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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was looking at our list of known Clay County portraits and began thinking about all the prominent people who have been a part of our history. I have concluded that Clay County has one of the richest histories of any county in the United States.

We have been home to Francois Chouteau, Major John Dougherty, Alexander W. Doniphan, David R. Atchison, Peter Burnett, William Laidlaw and the James Boys. Our county influenced the fate of the Mormon Church and the lives of Carrie Nation, William Quantrill, Bloody Bill Anderson and Willard Winner.

We have been visited by Sieur Etienne Veniard de Bourgmont, Lewis & Clark, Zebulon Pike, Prince Paul, Duke of Wurttemberg, Maximillion Prince of Wied, Chief White Cloud, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Charles Lindbergh, Harry S. Truman and Ronald Reagan.

George Caleb Bingham, "The Missouri Artist", painted portraits of 32 Clay Countians. It's rather exciting for our volunteers to be curators of the documents that record the deeds of such an impressive group of people.

Kevin M. Fisher

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First Wednesday of Month . 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Closed on National Holidays

MEMBERSHIP FOR CALENDAR YEAR

Individual & Family (one address) - \$15.00

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Unlimited *On-Site* Research

Subscription to *The Clay County MOsaic*, our quarterly newsletter

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Standard Quality – 50 cents

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Casette (including handling fee).....12.00

[See Page 6 for ordering info.]

“Doctor on the Western Frontier”.....27.50

[See Page 4 for ordering info.]

Clay County Marriage Indexes.... (See Page 6)

SPECIAL GIFTS PROGRAM

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CIRCUIT COURT BOOKS

By Evelyn Petty

March 1831

Reibem R. Reynolds was appointed overseer of the Council Bluffs Road to replace Andrew M. Poage, whose term expired.

Robert Todd's term of overseer expired and Johnson Williams took his place. The road was the Big Lick Road between Todds and Graggs.

There was considerable controversy about John Courtney's estate and Thomas Courtney's estate. Each was an heir of the other, but the time of death seemed in controversy.

James E. Hall resigned as overseer of the Estes Mill Road and Carter Dale took the job.

Thomas Estes, a free man of color, came into court and acknowledged as his act and deed an instrument of writing signed by him purposing to emancipate and set free Sucky, a negro woman lave, the wife of Thomas, and this paper was filed.

Samuel Tillery, Solomon Fry and Cyrus Brashears were securities for John Baxter, constable of Liberty Twp. Rolland Stark was constable of Fishing River Twp., with Andrew Robertson and Cornelius Gilliam his securities. Henry Owens was Platte Twp.'s constable and he had Joel Turnham and Leonard Searcy as his securities. John W. Brown was constable of Gallatin Twp. with John Welch and William Brown as securities; and Washington Twp. had Taylor McCalley as constable, with securities Ebenezer Best and William Franklin.

July 5, 1831, James Duncan was recommended as justice of the peace in Platte Twp., while another group of Platte Twp. householders asked for John Vasser.

John Smithy was overseer from the old Bluff Road to Brushy Fork, to replace James Poteet. Arnett Roberts was to oversee the other portion of this same road.

Some Burnett, either George or Glen [handwriting too poor] was to oversee road from Louis Barthell's to intersection of Kansas River, in place of Philip Hardwick, resigned.

Court asked Peter Wrightsman, Benjamin Gwin, James Munkers, Littleberry Sublett and George Lingenfelter to view and mark a new road from south end of Elisha Camron's lane and running to Solomon Fry's.

July 9, 1831, Archibald Moss was to be overseer of road leading to Ray County from the township line between Liberty and Fishing River to McElwee's Hollow in place of Samuel McKorkle, resigned.

Solomon Kimseyk, assessor of Clay County for 1831, was allowed \$108.

Samuel Gragg came in and presented a petition that John Hatwood of the county was of

unsound mind and incapable of managing his own affairs. He prayed that there be an inquiry thereof and a jury was called. Seven names are in this entry: John R. Peters, Ennis Vaughn, Hiram Little, Anthony Little, Elijah Smith, John McCorkle, and Jonathan Culp. Again, not one of these men was a doctor. The jury found he was of unsound mind and Samuel Gregg was named as his guardian.

Samuel Telford, Lewis Scott and Thomas Estes were to be judges for an election to behold at the courthouse, where Liberty Twp. householders would vote. Jonathan English, William Brown and David Gragg were judge and people in Gallatin Twp. would vote at Benjamin Sampson's home. Andrew B. Baldwin,, Shrewsbury Williams and Jacob McCoy were judges and Fishing River Twp. people would vote at James Munkers' house. Elisha Hall, Rice B. Davenport and John Allen were judges of the election for Platte Twp. and voters went to James Duncan's house. Jacob Gromer, Smith Crawford and Walker Davis judged the election for Washington Twp., and voting was done at Garret Gromer's house.

Henry Young, overseer of Kansas Road starting at bridge below Michael Arthur's house, was to replace Michael Arthur, whose term expired.

Nathan Chaney replaced Adam Means on the Big Lick Road.

Johnson Williams replaced Robert Todd on the road between Todd's and Gregg's.

Littleberry Estes replaced Richard Clark as overseer for the Rockhold Road.

August 2, 1831, Sarah Galloway, widow of Joseph Galloway, deceased, was permitted to keep and retain possession of Joseph a negro man slave, the property or said deceased, free of charge for support and maintenance of the minor children and heirs of said Galloway until the further order of the court.

Amos and Sally Groom, adm. of Isaac Groom, deceased, had advertised to sell at public venue to highest bidder Isaac and James, negroes, slaves, property of said Isaac Groom.

Glen Burnett would oversee the road from the creek near Harmon Davis's thence to intersection of Kansas Road in place of Philip Hardwick, resigned.

David M. Bevins and Jonathan Stone, were named overseers to cut out and open a new road from James Riley's horse mill, n.w.corner of Robert Gilmore's land, to intersect at Etes Mill Road at Eldridge Potter's.

Lewis Arnold took the place of Robert Gilmore on the Rockhold Road which passed through Platte Twp.

George Withers took the place of Roland Stark.

Thomas Arnold took the place of John Gary as overseer of first division of Kansas Road to Charles Younge's field.

**Excerpts from our new publication “Doctor on the
Western Frontier: The Diaries of Dr. William Wallace
Dougherty, 1854-1880”**

For the next several newsletter issues, we will be printing in this space excerpts from Dr. Dougherty’s diaries. We will use spelling and punctuation as shown in the book.

Monday, July 17, 1854

The thermometer has been standing, in the shade today, at 92, and still no prospect for rain. Mr. Summer came down tonight to get a bucket of water, he certainly has a hard time of it, having to haul all the water they use; I would certainly dig a well, as there is no comfort with out plenty of good cold water. Having been repairing and working about the house all the after noon; put the turkey and her young ones up in the trees to night for the first time; they seemed to like their new home very well. The clock is keeping good time; I think I have performed wonders in repairing the old clock, for who knows how many ages it has been beating time for others, long since gone to rest. Tis after 9, and I will read a little in Chemistry, and then retire, hoping no one will disturb my slumbers till morning, as it takes me a good while to get to sleep, and then the nights are so very warm, and short, that am I scarcely get rested from the toils of the day before me.

Tuesday, July 18, 1854

This has been decidedly the warmest day this year; Thermometer at 95 in the shade. Recd. Summons to visit Maj. J. Dougherty’s (*Major John Dougherty, Dr. Dougherty’s uncle*) today to see three Negro men sick; did so, and left them all better. It has clouded up this morning, in the West and looks very much as if it would rain before morning, but “all signs fail in dry weather”; and we may not have any rain before the change of the moon. Mrs. Simmons called today & found me a sleep on the Buffalo Robe, and Mary sick in bed.

Thursday, July 20, 1854

Received a summons very early this morning to meet Sam (*Dr. Dougherty’s business partner, Samuel Ringo*) at the store and prepare things for his departure east. Things generally were discovered to be early in motion, preparatory to the marriage of Big Dave Miller as he is familiarly called and Miss Mattie Stone; they were married about 11 o’clock A. M. and proceeded immediately to the boat F. X. Aubrey, and thence on eastward; Sam accompanying them. Sam looked very much like one who had bid adieu to all earthly happiness, and was forlorn and desolate. I staid till the boat was nearly ready to leave and then left for home.

You can own your own copy
of Dr. Dougherty’s diary!

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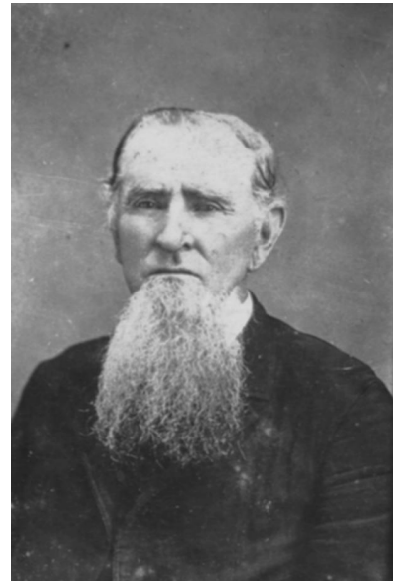
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Dr. W. W. Dougherty

Run against a log and broke the shafts of the buggy – had a good deal of trouble to get the buggy home, but finally succeeded, and got a new set of shafts of J. H. Rucke for \$8.00. After the fatigues and excitement of the day I retire to rest.

NOTE: Big Dave Miller was David D. Miller, a prominent Liberty merchant. At age 30 he married Miss Mattie Stone, age 18, daughter of George and Louisa Stone. John H. Ruckle operated a Liberty carriage shop. Doctor Dougherty ran a Liberty drug store in partnership with Sam Ringo.

Sunday, July 23, 1854

Did not rise very early this morning, as I was up quite late last night. Owing to a Baptist association out on Fishing River some where there was no preaching in town today, except the Reformers & Old Iron Sides Baptist. Waked up in the night by the cry of fire, it was Umbarger old shop I believe; I did not go to it, as it was soon extinguished.

Note: Solomon Umbarger owned a wagon shop in Liberty from the 1850’s to 1870’s.

Wednesday, July 26, 1854

Still cool and pleasant the wind from the North, but no sign of rain. What will become of the farmers. I have never seen, in all my life such a drought. If it does not rain in a few days, there will be nothing raised at all, and the water will entirely fail. Quite an accident happened today . . . Evan’s Wash fell in the well, effected with the damps, but was recovered, and doing well. (*We speculate that Wash may have been a slave named Washington who belonged to the Evans family.*)

ABSTRACTS FROM THE LIBERTY TRIBUNE

Archives volunteers Jane Milner and Beverly Whitaker are abstracting genealogical and historical information from the *Liberty Tribune*, a continuation of the Genealogical Notes which ran prior to 1900.

100 Years Ago This Quarter

January 6, 1905

On January 4, 1905, about 30 guests assembled at the home of Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Staggs to witness the marriage of their daughter, Miss Hattie, to Mr. John D. Howell of South Greenfield, Missouri. Mr. Howell is a student in William Jewell.

A double wedding took place at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John W. Holyfield Wednesday, December 21, 1904, when their two daughters were led to the altar. Miss Georgia E. Holyfield and John W. Ellington were first married; and then Miss Nellie F. Holyfield and Frank G. Moore made their vows.

Paradise: Soper Taul's wife presented him with a fine New Year's present with which he is justly proud. It is a fine girl baby born the 31st of December.

January 13, 1905

Barry: Ernest Rule recently died in his home at Platte County. He had been living in New Mexico in hope of benefiting his health. He was an ambitious well-educated young man.

The two-months old infant of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Wilbanks died last Saturday.

A pretty girl baby was born to George Peters and wife last Saturday.

An infant of John Bellew, one of the twins, died last week.

January 20, 1905

Mrs. Fannie E. Fritzlen, wife of Andrew R. Fritzlen, died at their home in Liberty Wednesday of hemorrhage of the lungs. Mrs. Fritzlen was the daughter of James M. and Nancy Hymer. She was of a family of seven children, and of that number four brothers and one sister survive along with her father. She was born in Clay County May 3, 1853, being in the 52nd year of her age. She was married to A.R. Fritzlen September 20, 1877. Of this marriage two children were born—Ruth, who died when two years old, and Clarence, who is now 23 years of age. Interment was in New Cemetery.

February 3, 1905

Captain John Thomason died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Moore, in Liberty last Friday morning. He was born in Scott County, Kentucky, January 30, 1818. He was a son of William Thomason and Susan McQuiddy who came with their family to Clay County in 1837. On January 22, 1856, he married Miss Sarah Duval. Of this union there were born 11 children. He is survived by his widow and eight of those children.

February 10, 1905

We have received word that Mrs. Mary R. Brown, widow of Thomas J. Brown, died recently in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The deceased was a native of Gallatin, her maiden name being Miss Wirt, and was about 60 years of age. She was a cousin of William E. Ringo and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Mary Brown of Richmond. A second item said that Mrs. Brown was a daughter of Philip R. Wirt and he a son of Jno. Wirt who lived out west of Liberty in early times. She was also a great-granddaughter of Richard Simms, a Revolutionary soldier who died in the Gilead neighborhood about 50 years ago, age 104 years. Mrs. Brown was educated at Clay Seminary under Professor Love.

Mrs. Missouri Ann Sharp died at her home in Missouri City Thursday February 2, 1905. She was born May 28, 1831, in the vicinity of Missouri City where she lived all her life. Her maiden name as George, and she was married to Jesse Sharp September 11, 1851. To their union five children were born. Mr. Sharp died eight years ago. Of the five children there are living William, George and Thomas F. Sharp, all of whom reside in Missouri City.

February 17, 1905

The infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Porter died Wednesday morning. A son Thad died a year ago that day from an accident.

February 24, 1905

Smithville Star: The morning of February 16, Mr. S.E. Breckenridge rose from his bed and, starting to another room, sank down and expired in a few minutes. Uncle Si, as he was known to the people of Smithville, was born in 1828 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and came to Clay County in 1829. Mr. Breckenridge was married in 1858 to Miss Nancy J. Smith of Clay County, and to them eight children were born, two dying in infancy.

License to marry: John Corum of Excelsior Springs and Miss Maude Bush of Kearney; Edwin J. Corbin of St. Joseph and Mattie E. Ecton of Kearney; Albert Kilgore and Eliza Tarwater of Liberty; Ballard Morris of Liberty and Willie Y. Chanslor of Kearney.

March 3, 1905

Ross Wymore, 39 years of age, died in Kansas City Monday night of pneumonia. He leaves a wife and four children. He was foreman of a brewing company's stables. Ross was a nephew of George Wymore and son of William Wymore who died in Kansas City several years ago.

March 17, 1905

Missouri City: Ernest Shepherd and Miss Dolly Berry were married Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Jesse Clemmon

March 31, 1905

Mrs. James Henderson, well-known to the older people of Holt vicinity, died at Edmonton, OK, recently. She was the mother of Dr. H. L. Henderson, now of Astoria, Oregon.

Volunteers Corner

(A peek into the lives of our volunteers)
By Linda Smith

Anne Hoover Henning was born in Laclede (Linn County) Missouri. She graduated from William Jewell College with a degree in Biology, and taught 6th grade in Excelsior Springs for several years, retiring after 24 years of teaching. She has three children: Jim, Frank and Beth.

Volunteer work and travel have been important parts of Ann's life.

She was a 4H leader in Entomology and Cooking, and has been a judge in county fairs.

She is involved in *InAsMuch*, a community service group sponsored by area churches.

She has served on the Career Mentor Commission and the Board of Governors at William Jewell.

She has been on mission trips to Belarus and the Czech Republic with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She taught English as a second language in China. She has participated in an archeological dig in Israel. Recently she went to Peru to see Machu Picchu.

She was a volunteer with the Salvation Army in New York City after the terrorist attack on September 22, 2001.

It is our good fortune that Ann has chosen to be a volunteer with the Clay County Archives as well. She was one of the first to arrive when some of our windows were blown out during the tornado in May or 2003. She also helped in the clean-up effort at William Jewell after the college sustained damage in the same storm. She has taken documents home to dry when we have had floods in our basement.

Ann's interest in history started with an eighth-grade teacher working on the local history of Linn County. She has traveled to Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia in pursuit of her own family history.

Her current project at the Archives is the "every name" posting of civil court records and indexing those names into the computer. Ann was also a major contributor to the obituary project and to the Probate Project, flattening, preserving and abstracting names of these files in preparation for their microfilming by the State of Missouri. She has been very helpful to the many visitors who come to the Archives. She enjoys their delight at finding material on their families.

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Register of Marriages, Recorder's Office
Clay County Courthouse, Liberty
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Clay County Courthouse, Liberty
Books F to I
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The Story of Liberty from settlement to suburb

Footprints in Clay, a video history project of the Clay County Archives, announces the availability of the DVD of our production, "The Story of Liberty -- from settlement to suburb."

This one-hour documentary of Liberty's history spans the years from pre-settlement to present. It premiered on Mau 27th, 2004, at Liberty Cinema 12 to two full houses with a reception at the intermission.

The movie is 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 & for the current model players. Specify which of the formats you desire.

To order your copy, submit your request in writing, indicating quantity and format.

Make your check payable to the Clay County Archives and mail to P.O. Box 99,
Liberty, MO 64069.

**Miscellaneous Gleanings from Microfilm
of early Clay County newspapers**

From the *Liberty Advance* of December 13, 1912:
The Fire Wagon Ran Away

The new fire wagon ran away with the firemen pulling and pushing it Monday evening while the alarm from the home of W. F. Norton was being responded to, and it was necessary to abandon it on the hill going west from the square on Kansas Street, none of the fire laddies behind being able to keep up and none of those in front having any desire to be run over. The wagon stopped some distance past the foot of the hill and no damage came to it by reason of its escapade. Chief Halley has a hunch now that a brake on the vehicle would be a good thing.

From the *Liberty Advance* of June 13, 1955:
Mt. Gilead Singing Bee

Each Sunday afternoon, 2:i30 p.m., at the historic church of Mt. Gilead, located three miles west of Kearney on the Liberty-Plattsburg Road, an old fashioned Singing Bee is being held. Deb Dyer is organizing the "Little Country Church Choir." Last Sunday 20 members joined the choir. The young people from the Gashland church were present and sang several good numbers. They also brought with them a nice donation of hymn books. Mr. Dyer has been given by an artist a five foot oil painting of Christ which will be framed and hung in the church. The Gashland friends have also offered their assistance in repairing the old school building which the committee greatly appreciated. Others are sending in cash donations.

Sunday afternoon several numbers will be heard from local people and out of town entertainers. The program features the Otis Barnes Singers, and Rev. Barnes will also speak. Mrs. Grace Greason of Holt will sing a solo. Mr. Eugene Dehart of Liberty will sing. All the old gang will be there so everybody come and help preserve the Mt. Gilead church songs of long ago and join in the afternoon of fine fellowship.

From the *Liberty Tribune* of July 6, 1906:
An Odd Will

A French woman recently died at the advanced age of 90 years. Her will contained the following provisions: "I leave to my physician, whose care and wise prescriptions have made me live so long, all that is contained in the old oaken chest in my boudoir. The key of the chest will be found under the mattress of my bed." The heirs were disturbed, for they foresaw a material diminution of their share of the property.

The fortunate and expectant physician at length arrived. The notary delivered to him the key of the chest. It was opened and found to contain solely all the drugs and potions, still

intact, which the worthy physician had given to his patient for twenty yeas back.

From the *Liberty Tribune* of May 18, 1906:

While "joshing" with Jim Moore Monday Perry Cameron threw a potato at Jim and the latter "returned the fire" with a small rock that glanced from the walk and broke a \$35 plate glass in John Fischer's grocery store front.

Mrs. Sallie Miller has finished the enumeration of the children of school age in the Liberty school district. The total is 846, ten less than last year. Of the whites there are 332 males and 347 females. Blacks, 70 males and 97 females.

Claude Thomason was appointed coal oil inspector for Liberty Tuesday by Gov. Folk to succeed Mrs. Myra Bell. Claude is the popular and obliging day operator at the Burlington depot. The *Tribune* is glad to see him given the appointment.

Superintendent Hamilton has our thanks for a copy of the High School Annual, which is a very nice souvenir for the close of the school year. It contains pictures of the school board, faculty, senior class, members of the two societies, of the different classes, orchestra, glee club, etc. [Note: *The school records in the Archives contain several such year books.*]

From the *Liberty Tribune* of June 15, 1906:

Mrs. Agnes Myers has been permitted to exercise and enjoy the fresh air on the court house balcony this week. Sheriff Andy Wymore and his deputy, Rod Routt, are very kind to all prisoners in their care, and are very popular with the jail inmates in consequence. When Judge Alexander was here the last time he went to see Mrs. Myers and suggested that she be allowed to leave her room and get exercise occasionally.

George W. Owens of Smithville has been assisting Sheriff Wymore during court and the *Excelsior Springs Call* published an interview Wednesday with George saying he would resign as deputy if Mrs. Myers is going to be hung. Sheriff Wymore says he will refuse to accept the resignation and George is in a terrible fix.

**Why Editors Are Wealthy.
From an Exchange.**

A child is born in the neighborhood; the attending physician gets \$10.00. The editor gives the loud-mouthed youngster and the happy parents a send-off, and gets \$0. When it is christened, the minister gets \$10.00, the editor gets \$00. It grows up and marries. The editor publishes another long-winded article, and tells a dozen lies about the "beautiful and accomplished bride." The minister gets \$10.00 and a piece of cake, and the editor gets \$000. In the course or time it dies. The doctor gets from \$25 to \$200.00, and the undertaker gets from \$50.00 to \$100, and the editor publishes an obituary two columns long, lodge and society resolutions, a lot of poetry and a free card of thanks, and gets \$000. No wonder so many editors get rich.

**ARCHIVES CELEBRATES
PUBLICATION OF THE DIARIES OF
DR. W. W. DOUGHERTY**

To mark the completion and publication of "Doctor on the Western Frontier" the diaries of Dr. William W. Dougherty 1854-1879, a reception was given on March 15 at the Liberty Christian Church by the Archives Board.

President Kevin Fisher and Mark Kelly welcomed the assembled guests with background information on the history of the project and Liberty Mayor Stephen Hawkins spoke of the historic significance of Liberty and the people and various projects which celebrate that significance, citing the Archives as an important participant.

Special guests in attendance included Betsy West of Fulton, Kentucky, and Elise Cooper of Liberty, Dougherty Family descendants. Other guests included Archives volunteers and members in the Kansas City area.

Volunteer Shirley Fansher was given special recognition as coordinator of the publication along with several other participants.

The Archives Board furnished a table of canapés and desserts which was enjoyed by all.

Page 3 of this issue contains a sampling of entries from the diaries and includes information on ordering copies.

Thanks to all who participated in this project.

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