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Society Meeting: Wednesday, 17 July 2024.

The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting will be held Wed, 17 Jul 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. **DNA, GEDmatch, and GEDCOMS for Beginners** is the program. This is an entry level program in using DNA testing in your family history research. You do not have to already have tested to attend.



DNA
[GEDmatch]
& GEDCOMs for Beginners

10:00 a.m.
Wed, July 17, 2024
Nevada Library Annex
200 West Walnut Street

Monthly genealogy meeting & program
Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society
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Website: <https://Vernon.MOGenWeb.org> For Adults

Everyone Welcome!

Best Choice and Clearly Organic UPC labels.

Our treasurer has volunteered to process Best Choice and Clearly Organic UPC labels for the Society. Our thanks to Neoma for taking care of this for several years and to Marty for volunteering to now take over the task. UPC labels can be brought to any meeting, left in the box on top of the microfilm cabinet in the Nevada Library, or given to any Society officer: Valo J., Lynda B., Marty P., or NancyT. The labels are redeemed

for cash which is used to purchase additional library resources and supplies for the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept, Nevada, MO.

The Ancestor Hunt. If you are searching for digitized newspapers (and many other genealogical records) online, check The Ancestor Hunt website at <https://theancestorhunt.com/> On this website, click the Resources link and select from 27 categories of resources to explore. This website can keep you occupied for hours, exploring many leads. As of October 2022, there were approximately 78,700 links to FREE newspapers on this website. Use the following link to jump directly to Missouri Online Historical Newspapers:

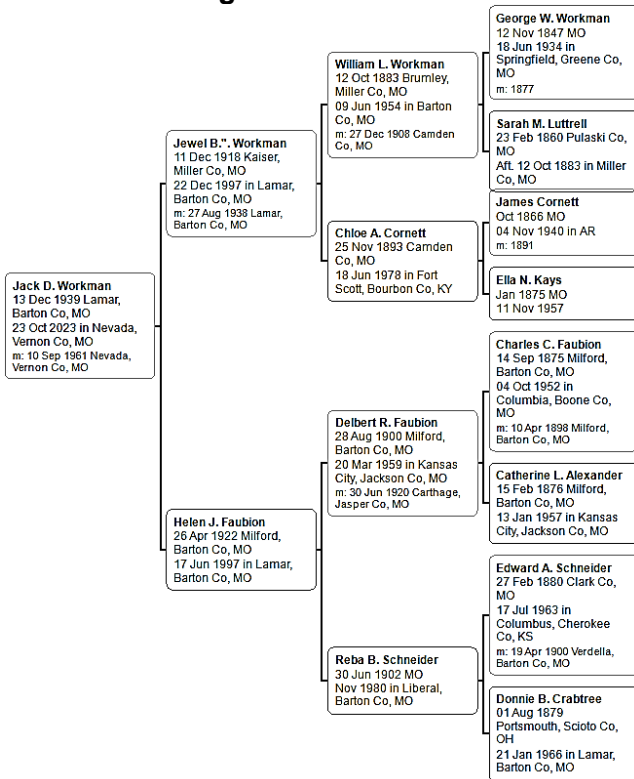
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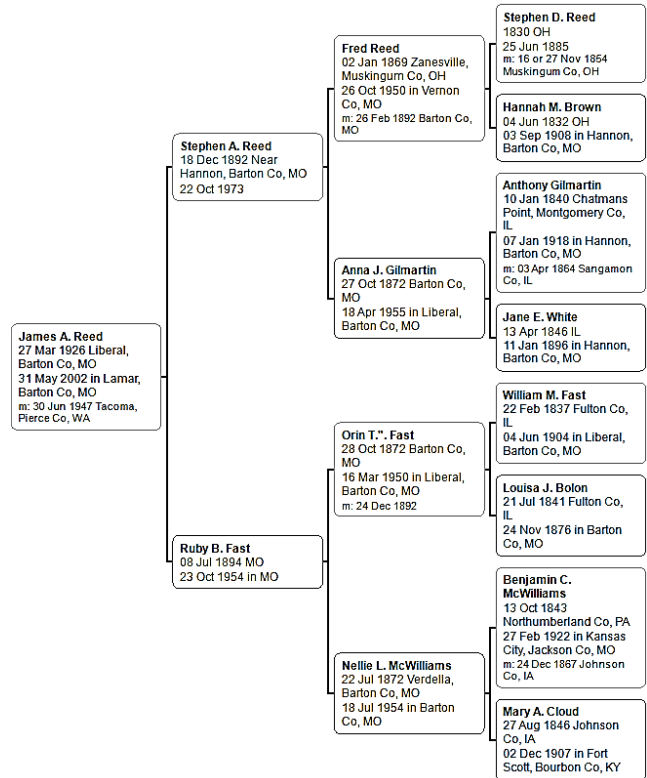
Can you identify the woman in the above picture? There is some connection to Vernon County—the photograph was taken at the Ware Studio in Nevada, MO. Please contact the Society if you can give a name to this lovely woman.

Workman and Reed Families Additional Information from June 2024 Newsletter. Thank you for the several comments received about The Workman Store...the Walmart of lantha and the Perfect Christmas Present story by Ben Reed and the Workman Family and Store articles in the June 2024 newsletter. Below is a brief tree chart of both the Reed and Workman families to help readers more clearly understand some of the lineage mentioned in the articles. Additionally, please note that “Cotton” and Helen (Faubion) Workman did have another child that was not mentioned in the article—he was born after the 1950 census enumeration. This editor has it on good authority that the youngest Workman child did *not* go with his older sisters, exploring through the broken window in the back of the drug store that had closed.

Lineage of Jack Workman



Paternal lineage of Ben Reed



Research on Ben WELLS

The following information was received from Shelley C. and permission given to publish in the Society newsletter in hopes of benefitting other researchers.



I have in my possession an old photograph of Ben WELLS of Council Bluffs, IA which was taken at the William Cundill Studio in Maquoketa, IA most likely in the 1880's sometime. Ben appears to be in his 20's at the time the photograph was taken. The photograph looks to have been a gift to Juliet SEAWARD whose name also appears on the back of the photograph. Based on limited research I was able to gather the following information regarding Ben and his family:

Benjamin "Ben" M. WELLS was born Sept 1866 in Iowa or Missouri to parents George WELLS (b. 1835) and Elizabeth WELLS (b. 1844). Ben married Eveline "Eva" Maie NASON (1871-1945) on 2 Jul 1896 in Council Bluffs, IA and they had two children including Lena F. WELLS and Florence WELLS (b. 1904). Ben died 14 Dec 1908 in Nevada, MO. His funeral was held at the St. Francis Xavier's Church in Council Bluffs, IA, and he was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in that city. Mr. WELLS had been a Real Estate Dealer in Council Bluffs for some years along with the late Dr. C. B. JUDD.

Census Records provide the following information regarding the family:

1870 census of Stewartsville, DeKalb Co, MO:
George WELLS, age 35, a Farmer, born IL
Elizabeth WELLS, wife, age 26, Keeping House, born NY
Delany WELLS, son, age 8, born IL
Charles WELLS, son, age 7, born IL
Benjamin WELLS, son, age 4, born MO
Newman WELLS, son, age 2, born MO
Lillie WELLS, dau, age 2 months, born MO

1880 census of Iowa:
John MARRIS, age 46, Agricultural Implements Dealer, born OH, parents born VA
Jane MARRIS, wife, age 46 Keeps House, born NY, parents born NY
Benjamin WELLS, nephew, age 15, at Home, born IA, parents born OH

Shelley said that she is hoping to locate someone from Ben's family so that the photograph can be returned to their care. If you are a member of this family or know someone who might be, please contact the Society.

There are several families from Vernon County who moved to the Council Bluffs, Iowa area—what was the draw?

WELLS DEAD AT NEVADA, MO.

Former Well Known Business Man
Will be Buried Here.

Benjamin M. Wells, formerly a well known business man of this city, died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Nevada, Mo. The body will be brought here for burial. The funeral will take place from St. Francis Xavier's Catholic church at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

News of Mr. Wells's death was given in a telegram to The Daily Nonpareil received late last night from Harry L. Nason, a brother-in-law of Mr. Wells.

During the late 80s and early 90s Mr. Wells was junior member of the Judd & Wells company, dealers in real estate.

The Daily Nonpareil (Council Bluffs, Iowa) . Tue, Dec 15, 1908 . Page 3. Downloaded on May 15, 2024
<https://newscomwc.newspapers.com/image/959227363>

Albert L. "Bert" Bolen

Jennifer H. provides the following information about a mystery in her family research with ties to Vernon Co and hopes to find more answers.

My Great and great-great grandparents all came to Vernon County sometime prior to 1900. My grandfather and his sister were born there. My great grandfather Albert "Bert" Bolen died there. His name was Albert L Bolen, also known as "Bert" Bolen. He was born in Harris Township, Fulton County, Illinois September 1863.

He married to Annie (or Anna) Pollock, Born May 24, 1871 in Tiger Fork, Shelby Missouri. They were married at the home of her parents where she resided in Adair County, Missouri in 1888.

The 1900 Census states that Albert and Annie Bolen lived on Union Avenue in a rented home. The Dwelling is listed as the 63rd in Bacon Twp, District 0115 which is roughly the Harwood area, I believe. Albert is listed as working in a Restaurant by trade and Annie is of the home.

Funny thing is that my Grandfather always told us he was born in Metz, Missouri.

Alberts parents, my great-great grandparents, William and Brittianna Bolen, and their (adopted) daughter Emmaline (clarified on much later census) resided in a nearby rented home, the 64th dwelling.

My grandfather Clarence always claimed he was born in 1903, but there has always been some question about the year and there has never been a birth certificate.

The only information passed down to my mother from her father, was that his father Albert died when grandfather was a very young child. My mother was not allowed to inquire further and Grandfather never spoke of his father.

I have painstakingly been through any and all of what cemetery listings for the entire county that I have been able to locate online. I cannot locate any record of his burial. I know that the family was poor and would most likely not have been able to afford to relocate his body back to Illinois, however I checked both the Illinois family burial cemeteries and the cemetery where Albert's parents and sister are buried in Hutchinson, Kansas. There are no official records on file for him.

Jennifer H.

Do *you* have conflicting or mysterious details in your family history research? How would you suggest that Jennifer H. proceed in searching for a death date and burial location for Albert Bolen?

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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 some in each newsletter.

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Newspaper Articles

WHY PAY RENT.

When you can buy land for a home in Vernon Co., Missouri for \$25 to \$65 an acre, Clear title easy terms. For particulars write

M. T. MILLER,
Nevada, Mo.

The Kenney Gazette (Kenney, Illinois). Fri, Oct 4, 1907 .
Page 1. Downloaded on Aug 30, 2023
<https://newscomwc.newspapers.com/image/643216456>

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WAS AN OLD RESIDENT AND AN EX-CONFEDERATE Peter Campbell Died Sunday Afternoon and Will Be Buried Tuesday.

Peter Campbell aged seventy-four years of age and one of the oldest residents of Nevada died Sunday afternoon, his death being due to the infirmities of old age. The deceased lived in Nevada for more than thirty years and enjoyed a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was an ex-Confederate soldier, a member of the Nevada camp.

The deceased is survived (sic) by the following children: Mrs. John T. Lucas and Mrs. W. E. Wyatt of Nevada; Mrs. Edwards of St. Louis and Mrs. J. L. Munda of Great Falls, Mt. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Shook at the residence of Mrs. Wyatt, 1204 North Main street. Burial at Deepwood.

The Southwest Mail (Nevada, Missouri) . Fri, Jan 13, 1911 . Page 3. Downloaded on Sep 26, 2023
<https://newscomwc.newspapers.com/image/587503193>

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Mrs. Mary D. White Was Pioneer Resident

Mrs. Mary D. White, 82, a pioneer of Vernon County, died Tuesday afternoon, April 17, at the home of her son, Ed White, Pittsburg, Kas. She had lived at Deerfield until a few days before her death.

Born May 21, 1868, in Macon County, Ill., Mrs. White was the widow of Jacob D. White who died April 28, 1935.

She lived on a farm southwest of Richards for 52 years, and in Nevada and Deerfield for ten years. After her marriage she settled with her husband on the original White homestead and later donated the land to be used for White Cemetery to the community, where she herself will be buried.

Mrs. White was one of the two remaining charter members of the Dorcas Chapter of the Eastern Star, Richards, and fellow members will have charge of the funeral service to be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 20, in the Christian Church.

The body will lie in state in the Cheney Funeral Home until an hour before the service.

Surviving are her son, Ed White, Pittsburg, Kas., two grandsons, Robert Edward White, Chicago,

and S/Sgt. Albert D. White, U.S.A.F., McDill Field, Fla., who will attend the services; three brothers, George, Ira and Wesley Collins, all of El Dorado Springs; and two sisters Ellen Johnson, Butler, and Corinne Johnson, Seligman, Ariz.
The Nevada Dail Mail, Nevada, Missouri; 19 Apr 1951. Copied 25 Oct 2021.

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William P. Moore and Mrs. Minerva Linda Pierce were introduced, at Nevada, Saturday morning. Their acquaintance and courtship lasted through a long and tedious eight hours, broken only by the pleaseable (sic) interest of securing a marriage (sic) license, and they were united in wedded bliss that afternoon by Justice J. N. Coil. My! My! How some people procrastinate.
The Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Missouri; Friday 9 May 1902, page 1. Accessed 29 Oct 2023.

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**Former Minden Marshal
Taken to Poor Farm**

Arrangements were made Monday by Mayor John Bartlett to have Jim Baker committed to the county farm, and he was taken to that institution the following day.

Time was when J. S. Baker ranked with the better known citizens of Sheldon. Along about the 1890-1900 period he was in business here and was apparently prosperous. He was Sheldon's postmaster under the second Cleveland administration. Later, he moved to Minden, and evil days came upon him. Something like a year ago he went to Colorado, where a daughter resides, but returned to Sheldon a few weeks ago, and is now destitute and with no means of support.

Thrice married, his last wife, who was a daughter of Mrs. W. B. Hyder of this place, obtained a divorce several years ago.-- Sheldon Enterprise.

Mr. Baker was city marshal at Minden for a number of years and is well known throughout this part of the county. It is no disgrace but a great misfortune to reach the decrepitude of old age without home and without funds.

**The Liberal News (Liberal, Missouri) . Fri, Sep 22, 1922 . Page 1. Downloaded on Jul 5, 2024
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In Destitution.

Mrs. Beckman and three children arrived here Wednesday evening from Montevallo, en route to Bloomington, Ill. Her parents, who reside at Bloomington, had sent her money to buy tickets to that point, but the woman had no money to buy food for herself and children, or pay her fare from Montevallo here. The hackman was about to take her valise for his pay, when Agent Penfield, of the Missouri Pacific, prevailed upon him not to do so, and took the woman and her children into the depot lunch counter and gave them a square meal, which was probably the only one they got between Montevallo and their destination. The woman promised to send the hackman his pay on her arrival at Bloomington.

The Nevada Noticer, Nevada, Missouri; Thursday 26 July 1888, page 4. Copied 19 Jul 2023.

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Calendar year 2024 Society Dues are \$10 per person (\$15 per couple in the same household), and can be mailed to:

Cedar & Vernon Co MO Gen Soc
Attn: Membership
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***Thank You for your membership
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