

The Clay County MOsaic

“Fitting the Pieces Together”

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We would love to hear from you!

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

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

We started the year with a bit of early spring cleaning. Among other things, we rearranged some of our cabinets to better assist in our efforts. For instance, we moved the microfilm cabinets into the microfilm room. Oh sure, that seems obvious, but working out the use of the space was the issue (think “Tetris”). But we got it all squeezed in quite nicely. We also spent time working on the original card catalog for the Hughes Library (returned to the building from the Mid-Continent Library). We don't use index cards much anymore because we are busy indexing everything on the computer but we thought it would be nice to make use of it if we could.

The computers we've been using for many years were quickly nearing their useful life so the Circuit Clerk, Steve Haymes, offered to loan us some of their old computers (their old computers weren't nearly as old as ours!). So, in January we took possession of ten workstations

and we have been busy replacing our worn out computers with these. Just ask our daily volunteers whether they appreciate the change. Thanks to Steve, Matt and the rest in the Circuit Clerk's office. They are all very much appreciated.



Speaking of computers, we've had a PayPal account for some time but never really used it. We're now featuring a “Donation” link prominently on our website and our patrons are using it for donations, dues and for payment for services. It is proving to be a convenient way to serve our patrons. We even use PayPal at the Library.

We participated in an Emancipation Proclamation Round-table discussion in January at the Garrison School Cultural

Center. We showed actual period Liberty Tribune articles from our newspaper collection and we provided handout reprints for the participants. Dr. Tony Holland moderated the discussion and it was very interesting and informative.

Ken Neth conducted a Cemetery Tour in March of grave sites in the North West part of the County. Fourteen of us joined Ken for this excursion into the past and we learned a great deal about the cemeteries and even some about the deceased. Thanks, Ken, for another enjoyable and informative tour.

The Civil War Soldiers book “Divided Loyalties, Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County Missouri” is nearing publication. It has been sent to the publisher and should be ready in about six weeks. This is an exhaustively researched book and very well presented. We are all very excited about its release. Tony Meyers and Keith Nelson gave a presentation in March to the Jackson

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E
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County Historical Society about the book. They were expecting the normal 20 minute presentation but those in Jackson County were so interested that they kept asking for more information. Before it was all over, Tony and Keith spoke for about an hour and a half! If anyone else would like to have Tony and Keith visit your group, please let us know. I promise, they won't talk for one and a half hours (unless you want them to!).

Mark Kelly has published his new book, "Lost Voices on the Missouri, John Dougherty and the Indian Frontier". Major John Dougherty participated in every notable aspect of the western frontier from the return of Lewis and Clark to the first rumblings of the War Between the States. Multnomah is the Dougherty family home. Mark donated a copy to the Archives for our collection and he asked us to sell the book so you will be able to purchase it from us. It is an 855-page hardback unbridged Collector's Edition

(limited availability) priced at \$54.95. Mark spent many years and traveled to many states researching the book. By the way, John Dougherty is the uncle of Dr. William Dougherty, the author of the diaries we transcribed for the book "Doctor on the Western Frontier" which we also have for sale. We've scheduled a reception on April 18th at 6:30pm at the Liberty Christian Church so he can present the book and sign copies. Please join us.

~Stuart Elliott

C R A W L I N G T H R O U G H T H E C E M E T E R I E S
W I T H K E N

The third cemetery tour was conducted on March 14, with 14 people taking part. This tour covered the northwest quarter of the county. There are 66 confirmed cemeteries in this area and others we are working to verify.

We began the tour at Liberty and our first stop was the BUSH GRAVEYARD on 108th Street. Just down the road we passed the location of the ZARAH which had been destroyed by flooding. From there we went up 169 Hwy. and made a stop at the WOODS FAMILY GRAVEYARD where the group had the fun of squeezing through a padlocked gate only to find on exiting there was a hook on the back side that bypassed the lock. From there we passed the MARTIN GRAVEYARD which had been destroyed and then stopped at McDonald's for lunch.



After lunch we stopped at the THATCHER which now has a sign calling it Emerald Ridge Cemetery. From there we passed the BROOKS GRAVEYARD and the SNAIL GRAVE SITE. Then we visited the WOOD GRAVEYARD and the nearby TRAIL GRAVESITE and a gravesite—occupant unknown. Back in Smithville we made a brief stop in the IOOF/MEMORIAL CEMETERY before continuing north to the GOSS GRAVEYARD. Then we went northeast and made a stop at the ROLLINS GRAVEYARD. Continuing northeast we stopped at the PARADISE CEMETERY and then south to the ARLEY CEMETERY. After this stop we returned to Liberty and made a pie stop at the Corner Cafe.

The weather was perfect and our five car caravan made it without an incident.

Attending the tour were: Stuart Elliott, Donna Root, Joyce Schumacher, Carol Olson, Jane Shepherd, Tony Meyer, Keith Nelson, Nancy George, Cheryl Diehl, Keenan Barker and son Austin, Ann Henning, Peter Vanderhourn and Ken Neth. Tour four is in the planning stages.

~Ken Neth

IN MEMORY OF DEAR ABBY

Pauline Phillips, known to most of us as "Dear Abby" addressed many topics in her advice columns—including genealogy. She died earlier this year, and provided this still pertinent advice in 1980:

Family tree fallout shakes unwary niece

Dear Abby:

I just received a copy of my family history. My aunt traced our family roots and had copies made to distribute to members of our family.

Here is what I learned:

My mother was married twice (My brother and I were shocked. Now Mom feels guilty because she kept this from us.)

My cousin was adopted. (I never knew it. He doesn't know it himself, but now he's sure to find out.)

Another cousin was 3 months pregnant when she got married. (Grandma didn't know it. Now she does.)

A man whom we all loved and thought to be our uncle is just a man our aunt has been living with out of wedlock for 15 years.

At first I was excited about knowing more about my family background, but I sure didn't find anything to brag about.

Several family members asked this aunt who was doing all the searching to please not record all this stuff she dug up. Her reply was, "Facts are facts."

Well, how about a person's right to privacy?

-KnowsTooMuch

Dear Knows:

Facts are facts. Remember, a person is responsible only for his own actions, not what his cousin, mother, aunt or uncle has done.

Furthermore, when one starts to shake his family tree, anything is apt to fall out, including lemons, dingbats and an occasional son of a birch.

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 under the direction of Donna Root. The display was set-up at various activities in the county over the last year.

We are pleased to announce that the display has a quasi-home at the Mid-Continent library branches for 2013 and we couldn't be more excited to share the information.

Stop in for a visit and support the local libraries.

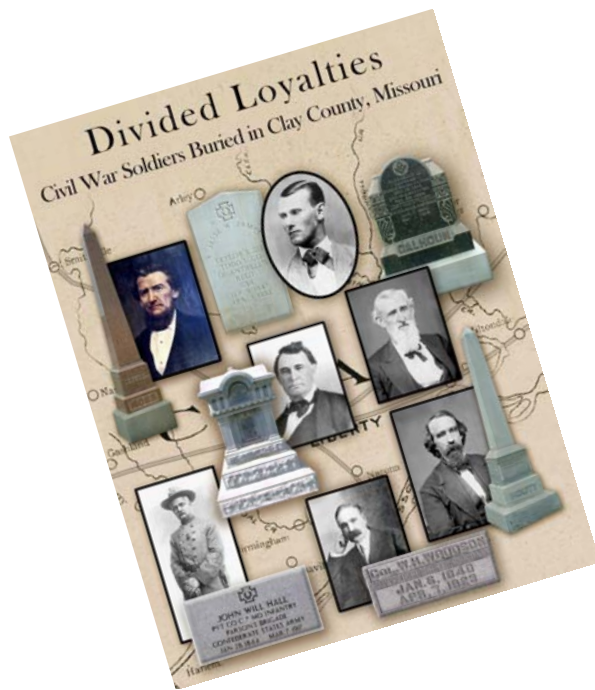


2013 Travel Schedule

April:	Claycomo	September:	North Oak
May:	Kearney	October:	Excelsior Springs

THE CIVIL WAR IN CLAY COUNTY

RELEASE DATE: MAY 2, 2013



Since our last update, the project team has completed work on *Divided Loyalties – Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County, Missouri*. The book was delivered to the printer in March. Copies should be available by mid-April. The book will sell for \$30 with all proceeds benefiting the Clay County Archives.

Divided Loyalties – By the numbers...

- The project took **2½** years to complete
- 100's** of hours of volunteer time was spent in researching, writing, editing and formatting the book
- 6** core project team members were involved
- 30** other volunteers contributed to the effort
- Research was completed on **930** individuals
- 812** were confirmed as Civil War soldiers buried in Clay County
- The book includes:
 - 350** pages
 - 600** photographs

Divided Loyalties is organized into three sections. Section I includes two articles which provide background and insight regarding the Civil War in Clay County. Section II includes biographical narratives for the 812 Civil War soldiers that are

buried in Clay County. Photos of these soldiers or their gravestones are included when available. Section III of the book provides general reference information including a description of military units as well as a list of the soldiers that served in each unit. Cemetery location information and a cross reference of the soldiers that are buried in each cemetery is provided. Information regarding burials at the Confederate Monument in Fairview Cemetery and a summary of the Battle of Liberty / Blue Mills Landing is also included.

On Saturday, March 2nd, Tony Meyers and Keith Nelson presented an overview of the *Divided Loyalties* project to the Jackson County Genealogical Society. During the presentation they described how information that is available at The Archives was used in developing content for the book. In addition to discussing the process that was used to research and write *Divided Loyalties*, Tony and Keith provided a sneak preview of the book's format and discussed some of the "famous and infamous" characters that are included in the book (like Jesse James, Clell Miller, Colonel Henry Routt and others).

Additional book related presentations and events are being planned.



THE ASB BRIDGE

The ASB (Armour, Swift and Burlington) bridge is now in its second century of use and is still carrying traffic across the Missouri River. So it must have been well designed and built in the early part of the 20th century. Now days it is only open for rail traffic on what was once the lower level of the structure. The upper deck that carried the Interurban electric railroad and automobiles was removed when the Heart of America Bridge opened not that many years back.

The opening of the ASB is listed in some sources as 1912 and some as 1913. I think the confusion stems from the fact that the dedication was on December 31 and then the toll road opened to cars, trucks, horses, and pedestrians the following day. It was several years before the toll finally came off. The new bridge greatly increased the value of the rich farmland just north of the river. Not surprisingly the three companies that funded the bridge owned a lot of that land. The city of North Kansas City sprang up faster than the former crops and businesses in the freshly erected building flourished.

Next time you speed across the Heart of America Bridge (and if you aren't speeding everyone else will run over you) look upstream at the once state-of-the-art rail road bridge that rarely gets lifted for barge traffic on the river these days and marvel at the skill of those who created it more than 100 years ago.

~Steve Olson



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT JOYCE SCHUMACHER

Joyce Schumacher, one of our long-time volunteers, was born in Minneville, Clay County, Missouri, and was educated in the Kansas City, Minneville and North Kansas City school systems. In her first job Joyce worked for Ruby Dougan, in the North Kansas City Collector's Office. She also worked 27 years for TWA in the Administrative Center. Joyce enjoys traveling. With her husband, Willy Schumacher, she has traveled to London, Athens, Rome, Lisbon, and many United States destinations. After reading about the proposed destruction of most of Minneville to build a four-lane road she started making videos and taking photographs of Minneville to preserve the history of her beloved home. Her sister Judy and cousin Gail suggested a visit to the Clay County Archives for information; and the rest is history. Having grown up in the Minneville area, she is both willing and able to help researchers with their search for information. Joyce enjoys collecting material on her family history, the history of Minneville, Birmingham, Vrooman Acres and Randolph, and records of the Minneville Cemetery. Related family surnames are Ainsworth, Minter, Chisam, King, Hackett, and Carrel. She has three sons, three step-daughters and one step-son, as well as 14 grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family, working on genealogy and spending time with her yellow Labrador, BoAnnie, at the family cabin in the Ozarks.

~Nancy George

RECENT DONATIONS

Donations of Material

Keith Nelson—photos and map of Excelsior Springs, MO; Letter, advertisement and an ad for McCleary's Sanitarium file; Parkview Sanitarium advertisement and a letter from Dr. McCleary about moving his clinic to Excelsior Springs.

Mark Kelly—Lost Voices on the Missouri: John Dougherty and the Indian Frontier (autographed copy)

Terry Chronister—4 books (War for the Union, 1861-1865); Little Phil; Vol 1 & 2 Abraham Lincoln; The Confederacy as a Revolutionary Experience; Chancellorsville, Lee's Greatest Battle.

Donna Parker—1960s map of Clay County, MO mounted on a board.

Donations of Money

Douglas Bogart
Dr. Roger Dan Duncan
David and Reta McCall Gaebler
Mark and Karen Mathes
Jane Sharon
William and Sylvia Wees

Thank you for your support!

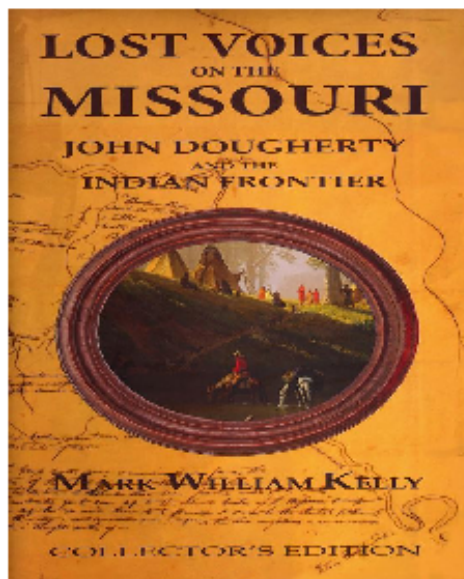


PHOTO CORNER

In theme with the completion of the Civil War book project, we thought this picture would be timely. It is of an unidentified man and woman, both dressed up (he in his Civil War uniform). This picture is from the Jacob Hicks Collection.

YOU ARE INVITED

Mark William Kelly will present:
**LOST VOICES ON THE MISSOURI
JOHN DOUGHERTY
AND THE
INDIAN FRONTIER**



Date & Time: Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Liberty Christian Church, 427 E. Franklin, Liberty, MO 64068

Event Format: Mark William Kelly will present his new book *Lost Voices on the Missouri John Dougherty and the Indian Frontier*. A book signing will follow the presentation. The event is sponsored by the Clay County Archives and Historical Library.

Books will be available for purchase.

CHARISMA

The Clay County Archives would like to introduce our members to another local organization also working to promote and preserve local history.

Thanks to Carol Rudi and Gerri Spencer for contributing this information and sharing a little about another local group.

CHARISMA is a coalition of historic sites, museums, archives, and other entities interested in history and tourism in Clay and Ray counties. We started in response to the Lewis and Clark anniversary and Freedom Frontier Heritage growth in our area in early 2010. Estella Morrison and Beth Beckett organized the first meeting in 2010 inviting a variety of interested individuals.

Our name was finalized at our August 16th, 2010 meeting in Kearney. Rich Groves felt that the first letters from our group could loosely spell charisma and everyone present that day agreed. Clay Ray Historic Sites And Museums Association.

The goal of CHARISMA was to help make people aware of the number and variety of different sites and resources available and open to them, and to informally share ideas and knowledge. We meet six times a year at rotating sites. The hosting site is responsible for the agenda at that meeting, resulting in greatly varied agendas, and the ensuing discussions are lively, interesting, and informative!

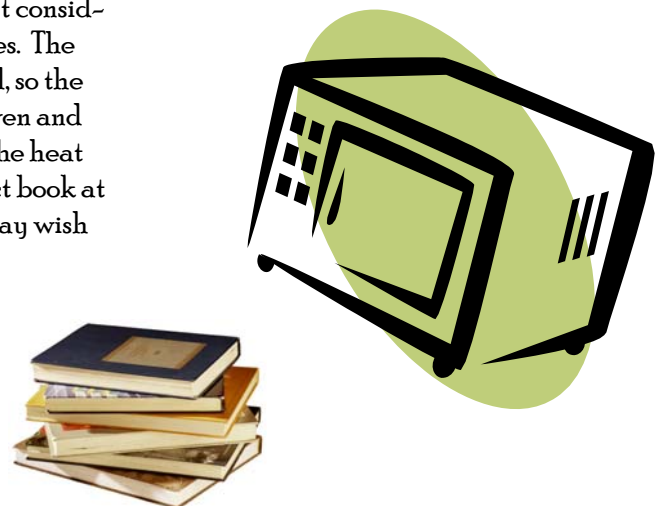
CHARISMA has been building a bit more momentum each year. There are no dues or fees required just a willingness to share what you know with everyone. New members are warmly welcomed!!

To be added to our email list for meeting information, please contact Carol Rudi (carudi@kc.rv.com) or Gerri Spencer (gerriantiques@aol.com).

MICROWAVE THAT BOOK!

The Library of Congress actually “cooks” any books it considers suspect of containing silverfish, lice or cockroaches. The use of dangerous & costly chemicals was impractical, so the Library resorted to placing a book in a microwave oven and “cooking” it for 60 seconds on warm or low setting. The heat kills the insects and any eggs. If you pick up a suspect book at a flea market or from an old attic or basement, you may wish to try this method before placing it on the shelf.

Source: Bluegrass Roots, date unknown



Explore Liberty's Heritage

2013 Walking Tours

All guided tours are free and open to the public.
Tours begin at 10 a.m. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.
For more information call 816-439-4537.

Saturday, May 4
**Jewell & Lightburne
Historic Districts**

Tour meets at the parking lot
at the corner of Franklin and
Lightburne Streets

Saturday, August 3
**Dougherty
Historic District**

Tour meets at Rotary Park,
corner of Franklin and
Gallatin Streets

Saturday, June 1
**New Hope/ Fairview
Cemetery**

Tour meets at the stone arch
entry to the cemetery on
Shrader Street

Saturday, September 7
Historical Murals

Tour meets at the Lewis &
Clark Mural, corner of Mill
and S. Water Streets.

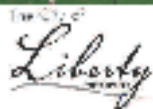
Saturday, July 6
**Clay County Museum &
Historical Society**

Indoor tour meets at the
museum, 14 N. Main St.

Saturday, October 5

Mt. Memorial Cemetery
Tour meets at the entrance
to the cemetery.

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



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Clay County Births, 1883-84 \$7

Clay County Deaths, 1883-84 \$7

DAR Sesquicentennial Book \$18

Every-Name Index to DAR Book \$11

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The Clay County Archives and Historical Library presents:

Divided Loyalties

Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County, Missouri

Event: Book Release – Discussion and Presentation

Date and Time: Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Clay County Archives and Historical Library

210 East Franklin, Liberty, MO 64068

Purchased on Site: \$30

Purchased thru mail: \$40



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