

The Clay County MOsaic

“Fitting the Pieces Together”

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We would love to hear from you!

Is there a Clay County topic you've always wondered about?

Send us a question and we'll try to provide you an answer!

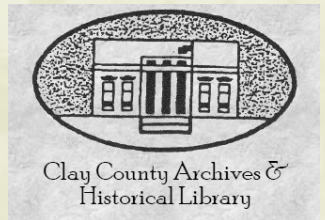
Now that 2013 is upon us, I would like to express my gratitude to all those who contributed to such an active and productive 2012 year at the Archives!

First up is this newsletter. I wish to thank all of those who have worked so hard over the years including the most recent former editor, Linda Smith. And our current editor, Keenan Barker, whom I asked to give it a new look and she did a great job of it.

I am also grateful for the researchers and typists who have been working on The Civil War Soldiers Book project. I'd like to list their names but there have been so many who have given their time and effort. We've missed our original target of having it ready by the holidays but it was a larger project than we imagined. We are now anticipating publication in first quarter of 2013.

The daily volunteers have been fabulous all year. They have worked so hard serving our patrons by

doing research for them and helping our self-serve patrons do their own research. And they do the job of managing our ever-expanding collection of historic material, as well as maintaining our facility.



There have been numerous other projects along the way as well. Such as Nancy George researching and writing text for Gladstone's historical markers at the Big Shoal Cemetery and Atkins-Johnson Farm. And Frank McMillian and Donna Root preparing a large tri-fold display board which has been displayed in various locations throughout Clay County.

Those who donate financially are to be heartily thanked as well, especially in these hard times. We have a continuing job to do and we could not do

it without this kind of support. We do have bills to pay and you are instrumental in being able to keep our doors open.

Kudos also go to our landlord, the City of Liberty which has blessed us with the Hughes Library building to house our material and activities. They have been so gracious and patient with us for well over 20 years.

Lastly, I would like to thank the long-term volunteers who have labored so lovingly over our collection and our mission and have provided such continuity and purpose to preserve the history and heritage of Clay County.

I know there are many more people that I have forgotten to thank for the myriad tasks and jobs that have been worked on this year. Please forgive me for my oversight and know that I am grateful none the less. My memory isn't what it used to be. After all, I am now another year older!

~Stuart Elliott

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General Information

Hours of Operation

Monday through Wednesday—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
First Wednesday of Month—6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Closed on National Holidays

Membership for Calendar Year

Individual & Family (one address) - \$15.00
(Memberships paid after October 1 will apply to next calendar year.)

Benefits of Membership

Unlimited *On-Site* Research
Subscription to *The Clay County MOsaic*, our quarterly newsletter

Research Policy & Fees

Non-members pay \$5.00 per day for on-site research.
Member and non-member research requests by mail are accepted. Each request must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope and an initial research fee of \$10.00 per surname for one hour of research. Additional hours are \$10.00 per hour.

Copy Prices

Original records (such as probate material)	\$1/page
Other published material	15 cents per page
Microfilm printouts	25 cents per page
Computer print-outs	5 cents per page
Oversize copies	50 cents per page
Photographs	
Standard Quality	50 cents
Archival Quality -	\$5.00

Personal imaging will be charged at the above rates.

MOsaic by Internet

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**2012 SPECIAL GIFTS
RECOGNITION**

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**RECENT DONATIONS
OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 11, 2012**

Donations of Material

- Liz Ivy Copy of photo of home of Samuel and Anna Weber, 1887. House build in 1858.
- Joy Anderson Ephesus School Records
- Ann Henning 3 paperback books: *Historic Missouri*, *Jesse James in Clay County* and *Terror at the Door*.

Donations of Money

Kay Metz Alpaugh, Great great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin Rollins and Eveline Ross
 Raymond Brock
 Christine Commoto
 Shirley Fansher
 Robert Harrington
 F.I. Hornbuckle
 Keith Nelson

Thank you for your support!

THE ARCHIVES HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

Our domain name (claycountyarchives.org) hasn't changed but we (finally) have an updated, modern website representing our mission to the world. Please surf over and check it out.

It has been in the planning stages for a long time and we have worked on it in our spare time for about a year. Stuart Elliott, Steve Hatcher and Neale Shour have all contributed greatly to the project. We have also received input from other volunteers to provide content. We realize there is more to do but we wanted to get this new version up and running before the end of the year. We'll take a little breather for the holidays then start working on the additions and enhancements in the coming months. Keep checking back.

www.claycountyarchives.org

CORRECTION

In the third quarter MOsaic we incorrectly reported information in a Memorial to Roy Hornbuckle. Mr. Hornbuckle was not buried at New Garden and was not a blacksmith. His SAR ancestor, James Wills is buried at New Garden, and was the blacksmith. Mr. Hornbuckle was buried in the Platte City Cemetery.

Our apology for this misprint.

ARCHIVES ON DISPLAY

The Clay County Archives has prepared a mobile display that shares the mission of the Archives through an assortment of pictures and documents from its files. The display was developed by the Archives under the direction of Donna Root. The display was set-up at various activities in the county over the last year.



We are pleased to announce that the display has a quasi-home at the Mid-Continent library branches for 2013 and we couldn't be more excited to share the information.

Stop in for a visit and support the local libraries.

2013 Travel Schedule

January:	Liberty	May:	Kearney
March:	Antioch	September:	North Oak
April:	Claycomo	October:	Excelsior Springs

G E N E A L O G Y P O X

W A R N I N G V E R Y C O N T A G I O U S T O A D U L T S

Symptoms – continued complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes.

Treatment – no known cure. Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines, and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

Remarks – The unusual nature of this disease is – the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!!

-- Author Unknown, From Ancestors Unlimited-Nebraska Gen. Society

A R E M I N D E R A B O U T W I N T E R C L O S I N G S



Just as a reminder:

If the Liberty School District is closed because of weather, the Archives will also be closed. Volunteers should check the list on the front desk and make sure phone numbers are correct. Volunteers will be called if the Archives is closed for any reason. Volunteers should never feel the need to be at the Archives if driving or walking is not safe. Safety first, and each volunteer should feel free to establish that threshold at an individual level.

The TV/radio stations will be notified. In the event of a closure.

Researchers should call the Archives before coming in during the winter. Usually the Archives is open, but once in a while circumstances beyond control will require closing.

The phone number is 816-781-3611.

THE CIVIL WAR IN CLAY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE



The work on the Civil War book is continuing to make good and steady progress.

Numerous activities have been completed since the last MOsaic update, including:

1. A decision was made regarding the title of the book. It will be called "Divided Loyalties - Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County, Missouri"
2. 20 additional soldiers were identified and confirmed as buried in Clay County, research was completed and bios developed for those 20 individuals.
3. The total number of soldiers to be included in the book has grown to 810.
4. Artwork for the front and back cover was finalized.
5. The Introduction section was completed.
6. The first two chapters of the book were completed. Chapter 1 describes the major events that occurred in Clay County during the war. Chapter 2 explains the structure of the military in Clay County and how it evolved throughout the war.
7. Additional cemeteries were visited and additional photos of graves were taken.
8. All bios have been written and typed.
9. The Cemetery location section has been completed.

Currently we are:

1. Reviewing and editing all 810 bios. We are checking for content and revising format to be consistent.

Activities for coming weeks:

1. Prepare cross-reference of soldiers buried by cemetery.
2. Prepare cross-reference of soldiers by military unit they served in.
3. Review Clay County Archives Photo Collection for available portraits of soldiers to be included in the book.
4. Write and edit additional articles.
5. Assemble the book (e.g. put all chapters together, insert gravestone and other photos as appropriate).
6. Final review / edit of all content.
7. Create the index.

A *sneak peak* of the book is included on the next page of this edition of The MOsaic. This sample page includes a bio for Martin Anderson King. Mr. King was an ancestor of three individuals who are volunteers at the Clay County Archives:
He was Joyce Schumacher's great-great grandfather.
He was Gail Minter Bynum's great-great grandfather.
He was Patty King Rendon's great-great grandfather.

CRAWLING THROUGH THE CEMETERIES WITH KEN

In keeping up with the trend, another gravesite has been located. This is a black/slave gravesite and we do not have the pinpoint location, but is in Township 53, Range 33, Section 12, SW1/4. This is about three miles northeast of Smithville along Route F, and about half-mile south of the Rollins Graveyard on the C. O. Neth farm. It is southeast of the bend in the road.

Our count now is 354.

No further information has been found regarding the location of the citizens killed by the bushwhacker. It is hard to pinpoint a location when the report is between Liberty and Smithville.



~Ken Neth

**SAMPLE PAGE
DIVIDED LOYALTIES—CIVIL WAR
SOLDIERS BURIED IN CLAY COUNTY,
MISSOURI**

Divided Loyalties ~ Civil War Soldiers Buried In Clay County, Missouri

Martin Anderson King

- 22 Sep 1840 – 5 Aug 1885
- Crowley Cemetery
- Missouri State Guard (Confederate)
- Private, Garth's Clay County Enrolled Missouri Militia (Union)



Martin Anderson King was born in Clay County to Daniel and Polly (Miller) King. His father was born in Virginia and his mother in Ohio. His parents came to Clay County in 1827. Martin King was orphaned at the age of 11. In the fall of 1861, he enlisted as a Confederate soldier in the Missouri State Guard. While serving under General Price he participated in battles at Lexington and Pea Ridge. After returning home to Clay County he served as a Union soldier in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. In 1862, Mr. Martin married Margaret Rennick Sutton. They had ten children: Anna Belle, Mary Jane, Joanna May, Hubert Earl, Maggie M., Ardena Brown, Ardella L., Sarah, and Fannie and Della (twins). Mr. Martin was a farmer. He was struck and killed by lightning while working to bale and store hay before a storm.

Moses King

- 20 Oct 1843 – 31 Dec 1930
- Fairview Cemetery – Liberty
- Corporal, Company B, 2nd Missouri Cavalry (Confederate)



Moses King was born in Chariton County, Missouri to Morgan and Mary Ann (Titus) King. His siblings were John, Joel, James, Morgan, Dorothy, Isabelle, Ibba, and Andrew. Mr. King came to Clay County with his parents at the age of 6. He served under Marmaduke and Crittenden in the battles of Prairie Grove, Arkansas; Springfield, Missouri; Helena, Arkansas; and Marks Mill, Arkansas. After the war he returned to Clay County and continued farming. In October of 1873, he married Annie E. Devine. They were the parents of two children: Edna Mae and Edward Lee. Mr. King died north of Liberty at the age of 87.

Thomas Joshua King

- 8 May 1834 – 9 Feb 1913
- Shady Grove Cemetery
- Clay County Mounted Rangers (Confederate)
- Liberty Home Guard (Home Guard)

Thomas Joshua King was born in Kentucky to Silas Mercer and Frances Marshall (Parker) King. Both of his parents were born in Virginia. His siblings were Amand, George, Ellen, Joseph, Ann, Harriet, Frances, James, and John. Mr. King and Elizabeth Holt were married near Falmouth, Kentucky in 1854. In 1855 they began their journey down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi River to St. Louis where they were to change boats to come up the Missouri River to Missouri City. They traveled with another couple, (Harriett and Albert Conway), and two young relatives, (George and Cornelius King). Upon reaching St. Louis they were told they would be required to pay the same fare for their horses as for passengers. Thomas, Albert, George and Cornelius got off the boat and rode their horses across the state while the ladies took the boat. The group reunited in Missouri City. Mr. King established a farm in Clay County. He and Elizabeth had nine children: Henry, Susan, Florence, Nancy, Thomas, Arthur, Laura, Ilda, and Martha. After Elizabeth's death in 1886, Mr. King married Eliza Dagley in 1889. Mr. King died in Excelsior Springs.

DIGITAL CURATION BY FRANK MCMILLIAN

No, it is not a cure for sore fingers or toes. However, some might describe it as a new headache for librarians and archivists. And, it is an issue to be addressed at the Clay County Archives.

Wikipedia defines digital curation as “the selection, preservation, maintenance, collection and archiving of digital assets.” The wiki goes on to explain, “Digital curation generally refers to the process of establishing and developing long term repositories of digital assets for current and future reference by researchers, scientists, historians, and scholars. Enterprises are starting to utilize digital curation to improve the quality of information and data within their operational and strategic processes.”

Digital curation includes the microfilm and microfiche held by the Archives; however, that information was a planned and coordinated transfer of information from print media to digital media. We knew it was coming, planned for it and was prepared to store it.

Those who coined the term, digital curation, were thinking of a new category of digital. This is information that was never on paper and may come from a variety of sources – not planned and not easily organized. Examples are news coverage made public only on a website or blog, or family histories recorded on digital files on a family computer. News coverage may be archived on a website, but its availability is limited – try retrieving an article from KansasCity.com a year or more after it was first placed on the web. Family histories stored on a personal computer can fall victim to any number of issues.



The day when someone shows up at the Archives with a box of dad’s old genealogy research or mom’s stories of her childhood are disappearing as fast as we can say online storage. Just as threatened is the preservation of current events. In Liberty we have the luck of still being served by a local paper with an editorial team that still gives history events good coverage. For a few more years, that information will be recorded in the paper and we will assume that those papers will become part of our archive.

However, other parts of Clay County are not so lucky and in all likelihood that luck will run out in Liberty. That doesn’t mean that those moments of history-making are not being recorded, it is just that the recording will be on digital media that won’t be found in a box someday and donated to the Archives.

Jay Jackson and grandson, Cole Chamberlain Jackson, at the dedication of the historical marker at the site of the Liberty Arsenal. It is a digital image on a digital photo gallery, and unless someone prints the image and stores it, the image will disappear when the photo gallery is removed.

A recent example could be the placing of the marker near the location of the Liberty Arsenal. That event was attended by several organizations and each may have recorded some part of it in an email blast to their members. A photo gallery of the event can be found at www.windingriver.com/liberty_arsenal_marker_dedication. However, unless some effort is made to collect that digital information it will not be available 100 years from now at the observance of the 250th anniversary of the raid on the Liberty Arsenal. *(continued on next page)*

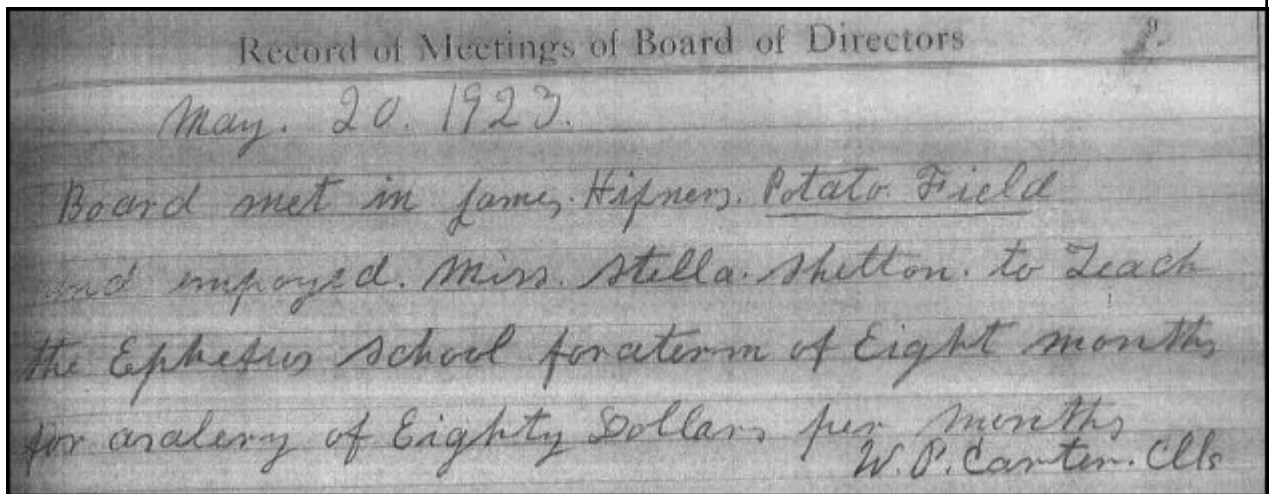
D I G I T A L C U R A T I O N
(C O N T I N U E D F R O M P R E V I O U S P A G E)

What seems to be the solution? Just as the definition of digital curation implies, it is going to have to be a multi-faceted solution: selection, preservation, maintenance, collection and archiving. Over the next few issues of the newsletter a closer look can be made of each of these issues and how they will affect the Clay County Archives.

One final example brings home the issue facing us. Most of us take pictures at Christmas. Five years ago you would have taken that film and had pictures printed that could be shared with family members for generations to come -- even if they got stuck in a box and not re-discovered for many years. This year you probably recorded your Christmas on a digital camera. You may have carefully downloaded the images to a file on your computer and may have even put a few in a digital frame to set on a table (certainly not on top of the television anymore). The issue is that there will never be a shoe box of old pictures from Christmas 2012 for our grandchildren to find. No more pictures where someone took the time to write out the names of the people in the pic-

R E C O R D O F M E E T I N G S O F
B O A R D O F D I R E C T O R S - R E A L L Y !

The next time you are at a Board Meeting, (or any meeting, for that matter) take a minute to look around and appreciate your surroundings. Imagine how it would feel if your next meeting was at the location described here:



~Ephesus School Records

Y O U R G R A V E Y A R D

Every man should have a graveyard of his own. In it he should bury all his mean thoughts, his hatreds, his animosities and evil aspirations, and bury them deep so that there can be no resurrection. If you hear a bit of malicious gossip, bury it deep. If you have been nursing a feeling of hatred toward somebody for years—then bury it. And when you have finally filled your graveyard with the worst that was in you—you will find the world and all that goes to make it a much better place than ever before.

~Author Unknown, Smithville Democrat Herald, Friday, June 23, 1922, page 7

2012 ANNUAL MEETING BY DONNA ROOT

On a glorious fall day, the Annual Meeting was called to order by President Stuart Elliott. The meeting was held at the Atkins-Johnson Farm & Museum in Gladstone, a wonderful museum work in process scheduled to open to the public this Spring.

The officers and chairpersons gave short synopses of their work for the past year.

- Steve Olson, property co-chairman, said the roof and steps had been repaired by the City of Liberty. He also reported that Ray Brock and his family trimmed the bushes in front of the Archives.
- Ann Henning said that as corresponding secretary she sent out thank-you notes for gifts and acquisitions, wrote condolence notes for deaths of members. She reported that Stuart Elliott had made a computer program to be used when the Archives receives accessions from people. This program will eventually include all past accessions, making records easier to find.
- Donna Root, recording secretary, said her job was to take notes at the meetings and transcribe them for the board meetings.
- Ken Neth, cemetery chairman, said we have 354 cemeteries and are still adding to that number.
- Speaking on behalf of Shirley Fansher, Stuart Elliott reported that the Archives had 181 members in 2012 and already had about 30 with paid memberships for 2013.
- Keenan Barker reported that she started as MOsaic editor in mid 2012, has prepared the MOsaic issues for publication and encouraged members to submit articles and provide feedback.
- Steve Olson, chairman of Ways and Means Committee, said the Archives had sold several prints of the historic sites map. The 1865 Atlas sales are in the profit range and the Civil War book that is being prepared will come out soon. Tony Myers gave a summary of the work that has gone into the Civil War book.
- Stuart Elliott, computer chairman, has worked on the accession program, mapping for the cemetery entries, the inventory and is working with Steve Hatcher on the materials catalog.
- Carol Olson, volunteer chairman, said we lost a few volunteers and gained some wonderful volunteers.
- Steve Olson added that the Archives objective is to collect, preserve and make the documents accessible to researchers. He requested family photo donations.

Bob Corum and Frank McMillian, nominating committee members, put forth the committee's nominations of officers and directors for 2013. Bob Corum read the nominations, all of which passed, and the 2012 officers remain in their respective positions. (A complete listing appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.)

Directors Patricia Rendon and Frank McMillian were nominated for the three year term 2012—2015, and both were appointed.

The meeting concluded with presentations by Carol Rudi, President of The Friends of the Atkins-Johnson Farm, Richard King, public relations officer for the City of Gladstone, and Melinda Mehaffy, economic development administrator for the City of Gladstone. All spoke about various aspects of the acquisition, development and preservation of the Atkins-Johnson Farm & Museum.

For those that were able to attend—thank you. For those unable to attend, we hope this brings you up to date. Most importantly, the Archives thanks everyone for the continued support and we all look forward to a productive 2013.

ARCHIVES GIFT SHOP

OUR NEW PUBLICATION

Reprint of the 1865 Clay County Historical Atlas, with features in color, just like the original!
Cost is \$20, plus \$2 for mail delivery.

THE STORY OF LIBERTY...from settlement to suburb, a movie available in two formats:

DVD—\$15 each

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(all postpaid)

1877 Historical Atlas of Clay County \$15

Every-Name Index to 1877 Atlas \$13

Clay County Births, 1883-84 \$7

Clay County Deaths, 1883-84 \$7

DAR Sesquicentennial Book \$18

Every-Name Index to DAR Book \$11

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Thinking Out Loud...



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