

The Clay County MOsaic

“Fitting the Pieces Together”

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We would love to hear from you!

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

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

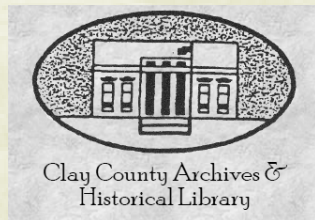
The Civil War Veterans Book project is well under way. The research is virtually complete and the biographies are being written and transcribed. The other aspects of the book such as the cover art, preface, introduction, indexes, lists, photos, etc. are being prepared. There will be almost 800 veterans highlighted in this compendium.

Nancy George just put the finishing touches on a project for the city of Gladstone. They requested research and “copy” for historical markers at the Big Shoal Cemetery and Atkins-Johnson Farm about the area and especially the military contributions of some of the decedents in the cemetery. The city is now researching various marker styles and formats to display the information.

In a visit by Mary Ruth Stigal and Earl Walker, both of whom grew up in Gashland, we were able to scan some of their historic Gashland pictures into our Photo collection. The two

helped identify people and places in various pictures that we already had and we even had a few pictures that they hadn't seen!

We were unable to hold our annual Volunteer Picnic at the Atkins-Johnson Farm in Gladstone as planned (they were busy with restoration activities) but we did the next best thing by gathering at the Archives instead. We had



a very interesting program on Frontier Transportation by local historian Bruce Hughes. He even brought with him a 6 foot riverboat replica that he had constructed.

Loyal member Jim Patterson indexed the 1866 Voter Registration Oaths and generously gave us a copy. We then incorpo-

rated the index into our Master Index. Thanks, Jim!

And, speaking of generosity, volunteer Ann Golden allowed us to scan some of her pictures of the Liberty Fire Department from the 1930's and thereafter. She also identified each person in the photos for us. Her father and grandfather were members of the department.

Ann Henning, Shirley Fansher and others have been working on some languishing files that have been awaiting this kind of attention for some time (there are only so many hours in a day, after all). They are mining many “golden” nuggets of information that is making this project very worthwhile. These nuggets are being incorporated into existing collections and indexed. In addition to this, Ann, Joyce Schumacher and Zach Thompson are working on reorganizing the Gazetteer files to make more room in the file cabinet drawers in which they are stored.

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General Information

Hours of Operation

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

Membership for Calendar Year

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

Benefits of Membership

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

Research Policy & Fees

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

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President's Message, continued from p. 1

One long-term goal is to geographically "tag" each item we've indexed which can be identified as a map feature (i.e. cemeteries, roads, buildings, etc.). That way, we'll have a record of their locations even if the feature itself goes away (if an historic building burns down, for instance). A few years ago we acquired a hand-held GPS receiver and have recorded locations of some places and now Steve Olson has dusted it off and is preparing to use it again to geolocate other important places. In addition to that, Google Maps allows us to locate more obvious places without having to do so much field work. Lastly, as we record the latitudes and longitudes in our indexes, we can display maps right on our computer

screens showing the locations. I've worked with Ken Neth, for instance, locating many cemeteries that we've been able to tag in the index.

The Accession process has been computerized which allows us to index the accessioned items and also to print a Receipt Letter, Deed of Ownership and envelopes as appropriate. This will then feed into our Material Catalog which we are now computerizing to help us keep up with our ever expanding collections.

Don't forget the October 6th plaque dedication and reception for the Mount Memorial Cemetery being listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The

event at William Jewell College starts at 9am and there will also be a walking tour of the cemetery and remarks by former Liberty mayor (and son of former volunteers Bill and Louise Hawkins) Steve Hawkins.

We are now making plans for our annual Membership meeting. We have it scheduled for November 17th at 10am so mark your calendars. We are working on securing a location and program but we are looking forward to a great time. I hope you plan to attend and, if so, please RSVP by the end of October.

See you there.

Stuart Elliott

R E C E N T D O N A T I O N S

Donation of Material(s):

John C. Simmons, Platte City, MO: Spiral bound book: Ancestry of Daniel W. Hughes from Anglesey, Wales in 150 to Bourbon, KY in 1800

Steve Haymes, Clay County Court House: Probate Index, 2001-2005

Ron O'Dor, Halifax, Nova Scotia: History of Clay & Platte County-1885; Sesquicentennial History of Clay County; Sun, Special History Supplement of Clay County-1972

Jane Elliott, Liberty, MO: Township map of Liberty

Earl Walker, Gladstone, MO: 2 abstracts from Carpenter Estates, Town of Gashland

Ann Henning, Liberty, MO: 5 small paperbacks: An Ounce of Preservation; How to Tape Instant Oral Biographies; Missouri Research Guide; Keys to the Courthouse, Vol. I; Missouri Cousins

Liz Ivy, Kearney, MO: Color picture of Samuel & Anna Weber home in 1887-The house was built in 1858

Donation of Money:

Frances Hornbuckle, Kansas City, MO: \$50 in memory of Roy Hornbuckle, deceased

Nancy Mose, Liberty, MO: \$10

Thank you for your support!

ROY HORNBUCKLE MEMORIAL A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Roy Hornbuckle was born on April 15th, 1929 in Nashua and he died on June 18th, 2012. He was a native Clay Countian but is buried at New Garden Cemetery in Ray County with military honors and headstone.

His father was Frank Hornbuckle and his mother was Rachel Gabbert Hornbuckle. He was related to the Stevenson family of Clay County. He graduated from North Kansas City High School in 1947. He married Frances Hoy on October 9th, 1954 in Barry.

Among Roy's accomplishments was to become a blacksmith as well as to work as an avionics technician with TWA after his time in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He also rose to the office of President of the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He then became a National Trustee to SAR. His Revolutionary War ancestor was James Wills.

Although he lived much of his life in Platte County, he and Frances have been members of the Archives since 1983 and they have contributed much in the way of historical material that we are able to use at the Archives.

He contributed so much to the community and to the lives of those around him. He was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.



ARCHIVES ON DISPLAY

The Clay County Archives has prepared a mobile display that shares the mission of the Archives through an assortment of pictures and documents from its files. The display was developed by the Archives last fall under the direction of Donna Root. The display was set-up at various activities in the county last winter. The display was at the Smithville Branch of the Mid-Continent Library during September, and is now a guest of the Kearney Branch. Stop in for a visit!



AN OLD NAMING PATTERN

The first son was named after the father's father.

The second son was named after the mother's father.

The third son was named after the father.

The fourth son was named after the father's eldest brother.

The first daughter after the mother's mother.

The second daughter after the father's mother.

The third daughter after the mother.

The fourth daughter after the mother's eldest sister.

(as printed in Ozark Happenings Newsletter of the Texas County, Missouri Genealogical and Historical Society, Houston, MO, Volume 4, Number 1, of January/February 1987).

So—did your family continue the pattern?



A REMINDER ABOUT WINTER CLOSINGS

Yes, as we enjoy the pretty colors of Fall and cooler temperatures, it may be a bit early to think about "winter", but just as a reminder:

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

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

Also, the Archives will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Thursday, December 20 to Monday, January 7, 2013. Our volunteers work hard year round, so a little time off is well deserved and we appreciate everyone's understanding.

Researchers should call the Archives before coming in during the winter. Usually the Archives is open, but once in a while circumstances beyond control will require closing. The phone number is 816-781-3611.

THE CIVIL WAR IN CLAY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE



Work continues by Archive volunteers on a book with information about Clay County soldiers and their families. A key milestone was reached during August. The initial research phase was completed!

A total of 900 potential Civil War veterans have been researched, with 790 confirmed in Clay County. Bios are nearly finished thanks to Brenda Brinkhous-Hatch, Julee Ost, Paula Strobl, Penny Koons, Jane Shepard and Nancy George. And, Stuart Elliott is now adding photos. Carol Olson has done a wonderful job contributing and managing the work flow.

This book will include a short history of the war, the role of the women during war, cemeteries where the veterans are buried (and the driving directions to

each) and many other articles pertaining to this period in Clay County history. African-Americans from Clay County will be recognized. These sections are nearly complete at this time. Anything of interest that can be uncovered about them during the research could be published.

Concurrent with work on the bios, other components of the book are being developed. Keith Nelson is working to develop an introductory chapter describing the major events and the conditions in Clay County prior to, during and following the Civil War. Mike Wilson is working on a chapter explaining the organization and structure of the military units (Union and Confederate) that operated in Clay County during the War. Tony Meyers has com-

pleted a summary of the Battle of Liberty/Blue Mills Landing that occurred just South of Liberty in September of 1861. He is also working to obtain cemetery and gravestone photos to be used throughout the book

Dana Nelson, Keith's wife, has agreed to help with the cover art.

The review/editing of the book will be the final job--but it cannot be done until all other phases are completed. Much work remains.

What a project! Everyone who has worked on it deserves a big pat on the back.

We are still hoping to have this available for Christmas present to all your friends!

CRAWLING THROUGH THE CEMETERIES WITH KEN

Two new cemeteries have been added to our listing bringing the total to 353. In addition to this number, there are about seven Civil War veterans killed by bushwhackers that we have not been able to locate burial. For example, one only identified as between Liberty and Smithville.

One of the new cemeteries is Davenport and is located about a quarter mile east of another Davenport. This one is on the north side of 186 and a quarter mile east of F Highway.

The second cemetery is called Zarah and is located about a quarter mile east of 435 Highway and on the north side of 108th Street, where the road crosses a creek. The cemetery is on the west side and has been damaged by high water. Stones have been covered by debris. It is reported that the road curves to miss the graves.



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

SAVE THE DATE!

November 17, 2012 10:00 am
More details to follow

DO YOU HAVE A GENEALOGICAL WILL?

“A Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament”:

To my spouse, children, grandchildren, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs, for a period of two years.

During this time please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. *[If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: “I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include by (sic) not limited to: and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known].* In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. *[list of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state –national contact information and addresses].* Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore, it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____ Witness _____ Witness _____

Date _____ Date _____ Date _____

Pioneer Wagon, as given to Patricia Petre Surber by Jane Mallinson in 2006.

Of course, The Archives is making no attempt to vouch for the authenticity or legality of this codicil and would encourage you to consult with your legal advisor(s) if you are interested in such a codicil.

Editor’s Note: I took possession of my grandmother’s very full 4 –drawer filing cabinets (yes, plural) upon her death –thanks to my cousin volunteering to transport and move them to my basement. They’ve been there 10 years now, and contain 30+ years of family research. Fortunately, my grandmother’s “bucket list” included printing all the data to hard copy for each of her grandchildren, and anyone else interested, and she was able to accomplish that. Just last month I got a long distance request for one of her printed collections. She’d be proud to know that. For now the file cabinets remain intact, preserved and seldom opened. They are a constant reminder of how hard she worked and the lasting legacy she left for each of us. I hope my children and grandchildren have the same appreciation for my working files. Perhaps a codicil to my Will is in order. -Keenan Glidewell Barker

How would you want your research and files handled?



CLELL MILLER EXHUMATION POSTPONED

For those of you following the Clay County court proceeding involving Clell Miller, the Court recently ruled that the exhumation scheduled for October 8 will be indefinitely postponed.

Stories abound as to where the remains of Clell Miller lie. The Clay County court is seeking to put the stories to rest, as well as Clell Miller's remains (if identified).

Clell Miller was shot and killed during a bank robbery in Minnesota in 1876. Some believe that Miller was brought back to Missouri, and buried in Muddy Fork Cemetery. Others believe that his skeleton remained with the medical student that shot him in Minnesota. A skeleton alleged to be Miller was found in Minnesota. The pending action hopes to use advanced technological means to resolve the discrepancy.

However, there is now a question as to which grave at Muddy Fork holds the body of Miller, and the Court has ruled to postpone the exhumation pending determination of the grave to be exhumed.

MT. MEMORIAL CEMETERY WALKING TOUR

LIVING HISTORY TOUR AND CELEBRATION TO HIGHLIGHT LIBERTY'S OLDEST CEMETERY

The tour is free and open to the public.

Reception and Tour begins at 9:00 am. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes

For more information call 816-439-4537

This tour will be presented by a dozen local citizens who will share the history of some of the most notable persons buried in the cemetery: Martha Roberts will talk about her family, the Gilmers; Cheri Holtman, will talk about her ancestors, the Gittings and Routt families, and former Liberty mayor, Steve Hawkins, will talk about Liberty's first mayor, Madison Miller, for example.

The listing in the National Register of Historic Places is an honorary designation that underscores the historic significance of the site. The cemetery, which was the first cemetery to be established in Clay County, other than family burial grounds, has been in continuous use from the early 1820s to the present.

While cemeteries are not typically eligible for listing in the National Register, Mt. Memorial has special historical significance because it is the final resting place of many of the original settlers and founding fathers of Liberty and Clay County. It is associated with historic events such as westward expansion, the settlement of the City of Liberty, and the Civil War. It also retains a collection of artistic grave markers and monuments from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

Preceding the tour, a reception with refreshments will be held to dedicate the plaque identifying the site's National Register designation. The reception and plaque dedication will begin at 9 a.m. The tour will

immediately follow and will last about an hour.

This event will also include the planting of a burr oak tree, donated by the Liberty Parks and Recreation Department, to recognize the rejuvenation of the cemetery since a 2003 tornado felled many of the old trees that once stood there.

The cemetery is located on the campus of William Jewell College, with easiest access from East Miller Street. The event is free and open to the public.



ARCHIVES GIFT SHOP

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Every-Name Index to 1877 Atlas \$13

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Clay County Deaths, 1883-84 \$7

DAR Sesquicentennial Book \$18

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Clay County Archives

And mail to:

P.O. Box 99

Liberty, MO 64069

Thinking Out Loud...

Do you have extra copies of the William Jewell Tatler lying around? The Archives is in need of some missing volumes to complete the collection. Perhaps you have the missing piece and would be willing to donate? If so, please contact the Archives and help us preserve history. The Tatler is the printed yearbook of William Jewel College.

Have you noticed the brush clean up work done outside the Archives? Thank you, Ray Brock, for coordinating this work. If you see Ray Brock, be sure to thank him for this contribution, and congratulate him on being named Outstanding Missourian in a ceremony held in Jefferson City on May 1, 2012. For Archive volunteers, no job is too big or too small!

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