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"Fitting the Pieces Together"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the advent of more recent technology and how we conceive its use, the traditional ways of commerce have given way to a method which makes the world seem much smaller (and harder in which to hide).

What in the world am I talking about? Simply, the collection of computers we know as the internet and a particular website known as eBay (and other such auction sites). In years past, if you had a particular item to sell, there may have been only some relatively obscure avenues by which it may be advertised (such as listings in trade magazines, local newspapers, etc.). To sell an item, as we know, is just a matter of finding the right buyer. Now finding the right buyer is much easier because we can have the attention of virtually the entire world.

But along with greater attention, comes greater exposure. We have many members who frequent eBay looking for interesting historical material being marketed. And "interesting" to us means things related to Clay County, Missouri. And if there are such documents found, we often ask why are they not in the Archives? After all, isn't our purpose to collect and house and preserve such documents?

In fact, we wonder, was the item in question once in our collection? We go to great lengths to protect our holdings (at least hundreds of thousands of items, I'm sure) but, in offering these documents for public inspection, we are also at risk of unscrupulous "researchers" who may find ways to secrete documents and walk out with them. So when a questionable item is found for sale, it sometimes piques our curiosity.

One of our long-time members, Sallie Hobbs, ran across two such items in June and July (both documents authored by recognizable Clay County characters). The first was a document written and signed by Alexander Doniphan and the other was a legal document penned by David Rice Atchison.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Wednesday -- 10 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
Outsize copies	50 cents per page
Photographs	
Standard Quality	50 cents
Archival Quality	\$5.00

Personal imaging will be charged at the above rates.

ARCHIVES PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

(All prices, postage paid)

1877 Historical Atlas of Clay County	13.00
Every-Name Index to 1877 Atlas	13.00
Clay County Births, 1883-84	7.00
Clay County Deaths, 1883-84	7.00
DAR Sesquicentennial Book	18.00
Every-name Index to DAR Book	11.00
“The Story of Liberty, Missouri” (Film)	
DVD (including handling fee)	17.00
Cassette (incl handling fee)	12.00
[See Page 4 for ordering info.]	
“Doctor on the Western Frontier”	27.50
[See Page 3 for ordering info.]	
Clay County Marriage Indexes	
[See Page 3 for ordering info.]	

SPECIAL GIFTS PROGRAM

Benefactors -- \$1,000 & up (cumulative)

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Clay County Courthouse, Liberty
Books A thru E, Colored (1865 - 1891) and
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Compiled by Rudena Kramer Mallory

CLAY CO., MISSOURI MARRIAGES 1881-1904
Register of Marriages, Recorder's Office
Clay County Courthouse, Liberty
Books F to I
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Each Book, Softbound \$24.50 ppd
(MO residents add \$1.80)
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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 video 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 May 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:

Clay County Archives
and mail to P.O. Box 99, Liberty, MO 64069.

GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

Christmas cards -- 12 for \$10.

Note cards -- 10 for \$5.

Both available at the Archives.

See related article on Page 9.

DOCTOR ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER

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

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

Publication Price
\$22.50 at the Archives
\$27.50 if mailed

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

OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS

The following information was provided by the Ozarks Genealogical Society Newsletter, with their permission:

Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org) is a good website to find information on the history of areas you are researching.

The National Archives Global Search, the organization's most comprehensive online search engine yet, has now gone live. For the first time you can easily access 11 catalogues and databases on the website through one easy search. To test out The National Archives Global Search of the United Kingdom, go to www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/search.

The Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness website (www.raogk.org) coordinates the efforts of more than 4500 volunteers who give of themselves unselfishly in aiding others in their research. At this site, you can find out how to submit information requests, be a volunteer or purchase merchandise to help cover the website's expenses.

Ancestry.com is in the final stages of work on a new database collection of World War II draft cards. This database is an indexed collection of draft cards from the Fourth Registration, the only registration currently available to the public. The Fourth Registration, often referred to as the "old man's registration," was conducted on 27 April 1942 and registered men who were born on or between 28 April 1877 and 16 February 1897, men who were between 45 and 64 years old and who were not already in the military.

**EXCERPTS FROM OUR LATEST
PUBLICATION, "DOCTOR ON THE
WESTERN FRONTIER: THE DIARIES
OF DR. WILLIAM WALLACE
DOUGHERTY,
1854 – 1880"**

Monday, December 25, 1854

I sent out for an old negro woman by the name of Philis, belonging to L. B. Dougherty & Tutt, at Uncle Johns, on last Sunday the 17th. They say I can have her at \$4 per month, until they sell her, or I can have her for \$350.00. I don't know which would be the best, but can tell in a few days. I sold old Anthony to the Misses Henleys for \$50.00 -- 40 paid down and the balance to be paid Christmas. I gave them a bill of Sale -- on the day they took him.

The times are quite lively down in town, fire crackers exploding in every direction. There used to be much merriment of Christmas in the olden time, not so much now.

Saturday, December 30, 1854

Quite a number of persons in town to day, being about the close of the departing year. Several parties near about, but I have lost the sun, and shall not trouble myself any further about it. There is quite a revival of religion going on in the Baptist church, conducted by a new preacher. The cow has been missing for some time and I am apprehensive she is gone.

Tuesday, January 2, 1855

This has been a most blustering day indeed -- the hardest wind I ever felt; and very thick cloudy. Looks like it might rain if the wind would cease. The cow came home to day with a fine calf by her side, good for her. To night Will has Miss Ann Edwards and Miss Brassfield down to pull candy and as they are now round the table working a puzzle, and think I am too selfish by writing, I'll quit for the night.

Monday, January 8, 1855

This is the memorable 8th of January -- a day long to be remembered by the American people. This day 40 years ago was a crisis in the History of our country, fraught with great and momentous consequences to the people of proud & free America -- a glorious battle was fought and won, through the instrumentality of the immortal Jackson, which has for ever settled the question, that the citizen soldier, free American citizens, when fighting for home, friends & country, are invincible, and further proved

to the rest of the world, that our armies are the most valorous and successful of any in the world. That battle gave us a proud stand among the nations of the earth, and since then, there has no difficulty in settling our disputes; almost our own way, with the other princes of the earth. So much for the 8th of Jan and old Hickory.

There was a Kansas meeting in town to day -- a Kansas meeting means, a meeting to devise ways and means for settling that Territory as slave territory -- there were several speeches made, many warm and enthusiastic ones, by old and influential citizens, and the results will be, they will induce many young men to go over, and be there by the next elections. Judge Thompson, being a warm Jackson man illuminated his large mansion to night, and there is also quite a stir among the Baptist at their church in town, they are endeavoring to out do the ball, and break it down, so we will see what will be the consequences.

Note: This annual celebration of the American victory of the Battle of New Orleans was observed in many Missouri towns for many years.

Sunday, January 14, 1855

Called to see Miss (Sarah) Edwards this morning found her something better, but still in a precarious condition. That first error of theirs, whether the fault lies with the patient, her mother or grand mother was a serious one, and may prove a very serious one indeed; I mean in not taking all the medicine I first left -- her taking part and leaving the balance, under the pretence of feeling better.

Will attended the Reformed Church, to hear Mr. Moses Lard -- he is said to have done himself great credit on the occasion.

Note: The Disciples of Christ (Campbellite) or Christians were known as the Reformed Church, at least in 1855. Rev. Moses E. Lard was one of the outstanding preachers of the day; he and his were raised by their mother after their father died, probably of cholera. The Lards owned a small farm in the area that later became Watkins Mill. It was told that neighbors claimed the ghost of the father appeared sitting on the roof of their cabin, smoking a pipe, whenever there was something important going on in the family.

Monday, January 15, 1855

I visited Miss Edwards this morning, and find she is worse, presenting some very unfavorable symptoms; so much so, that I think her recovery quite doubtful, unless she should manifest better symptoms soon --

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May 25, 1931

**MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS
FROM MICROFILM
OF EARLY CLAY COUNTY
NEWSPAPERS**

by Jane Milner

Articles from the *Liberty Advance*

April 11, 1927

A heavy rain and hail storm visited Excelsior Springs early Sunday morning. The hail made a loud noise on houses and creeks were bank full from the rain.

Hail stones of unusually large size fell. A number of wild ducks were stunned by the hail stones and were found fluttering and dazed on the pavement near Franklin Pixlee's farm by "Spin" Acuff, driver of a Yellow bus. He had to slow his bus up to keep from running over them as they staggered across the road.

June 16, 1930

During the rain Sunday morning, lightning entered the room where Fred Shelton, a farmer living near Excelsior Springs, was sleeping and burned the hair from his head, burning the scalp and also his right arm.

January 19, 1931

William Jewell College today received the first "conscience spoon" in the 82 years of its history. With the spoon was a typewritten statement: "Carried away by a boy student for souvenir. Coming back now." It was a sugar spoon of the type used in the dining hall years ago. It is now in a sugar bowl in the New Ely Hall.

March 16, 1931

A license was awarded to William Jewell college in December to operate a short wave phone transmitting radio station. The license was given to the Physics department in the name of Charles R. Burke, one of the instructors.

The station is capable of phone conversation by radio with neighboring states. It is only an experimental undertaking and no broadcasting is done.

Judge A. L. Kelsey was called to Winnwood Beach Saturday night to direct an army of men who were working to prevent a newly acquired elephant from sinking to the lowest depth of the mud at the bottom of the lower lake at the beach. An SOS was sent for the county caterpillar but before it had arrived an army of men had joined together and with the aid of huge ropes and cables placed about her, six hundred shouldered the task and pulled the elephant from her sinking grave.

It was nearly nine o'clock when the rescue was completed. The elephant first entered the mud about 5:30 and it was about 8:30 when Judge Kelsey was called on the scene.

Babe, a coy lady elephant of 60 summers, arrived in Kansas City Friday from Houston, Tex. She was taken immediately to Winnwood, where she is to be a star entertainer this summer. On her long trip Babe had acquired an enormous thirst. Nothing short of twenty gallons of water or a small lake could satisfy it.

Attendants headed her toward the inlet that runs into the lower lake where the trouble all started. She started backwards and two huge legs slipped into the mud, where the more she struggled, the deeper she sank.

BETWEEN FENCES IS COMING

The Excelsior Springs Historical Museum is proud to host a Smithsonian Traveling Art Exhibit,

Between Fences

Date: October 28 – December 9, 2006
Time: Mon. – Fri, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Admission: **FREE!**

For additional information, contact:
Gail Brown 816-630-0319 or
Joyce Green 816-630-6107 or
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816-630-0101

**EXTRACTS 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 by Hodges and Woodruff which ran prior to 1900.

100 Years Ago This Quarter

July 6, 1906

Mrs. Martha J. **Yeater** who died at her home in Albany had probably resided in Gentry County longer than any other woman now living. She came to Missouri when she was 8 years old, and the family settled in Clay County. Soon afterwards, the parents settled on a claim near the present town of McFall. Mrs. Yeater's parents were one of the seven pioneers who resided between the Liberty settlement and the Iowa line, and the settlement at McCall was on the Northern border. The Indians had not yet left this part of the country. Her father, Caleb **Samson**, had come from Indiana, but both parents were originally Kentuckians.

Andrew **McKay**, the meat market man, was married to Miss Dora **Goodman** of Cameron, Wednesday. They will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. **Leininger**.

The citizens of Excelsior Springs have purchased a balloon and can have an ascension at almost any hour.

John **Bennett** died at the IOOF Home last Thursday of tuberculosis, aged about 76 years. He came here from St. Louis where he had been in business. He was born in England and came to this country about 40 years ago. During 20 years of his life in England, he was a member of the famous choir at Ashton-on-the-Line near London. Rev. **Dickenson** conducted the services at the Home on Sunday afternoon.

James **Moore**, a real estate man, died in Kansas City the first of the week. He had visited here, and Uncle Peter **Burns** and other friends, are sorry to learn of his death.

July 13, 1906

James **Allen** died at his home, four miles northwest of Orrick, Thursday morning from dropsy and stomach trouble caused by the kick of a horse last August. He was about 50 years old and was a man well thought of by his neighbors and friends.

Funeral services were held at Union Chapel Thursday afternoon. He is survived by a brother and sister and a half-brother and half-sister. Isaac Allen of Liberty is a half-brother.

Charles W. **Bush** and Maude L. **Vines** of Kearney were married here Tuesday by Justice William J. **Courtney**.

License to marry: Charles E. **Bergman** and Maggie **Gillispie** of Kansas City; W. R. **Walker** and Clara V. **Yates** of Kansas City; the last named couple was a swell-dressed one and Justice **Bruce** married them.

July 20, 1906

Mrs. Catherine **Routt**, widow of Col. Henry Routt, died in her home in Liberty, Wednesday night. The funeral will be conducted by Elder **Loos**, Saturday afternoon at the residence. The interment will take place at the Fairview Cemetery. Mrs. Routt was 78 years of age; she was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, May 4, 1828, and came to Liberty when about 14 years of age with her mother, Mrs. Mary **Bright**. Her marriage to Col. Routt took place when she was 16 years of age. They moved to the **Calhoun** place just northeast of town, in 1869. Col. Routt having the brick house built that stands near the railroad track. He died in 1881. He was famous as a criminal lawyer. Col. Routt and wife were the parents of eight children, only two of whom are living – Rod Routt, deputy sheriff, and Mrs. Mattie **Carr** of Liberty. There are six grandchildren.

Mr. H.C. **Sevier** was 76 years of age Monday, July 16. Uncle Dan **Ligon**'s birthday was on the same day, but he was 7 years younger.

The 69th birthday of Daniel S. **Ligon** was celebrated at his home in Liberty Monday. The guests were: Mr. **Dorsett**; Dr. **Miller**; Mrs. Professor **Halcomb** of Cass County; R. C. **Rice** and wife; Marshall **Thomas** and Foree; Mrs. Allen **Brooks**; Joseph Ligon; Lafe Ligon of Colorado Springs; James and Erskin Ligon and their wives; D. G. **Capps** and wife of Smithville; Misses Fannie **Holt**, Virginia **Lynn**, Katie **Crosswhite**, Mary, Ruth and Ada Capps, Lou Rice, Lillie **Jesse**, and Johnnie Capps.

August 3, 1906

Paradise: A little girl came to Soper **Taul**'s early Sunday morning. Soper and his good wife now have two girls. Grandma Taul of Kearney is caring for the little miss.

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE
LIBERTY TRIBUNE**

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August 10, 1906

The Missouri City Camp #3835 Modern Woodmen of America issued a resolution concerning the death of their beloved neighbor, George W. **Simmons**, who departed this life July 18, 1906. They stated he would be missed by his wife, mother, father, brothers, and friends.

Missouri City: Charles **Ancell** and Miss Mary **Bratton** were married at her home here last Wednesday by Rev. **Wilson**.

Miss Kate **Withers** and A. W. **Lightburne**, both of this vicinity, were married at Colorado Springs Wednesday of last week at the home of Van **Rouse**. A minister of the Christian church officiated. The bride had been in Colorado Springs several days, and Mr. **Lightburne** went there last week.

August 17, 1906

The death of Dr. J.V.B. **Flack** occurred at Excelsior Springs Monday. On June 1, he was stricken with paralysis while attending a meeting of the Christian Union Churches in Indiana. Dr. **Flack** was 66 years of age and was born in Ohio. He was married in Illinois in 1857 to Miss Mary Etta **Smith**, a sister of William B. **Smith** of Missouri City. Seven children were born to them. Mrs. **Flack** and four children: William D. **Flack**, Virgil H. **Flack**, Van B. **Flack**, and Miss Ethel **Flack** survive him. Dr. **Flack** was in business with Rev. George W. **Mitchell** for a number of years and next had a store at Missouri City. He gave most of his time, however, to preaching and church affairs. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, and the business houses were closed in respect to the founder of the town. The burial was at Salem Cemetery, north of Excelsior.

Raymond **Wilson** died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John **Wilson**, at Barry, Monday morning and was buried in the cemetery there Tuesday morning. He would have been 19 years of age the 19th of December, and was a youth of good promise. Ray had been employed in the store of Frank **Hughes** in Liberty until a month ago when illness caused him to go to his home. His death was due to diabetes. His brother Ralph and sister Lucille with his parents survive.

September 7, 1906

Mrs. Lydia **Westfall** died at the home of the family east of town, opposite Luther **Camden**'s place Tuesday night of flux. Rev. R. E. **Dickenson** conducted the funeral Wednesday afternoon, and the interment was at Fairview Cemetery. Mrs. **Westfall** was 64 years of age. The family has lived in this vicinity about two years. She leaves a husband and four children. George **Westfall** is a son; he is a hog salesman for a Kansas City commission firm.

A pretty home wedding was that of Ed D. **Cavender** of Holt and Miss Nellie **Wear** at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Lena **Hall**, at Excelsior Springs Wednesday afternoon. Homer S. **Fowler** was the groom's attendant. They drove to the Milwaukee depot amid showers of rice and old shoes and came to Liberty, going to the home of the bride's mother to spend a few days before beginning housekeeping at Holt. Miss **Wear** is a daughter of the late Sam M. **Wear**.

Robert **Buist** died at his home near the Howdeshell Bridge in Fishing River Township on August 22, 1906, at the age of 84 years and 3 months. He was born May 26, 1822, in Dundee, Scotland, and came to America in 1847. He stopped in New York a short time, going from there to Wisconsin and thence to Chicago, where he remained two years; he next lived in St. Louis 2 years, and came to Liberty on July 4, 1852. He worked awhile for Mr. Jim **Allcorn** of Missouri City and then began to take contracts himself as a builder. Mr. **Buist** was twice married. The first time to Miss Nancy **Peery** in February 1859; she died on October 7, 1885. His second marriage was to Miss Eliza **Grove** on March 18, 1886. Two children were born of this union, one dying in infancy. He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his death.

September 14, 1906

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. **Morrow** of Little Shoal neighborhood last Sunday. Jim is indeed proud of having a plowboy.

September 21, 1906

Nancy **Bright**, a well-known old colored woman, died Tuesday.

Paradise: Rev. **McDonald** of the Children's Home Society spoke in the M.E. Church Sunday in the interest of the Home. He had a little boy 9 years old and a little girl 7 years old with him. He found a home for the boy with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. **Lewis** and one for the little girl with Mr. and Mrs. **Flem Wade**. They have good homes and will be well-cared for. Both children are fine-looking and bright.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A flurry of emails spurred some Archives members into action to research these questionable items in our records (and even to question the legal obligations of eBay regarding items of questionable origin). We used information contained in the documents themselves (facsimiles were viewable on line) and our collective experience and knowledge of Clay County history to direct our search as we looked through our civil and criminal records for the periods to see if things were missing.

After all our research, we determined that the items were never in our collection (but maybe we wish they were). But this illustrates our diligence and, should I say "passion," about Clay County history and preserving it for others.

And, lastly, as one who is obviously interested in Clay County history, if you come across items for sale that you think may have been in our collection, drop us a line. You may have the honor of being a "guardian of history."

Stuart E. Elliot

RECENT ACCESSIONS

Copies of the following 1911 newspapers:

- ❖ October 13 *Kansas City Post*
- ❖ October 15 *Farm Progress* (a St. Louis publication)
- ❖ October 14 *Farmers' Review* (a Chicago publication)

These papers belonged to Jacob and Pauline Maile Goepfert and were donated by their niece, Helen Rauchle.

The book "A Century Plus Fifty for Kearney" donated by the author, Pete Kingery.

The Buchta Family History (Descendants of Gottfried Puchta), prepared for their family reunion.

A U.S. Naval Aviation book, donated by Glen R. Edwards.

The book "A Missouri Narrative from the Civil War Journals, Letters and Verse of William Clark Newlon", donated by Christopher Newlon Green.

Thank you to all of our donors for these valuable additions to our library.

HERITAGE TEA

The Archives held its first Heritage Tea on August 26 at Shadow Lawn, the home of Sara Long in Liberty. All agreed that the event was a rousing success. Following is the recipe for one of the desserts we served.

RUSSIAN TEA CAKES

Cookies:

1 cup salted butter
½ cup confectioners' sugar
2 tsps. pure vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
¼ tsp. salt

Topping:

½ cup fruit preserves **or**
½ cup (2 oz.) chopped walnuts
¼ cup confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 325° F.

In a large bowl cream butter and sugar using an electric mixer. Add vanilla, scraping down bowl as needed. Blend in flour and salt, mixing until thoroughly combined.

Roll tablespoonfuls of dough into small balls about 1 inch in diameter. Place dough balls on lightly greased cookie sheets about 1 inch apart. Press down the center of each ball with a spoon, forming a depression. Fill each with a teaspoonful of preserves or nuts.

Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer cookies immediately to a cool, flat surface. When cookies are completely cool, dust them lightly with confectioners' sugar.

Yield: 2 dozen

From Mrs. Fields Cookie Book

JOHNSON CO. KS. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SEMINAR

The Johnson County, Kansas Genealogical Society will hold its annual seminar on Saturday, October 28, 2006. The keynote speakers will be Gordon and Carolyn Casper, owners of "In Search of Ancestors" (ISOA), and volunteers at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For more information, contact Leanne Baraban at 913-681-6048 or LBaraban@kc.rr.com.

GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

For our latest fundraiser the Archives has produced two types of greeting cards. One is a package of Christmas cards that are 8½" by 5½" and sell for \$10 for 12 cards. The other is a set of note cards, which measure 5½" by 4¼" and sell for \$5 for 10 cards.

Both cards contain views of old Clay County on the front and are blank on the inside. The Christmas cards say "Holiday Greetings" on the front. The back of each card describes the scene on the front.

The Christmas cards contain 3 each of "Main Street in Missouri City", "(James) Watkins House" and two unknown but interesting old Clay County homes.

The note cards contain 10 different scenes, again identified on the back. They are:

1. T. J. Wornall House on Morse Avenue, Liberty Missouri 1877.
2. Arthur House 1855 – 1903. It was located on the SE corner of the square. It was built to be "bigger and better than any hotel in Independence."
3. Wine Cellar Home or James Moss House, 438 Moss
4. Historic home in Clay County.
5. Multnomah – Home of Major John Dougherty in 1856. Every piece of wood in the house was walnut cut from the trees on the 5,000 acres of farmland. The slaves made the bricks. Multnomah was an Indian word for "running water".
6. Multnomah (a different view) Home of Major John Dougherty. It was reported to have cost \$20,000 to build the house in 1856.
7. Cochrell Home – Rural Clay County – 1910.
8. Blacksmith shop in Liberty located just off the square.
9. Wornall Home 1857 State Road between Excelsior Springs and Liberty built by Col R.M.C. Price. Destroyed sometime in 1950's.
10. Home in Clay County in the 1800's. John Wade was the photographer.

Please stop by the Archives and see these cards for yourself. They are unique to Clay County and a bargain as well.

TREASURY NOTES

Tidbits from Treasurer Scott Cole to keep the membership informed as to the state of financial affairs within the Clay County Archives and Historical Library.

- ❖ The decision by the Board of Directors to discontinue the annual book sale was delayed by one year due to the donation of hundreds of volumes from the collection of the late Evelyn Petty. In addition to the \$609.45 in book sale proceeds raised during Liberty's Fall Festival, the ongoing sale of other items donated by Evelyn has generated nearly \$400 in income for the Archives. The books left over from our final sale will be offered to the newly established Lathrop Public Library.
- ❖ In July, Linda K. Erkelens of San Francisco, California donated \$1000.00 in memory of Louise Hawkins and to recognize her many years of dedicated service.
- ❖ The first annual "Ladies' Tea", held in August at the Shadow Lawn Bed and Breakfast, was well attended and resulted in \$312 in net proceeds for the Archives. A special thanks goes out to Sarah Long (daughter of long-time board member Janie Loughery) for graciously hosting the event. Thanks also to committee chair Donna Root, the corps of volunteers who assisted and to Jane Elliott for her help in promoting. *Even though I refer to it as a "Ladies' Tea", Donna assured me that it was open to the men as well. Unfortunately, we all had to work that day.*
- ❖ Over the past several months, the hard work and resourcefulness of volunteers Kevin Fisher and Steve Olson has resulted in a complete transformation of the Archives' basement. Flood-damaged flooring has been removed, fresh paint applied and several hundred linear feet of shelving has been added, relieving our pressing and immediate need for additional storage...all at minimal cost. One renovated space is now devoted to the proofs collection of Liberty commercial photographers *Marcel and Neal Ray*, a recent and

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- prized accession which was given by Neal Shoger.
- ❖ Sales of photographs from our digitized collection accounted for 25% of operating income in September.
 - ❖ The final tally for our first eBay offering is \$986.00. We are now in the process of assembling a slate of items for the next offering ... so please check your attic, basement and garage for anything of an antique or collectible nature you would be willing to donate. Items can be dropped off at the Archives Monday through Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To arrange for pickup by one of our volunteers, call the Archives at 816-781-3611.

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BATHTUBS THROUGH THE YEARS

Benjamin Franklin, postmaster of Philadelphia, in the 1760's violated a city ordinance prohibiting the use of water for bathing inside one's own house. Bathing was in those days looked upon as a new-fangled fad that might lead to a scarcity of water.

Boston had a similar ordinance, but there, as in Philadelphia, some of the leading citizens "bootlegged" baths. Franklin had himself a tub of copper made in the shape of a shoe. This he used surreptitiously in his attic.

A 200-year-old college catalog of St. Cyr, a school attended by daughters of the French nobility announces footbaths for the pupils once a month, complete baths three times a year.

from the Liberty Advance, Feb. 17, 1930

SHE SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE SHE MARRIED HIM

A woman went into a newspaper office in Moberly and wished to advertise for her husband, who had disappeared. When told that they charged \$2.00 an inch, she went out, saying it would break her up at that rate, as her husband was over six feet long.

"20-years-ago" item from the Liberty Advance, Dec.2, 1929

HOW TO CATCH A SPEEDER

At a recent Detroit gathering of automobile men, E. F. Roberts, vice-president of a big motor firm, recalled that 27 years ago he was arrested in Schenectady, N. Y. for speeding in his car. The legal limit was 6 miles an hour and the sheriff charged Roberts with going 16. The sheriff caught speeders by driving a fast trotting horse with one hand and holding a stopwatch in the other.

from the Liberty Advance, Nov. 18, 1929

THE WAY IT REALLY HAPPENED

Just to begin with, the "Decaturian" of Millikin University, Decatur, quotes the brave editor of The Nashville Journal, who had the courage to print the truth about a wedding. Here 'tis:

"Mr. Robert Chetway and Miss Alice Broadkin were married at noon Monday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Broadkin. Rev. M. L. Gassoway officiating.

"The groom is a popular young bum who hasn't done a lick of work since he got slapped in the middle of his junior year at college. He manages to dress well and keep a supply of money because his dad is a soft-headed old fool who takes up his bad checks instead of letting him go to jail where he belongs.

"The bride is a skinny, fast little idiot who has been kissed by everybody in town since she was 12 years old. She paints like a Sioux Indian, sucks cigarettes in secret, and drinks mean corn liquor when she is out joy-riding in her dad's car at night. She doesn't know how to cook, sew or keep house.

"The house was newly plastered for the wedding and the exterior newly painted, thus appropriately carrying out the color scheme, for the groom was newly plastered also and the bride newly painted.

"The groom wore a rented dinner suit over athletic underwear of imitation silk. His pants were held up by pale green suspenders. His number eight patent leather shoes matched his state in tightness and harmonized nicely with the axle-greased polish of his hair, in addition to his jug he carried a pocket knife, a bunch of keys, a dun for the ring and his usual look of imbecility.

"The bride wore some kind of white thing that left most of her legs sticking out.

"The young couple will make their home with the bride's parents which means they will sponge on the old man until he dies and then she will take in washing.

"Postscript – This may be the last issue of the Journal, but my life's ambition has been to write up one wedding and tell the unvarnished truth. Now that is done, death can have its sting."

From the Liberty Advance, October 13, 1930

**EXCERPTS FROM OUR LATEST
PUBLICATION, "DOCTOR ON THE
WESTERN FRONTIER: THE DIARIES
OF DR. WILLIAM WALLACE
DOUGHERTY,
1854 – 1880"
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great nervousness, dry mouth & tongue, severe delirium, and a considerable ...subsulus tendirum (?)

Tuesday, January 16, 1855

Visited Miss Edwards and found her quite poorly, perhaps no better than yesterday. The case, as I supposed, is proving a very obstinate one, and will run the patient close to recover. She has been taking quinine to day freely and yet I do not discover its usual good effects. She complains of great soreness over the whole body, but especially in the left arm and back; frequently of the head and one of the lower extremities. Have given her Tine of Guaiac, Spiritus Mindereri and camphor mixture – it has quieted some, but there is still much restlessness. Visited her again this evening found her pulse 106 and quite restless; ordered the camphor mixture, and the quinine continued. Visited her again about 5 o'clock P. M. Pulse about 100, and more easy, but some little nausea. Ordered a mustard cataplasm to the stomach, and to be followed by the warm bath – pedaliu – and the camphor mixture through the night.

Note: Mindereri spiritus is a solution of acetate of ammonia used to treat fevers and inflammatory diseases. Pedaliu is a plant native to India, used for poultices.

Wednesday, January 17, 1855

Visited Miss Edwards this morning, found her very little, if any better; she has less fever, and I think is not quite so nervous as before. Gave her calomel, quinine, and Dover's powders, to day; she seems something easier this evening, though there is a difficulty I had not heard of before, which seems to be sending her more distressed – retention from the kidneys – if that were relieved, I think she would be decidedly better. I have ordered the warm hipo(?) Bath, diuretics, hoping by morning to find her better. I heard to day that S. A. Ringo had bought out Mr. E. S. Dulin in the F. Institute. I suppose he and his lady will conduct the school, Sam as Principle, and his lady as assistant.

Note: In 1852 the Rev. Elija S. Dulin and Sarah Dulin opened the Liberty Female Institute. In 1853 enrollment was 147. The four-year program cost \$30

a year. In February 1855 Rev. Dulin recommended S. A. Ringo as his successor with the following statement: "His qualifications are ample, he is a thorough scholar and a Christian gentleman." After serving as president for only five months, Mr. Ringo accepted an offer to sell the school to John T. Davis and J. K. Baird. A tradition of the school was to promote independent thinking in young ladies.

Thursday, January 18, 1855

Visited Miss Edwards early this morning, found her suffering much from retention of urine, that ... viscus being largely distended. I used all the known remedies, but no relief, and finally had to resort to catheterism, which succeeded in admirable manner. Visited her 3 times today and I think to night, she is something better.

Friday, January 19, 1855

Have been nearly all day at Mr. Edwards; Miss Sarah is growing sadly worse, and unless there is change for the better by morning, there will be no possible chance for her recovery. Her disease is meningitis, I have used nearly all the remedies known, in that disease, and to no effect as yet. I applied a large cup to the sacral region, once to day, and again to night; it seemed to have a very good effect for the time being, but did not last long. Sinapism to the abdomen, and extremities; she is quite delirious to night, her talk very incoherent. Took Dr. Ritchie with me to day to see Miss Edwards.

Note: Dr. Stephen Ritchie was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, in 1824, and practiced medicine in Clay County until his death on March 6, 1888. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery. Sinapism is poultice made of mustard and flour and linseed meal.

Saturday, January 20, 1855

Miss Edwards is no better, indeed I think she is failing fast. Having been trying to effect an operation from the bowels, but have not succeeded, injections used, the difficulty in voiding urine is over come – indeed the paralysis is of such a character, as that it is voided unconsciously. Have given caston, poregone & Hyoscium – also Carb. Am. & wine & brandy. Visited her several times to day.

Sunday, January 21, 1855

Miss Edwards is still sinking, have seen her several times to day – been using the same remedies as yesterday, save, late this evening I gave her a decoction of amicu flurry (?)... -- much effected in the brain and general paralysis.

**ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING
SET FOR NOVEMBER 4th**

The Martinali Café in Liberty will be the site of the Clay County Archives and Historical Library's annual membership meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th.

Guest speaker Daniel M. Pence of Washington, D.C. will discuss the process of compiling and editing the writings of his great-grandfather, Samuel Anderson Pence. A Clay County native born in 1885, Samuel Pence wrote extensively about Jesse James, the James family and the people of Clay County whose lives they touched.

The cost for breakfast is \$12 per person. Reservations are recommended, as seating is limited to 60.

The Martinali Café is located in the Corbin Mill building at 131 S. Water Street in Liberty.

Call the Archives at 816-781-3611 or email Scott Cole at s22cole@netscape.net to place reservations or for more information.

ARCHIVES TO BE CLOSED

The Archives will be closed beginning December 21, 2006 and continuing through January 14, 2007, except by appointment. This will allow our volunteers time to give our building a thorough cleaning and to catch up on their research.

We love our volunteers! During the months of July and August volunteer hours totaled 849.75!

The Mosaic staff thanks everyone who contributed to this newsletter, especially Jane Milner.

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