

Cedar & Vernon County Missouri Genealogical Society

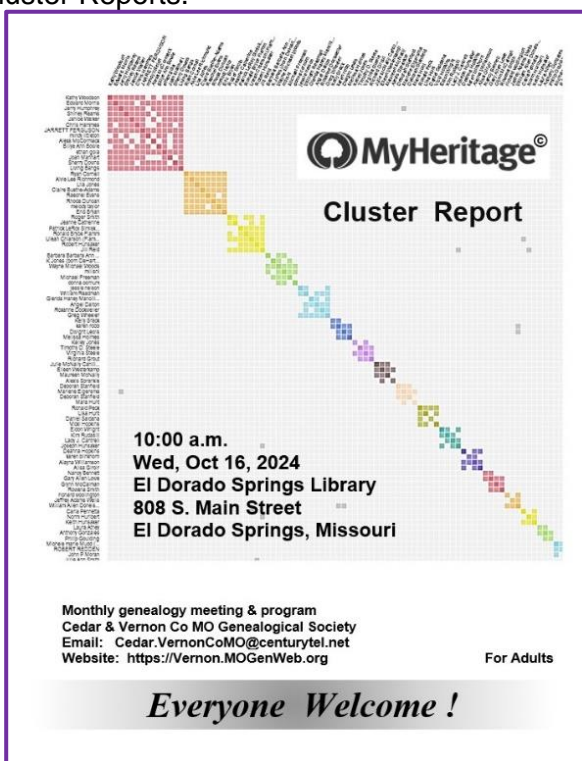
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Society Meeting: Wednesday, October 16 2024. The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting will be held Wed, October 16, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. at the El Dorado Springs Library, 808 S. Main St., El Dorado Springs, MO. The program will explore using the MyHeritage website and the MyHeritage DNA Cluster Reports.



MyHeritage®
Cluster Report

10:00 a.m.
Wed, Oct 16, 2024
El Dorado Springs Library
808 S. Main Street
El Dorado Springs, Missouri

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

Everyone Welcome !

Great news! MyHeritage has extended its FREE autosomal DNA upload campaign until Oct 13! You must use this link.

myheritage.com/dna/upload



MyHeritage DNA EXTENDED

Upload Your DNA Data and Enjoy
Free Access to All DNA Features

October 6–13, 2024

We are saddened by the recent deaths of Society members Sally Hutchins and Bill Bishop. Our deepest condolences to their dear families.



In Memory of Society Member Sally Hutchins

23 Nov 1951 – 17 Sep 2024

<https://www.ferryfuneralhome.com/obituary/Sally-Hutchins>



In Memory of Society Member Bill Bishop

8 Jan 1942 ~ 27 Sep 2024

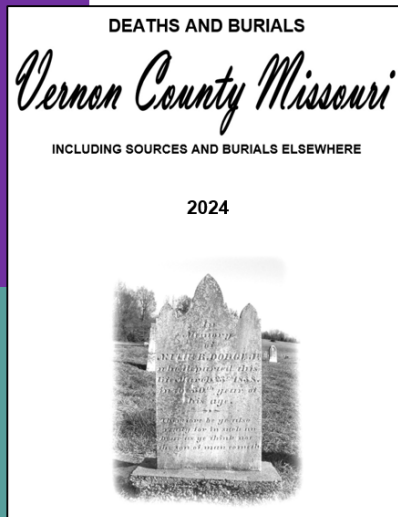
<https://www.blandhackleman.com/obituaries/Billy-Ray-Bishop?obId=33229701>

Two genealogical reference books will be purchased in memory of Sally and of Bill and placed in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department.

Genealogy Society Dues for 2025 can now be Paid. Please renew your membership before the end of the calendar year. Dues can be paid at an upcoming meeting or mailed to the Genealogy Society at the above address.

\$10 for one person for the calendar year
 \$15 for 2 persons in the same household
 Lifetime membership is \$100 per person

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Pre-orders are now being accepted
 A limited quantity will be published

Society member: \$ 75.00
 Nonmember: \$85.00
 \$15.00 S/H for each 3-Vol. set mailed USPO
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<https://bushwhacker.org/>

Contains more than 72,000 death/burial listings with every-name index

Includes:

- resurvey of active Vernon County cemeteries
- data from 1911-1971 Vernon Co death certificates
- information from tens of thousands of obituaries and death notices spanning more than 100 years and several states
- abbreviated source citations for listed information
- more than 100 cemeteries

Over 2 dozen volunteers helped with project

The long-awaited “Deaths and Burials Vernon County Missouri Including Sources and Burials Elsewhere 2024” is at the printer! Publication of this new work has been made possible in part by a 21st Century Fund Grant from the Missouri State Genealogical Association. The Vernon County Historical Society and the Cedar and Vernon County Genealogical Society partnered to update and expand this resource, and many volunteers helped complete this project.

The Vernon County Historical Society is now accepting pre-sales for the 3-vol. set of books. Because a limited number of copies will be printed, you are strongly encouraged to Pre-order.

Cardstock covers, comb-binding, 8.5 x 11, every-name index with many women’s maiden names cross-referenced, 1,563 pages. Sale of this new directory is a fundraiser to benefit the Bushwhacker Museum. **An order form is attached as the last page of the newsletter.**

Nevada Public Library is a Family History Center Affiliate Library If you are researching at www.familysearch.org and the record cannot be viewed from home but can be viewed at an Affiliate Library, the Nevada Public Library is an Affiliate Library. You would use one of the library’s computer to access the website and your personal log-in information.

Getting Started in Family History Research

Several free, short videos are available on the Midwest Genealogy Center website. These are a great refresher when you have a few minutes. <https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/get-started>

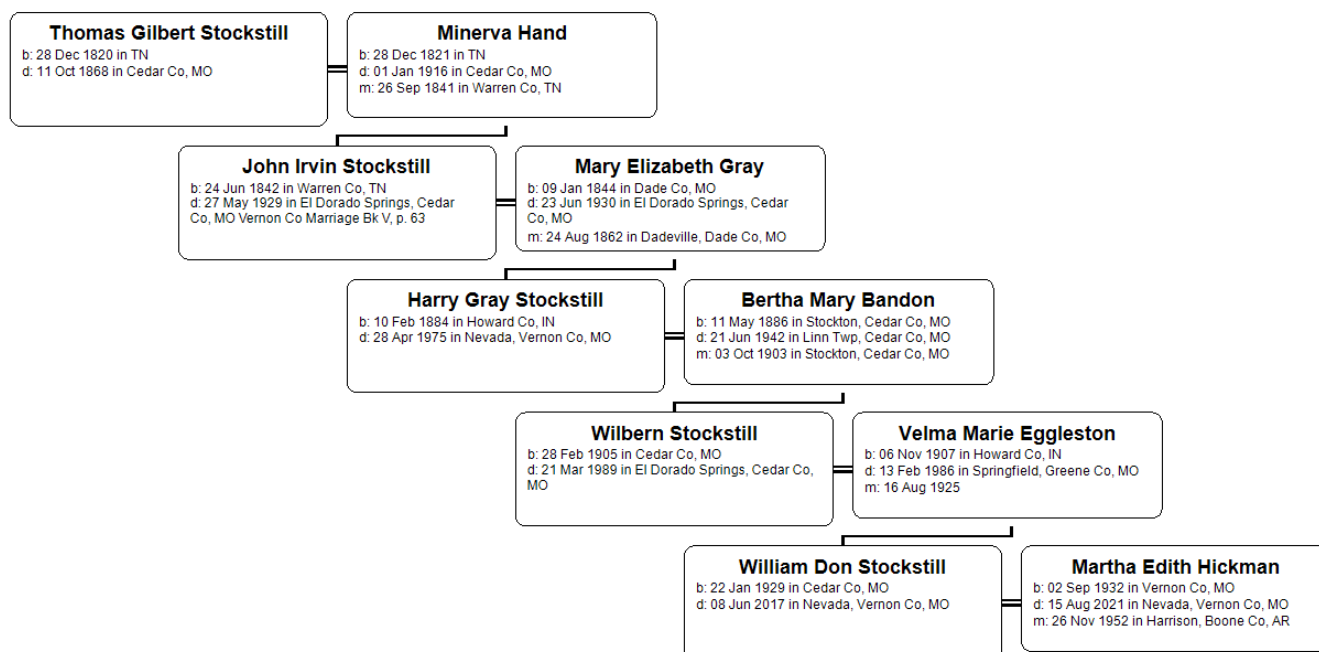
Note also that the Midwest Genealogy Center has some resources (both printed and microform) which can be requested through Inter-Library-Loan (ILL). If you locate a resource in their catalog, check with your local library to see if the resource can be obtained ILL from Midwest to your local library for your use.

In Missouri, also can also search state-wide in the “Evergreen Program” for resources which can be ILL through that program and picked up at your local library. Both the Cedar County and the Vernon County libraries participate in the Missouri Evergreen Program.

The Cedar & Vernon County Genealogy Society is always watching for resources to purchase to expand our local collection in the Genealogy Dept. If you have a book purchase recommendation, please email the society.

The Thomas Gilbert Stockstill and Minerva Hand Stockstill Family in Southwest Missouri

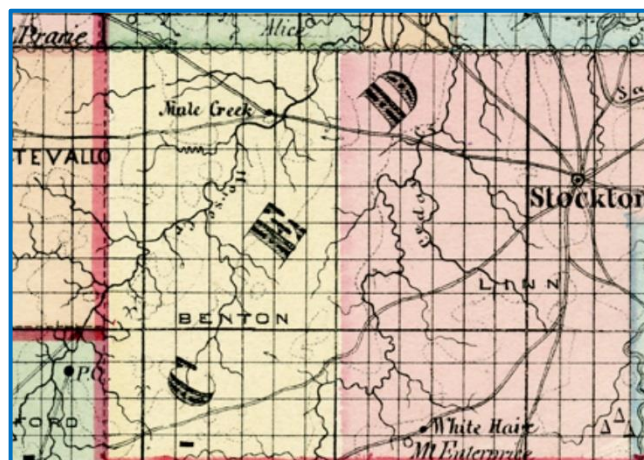
Member Marty P. shares the following photographs and information from her research about her Stockstill ancestors who lived in Dade and Cedar Counties, Missouri.



Thomas Gilbert Stockstill and Minerva Hand were married 26 Sep 1841 in Warren County, Tennessee. Following the birth of their first child, John Irvin Stockstill in June 1842, they migrated west into Dade County in southwest Missouri in 1843 based on family story, the birth records of their children, and the 1850 Dade County, Missouri U.S. Federal Census records.

Between 1860 and 1862, Thomas and Minerva Stockstill moved from Dade County into Cedar County, Missouri and built their home about 1/2-mile north of the Mule Creek Post Office. That home was destroyed by fire during the Civil War in Gabbert's Raid on 27 May 1862. The family returned to Dade County until it was safe to return to Cedar County following the Civil War. They then built another house just across the road from their previous home that had been burned. The home they built following the war was a two-story white house which was torn down in approximately 1980, and there are no known photos of that home.

The Stockstill family cemetery was located on land on the west side of the road near the original homesite in Cedar County. By the 1930s some of the cemetery tombstones had been moved to a fence row and others apparently destroyed. Thomas and Minerva's great-great-grandson, William Stockstill, said a couple of tombstones were still visible during the 1940s; but today there is nothing marking the location of the cemetery.



Location of Mule Creek. Click map for larger copy.

It appears that the location of the Mule Creek Post Office was at the dot where two trails came together in northern Benton Township, Cedar County. This was just a few miles northeast of Montevallo in Vernon County, MO.

Records online show that the Mule Creek Post Office was established May 1856 and Feness T. Wilson was the first postmaster. The Post Office was discontinued on 21 Nov 1865 and reestablished on 23 Mar 1866 when James Corbin was appointed postmaster. Thomas Stockstill was the next appointed postmaster on 3 Jan 1867 and served until his death 10 Oct 1868. William Higgenbotham was appointed postmaster on 26 Oct 1868. The Mule Creek Post Office was finally discontinued 12 Feb 1869.



The above log cabin was the first home of John Stockstill and his wife Mary Gray who were married in August 1862 in Dade County, Missouri. It is estimated that this picture of them and children was possibly taken in the summer of 1877. The first three surviving children of John and Mary were Margaret Stockstill (born 1866), Laura (born 1872), and baby Mary Ellen (born May 1877). Although it was first thought that the baby in this picture could perhaps be Harry Gray Stockstill (born 1884) this was determined to not be correct because John and Mary with their additional children were living in the big white two-story house pictured to the left, and their first home would have been a log cabin in this part of the country at that time.

Click on the picture to the left for a larger copy.



This large two-story house is the second home built in Cedar County by John Stockstill for his family. Based on the birth dates of the small children in the picture, it is estimated that it was taken in the fall of 1900. The elderly

lady seated on the left in the front row, wearing dark clothes is Minerva (Hand) Stockstill who was born in Warren County, Tennessee, 28 December 1821.

The photo to the right is the large two-story house pictured above. This photo was taken in 1994. After the death of John Stockstill, the home passed to his son, Harry Gray Stockstill, and then to his son, Wilbern Stockstill, (the great-grandson of Thomas & Minerva Stockstill). Following Wilbern Stockstill's death in 1989, the farm was sold at



at auction on the steps of the Cedar County Courthouse in Stockton, Missouri on 26 February 1990. A new kitchen had been added to the original home on the northwest corner by Wilbern Stockstill and his wife, Velma Eggleston. After the house was sold at auction, the new owners added a large addition across the south side of the home and did extensive remodeling. A large barn can partially be seen behind the house.

The Stockstill family was well-respected and active in their local communities. The men's names are often seen in county records as having served on juries and signing as witnesses for legal documents of their neighbors.

Many land transactions are recorded in the deed records and can be search in the Family Search every-word-search function at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/>



The Stockstill family heirloom shotgun is a 12-gauge side-by-side shotgun crafted by Forest with a London Fine Twist Barrel. The gun was manufactured in England, c. 1850. Following the

death of John Irvin Stockstill, the gun was passed down to John's first-born son, Thomas Stockstill, better known as "J.T." J.T. was the father of three girls but no son, so he passed the gun on to his

younger brother, Harry Gray Stockstill. Harry was the father of four sons and he passed the gun down to his first-born son, Wilbern Stockstill. Wilbern continued the tradition and passed the gun down to his eldest son, Willam Don Stockstill. Don had only one child, a daughter, who inherited the gun following his death in 2017. When the time comes for it to be passed on it will go to her first born son, Anthony "Tony" Cornell who will hopefully then pass it on to his only son, Harvey Cornell, who will be the seventh generation to own the gun.

Members of Harvey's school class were recently asked to bring a photo to school of a family heirloom, and his photo of the gun was the oldest heirloom shared in the class.

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Submit 2025 Program Recommendations

Members are encouraged to send recommended program ideas to the society anytime and especially as your officers begin planning the 2025 year. Let us know your research areas of interest. We want to provide helpful, educational, and interesting programs for each of our meetings.

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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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Calendar year 2025 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
218 W. Walnut St.
Nevada, MO 64772

Dues received Sep-Dec include the following calendar year's membership. The monthly emailed newsletter and free lookups in the new cemetery database are benefits of membership.

*Thank You for your membership in support
of the work of the Cedar & Vernon County Genealogical Society*

Deaths & Burials Vernon County Missouri Including Sources & Burials Elsewhere 2024

Order Form

The new cemetery directory, 1,563-page 3-volume set of books includes full names and dates from gravestones, obituaries, death certificates, and many other sources plus names of parents and spouses for many of the more than 72,000 deaths/burials included. Additionally, a source citation for the death/burial information is included, such as the newspaper and publication date of an obituary, etc. Active cemeteries in Vernon County were re-surveyed, and those listings are in map order to assist in locating specific stones in the cemetery.

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City, State, Zip Code _____

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Phone # _____

I am a member of the following organization(s) or am also enclosing membership dues if joining today. Additional information about these organizations are at the below links.

_____ Cedar & Vernon Co Genealogical Society (\$10/yr single membership)

<https://vernon.mogenweb.org/> _____

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If to be mailed, please add shipping/handling fee of \$15 per set ordered _____

Total Enclosed _____

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Thank you for your support of your local historical and genealogical societies!