

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 10 a.m.

El Dorado Springs Library Meeting Room

808 S. Main St., El Dorado Springs, MO

Some Computer Things Genealogists Should Know

A genealogy member will present “Some Computer Things Genealogists Should Know” as the program for the October 20 genealogy meeting in El Dorado Springs. Some of the things covered will be: how to find unindexed images on family search, why and how to use a flash drive, how to download census images from ancestry.com, how to download images from familysearch.org, how to utilize Dropbox for backup storage, how to copy pictures from the internet, how to use your computer’s “clipping tool,” how to resize and crop images, and more.

Members are invited to bring a “mini-story” (not longer than 5 minutes) to be read aloud at the meeting.

Calendar year society dues are \$10/individual (\$15/couple) and can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the society at the above address, Attn: Membership. A monthly email newsletter is available to members whose dues are current. The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research. Meeting locations alternate between Nevada and El Dorado Springs on the third Tuesday of the month at the local library. If questions, please contact the society at

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Preserving the Past Protecting the Future: A History of Missouri’s Sheriffs

This book explores the roots of the office of sheriff—the only law enforcement office in the state directly accountable to the people it serves. The book details the history of the office in each of Missouri’s 114 counties and the city of St. Louis, highlights events and notorious criminals that made history in our state, and remembers former sheriffs who served. Cost is \$69.95, which includes shipping and handling. We will discuss and vote on this suggested purchase.

Jesse & Frank James in Nevada

We had some discussion at the last genealogy society meeting regarding Jesse and Frank James in Nevada. The following information is gleaned from "He Walked Like a Cat: Frank James in Nevada, Missouri," by Patrick Brophy. Frank James (not Jesse) lived in Nevada for a while after the last charges against him were dropped in 1885. Frank James worked at McGowan & Jordan's Shoe Store, but he did not own the store. (This store was the forerunner of Stump's, although in a different location.) Frank purchased a little house at 520 South Cedar in Nevada from the Methodist Church for \$1,200. Frank Bronaugh financed the deal, although W. C. Bronaugh is often credited with doing so. Frank James, his wife Annie, and their 6-yr-old son Robbie lived in Nevada for about five or six years. The James family left Nevada in 1891 and headed to Texas. Frank James did return to Nevada a few times and appeared in Cole Younger's Wild West Show out at the fairgrounds north of town. Frank James died in 1915 at the old James farm house in Clay County where he lived out his last years.

In 1876, James A. "Dick" Liddil, a former Quantrill rider, came to Nevada to live in a house that still stands at 403 South Main, according to Brophy's book.

Shirley Ann Bastow, owner of the beautifully restored "Clack House" located at 502 S. Cedar (the corner of S. Cedar & Maple) in Nevada, said that there is an undocumented rumor that Jesse stayed for a short while in one of the upstairs bedrooms in their house when the Clack family lived there.

If you would like to read more about Jesse and Frank James, there are resources in the Genealogy Department, and numerous books are available for purchase from the Bushwhacker Museum which is located in the lower level of the Nevada Library building.

On a related note, this is a link to what is claimed to be an authentic tintype photo of Jesse James and Robert Ford and thought you might like to see it <http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/found-an-authentic-photo-of-the-outlaw-jesse-james>

Research Trip to Midwest Genealogy Center ~ Saturday, October 24

A member will be taking a van to the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, MO, on Sat, Oct 24. Limited seating is available for other researchers who might like to go. The plan is to depart the Nevada Wal-Mart parking lot (east side) at 7:30 a.m., arriving at Midwest about 9 a.m., and departing Midwest at 4 p.m. Bring a brown-bag lunch and beverage; there is a soft drink vending machine in the break area but we will not be driving to a restaurant at noon. To take advantage of the trip, plan in advance everyone and every location that you want to research -- save time by looking up the call numbers in advance. Search the card catalog at www.mymcpl.org/genealogy

National Archives' 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair – Oct 21 & 22

The National Archives' 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair will be held on Oct 21 and 22. This will be a live broadcast via YouTube. Speakers will include genealogy experts from National Archives locations across the nation. The live lecture sessions will feature tips and techniques for using Federal records at the National Archives for genealogy research. Recorded sessions will remain available online after the event. See more at archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/2015/

Ghost Busters @ the Cedar County Historical Society

Judi Cain will be hosting a program on Oct 17, 2 p.m., with the Ghost Busters that recently visited her historic home in Springfield, MO. They will be speaking about how they detect anomalies and sightings of paranormal activity. It should be a fun program for the Halloween season. The Cedar Co Historical Society is located at 106 West Davis St., Stockton, MO (one block north and one block west of the square). For information call 417-276-7092.

Missouri First Families

The Missouri Genealogical Association offers a Missouri First Families program to honor early Missouri families. Applications and additional information is available at <http://www.mosga.org/cpage.php?pt=9>. The types of certificates are

- **Territorial Certificates** – Ancestors proven to have resided in Missouri on or before statehood, 10 August 1821.
 - **Pioneer Certificates** – Ancestors proven to have resided in Missouri at any time between and including 11 August 1821 and 31 December 1860.
 - **Civil War Service Certificates** – Ancestors proven to have served in a Missouri military unit during the Civil War; those ancestors in other military units who saw service in Missouri during the Civil War; and those ancestors who were Civil War veterans and died and/or were buried in Missouri.
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Presentation of Historic State Capitol papers from Bates Co Museum

Monday, October 26, 2015; Jefferson City, MO.

11:00 a.m. - Lunch is available in Capitol Restaurant, Basement of Capitol

11:45 a.m. - Tour of MO Capitol & House of Representatives hosted by Rep.

Patricia Pike - Meet at 1st Floor Gift Shop Area at the Capitol

2:00 p.m. Presentation of Historic State Capitol papers from Bates Co Museum, at MO Secretary of State's Office, James Kirkpatrick Building - Atrium area

2:30 p.m. - Tour of Missouri State Archives

Contact Patricia Pike, MO House of Representatives, 201 W. Capital Ave, Rm 400-CB for more information.

1962 MO Death Certificate Re-indexing is Officially Finished

Member Betty H. provided this information from the MO State Archives staff. Volunteers continue to work on indexing MO marriage records with FamilySearch.org. Thank you to all volunteers who work on indexing records!

The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640

The Society purchased this book and it is now available for researchers to use. If you are researching any branch of your family that would have been in the New England area during the Great Migration, you will want to check this resource.

William E. Langan, Nevada Photographer

The Harvey Co KS Historical Museum & Archives has recently completed a blog post on William E. Langan who was a photographer in Newton, Harvey Co, KS from 1887-1897. After he left Newton, he came to Nevada City, Vernon Co, MO. To read more: <http://hchm.org/w-e-langan-photographer/>

From the Genealogy Mailbox

From: Patricia

September 10, 2015

To: Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society

Subject: Vernon County Research

The genealogy department in the Nevada library is absolutely fabulous! You have some generous and capable volunteers. I downloaded the administration of the estate of my 2great grandfather, Elijah Stout. Years ago, I successfully traced him back to the original immigrant, Richard Stout, who was born in England in 1615 and left the English ship on which he served to become a citizen of New Amsterdam.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find any information about Elijah's wife, Eleanor "Nellie" McPherson, whom he married in Morgan County, Missouri, in 1844. She died in Vernon County in 1886 and I was searching for an obituary or other proof that her parents were Joshua and Eleanor McPherson. I was hoping to find proof of her mother's maiden name.

Her father, Joshua McPherson, went to Oregon on the Oregon Trail. Many of her siblings went to Oregon also, but she remained in Missouri. Someday I may have the opportunity to find probate for him.

Thanks for the wonderful genealogy department.

Patricia

[Editor's note: Elijah Stout died 14 Jul 1907 in Nevada and is buried in the Civil War Grand Army of the Republic Lot in Balltown Cemetery west of Horton, MO.

He served in Company A, Enrolled Missouri Militia. Nellie McPherson Stout was buried in Pryor Creek Cemetery west of Metz, and no gravestone can now be found for her.]

Missouri State Genealogical Association

Please use the below information if you would like to join the MoSGA. Memberships are important to all societies and organizations.

\$20 per year	Individual Membership	4 journals & newsletters; one vote; one conference discount
\$30 per year	Family Membership	4 journals & newsletters; two votes; two conference discounts
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Name _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Newsletter will be delivered by email unless postal mail requested. Email delivery is best as there are many active links embedded in the newsletter that direct you to websites of interest.

New member ___ Renewal ___ Include check payable to MoSGA and send to:
MoSGA, PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833

Genealogy Department Work Day ~ Wednesday, 28 October

We will have another work day on Wednesday, 28 October, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Tasks will include punch holes in documents and put in 3-ring binders and put documents in protective sleeves and binders.

Newspaper Articles of Interest

GAMBLING GALORE.

A Short Chapter of Some Secret History.

The Missing Leaves in the City Recorder's Docket.

It has long been an open secret that gambling is practiced in Nevada to a very considerable extent. It is also a well known fact that a number of professionals now make and for many months past, have made Nevada their headquarters. These two facts being so thoroughly well known it has long been a subject of common remark that Nevada is the Gambler's Paradise.

Until quite recently the arrests for gambling have been few. Many arrests of professionals have been made in the months past, but the city Recorder's docket shows the great majority of the charges entered up against the names of these men to be for carrying concealed weapons. At all events gambling has flourished, and the fact has been long notorious.

Several months ago several parties were taken before the then City Recorder and charged with gambling. They were fined and the charge entered upon the docket. Some time after it was discovered that the docket had been tampered with and that the leaves containing these charges had been torn out of the docket book.

Common rumor made free with the names of the parties concerned and did not altogether spare the official character of the then acting city officials. Within the past two or three days public attention has again been directed in that channel and a hundred stories involving the reputation of more than one official are afloat. To get the straight facts in the case, a MAIL reporter was instructed to investigate it and probe the whole matter to the bottom.

A visit was first made to Recorder Bridgeford's office. Here the docket was examined carefully both by the Recorder and the reporter. The names of a number of well known sporting characters were found on the docket prior to the time of the present Recorder, with the charge of carrying concealed weapons entered up against each. In one place two pages were missing—numbers 81 and 82, and between the dates of Sept. 28 and October 1, 1887 there was a hiatus.

Rumor has it that these missing pages contained the names of the offending sports with the specific charge of gambling entered up against each.

Recorder Bridgeford turned to the pages of the book that have been filled during his administration and showed where four sports had been brought before him on the charge of gambling and punished, the fines and costs amounting to \$31.10 in each case. The charge was specific in each instance and entered plainly upon the docket as such. He also showed where two other men had been charged with keeping gambling houses, and had been fined on the 24th day of April. In each of these cases referred to the defendants pled guilty.

The Recorder further stated that he called the attention of the city council to the necessity of having a secure place in which to keep the docket. The city clerk has a small safe for the records of the council, but it is too small to hold these with the Recorder's books. A desk in the city court room had heretofore been the repository for the City Recorder's books and documents but that since he had been in office, he had taken the precaution to put the docket in W. J. Jones' safe.

The mutilation of the docket occurred during ex-Recorder Martin's term of office and the reporter sought him out. Upon being questioned in regard to the matter he said:

"I kept the docket book and other papers in the desk in the council room. The cases to which you refer were tried before me upon the charge of gambling and were so entered of record. It was fully two months afterwards before I discovered that the book had been tampered with, and I discovered it in this way.

"One morning, the next after a meeting of the city council, I went to my office, rather early. When I unlocked the door I noticed two prisoners standing inside the cage, but did not notice that the door was unlocked, although I stepped up close to it in order to turn out a gas jet near it. I then went on upstairs to my office. When I went to open the desk I noticed that it had been pried open. I noticed, also, that a watch which had been left as security for a fine was gone. I did not then notice the docket having been tampered with. As soon as I found out the situation in regard to the desk I made haste to go down stairs. When I got to the cage I saw the door wide open and the two prisoners gone. It had been left so the night before, probably through carelessness, as several different persons had taken coal in to the prisoners during the time the council was in session. I immediately dispatched officers in search of the men, but they were never captured.

"About two months after this, just before the time for making our term reports, Marshal Mountjoy and I were going over the docket, footing up the fines, costs, etc., when, for the first time, the discovery that the books had been tampered with, was made. I always have believed that those two men got the watch, and also tore out the leaves."

It is said that a gentleman who was connected with the police force, declares he can spot the men who tore out the leaves, and that if the city will pay his expenses in the pursuit, he will guarantee to catch the men and prove their guilt. If this is true all the money necessary for expenses can easily be had.

Taken in connection with the foregoing facts, the conspicuous absence of some of Nevada's principal sports, just as the grand jury enters upon its duties, is suggestive, to say the least.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Missouri; Monday, 7 May 1888, page 1

Ernie Mendel's Body Coming

A telegram received Wednesday stated that Ernie Mendel's body had been shipped from Hoboken, N.J. It will probably arrive in time for the funeral to be held at Fort Scott Sunday at 2 o'clock. Mendel-Steele Post will have charge of the military services and all ex-service men in uniform are invited to join them. Friends of the family are invited to go on the 11 o'clock train and return at 5:38.

Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 19 August 1921

Arrested After A Good Time

The following is from the Fort Scott Tribune of December 29:

A midnight ride in Mulberry, a gallon of "red dog" wine and a hilarious time to the well small hours, caused the arrest of four young men and three young girls Wednesday morning. The three girls who gave their ages as 16 and 17 years, were arrested at an East Side lodging house immediately upon their return to the city about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. The four young men were arrested later in the day. A charge of disturbing the peace has been placed against them in the city court but it is quite probably that more serious charges will be preferred against the young men before the affair is over. The young men were able to give bond in the amount of \$100 each pending a hearing in police court Friday morning. The three girls are being held at the city jail. The girls came here, it is claimed, several weeks ago from Rinehart, Mo, and Devon, Kansas.

Fort Scott Tribune, December 30:

The four young men who were arrested Wednesday on the charge of disturbing the peace following a joy ride to Mulberry with three youthful girls, plead guilty to the charge in police court this morning and were given heavy fines and jail sentences. One was given a fine of \$50 and a jail sentence of 60 days. He was paroled on payment of \$25. Another was given a fine of \$50 and a jail sentence of 60 days. He was paroled on payment of \$50. The remaining two were given fines of \$100 each and jail sentences of 60 days. They were paroled when they had paid their fines. City Attorney John Connolly expressed an opinion this afternoon that nothing would be done to the girls on account of their age and the fact that they were ignorant of the circumstances. The mother and brothers of one of the girls came to town this morning and took her back home. They promised they would not allow her to come to town again until she became of age. The other girls claim that they cannot stay at their home, which is also in the rural districts, on the account of an unruly stepmother. They state that she will not let them stay at home. Their cases have been placed in the hands of Mr. Pritchard, the welfare commissioner, and an effort will be made to find them a good home.

Metz Times, Metz, Missouri; Friday, 6 January 1922

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