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"Fitting the Pieces Together"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seventeen years is a long time. It's a long time to work on a single project. Well, actually I suppose it is two projects but with a single goal in mind. Kevin Fisher and the Archives staff have been collecting "place" information in the same way most people collect "person" information. Normally in historical circles, as any genealogist does, information is collected about a person or persons (names, dates, spouses, children, etc.). But what about the places where those people lived, worked and spent their lives? This type of information can be at least as revealing as a date of birth.

Over this time a "gazetteer" of over 30,000 historical Clay County places have been collected, organized and indexed. Any place-relevant information that has come to our attention has been dutifully cataloged. This would include names, dates, locations, descriptions, pictures, etc. It's really quite impressive.

The second project is mapping. Since about 1998, Kevin, a cartographer in a "former life", has been collecting Clay County maps of any age, type or size. This collection has reached 30 maps, but just having the maps wasn't good enough. To be truly useful, they all have to be normalized (as I call it) so that they all share the same scale and are all controlled (adjusted to conform to an accurate modern Gallup map).

This process entails enlarging or reducing each map so that they are all the same scale and then paneling (separating map sections) to then be reassembled in the proper aspect) each to match the controlled modern map -- no small feat for anyone. In addition to Kevin, David Smith, Yvonne Clark and Al Moore help in this laborious task.

The culmination of these is the third project: marrying the gazetteer to an adjusted "Clay County Historic Sites" map which includes map features from all 30 maps. Over 1500 rural homes, businesses, map features, mills, churches, schools and other places of interest have been selected and are now being meticulously placed on this new gazetteer map using the features from all of the controlled maps for accurate location. Each of these 1500 pieces is also being entered into a companion

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GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS OF OPERATION

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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 printouts	5 cents per page
Outsize copies	50 cents per page
Photographs	
Standard Quality	50 cents
Archival Quality	\$5.00

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(All prices, postage paid)

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Every-Name Index to 1877 Atlas	13.00
Clay County Births, 1883-84	7.00
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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.]	

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Register of Marriages, Recorder's Office
Clay County Courthouse, Liberty
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Register of Marriages, Recorder's Office
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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.

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

OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS

Beginning January 16, the Missouri State Historical Society's Newspaper and Reference Libraries are open for research until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays when University of Missouri—Columbia classes are in session.

Because of limited staff, copying services and materials stored in closed stack areas may not be available during the evening hours. Researchers are urged to call (800-747-6366) or email (shsofmo@umsystem.edu) in advance to check on the availability of research materials. The extended hours will be in effect during the winter semester (January 16 through May 11, 2007).

At the end of the semester, Tuesday evening patron usage will be evaluated and a decision made about continuing the program on a permanent basis.

The new hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday (through May 11) and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Source: The GSCM Reporter, a publication of the Genealogical Society of Central Missouri

The Topeka Genealogical Society, Co-Hosting with the Kansas State Historical Society, will present the TGS' 35th annual genealogy conference, featuring Russell Baker on "Which Direction Did They Go?!" The event will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at the Kansas State Historical Society's Kansas History Center.

For more information call the TGS Library at 785-233-5762.

Footnote, Inc. has announced an agreement with the National Archives and Records Administration to place digital images of millions of

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

Tuesday, February 27, 1855

The man who was cut so by the negro boy has died – died on Friday last. There will now be no hope for Lightburne Pete, as the evidence of his guilt in the matter renders it quite certain he did the act. So next Monday will be about as long as he will live (live), for the friends of the deceased are enraged to an awful extent, and he will be executed by a mob in my opinion.

Monday, March 5, 1855

I hardly ever saw a more lovely morning. I understand early this morning, that the negro boy Pete, made a confession last night, that he committed the murder, of which he is charged. Was sent for to go and see Mr. McFadden’s child this morning early, and while going, met every body, nearly in the whole country coming to town, to see the negro boy hung. Hurried back as soon as possible, but sure enough, they had hung him before I got back. The(y) hung him on a locust tree in the court yard, and he hung there for three hours before taken down. ‘Twas an awful, revolting scene, though I did not witness it, and am glad I did not. I regret that civilized people should be guilty of such outrages. The negro was guilty, and deserved to be hung, but they ought to have let the law of the land hang him, which it would have done.

Thursday, March 8, 1855

Heard this evening that Weston was in ruins; a fire broke out last night, or this morning rather, about 3 A.M. and had been burning nearly all day; it had consumed the thickest, and most business part of the city. Originated in a cabinet shop I heard.

Tuesday, March 13, 1855

Made arrangements this morning with Mr. McAdam of Iatan for the Drug store, & a dwelling house, told him I would have the drugs etc. there next week. Got the dwelling at \$5 per month, and the shed room of the store at \$2 per month, with the privilege of renting the store room or buying it when his time is out.

Note: Dr. Dougherty has decided to relocate his residence and practice to Iatan. Iatan was originally known as Dougherty’s Landing, having been founded by Major John Dougherty (the doctor’s uncle) shortly after the Platte Purchase of 1837. Major Dougherty changed the name to honor an Otoe Indian chief, who was a friend of the whites during the time he was an Indian agent. The town had a boat landing during the steamboat days, a mill was built in the 1840’s and other enterprises started.

Sunday, March 18, 1855

James Burnett borrowed my horse today to go to Richfield, returned about 2 P.M.

Note: In 1850 the three communities of Atchison, Richfield and St. Bernard were combined to make Missouri City. Old habits die hard, however, as Dr. Dougherty still refers to it as Richfield.

Wednesday, March 28, 1855

Started this morning for Iatan.

Friday, March 30, 1855

Considerable excitement – about the election in K. T. (Kansas Territory) to day. Went over there, great excitement indeed, thousands there – Missourians took the day.

Tuesday, April 17, 1855

Looks something like rain. River falling, very windy. Sales light, not much doing any where. I never saw harder or more constant wind in my life – the dust is almost insufferable.

Wednesday, April 18, 1855

No rain last night – disappointed for the thousandth time, it looks like we ought to get use to it.

Tuesday, May 1, 1855

Good news at last! Rain!! Rain!!!

Edward A. Conrad has written a new book “Heartland Traction: The Interurban Lines of Kansas City” which includes a chapter on “Kansas City, Clay County & St. Joseph – The Missouri Short Line.” The book features numerous pictures, maps, tables, etc., plus an extensive bibliography and information on locating what remains of the lines. It would make a great gift for the railroad or local history buff. It’s available from HeartlandRails Publishing Co., P. O. Box 160, Blue Springs MO 64013-0160.

INTERESTING CRIMINAL COURT FIND, NUMBER ONE

The following document was found in the criminal court records that Archives volunteers are currently working on:

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Clay Co. State of Missouri at the April Term 1868

Your Grand Jury for this Term in pursuance of the law regulating their duty have made an examination of the County Jail and make the following report –

We find the building itself in good repair or at least so strong and protected as to render secure any one incarcerated therein: but the conditions as regard cleanliness is repulsive – for instance the passage leading to the entrance or Jail Door is used for a Privy or more properly, a water closet, and the urine freely filtrating through the opening under the Door runs in profusions down the steps in side the Jail, carrying with it a most offensive and fulsome oder, which in the opinion of this Jury is not at all favorable to the health or comfort of the occupants – As to sleeping accommodations the Jury is not so well prepared to report, there being no prisoner in custody in the Jail at the time of this examination, but the amount of bedding they found is too meager for comfort within the cells of such a place – The Jury would therefore recommend greater cleanliness in and around the Jail and better accommodations in the Dormitory or sleeping department

Noah H. Tillery Foreman G. Jury

WHAT IS IT?

This from the June 22, 1917 Smithville Democrat-Herald:

Some Big Pie Plant

J. G. Hornback brought 4 stalks of pie plant to this office Saturday morning that were the largest we have ever seen. The stalks measured 31 inches in length and 5 inches in circumference. The leaves were 25x31 inches.

What's a pie plant? Turn to page 6.

INTERESTING CRIMINAL COURT FIND, NUMBER TWO

Here is another interesting case discovered in the criminal court records:

Have you ever heard the name Conn Withers? His pioneer family settled in Clay County in 1834. Members included bankers, lawyers, farmers, realtors, and civic leaders, influential citizens all. So the Archives volunteers were puzzled to find that one of the criminal court records contains two notes that read thus:

Liberty Mo July 18, 1871

Mr. Stone. Will you pleas let this Boy have A pr. Boots.

From CW Conn Weathers

and

Liberty Mo July 9, 1871

Mr. Ostin Will you pleas let ths Boy have A Buggy for me I Will settle With you My self this after noon

Mr. Conn Weathers

Why is Conn Withers spelling his name wrong? We wondered. Is it some kind of code?

No, as it turns out, Mr. Withers was not deliberately misspelling his name. The error was made by a George Kennedy, who forged the notes in hopes of getting free boots and buggy, which he may have intended to use to skip town before his crime caught up with him. Too bad he wasn't a better speller. At any rate, Mr. Kennedy pled guilty and was sentenced to six months in prison.

You can be a part of this interesting work. Just give us a call or stop by and tell us you want to help with the criminal court flat folding. We'd love to have you join us.

Longtime Archives members were saddened to learn of two recent deaths in our "family". Patsy Waters, who passed away on March 2, 2007, was a former President of the Archives. Amelia A. McGinnis, who passed away on March 16, 2007, was a member and former volunteer. Her family has suggested donations to the Archives in lieu of flowers. Our sympathies and prayers go to the Waters and McGinnis families.

January 13, 1917

Ought to Be An M. D.

Elder Fred V. Loos is certainly entitled to the distinction of being Missouri's funeral and marrying parson. During 1916 he performed 52 marriage ceremonies and conducted 71 funerals. We suppose if he had an M. D. hitched to his name his record would have been equally as good, and he could have headed the pages in his journal thus: "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched."

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

Articles from the Smithville Herald/Smithville Democrat Herald

August 27, 1915

Are You a Porcupine?

If you meet your neighbor and he asks you if you are a porcupine, say "yes."

The Loyal Order of Porcupines is a new movement just inaugurated in California by the Hon. Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury. There is no mystery, no initiation fee, and no ceremony, and yet it has caught the public fancy and is growing by leaps and bounds, and is spreading all over the country and its flags.

The porcupine is the only animal that never bites any one and yet is never bitten. Its myriad quills are its protection, and all other animals give it a wide berth.

Dr. Gage would have the United States in the position of the porcupine. He would have us so surrounded and girded by quills of defense that no foreign nation would care to invade our peaceful shores.

He would not have a great standing army, nor would he have us bristle with the curse of aggressive militarism; but he would have every loyal citizen possess the rudiments of military knowledge, that when the time comes we may be in a position to hurl the invader into the seas and give adequate protection to our homes and our wealth.

Like the porcupine, we are a peace loving people, and ask only to be left alone to pursue our honorable course to the end.

Are you a porcupine? Say "yes!"

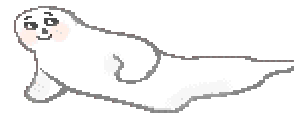
October 1, 1915

Clay Walnut to Allies

Walnut logs are being shipped by the car load from Liberty as fast as possible to help meet the demands of the Allies for gunstocks in the European war. The logs are sent from here to Kansas City.

George W. Dudgeon, who has long purchased walnut logs here, is buying. He has contracted for between 400 and 500 logs with Gus Davidson, most of which have been shipped out. A price of \$20 per 1000 feet is paid for the logs at the farm.

Ghost Towns of Clay County



With this issue we begin an ongoing series of articles about towns in Clay County that are no longer in existence.

Greenville

By Shirley Fansher

On a pleasant rise east of Williams Creek on a fork with Linn Creek in the northeast part of Clay County, a small village began in the 1840's named Greenville. The first reference to the name Greenville is found in an 1854 real estate advertisement in the *Liberty Tribune*. It stated that the village had been "laid off" the year prior, 1853.

The advertisement also states that the village was formerly known as Williamsville. That name is a reference to Ellis Williams, who ran a hotel and store on a road, which was probably more likely a trail in the early days, from the Platte Purchase in what became Platte County and Smithville in western Clay County to Richmond in Ray County in the east. The exact history of the name Greenville has been lost, but Greenville certainly described the local landscape of woodlands surrounded by prairie. Perhaps it was a reference to North Carolina, the native state of many of the older residents found in the 1850 Clay County Census.

Greenville was described by Samuel Pence in his journal about Clay County as "an inland trading town, in the southwest corner of Section 22, Township 53, Range 30 west, Washington Township. This location was about three miles due east of the James Farm."

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WHAT IS IT?

It's rhubarb! I learn something new every day.

**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.

January 4, 1907

The funeral of Lee **Soper** was held Friday afternoon at the residence, conducted by Rev. **Loos**. Mr. Soper was born in Kearney vicinity December 9, 1866. He clerked in Dan **Hughes'** drugstore on coming to Liberty, later for Joe **Simmons**, and for several years he was engaged in the drug business with John **Newlee** on the east side of the square. In 1898, he was elected county clerk and served two terms. Mr. Soper was married to Miss Lutie **Clark**. They have no children.

Miss Kate **Howe** and Mr. A. B. **Kimmel** were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon. The wedding was at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. T. **Carr**, on the south side of town. Miss Mary **Murray**, a cousin of the bride, played the wedding march, accompanied on the violin by Miss Bess Field. Miss Dorsey Carr sang "Song of the Heart." The couple left for Greenfield, Missouri, where his parents reside. On their return, they will begin housekeeping in Mrs. Lizzie **Wymore's** house. Mr. Kimmel has resided in Liberty since last June. He is connected with the furniture and undertaking firm of **Sharp Bros.** As a teacher in the public schools, she gave good satisfaction and won the love and friendship of her pupils.

The old friends in Clay County are sorrowful to know of the death of Captain P. M. **Savery** which occurred at Tupelo, Mississippi, recently. He had lived in the South ever since the War, after fighting for her cause. He came back on a visit a few years ago to meet old comrades and friends at the dedication of the Confederate Monument.

January 11, 1907

Seven of the eight children of Wilk W. **Warren** have had diphtheria at the home of the family in Big Shoal neighborhood, and one – a little girl, 6 or 7 years of age – died last Sunday.

January 18, 1907

James C. **Ray** was killed Wednesday afternoon by being thrown from his buggy near Lawson. He had been out to his farm in Washington Township and was returning to Lawson where he has been living with his family this winter. The accident occurred about one mile west of Lawson. He was proprietor of the Lone Retreat Stock Ranch. Mr. Ray leaves a wife and two sons. Mrs. Ray was Miss Lena **Onan** of Kearney before her marriage. Mr. Ray was a member of the jury that convicted Aggie **Myers** a year ago last June.

Roy, son of John and Mary **Knighton**, died in Chicago, January 8, at the age of 20 years and 4 months. When a mere boy, he passed the Civil Service examination and for several years had been working as a postal clerk. Roy left Kansas City on his regular run, but before arriving in Chicago was dangerously sick and died the next day after he got there. His brother Harry Knighton went to Chicago and came back with his brother's remains.

February 1, 1907

Mrs. Virginia Lard **Woodson**, widow of Silas Woodson, former governor of Missouri and for many years judge of the Buchanan County criminal court, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jefferson C. **Hosca**, in Kansas City last Friday. Virginia Lard Woodson was the daughter of the late Moses E. **Lard**, a famous preacher of the Christian Church who lived in Liberty at one time, pastor of the local Christian Church. The family lived in the **Pence** House where Elder Loos resided for several years.

February 8, 1907

Pat **Rooney** died suddenly of heart disease last Monday afternoon in his tailor shop on the north side of the square. His shop is over **Laipple** and **Hummel's** grocery store. Jake **Hicks** whose photograph gallery is across the hallway, happened to go into Mr. Rooney's shop and found him. For a number of years, Pat was with the late Charles A. **Newlee**, merchant tailor, and since Mr. Newlee's death, he has had a shop of his own. He was 50 years of age and leaves a wife and little son. Mr. Rooney was born in Ireland 50 years ago last November and came to this country when about 15 years of age. He lived in Liberty 24 years. A sister resided in Jersey City the last news he had from her. Mr. Rooney married Miss **Somers**, a sister of Mike Somers.

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE
LIBERTY TRIBUNE**

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February 15, 1907

Mrs. Rebecca **McLaughlin**, widow of James McLaughlin, died in Kansas City last week. The McLaughlins went to Kansas City in 1886, and for a number of years lived in an island of 95 acres in the Missouri River, a few miles above the city. In 1900, Mr. McLaughlin instituted proceedings in the Clay County Circuit Court to obtain a title to the island. He died Dec. 1, 1901. Two years later the title was granted and the island was sold to the **Armours**.

Susanville, California, papers tell of the horrible death Perry **Stout**, formerly of Clay County, met there January 23, while locked in a room, guarding a maniac. A man giving his name as Frank **Kelley** was brought to Susanville by the sheriff from a mining camp. At the county jail, Perry Stout was placed in charge of the man and locked in the room of the insane prisoner. A night watchman found Stout's body at midnight on the floor, and the maniac on a cot, apparently asleep. Mr. Stout was a brother of Mrs. E. R. **Crafton**, of Kansas City, formerly of Liberty; Mrs. B. E. **Gosney** and Mrs. Adelia **Flemming** of that city; Mrs. Addie **Riley** of Independence; and John C. Stout of Cereas, California; and Daniel B. Stout of Angels Camp, California. Perry was 54 years of age.

February 22, 1907

Recorder **Hall** issued a marriage license Monday that the woman instead of the man came for. The names of the parties were Charles A. **Clark** and Mrs. Mary E. **Griffin**, both of Excelsior Springs. She was accompanied by a married daughter and explained that the man she was going to marry was very busy and did not wish to lose the time coming after a license; so she came. "This is the third time a marriage license has been issued for me," said Mrs. Griffin to Recorder Hall, "but it still makes me a little nervous." She gave her age as 56 and said her husband was a few months younger.

March 1, 1907

Concerning last week's notice of Mrs. Mary E. **Griffin** of Excelsior Springs coming to the Recorder's Office and getting a marriage license for herself and Charles A. **Clark**, they were married in Excelsior on Wednesday of last week. Now it turns

out that Clark already had two wives living and one dead, and a man who marries so many times of course cannot well spare the time to go after the license. His arrest for bigamy followed, and he was brought here to jail by constable Andy **King**. Clark admitted his guilt to Judge **Ewing**, and after the crowd had left the courtroom at the Springs, confidentially asked the court the best thing for him to do to get out of it. Judge Ewing advised him to get up and acknowledge his meanness. Two wives confronted him when arraigned. The first wife who married Clark in Kansas City, 13 months ago, preferred the charge. She married him under the name of Jack **Layton**.

March 15, 1907

John **Moran** died last Sunday morning. The funeral service was heard in the Catholic Church Tuesday morning by Father Burke, Confederate veterans attending in a body, and the remains were taken to Kansas City for interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. Mr. Moran was known as the last of the "Louisiana Tigers." At the beginning of the war in 1861, at the age of 17, he enlisted in Company A., First Louisiana Battery, at New Orleans. Mr. Moran was in the Battle of Manassas where he was captured and sent to prison at Fort Delaware. He escaped in 1863 and got back in the Confederate service. Mr. Moran lived in Liberty many years and owned a farm south of town. He conducted a saloon across from the Burlington Depot a long time but sold it last fall. He and his wife returned only about a week before his death from New Orleans where they spent a couple of months.

March 22, 1907

Major Manheim **Goldman**, for years a merchant and citizen of Liberty, died Tuesday afternoon at 530 in Kansas City, at 3316 Campbell Street, where the family have resided since 1896. He had kidney trouble. The funeral of Major Goldman is to be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the home. Rabbi H. H. **Mayer** will officiate. Burial is to be in Elmwood cemetery, and Odd Fellows of Liberty will have charge there. He was a pioneer clothing merchant of Northwest Missouri, having established a store here in 1853. He was 73 years of age and a native of Austrovia, Prussia. His marriage was in 1857, to Miss Henrietta **Bates**. Mrs. Goldman and six children survive him. The children are: Miss Carrie Goldman, Richard, George, Henry and Julius Goldman, and Mrs. Dr. **Morrison**, of Tucson, Ariz. During the time Major Goldman was mayor of Liberty in 1891 and 1892 the last of Liberty's bonded indebtedness was paid off. His name has been familiar to all and is associated with the history of the county.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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volume, "Guide to the Clay County Historic Sites Map". It will function as an index, dictionary and encyclopedia for all of these places which will include such things as the location, namesake, when and where the feature first appeared in recorded history and the significance of the map feature. This guide is being compiled by Shirley Fansher.

We plan to have this completed later this year so you'll then be able to pinpoint just where your ancestor may have lived, had a business (or maybe got "bushwhacked"). And with the "Guide" you might even find out who did it.

Stuart E. Elliot

OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS

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original documents online. Four and a half million military images are already available at www.footnote.com, and that number is growing fast. Footnote CEO Russell Wilding stated, "We will continue to add millions of original documents and images monthly."

From the Ozarks Genealogical Society February 2007 Newsletter

Through support from a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in collaboration with Project Perseus at Tufts University, the University of Richmond has digitized the Richmond Daily Dispatch newspaper for the Civil War years. The project is not yet complete. However the newspaper is now available for use and exploration at

<http://dlxs.richmond.edu/d/ddr/index.html>.

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The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library has made an obituary index available on its website. To access the database page, click on the Community Resources link on the library's homepage <http://www.tscpl.org/>.

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The Heartland Chapter APG and Washington Co. (KS) Travel and Tourism are sponsoring a bus trip to the 2007 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Fort Wayne IN on Aug. 15, 2007.

The conference will have workshops and sessions available throughout. If you wish to do research only, the Allen Co. Public Library and Research Center is within walking distance of the hotel.

Departure date is August 13 with pickup points in Salina, Manhattan, Topeka and Kansas City. Return arrival date is August 20. The motor coach trip includes all transportation, lodging and breakfast each morning. Cost is \$650 per person based on double occupancy.

For more information and registration forms, contact Gloria Moore, Director, at 785-325-2116 on Mondays or 785-763-4569 on other days.

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Author, lecturer, researcher and volunteer Ann Carter Fleming will present a one-day workshop on "Writing Your Family History", sponsored by the Northland Genealogy Society. The event will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Platte County Resource Center at 11724 N.W. Plaza Circle, Kansas City, Missouri.

For more information contact Ginny Pettett at huskerfan1@earthlink.net or JP Rand at jrand@kc.rr.com (816) 454-9017.

The Pea Ridge National Military Park Foundation cordially invites you to the 1st Festival of Ozark Civil War Heritage Reunion, June 6 – 10, 2007. Activities include genealogical research workshops, a concert featuring the 1812 Overture with live cannon fire, an arts and crafts bazaar, a heritage banquet which includes a soldier's "dream supper", and much more.

For more information contact Gary Morris at PRNMPfestival@yahoo.com or 1-479-636-7301 or write to the Pea Ridge National Military Park Foundation, Box 700, Pea Ridge, Arkansas 72751. An "Early Bird Special" at the headquarters hotel is available to those who book by April 1.

Check this website for Norwegian research: <http://www.astrimyastri.com> - especially a book called 'History of the Norwegian Settlements.'

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

The following are taken from actual correspondence received by the Family History Department in Salt Lake City:

- Our 2nd great-grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library.
- I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.
- Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?
- My Grandfather died at the age of 3.
- Documentation: Family Bible in possession of Aunt Merle until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas. Now only the Good Lord knows where it is.
- I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and 3 of their children.
- Enclosed please find my Grandmother. I have worked on her for 30 years without success. Now see what you can do.
- This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know where they are, please add them to your list.
- We lost our Grandmother, will you please send us a copy?

2007 ARCHITECTURE WALKS

The City of Liberty's Preservation Office and Historic Liberty, Inc. are co-sponsoring a series of free public guided tours. Each begins at 10:00, on a Saturday morning. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

- April 7, Dougherty Historic District (tour meets at Rotary Park, Franklin and Gallatin Streets)
- May 5, Mt. Memorial Cemetery (tour meets at Miller St. entrance to the William Jewell College campus)
- June 2, Garrison District (tour meets at Garrison School, 502 N. Water Street)
- July 7, Historic Downtown Liberty (tour meets at fountain next to City Hall, 101 E. Kansas St.)
- August 4, New Hope/Fairview Cemetery (tour meets at the flagpole at the corner of Shrader Street & Terrace Ave.)

- September 1, William Jewell College (tour meets in front of Gano Chapel on the William Jewell College Quad)
- October 6, Jewell & Lightburne Historic Districts (tour meets at the corner of Franklin and Lightburne Streets)

???GUESS THE YEAR???

- Northwest of the Dead Sea, the Dead Sea Scrolls are discovered by a young Bedouin.
- U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.
- Norwegian anthropologist Thor Heyerdahl crosses the Pacific Ocean on a raft named the Kon-Tiki.
- The Taft-Hartley Act passes over President Truman's veto. The bill eliminates many labor union advantages, including closed-shop contracts and the unconditional right to strike.
- The Everglades National Park, 1.4 million acres of subtropical wilderness in south Florida, is established.
- India gains independence from Great Britain. The sub-continent is split into Hindu-led India under Jawaharlal Nehru and the Muslim state of Pakistan, under Mohammed Ali Jinnah.
- The Hollywood film industry blacklists the "Hollywood Ten", who all receive prison sentences for refusing to testify before the House committee to investigate un-American activities.*
- Jackie Robinson becomes the first black baseball player to sign with a major league club, the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- The National Security Act establishes the U.S. Air Force, the cabinet-ranked Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency.
- In an address at Harvard University, George C. Marshall proposes U.S. economic aid for the reconstruction of European countries shattered by the war.
- In Nevada, the Boulder Dam is officially renamed the Hoover Dam, in honor of former President Herbert Hoover.
- The United Nations General Assembly votes to divide Palestine into a Jewish state, an Arab state and a small internationally administered zone including Jerusalem.

What year was it? See page 11 for the answer.

It was 1947, 60 years ago. (Source: The History Book Club)

*The “Hollywood Ten” were:

1. Alvah Bessie, novelist and journalist
2. Herbert J. Biberman, director, screenwriter and producer
3. Lester Cole, screenwriter
4. Edward Dmytryk, director and producer
5. Ring Lardner, Jr., screenwriter and son of the famed humorist
6. John Howard Lawson, screenwriter and playwright
7. Albert Maltz, author, playwright and screenwriter
8. Samuel Ornitz, novelist and early organizer of the Screen Actors Guild
9. Adrian Scott, screenwriter and producer
10. Dalton Trumbo, screenwriter

NOT THAT I’M BITTER OR ANYTHING

Announcement from the Smithville Democrat-Herald, Feb. 18, 1916:

The town Avondale, where the O.K. dumps Kansas City passengers to stand around in the cold until an interurban car comes along, now has a post office and has been incorporated. Avondale has been enjoying a substantial growth the past year.

Ghost Towns of Clay County (Continued from Page 6)

In the 1854 advertisement there were “two dry goods stores, various kinds of Mechanics, mill, etc.” The advertisement was placed by Rev. William James, a Methodist minister. He was a brother to Rev. Robert James, a Baptist minister and father of Jesse and Frank James. The James-Samuel family no doubt used these stores.

William James was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1832 and was the pastor of his first church in Oldham Co. KY, where he was also a merchant. In 1847 he moved to Greenville where he was associated with his brother, Drury Woodson James, in a general store. William is credited with introducing Zerelda James, widow of his brother Robert, to Dr. Reuben Samuel, which led to their marriage, a marriage that would last for over 50 years. William was the minister who performed the marriage of his nephew, Jesse James, to his niece, Zerelda Mimms. He reportedly tried to talk Zee out of marrying Jesse, but she was determined, so he conducted the ceremony.

The town had two churches. The Methodist Church was the first brick church built, followed by the Christian Church. The Methodist Church was also the schoolhouse for some period of time before the “Academy” was built.

The village and surrounding Washington Township had several physicians. Some of them include Allen, Samuel Sheets, J. V. Scruggs, Short, Richie, Rouss, Edmonson, and Vallandigham. Teachers from the area included John and Salmon Biglow, J. C. Hannebugh, John Finley, B. B. Blankely and Leven M. Lewis. Merchants included James McCrorey (his son Manuel died at the battle of Pea Ridge), Samuel and Green Cummins, Bird Boaz, William James, M. V. Thompson, Harrison Myler and Thomas Patton. Craftsman included Oscar Dering, John Marley, A. S. Green, D. E. Yarbough, and Robert Spillman, blacksmiths; Oscar Trusel and Jesse Carey, shoemakers; John Fetters, a cooper; Thomas Gash, Thomas and Williamson Wilson, wagon makers; Robert Harris, Benjamin F. Vermillion, and Greenberry Groomer, carpenters; Jonah Lamb, a gunsmith and Elisha Wills, a stone mason.

The area had at least one tavern listed in the 1860 census owned by John Younger. Also on the 1860 Census there was one loafer listed, John Parson. I have no idea if that occupation was something different than what it would be known as today, but it does not sound good for John’s reputation.

The story of Greenville will be continued in the next issue. The Archives would welcome any additional information, stories or corrections about Greenville.

RECENT ACCESSIONS

Genealogy of the John Ritchie and Jesse Yates families, donated by Pat Shaw.

“Search for Augustus C. Baker (1827 – 1863) Among the Jayhawkers and Bushwhackers” donated by Roslyn Bayha Coleman and William C. Coleman.

These donations are available for our patrons to use in their research. Thank you to these generous donors.

SPRING ON THE FARM

Spring has come to the Watkins farm! The public is invited to a day of fun and learning on Saturday, April 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You can watch 1870's-style sheep shearing, view rare and endangered livestock, stroll the heirloom garden, play Victorian-era games, and watch beekeeping and heritage cooking demonstrations.

Watkins Mill is located approximately six miles east of Kearney on Highway 92 to Route RA. For more information, call 816-580-3387.

We love our volunteers! During the months of January and February they worked 800 hours! But we can always use more. If you are interested, please give us a call at 816-781-3611. We can tailor your activities to your interests.

The new book "Other Noted Guerrillas (of the Civil War in Missouri)" by Larry Wood, is now available from Hickory Press, 2508 Mylinda Leah Lane, Joplin MO 64804. This book goes beyond William Quantrill and "Bloody Bill" Anderson to include guerrilla bands and their leaders, such as William Marchbanks and Clifton Holtzclaw.

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