

# The Clay County MOsaic

“Fitting the Pieces Together”

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We would love to hear from you!

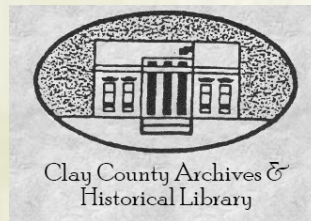
Is there a Clay County topic you've always wondered about?

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

We are working diligently on abstracting the Criminal and Civil cases; recording all names we find, not just the principals. They are also going into the master index on the computer so that you can find out whether any of your ancestors were involved in any court cases in any capacity. For instance, I found that my grandfather was a juror for a criminal case.

You are, I'm sure, well aware that our latest book has now hit the streets. "Discovering Historic Clay County Missouri" has been flying off the shelves for a few weeks now. If you haven't gotten your copy, I suggest you do so soon. It is a fascinating look at over 1100 historic sites throughout Clay County. It includes descriptions, pictures, maps, locations and other such details that will be a great addition to your library and provide insight into the history of our county. This issue of the MOsaic contains some previews, too.

CHARISMA (the association of northland museums and archives) held the first Teachers Fair in July. Geared toward teachers not in the Liberty or North Kansas City school dis-



tricts, they set up displays at the VFW Hall in Excelsior Springs. All of the constituent organizations did a wonderful job in presenting themselves and their offerings to the teachers. Since this was the first foray into this arena, we weren't sure what to expect attendance-wise but about a dozen teachers came to visit. Everyone had a great time talking with each other. Gerri Spencer (of the Kearney Museum) represented CHARISMA at both the North Kansas City and the Liberty School Districts Teachers Fairs a week later.

Chris Harris has offered to

take over the administration of our Facebook page. He is keeping it up-to-date with interesting, little-known facts he runs across about photographs and other records about Clay County. Please follow us on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/claycountyarchives>. You can also post your own inquiries and information there, too, sharing with, and drawing upon, the collected knowledge of your fellow Clay County aficionados.

Steve Hatcher and I have recently completed our latest website project. You can now purchase merchandise directly from our website using a "shopping cart" to select material or services and pay for them using your credit card without having to contact the Archives first. You can find this new shopping cart at: <http://claycountyarchives.org/index.php/merchandise>. Our new book, "Discovering Historic Clay County, Missouri" is also there for purchase. In addition to material, you can use this system

**2014 Executive Board**

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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.

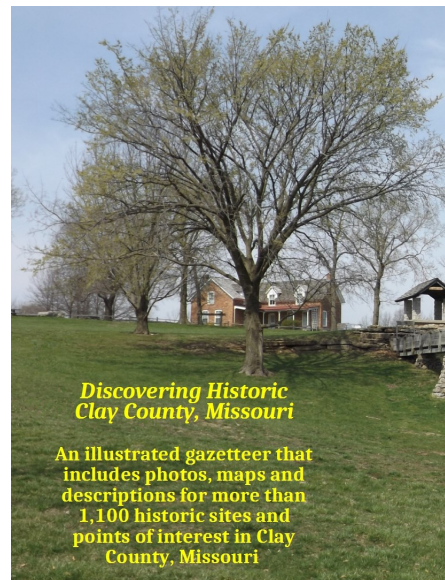
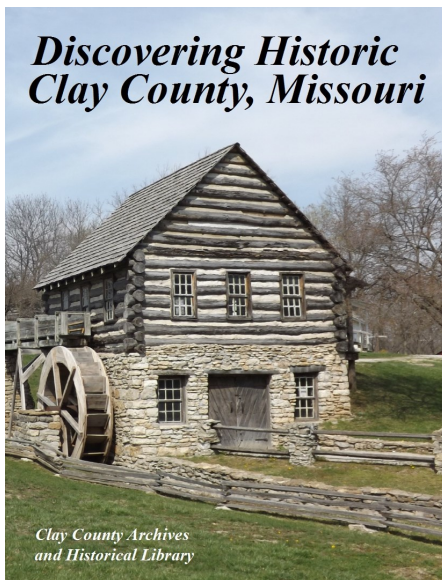
**MOsaic by Internet**

If you would like to receive your future newsletters via email, please forward your email address to: [MOsaic@claycountyarchives.org](mailto:MOsaic@claycountyarchives.org)

## NEW BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE

In the last MOsaic newsletter we announced that work was underway on a new book that would be published later this year. The book is now complete and copies of *Discovering Historic Clay County, Missouri* are available at the Archives! This 240 page book features information on more than 1,100 historic sites and points of interest throughout Clay County. Handcrafted maps reflecting the location of businesses, homes, schools, churches, communities, roads, bridges, railroads, mills, springs, streams, rivers landings, and more are included. Three hundred images, sourced from the Archives' photo collection, accompany descriptive information about each of the sites. GPS coordinates, representing the approximate location of the sites, are provided. An extensive index is also included. *Discovering Historic Clay County, Missouri* should appeal to just about anyone with an interest in area history and would make a wonderful gift idea. All proceeds from the sale of the book, (\$25 on-site, \$30 if mailed), benefit the ongoing operation of the Archives. The format of the book is 8.5" x 11", softbound. The cover is full color. The interior pages are black and white.

~Tony Meyers  
Archives Volunteer



Here's a sample from the Descriptions and Photos section of the book.

**Claybrook (George E.) Steam Mill** was located in T53 R31 S24. This flour mill was established in 1858. Mr. Claybrook was a strong southern sympathizer and suffered heavy financial losses as a result of the Civil War.

- Location: North-Central Clay County Map D26
- Approx. GPS Coords: 39.389516, -94.338234

**Claybrook House** was located in T53 R31 S25. It was built by George Claybrook in 1858. It was designed in the modified Greek Revival style. A fire destroyed the home on March 12, 2002.

- Location: North-Central Clay County Map D26
- Approx. GPS Coords: 39.3881, -94.32452



*Claybrook House*

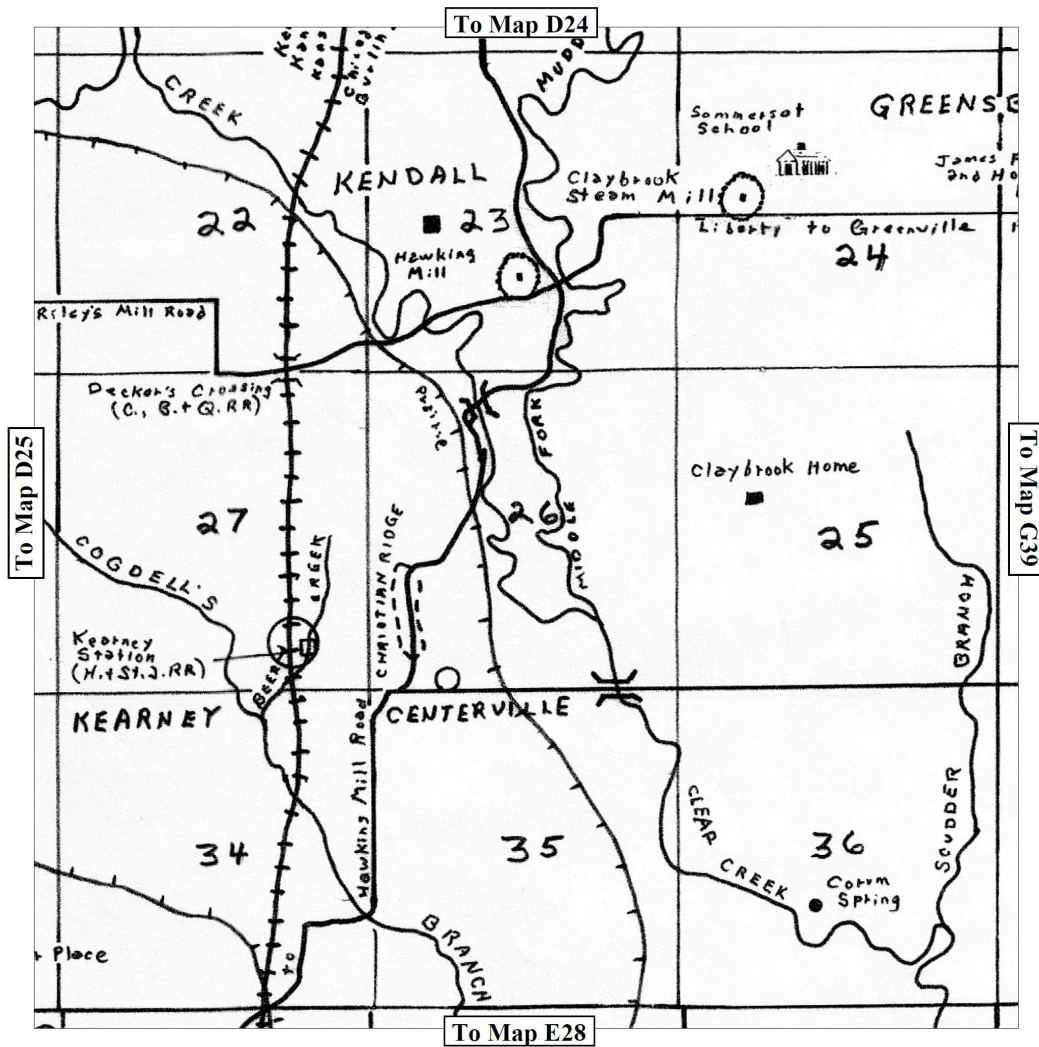
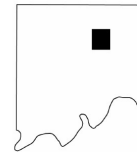


# SAMPLE PAGE

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*Discovering Historic Clay County, Missouri*

## Map Segment D26 North-Central Clay County Township 53N Range 31W



## RECENT DONATIONS

### Donations of Material

Bob Hazlett—DVD Smithville High School Yearbooks 1923, 1925 and 1926 (The Mayflower)  
Births at Smithville Community Hospital 1954-1960

Marianne Hill—computer, monitor, etc.

Antonio F. Holland—Missouri's Black Heritage, Revised Edition by Kramer & Holland

Christie Kennard—The Paxtons, An American History, in 2 volumes

Linda Knouse—Documents and pictures from three organizations: Love, Inc., InAsMuch Ministries and Fellowship of the Concerned

Jaci & Chadwick—Photographs of relics from the Winner Hotel, 4x6 color photos (Metal picture, key chain fob, silver fork with Winner Hotel etched on it, etc.)

Meri J. McNeese—Photo of women in front of William Jewell College

Kay Millen—Photographs of the Funk Family

### Donations of Money

Beth Beckett

Ray Brock

Irven E. & NeVada P. Linscomb Foundation Fund

Ann & Sandy Mazeau

James Patterson

Harold Phillips

Sylvia Wees

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Congratulations to Archive volunteer Ann (Hoover) Henning, '52, on being recognized by William Jewell College with the John F. Truex Lifetime Alumni Service award.

Ann will be recognized at William Jewell's homecoming, the weekend of September 27, 2014.

Congratulations, Ann!



**P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E C O N T I N U E D**

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to pay for services. For instance, if you'd like for us to do research for you (and provide copies of records), you can pay for the research and copies using the shopping cart. After you initially contact us, and we respond with what we've found for you, we may direct you to use the "Services" category on the merchandise page to select and pay for the applicable research and copy fees.

And, speaking of our website, the next project for us will be to put our master index online so that you can do your own initial research to see what material we may have of interest to you. We have no timetable for its implementation but we'll be starting on it very soon.

Oh, one more thing. We participated in the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum "Big Shoal Country Fair" on September 6<sup>th</sup>. There were many fun events and exhibits for all members of the family (contests, petting zoo, dancers, storytellers, games, crafts, civil war encampment and more!) The farm is at 6607 NE Antioch Road in Gladstone.

*~Stuart Elliott*

**T H A N K Y O U T O T H E L O W E ' S I N L I B E R T Y**



Lowe's in Liberty, MO, donated a 4' x 6' embroidered American Flag to the Clay County Archives and Historical Library. The flag has been hung, and flies high and proud in front of the Archives. If you have the opportunity to shop at Lowe's, please let them know the Archives appreciates their support.

**L I B E R T Y 2 0 1 4 W A L K I N G T O U R S**

**1 0 : 0 0 A M - O P E N T O T H E P U B L I C - F R E E**

*Saturday, October 4*

**Mt. Memorial Cemetery**

Tour meets at the entrance  
to the cemetery.

(Enter William Jewell College campus from  
Miller Street and continue up the hill.)

Contact the City of Liberty, MO for more information at 816-439-4400

## ARCHIVES GIFT SHOP

### ATLAS

Reprint of the 1865 Clay County Historical Atlas, with features in color, just like the original! Includes an index. \$22

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

DVD—\$15 each

S-VHS—\$10 each

(add \$2 for shipping and handling)

The VHS version is available in two formats, for older model players and for the current model players. Specify which of the formats you desire.

### GREETING CARDS

Note Cards—10 \$7.50

### *DOCTOR ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER*

The Diaries of Dr. William Wallace Dougherty, 1854-1880 \$17

### *LOST VOICES ON THE MISSOURI*

(*Dougherty*) \$64.95

### *IKNEWFRANK...IWISHIHADKNOWN JESSE*

Family, Friends and Neighbors in the Life and Times of the James Boys \$30

### *GUERRILLAS AND OTHER CURIOSITIES*

Bud, Donnie and Me \$25

### MISCELLANEOUS / BOOKS

1877 Historical Atlas of Clay County \$15

Every-Name Index to 1877 Atlas \$13

Clay County Births, 1883-84 \$9

Clay County Deaths, 1883-84 \$9

Divided Loyalties \$40

Clay County Historic Map \$15

(not available to be mailed)

DAR Sesquicentennial Book ~~\$18~~

SOLD OUT

Every-Name Index to DAR Book \$11

Please make your check payable to:

Clay County Archives

And mail to:

P.O. Box 99

Liberty, MO 64069

All prices include mailing fees. If you wish to pick up in person, please contact us for pricing and to ensure availability.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Mark your calendar for November 1, 2014, 9:30—11:30 a.m. Pharis Farm, 20611 EE Highway, Liberty MO (East of Liberty off H Highway) for the Annual Clay County Archives and Historical Library MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Call the Archives at 816-781-3611 or Nancy George at 816-781-6496 to make your reservation. Emily Vandendaele, Clay County Parks, will make a short presentation on the Pharis Farm. Goodies and coffee/tea will be served.

April, May, June 2014

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Our Mission

To procure, preserve, restore, maintain, study, and promote manuscripts, instruments, records, charters, evidence, and documents of a public or private nature which may have statistical, legal or historical significance to Clay County, Missouri, its government or residents, or such documents as might be desirable to the association and to encourage public interest therein.