky was at Boonesboro in 1775, and the "Petition of the Inhabitants of Kentucke" could place your ancestor there by that early date. These petitions were published in the Kentucky Historical Society in 1912 and are free to access on the justor.org website. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23367436> *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 10, No. 28 (JANUARY, 1912), pp. 39, 41-48 (9 pages)

The First Pioneer Families of Virginia, also by A. C. Quisenberry was published in the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society in May 1913. This article contains an alphabetical list of patentees of lands in Virginia, the county in which the patent was granted, and the year. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23367151> *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 11, No. 32 (MAY, 1913), pp. 55, 57-77 (22 pages)

Ancestry Dead End

Member Kathe R. has an ancestry "dead end" with her great-great-grandfather, and she has done autosomal DNA testing to possibly help solve her brick-wall: **Who are the parents of**

Henry Way, born 8 Oct 1838 in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana and died 10 Aug 1916 in Lebeck, Cedar County, Missouri?

Henry Way's [Missouri Death Certificate](#) lists his parents as Eli Way and Carra Birve/Bowe/Rowe (difficult to read handwriting); however, this information cannot be verified. Another name for Carra may be Carrie or Caroline. How can DNA testing assist in answering the research question?

One of the first step in working with your DNA is to build out your tree **sideways** as completely as possible—all of the children and their descendants at each generation, working up your tree as far as you can. This could be a LOT of people, but much of this research can be done rather quickly using census records and online vital records. Expanding your tree will enable you to more easily and correctly place your DNA matches in your tree and determine how matches match each other.

Different DNA sites have different DNA tools available for sorting and comparing DNA matches to determine which match is “In Common With” or a “Shared Match” with other matches.

If you tested at Ancestry.com, you can download your raw test data and upload it to other sites to utilize the DNA sorting/analysis tools at those sites to compare with individuals who tested or uploaded their data to those sites. Sites to which you can upload DNA test data to, **from** Ancestry.com, include www.familytreeDNA.com, www.GEDmatch.com, and www.myheritage.com. There is a small fee to access tools when transferring to FamilyTreeDNA.com and MyHeritage.com. GEDmatch.com is completely free to set up an account and use a variety of tools; additional advanced tools are available for a small monthly fee.

One of the free tools at GEDmatch is the “Are your Parents Related?” tool. It is recommended that you enter each DNA test that you administer in this tool to determine if you might be looking at endogamy or pedigree collapse in the lineage.

Ancestry.com does not allow uploads to its site.

“Your DNA Guide: the Book” by Diahn Southard can be checked out from the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Dept and from other libraries across Missouri on Evergreen. It will guide you with step-by-step plans to connect your DNA matches to help answer your research question.

If using DNA testing in your genealogy research, focus on building out that branch of your

family tree where there is a brick wall or research question. Focusing on just one branch at a time will help get organized with DNA research—the theme for May is **Let’s Go Sideways** with DNA research and built out our tree!

There are numerous free websites which can help you do this, such as the Resources at <https://vernon.mogenweb.org/>. As you are building your tree sideways, take time to further expand your knowledge of how to utilize DNA testing in your genealogy and how to more fully utilize the sites where you have tested or to which you have transferred your DNA test data. Each of the DNA websites has a Learning Center with information and videos which provides information and videos on how to use that specific website.

Excellent free DNA videos are at sites such as <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar-library/> (click the Free box if you are not a subscriber) and enter DNA in the search field. Or, search on <https://youtube.com> for Using Autosomal DNA, etc., and look for recent videos. On youtube.com, you can also search for videos by Diahn Southard, Blaine Bettinger, Roberta Estes, Dana Leeds, Kitty Cooper, or another expert DNA presenter with whom you may be familiar.

Next month we’ll explore a feature of autosomal testing which could possibly help you narrow down which branch of your family tree a DNA match is on. For the remainder of May, focus on building out one branch of your tree **SIDEWAYS** where **you** want to focus your research.

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HeritageQuest Online. HeritageQuest is a free genealogy search website available from your home computer via your local library’s website. Do not confuse HeritageQuest with MyHeritage, a DNA testing and research website. Access HeritageQuest from the Nevada Missouri Public Library at <https://www.nplmo.org/>, select Collections and then Genealogy. Click on Heritage Quest and enter your Nevada Public Library card number. From the Cedar County Library District site at <http://cedarcountylibrary.org/>, select Online Resources and then Heritage Quest; enter your Cedar County Library card number. Check with your local library for how to access. Categories of records available on Heritage Quest include:

- U.S. Federal Census Images
- Family and Local History Books

- Revolutionary War Records
 - Canada Census Images
- Additionally, you can search:
- City Directories
 - Census Map Guide
 - U.S. Indian Census Rolls
 - Mortality Schedules
 - Agricultural and Industrial Schedules
 - U.S. Freedman's Bank Record, 1861-1875

Researchers can easily target search a specific census year at Heritage Quest. As with all searches, do not enter too much information or restrict the search to “exacts” unless necessary to reduce the number of hits. There can be misspellings, abbreviations, and alternate names used in indexing—use all of the alternate spellings of which you might be aware.

Include your local library’s Heritage Quest databases in the reasonably exhaustive research of you ancestors...you never know where you might find that additional bit of new information or a clue which will lead you to additional records. It’s FREE at your local library!

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FamilySearch Full-Text Search--New Link.

Internet websites often continually change, and particularly functions that are still in testing such as the full-text search at FamilySearch.org. If you have not already discovered it, use this new link for access to the full-text search function after signing in to familysearch.org:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/>. In the “Expand your search with Full Text” section, click the small “Go to Experiment” link. Once you enter a name and/or location, you will have the options to narrow you search with Filters as listed in the April Newsletter.

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Smith's Fort/Warren House

Member Lynda B. provides the following information about her ancestor, Thomas Warren. Warren purchased land from Thomas Rolfe who was the son of John Rolfe and Pocahontas. Thomas Warren is the ancestor Lynda used to join the Jamestowne Society.

Smith's Fort Plantation/Warren House is a historic home in Surry County, Virginia that was originally known as the Warren House. The land on which the house sits had passed to Pocohontas from her father Powhatan, Chief of the Powhatan Confederacy.

The brick home, originally built by Thomas Warren in 1652, is said to be the oldest in Surry County.

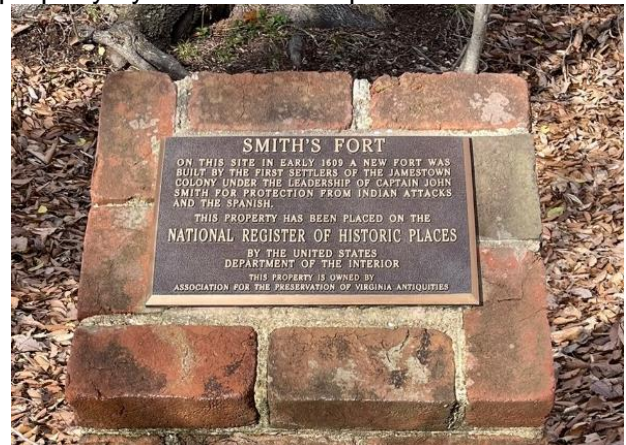


The oldest brick house in Virginia - built in 1652 and stands on Smith's Fort Plantation in Surry County, Virginia, owned by Thomas Rolfe, son of Pocahontas digital file from original. Library of Congress website. Accessed 17 Apr 2024.

Thomas Warren was known as a person of education and importance in his time and seemingly well-connected, which is supported by the fact of his becoming a Burgess at the early age of twenty-one and was one of three burgesses for James City on the Surry side.

There were lawsuits in 1677 and 1712 regarding the ownership of the land. There is no doubt about the authenticity of its ownership and age, as it is clearly proven by records that the land is recorded as being part of the land tract given to John Rolfe by Chief Powhatan.

The site still has earthworks that mark the spot of the unfinished "Smith's Fort" site partially completed in 1609 before being abandoned. The property is now known as Smith's Fort Plantation, a name derived from the earthwork on the property by the order of Captain John Smith.



<https://hamiltonhistoricalrecords.wordpress.com/2022/03/27/smiths-fort-plantation-the-british-fort-that-captain-john-smith-ordered-to-be-created-south-of-the-jamestown-settlement/> Accessed 17 April 2024.

In 1928, Smith's Fort was acquired by the Williamsburg Holding Company, predecessor to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities was given the property by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in 1934 which has since opened the house as a museum. Smith's Fort was listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register on October 16, 1973 and the National Register of Historic Places on November 14, 1973.



https://preservationvirginia.org/historic_sites/smiths-fort-plantation/ Accessed 17 April 2024.

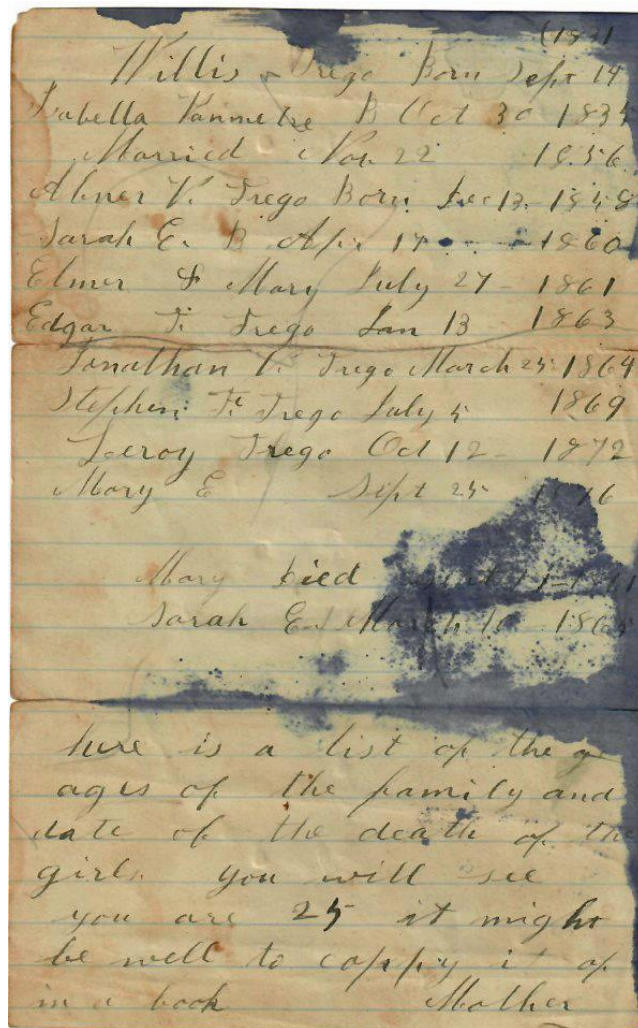
Congratulations to Lynda B. on proving her lineage back to Jamestowne and joining the Jamestowne Society and thank you for sharing this information!

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Trego Family Tablet Page and Transcription

- Willis Trego born Sept 14, 1831
- Isabella Vanmetre born Oct. 30, 1835
- Married Nov. 22, 1856
- Abner V Trego Born Dec. 13, 1858
- Sarah E. Born April 17, 1860
- Elmer & Mary July 27, 1861
- Edgar T Trego Jan 13, 1863
- Jonathan V. Trego March 25, 1864
- Stephen F Trego July 5, 1869
- Leroy Trego Oct 12 1872
- Mary E. Sept 25, 1876
- Mary died _____, 1861
- Sarah E March 10, 1865

Here is a list of the ages of the family and date of the death of the girls. You will see you are 25 it might be well to copy of it of in a book Mother



[The provenance of this page and its present location is unknown. The transcription was done by Linda Chesnut. Research shows that this Trego family moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois where Willis and Isabella's children were born.]

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Who Are YOU Researching? Would you like to share some of your family history research with society members? Members are invited to submit articles about their research for publication in the newsletter.

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 and published. We would like to share member research in each newsletter.

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Vernon Co. Officials. Nevada Mo. Dec 28 1942. Society member Frances W. shares the above photo from her family photo collection. These are Vernon County employees on the south Courthouse steps, 28 Dec 1942. Can you help identify them? Let's put names with those that



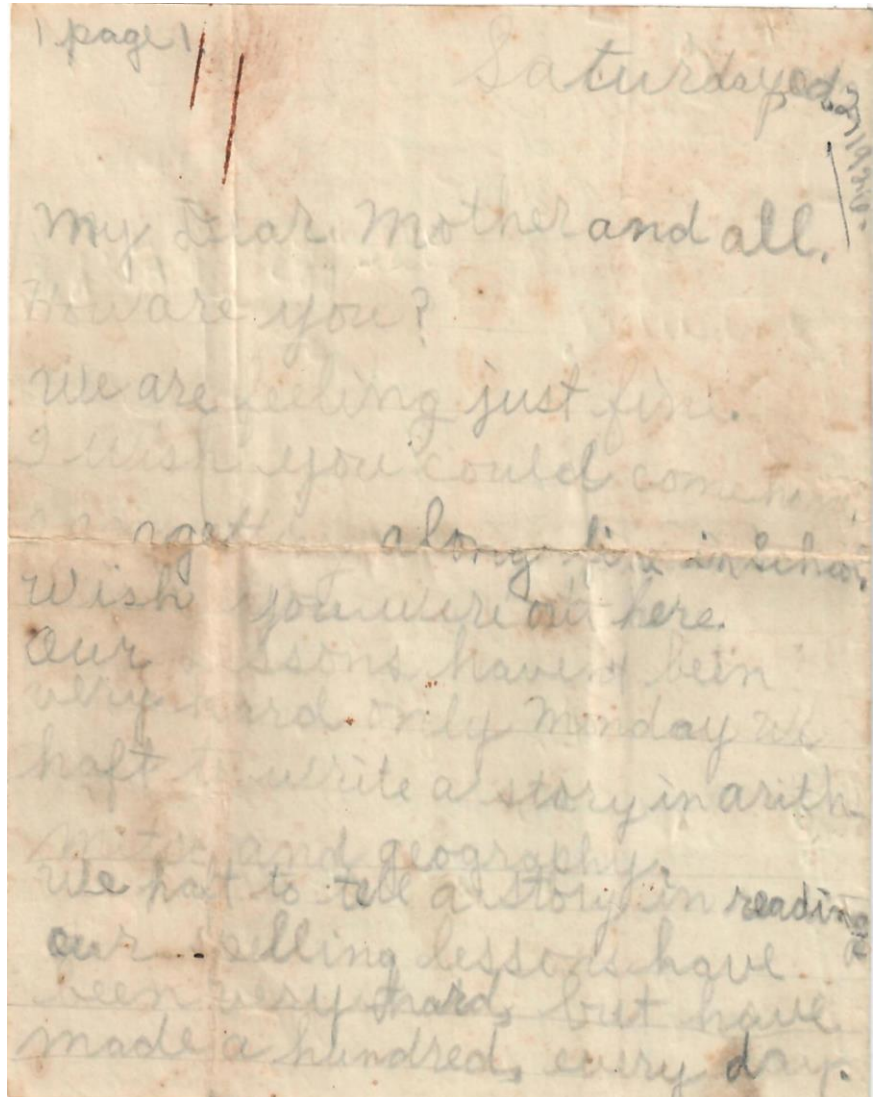
are not identified! Please contact the Genealogical Society and let us know the number of the individual and his or her name. This picture will also be posted on the [vernon.mogenweb.org](http://www.vernon.mogenweb.org) website for further identification. The 1940 census enumeration shows the county position for some of the identified employees. Thank you, Frances, for sharing this great picture!

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| 1. Willard Stonum, Sheriff | 19. Joe Miller (?) |
| 9. Garrett H. Summers, Circuit Clerk | 23. Herbert Cooper (?) |
| 10. Ray F. Beisley, Recorder | 25. Elbert A. Ephland, Janitor |
| 13. Frances (Miller) Pearson, Draft Board | - - - - - |
| 18. Ted Pearson, Draft Board | |



Virgie Marie Selim born 8 Jul 1918

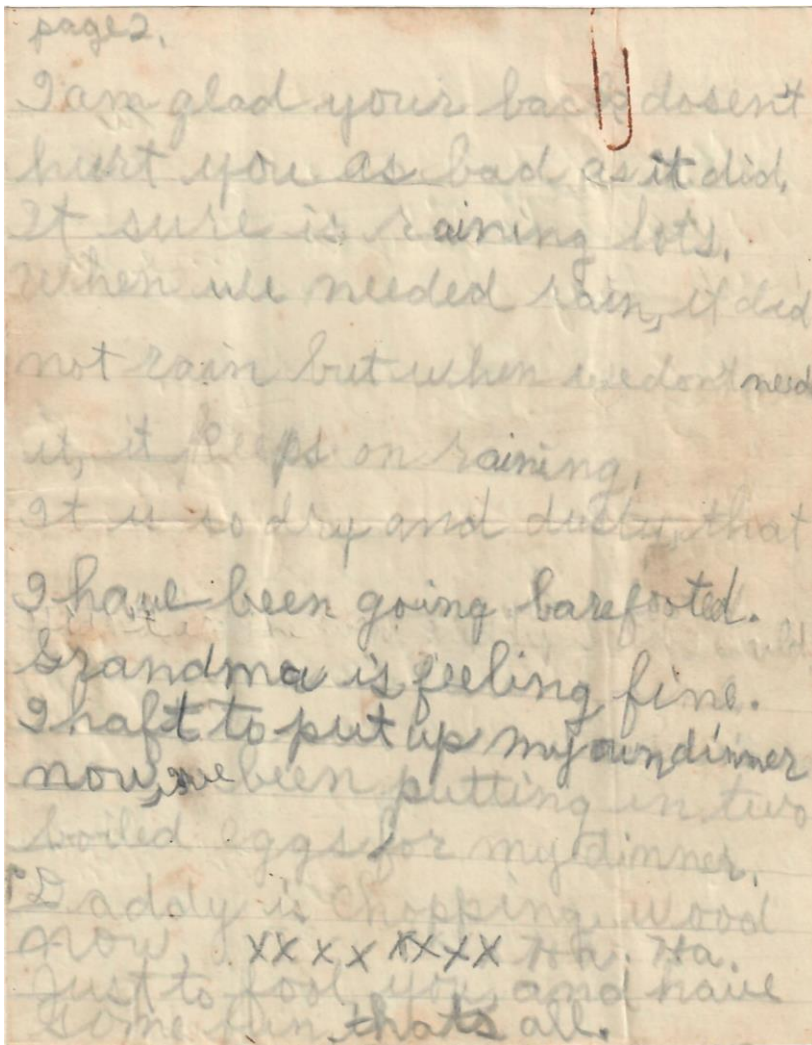
1926 Virgie Selim Letter from 8-Year-Old Daughter to Her Mother Elsie (Caton) Selim. An old family letter can be interesting and help provide details that may not have pre-



viously been known, like the below 1926 letter from 8-year-old Virgie Selim to her Mother, Elsie (Caton) Selim (spouse: Ed Selim), which was provided by member JaWan T.

Transcription:

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 Oct 2, [1926]
My Dear Mother and all.
How are you?
We are feeling just fine.
I wish you could come home.
I am getting along fine in School.
Wish you were out here.
Our lessons haven't been
very hard only Monday we
haft to write a story in arith-
metic and geography.
We haft to tell a story in reading.
Our spelling lessons have
been very hard, but have
made a hundred, every day.



page 2.

I am glad your back doesn't hurt you as bad as it did. It sure is raining lots. When we need rain, it did not rain but when we don't need it, it keeps on raining. It is so dry and dusty that I have been going barefooted. Grandma [Selim] is feeling fine. I haft to put up my own dinner now. I've been putting in two boiled eggs for my dinner. Daddy is chopping wood now. XX XX XXXX Ha. Ha. Just to fool you, and have some fun that's all.

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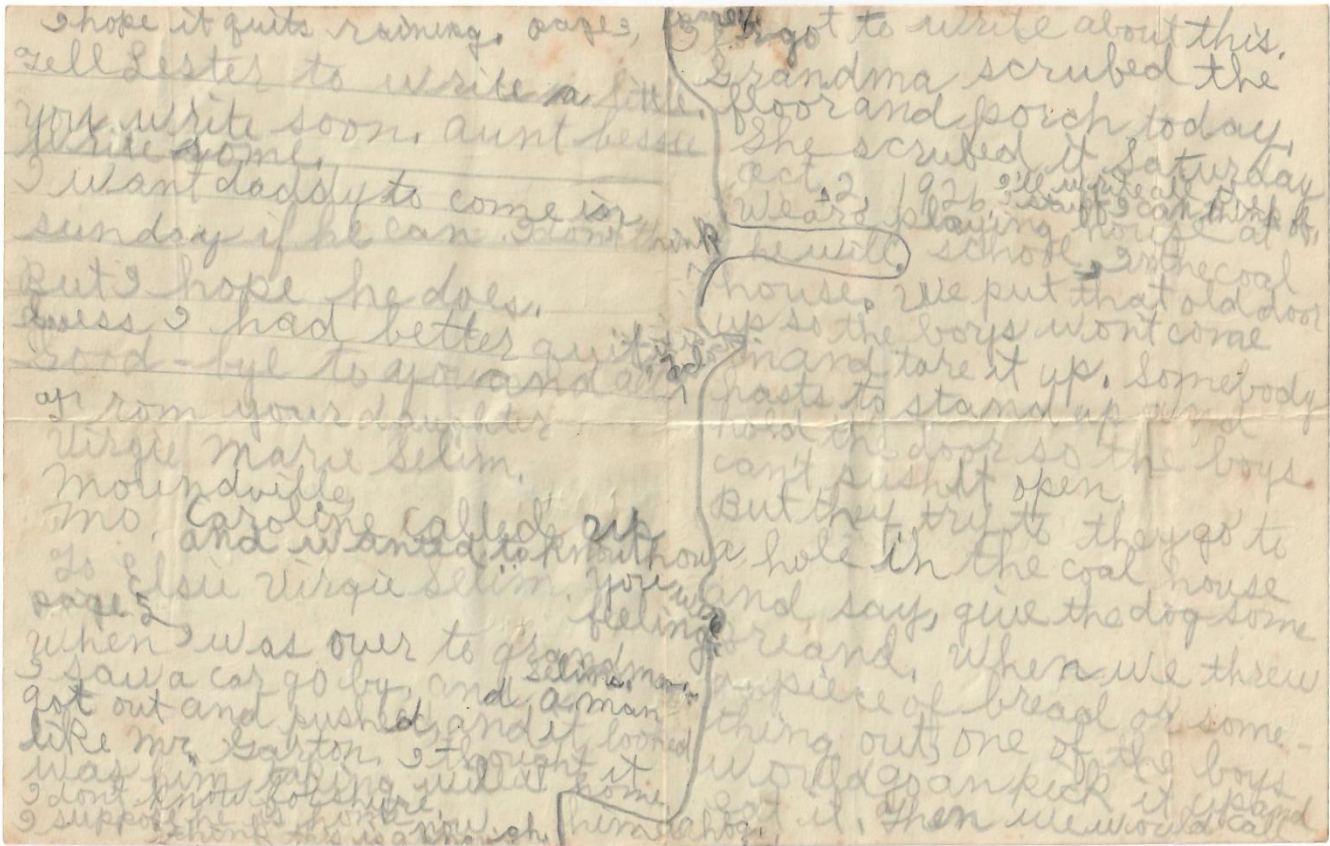
I hope it quits raining. Tell Lester to write a little. You write soon. Aunt Bessie Write some. I want daddy to come in

Sunday if he can. I don't think he will. But I hope he does. Guess I had better quit, it is 7 oclock. Good-bye to you and all From your daughter Virgie Marie Selim. Moundville, Mo. Caroline called up And wanted to know how you were feeling To Elsie Virgie Selim.

Family connections:
Aunt Bessie is Bessie Caton, a sister of Elsie (Caton) Selim. Lester [Maletz] is Bessie's son.

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When I was over to grandma Selims I saw a car go by, and a man got out and pushed, and it looked like Mr. Garton. I thought it was him taking Willie home.

I don't know for sure. I suppose he is home now. I think this a nough.



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I forgot to write about this.
 Grandma scrubbed the
 floor and porch today.
 She scrubbed it Saturday
 Oct. 2, 1926. I'll write all the stuff I can think of.
 We are playing house at school, in the coal
 house. We put that old door
 up so the boys won't come
 in and hold it up. Somebody
 hasts to stand up and
 hold the door so the boys

can't push it open.
 But they try to they go to
 a hole in the coal house
 and say, give the dog some
 breand. When we threw
 a piece of bread or some-
 thing out, one of the boys
 would go an pick it up and
 eat it. Then we would call
 him a hog.

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Newspaper Articles

AT THE TENT CITY.
The Old Soldiers and What They Are Doing.

**Three Excellent Programs Being
 Rendered Every Day.**

**Attendance at Reunion Double
 That of Any Other Year.**

Twenty Thousand People Expected Here

**to See the Court Martial
 and Sham Battle.**

 The Old Soldiers are with us again and Nevada
 bids them welcome. The town is theirs. Let them
 take the part they wish, whether it be half or all
 and make themselves comfortable.

 At the Lake, as if touched by a magic hand, a
 city of white has sprung up, occupied by its

hundreds of blue coated veterans and their families.

The camp is excellently guarded by police and so far no disturbance has occurred. The shows are all of an exceptionally high order. All that could have been called objectionable have been refused privileges on the grounds.

Mayor S. A. Wight delivered an address in which a hearty welcome couched in well chosen language, was extended the Veterans. Commander Gilson made an appropriate response.

An excellent musical program by the band was rendered.

A larger crowd is in attendance this year than at any previous reunion.

The officers this year are:

D. Gilson, Commander, Appleton City.

H. Mitchell, vice-commander, Nevada.

J. P. Kingsland, adjutant, Nevada.

F. M. Wyatt, quartermaster, Ft. Scott.

Geo. Sullivan, officer of the day, Nevada.

Pat Shea, officer of the guard, Nevada.

J. M. Monroe, quartermaster sergeant, Nevada.

Jolin T. Birdseye, treasurer, Nevada.

Rufus Smith, chaplain, Eldorado Springs.

Jas. McDowell, register officer.

The old soldiers from Vernon county registered are as follows:

W. H. Brown, P. Co. N, 9th Ill., Cav., Filley Mo.

James W. Thomas, P. Co. N, 9th Ill., Cav., Nevada, Mo.

J. W. Northcraft, Corp. Co. G, 23rd Ill., Inf., Sheldon, Mo.

H. G. Bollinger, Capt. Co. A, 10th Mo., and "E" 40th Mo., Nevada, Mo.

J. Mc Clanahan, P. Co. "E" 7th M. S. M. Cav., Sheldon, Mo.

R. M. Dale, P., Co. "C" Mo., Cav., Harwood, Mo.

Hiram Morris, P., Co. B, 23rd Inf., Nevada, Mo.

H. Mitchell, 1st Lieut. 142nd Vol. Cav., Nevada, Mo.

R. J. Hampton, P., Co. L, 7th Cav., Nevada, Mo.

I. L. Hunt, Lieut. Co. R. C. S. 13th Cav., Nevada, Mo.

Wednesday.

Last night's program was one of the best ever rendered at a reunion. It was under the direction of the W. R. C. ladies.

It was opened by music by Crawford's band, followed by an excellent patriotic temperance lecture by Mr. Funderburk, of Bronaugh.

A drill by sixteen young ladies of Moundville was preceded by a selection by Crawford's quartette.

The drill was distinctly the event of the evening. It is called a "Drill of the Nations," and each young lady carried a flag representing some nationality. The figures were all perfectly executed and the singing good. Miss Shannon is the leader of the team and it is under the direction of Mrs. Kelly Ashbaugh.

A selection by Crawford's quartette closed the program.

The old soldiers spent an hour or so by themselves, this morning, discussing war-time scenes. At the close of this, Mr. Huckby, of Rich Hill, made an excellent address, discussing the Civil War, the Spanish-American war and the Philippine question.

The afternoon's program was opened by an address by Miss Wood, of Clinton. It was an exceptionally good production and received the appreciation due it.

A recitation by Miss Ethel Loomer, of this city, was the second number. Miss Loomer has a very fine delivery and her voice expresses any emotion the selection demands.

Rev. Stevens, of Trinity church, held the audience's undivided attention for an hour, while he delivered an address full of patriotism and praise of the veterans.

Rowdiness usually so prevalent at such gatherings has been conspicuous by its absence this year.

Thursday.

This morning after roll call by states, the association elected officers for the ensuing year. Mention of the names of those honored proves the good judgment of the veterans. They follow:

Colonel D. Gilson, Appleton City, commander.

Colonel H. Mitchell, Nevada, vice-commander.

J. P. Kingsland, Nevada, adjutant.

Pat Shea, Rockville, officer of the day.

E. S. Lane, Eldorado Springs, officer of the guard.

Rufus Smith, Eldorado Springs, chaplain.

F. M. Wyatt, Ft. Scott, Quartermaster.

H. W. Harrison, Nevada; John T. Birdseye, Nevada, and A. L. McBride, Butler, trustees.

The court-martial was the feature of the afternoon and followed the regular program.

A Confederate spy, bearing a dispatch from General Bragg to General Jackson, and telling of Sherman's March to the sea, was captured by Sherman's troops and was tried before a drum-

head court martial, convicted and executed. Each scene was vividly realistic and an exact reproduction of the trials in the army during the Civil War.

CAMPFIRE FLASHES.

Crawford's Band is furnishing high grade music for the encampment.

John T. Birdseye and family, without whom no reunion would be complete, are camped on the hill.

This year's reunion will probably be as noted for the number of pretty girls in attendance as anything else.

Probably no man in camp has more difficult duties to perform than Quartermaster Wyatt and he is being generally complimented on the way they are discharged.

The Eldorado Drum Corps is in attendance.

Among the Appleton City people in attendance are Mr. and Mrs. Fiske, Mrs. M. E. Smith, president of the W. R. C.; J. B. Steadman Post; Mrs. M. Galbreath, Mrs. H. Thayer and Mrs. A. Brown. All are representative Appleton City people and Nevada is glad to have them here.

The man who owns the "Throw at the Nigger Baby Stand" has barred base ball pitchers. He offers 25 cents to anyone throwing three balls in a hole. Last night "Red" Morton bought a chance and threw the balls. Of course they went in. "Red" pocketed his quarter and left.

Chaplain Smith of Eldorado Springs says 100 Cedar county soldiers are now in camp and he expects to see the number swelled to 300 before the week ends.

J. G. Hill has charge of the gun that booms at daybreak and nightfall. It is always fired at the correct hour.

The tent of Register Officer W. C. McDowell, is one of the most popular places on the grounds. Everyone comes there to look up old war time friends. It is also the bureau of information. It is said one man came there this morning looking for some woman who would be his wife. An effort was made to find one but so far has been fruitless.

The campfire, where battle and camp stories are exchanged, is one of the most enjoyable features of the reunion.

The great success of the campfires is largely due to Col. Harry Mitchell's genial supervision. He is ably assisted by the officers of the association and the ladies of the W. R. C.

Hutchenson's drum corps, of Eldorado Springs, is one of the most appreciated organizations at

the camp.

Commander of the Department of Missouri Bronson, of Sedalia, arrived this afternoon. Owing to business, however, he will be able to remain only until tomorrow morning.

The number of names on Register MacDowell's lists reached 453 this afternoon. These lists are great aids to the old soldiers in hunting up old comrades.

The Weekly Post, Nevada, Missouri - Fri, Aug 15, 1902 - Page 4. Accessed 23 Apr 2024.

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[Additional articles about the Civil War reunion can be found online at

<https://shsmo.org/collections/newspapers/mdnp>]

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A BOLD PLAN.

How Three Men Attempted to Rob J. W. Reed During the Reunion

J. W. Reed, in talking to a Post reporter yesterday about the robberies which occurred at the Lake during the Reunion, told of the bold plan three men used to try to relieve him of his cash, that week.

Mr. Reed says he was in a big crowd at the well and had leaned over to get a drink when he heard some one say "close in on him"

The next instant two men fell on Mr. Reed's bank and a third attempted to put his hand in the to-be victim's pocket.

He grabbed the fellow's wrist but all three jumped up and were lost in the crowd in an instant.

It was a bold attempt and nine times out of ten would have succeeded.

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<https://shsmo.newspapers.com/>

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