

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?

Tell us what YOU want to see in the MOsaic!

Shirley Fansher is working on updating our Donor lists (Benefactors, Patrons, Friends and Contributors). We've been so busy, the lists have been neglected for a while. But soon we'll be properly acknowledging those who have been so generous to us. They will appear in our front hallway, on our website and in the newsletter.

Our map collection is getting an update as well. Pete Kingery allowed us to scan his 1937 Clay County Atlas and David Bush indexed it for us. Bob Hazlett has been working on organizing our other scanned map images.

We've been using a new Ricoh copier/printer/scanner for a while now and the old one had been set aside. We finally gave it to Hillcrest Ministries who will use it or sell it for their benefit.

Cheryl Diehl, Nancy George, Kathleen Bird, Shirley Fansher and others have organized our Criminal records. Now that they are properly

inventoried, abstracting will be easier.

Ken Neth is organizing another cemetery tour for the spring. When we know dates, we'll let you know. They are always fun and informative.



William Jewell awarded volunteer Ann Henning a Service Award at their Homecoming Alumni Dinner. Ann deserves our congratulations.

After many years of hard work as our Volunteer Coordinator and User & Preservation Chair, Carol Olson stepped aside for a while. It will be hard to fill her shoes but Jane Shepherd will take over as Volunteer Coordinator and Nancy George will helm Use & Preservation. Now Carol will have time to do her own research!

Our annual membership meeting was held in November at the historic

Pharis Farm on a beautiful hilltop east of Liberty. Emily Vandendaele presented a program on the Pharis property and the families who lived there. It was reported that we volunteered almost 4100 hours in the last year keeping up with our patron's requests and furthering our mission.

A “new” publication will join our list of books for sale. The “Clay County Missouri Sesquicentennial Souvenir” book, last published in 1972, is now, with permission from the Alexander Doniphan Chapter DAR, reprinted. It had become quite scarce over the years so it is a welcome relief for those who wanted one. As an added value, it even includes our name index. Please contact the Archives to order your copy.

During the Christmas break, the volunteers spent a day cleaning and organizing at the Hughes Library. I want to thank them all for the marvelous job they did. When they were done, it was spic-and-span and ship-shape. Ready for another year of serving our patrons!

~ Stuart Elliott

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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.

Copy Prices

Original records (such as probate material)	\$1/page
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Standard Quality	50 cents
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Explore Liberty's Heritage

2015 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 2

William Jewell College
Tour meets at the back entrance to the Pryor Learning Center (Parking Lot side) on the WJC campus

Saturday, June 6

New Hope/ Fairview Cemetery
Tour meets at the stone arch entry to the cemetery on Shrader Street

Saturday, July 11

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

Saturday, August 1

An 1860s Tour of Liberty
Meet at the fountain in front of City Hall, 101 E. Kansas St.

Saturday, September 12

Jewell & Lightburne Historic Districts
Tour meets at the parking lot at the corner of Franklin and Lightburne Streets

Saturday, October 3

Mt. Memorial Cemetery
Tour meets at the entrance to the cemetery. (Enter William Jewell College campus from Miller Street and continue up the hill.)

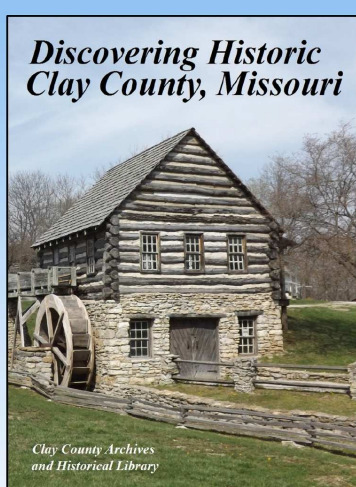


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DISCOVERING HISTORIC CLAY COUNTY

Our latest book, *Discovering Historic Clay County, Missouri* would make a wonderful gift idea. Call or stop by the Archives to pick up a copy (\$25 on-site, \$30 if mailed).

~Tony Meyers



Barry Well was located in T51 R33 S10 in the original town of Barry (block 2, lot 5). It was located on the south side of the old Military Road about one block east of the Clay/Platte County line. The well, which was dug in 1835, was used by soldiers, Indians and pioneers.

- Location: Southwest Clay County Map C13
- Approx. GPS Coords: 39.2460390, -94.5989064



The Barry Well



Source: Tony Meyers

The Barry Well as reconstructed at the Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Discovering Historic Clay County, Missouri

A treasure trove of information featuring more than 1,100 historic sites and points of interest throughout Clay County. Sites date back to the original formation of Clay County in the 1820s. Many have been lost with the passing of time. Handcrafted maps reflect the current or former location of the sites. Points of interest include businesses, homes, schools, churches, communities, roads, bridges, railroads, mills, springs, streams, rivers, landings, and more. Images, sourced from the Archives' photo collection, accompany brief descriptions of the sites. GPS coordinates are provided for many of the points of interest.



Source: Clay County Museum and Historical Society
Harlem School

Harlem is a town located in T50 R33 S26 and S27 in Gallatin Township. It sits on the north bank of the Missouri River in the extreme southwest corner of the county. Pierre Roi operated a ferry at the site in 1836. It crossed the Missouri River from Westport Landing to Harlem. John McCoy built a warehouse in Harlem. Tilman West, Jesse James' uncle, ran a hotel there. It was named after Haarlem, a town in the Netherlands, which was the native land of some of the area's early residents. The first recorded use of this name occurred in 1847. Harlem was at the north end of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Bridge, the first bridge to cross the Missouri River. The town did not incorporate.

- Location: Southwest Clay County Map C22
- Approx. GPS Coords: 39.118275, -94.584894



The Vaughn family home in Harlem

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I N M E M O R Y

We are saddened to inform you about the loss of one of our volunteers. Ms. Tester died in November 2014. At the Archives, she worked on various tasks including helping patrons with their research and filing and organizing obituaries.

February 24, 2015 Memorial to Vernalee Tester by Ann Henning

Vernalee Tester was my good friend. She was one of the first to welcome my family when we moved to our farm near Kearney. Our children were pre-schoolers and, as the children grew, we shared in 4-H projects such as cooking, entomology and dog training. We watched with delight as Vernalee's daughter, Nancy, showed her goat at the fair. We ice skated on our farm pond and went floating on local streams. One Christmas, while waiting on Santa Claus, we drove down the snowy pasture to the pond to skate but had an adventure on the return trip trying to drive uphill in the snow!

After several years apart, I was pleased to see her volunteering at the Archives. I joined her as she served clients using her wealth of knowledge of Clay County and its historic documents. She was so dedicated to the Archives. She donated many hours every Tuesday over a period of about twenty years. In her later years, when she became confused, she would sometimes show up on Mondays, even in the worst weather, thinking that was "her day" but we were glad to have her on any day. She even thought of us at life's end, leaving us a memorial fund. She is sorely missed.

T H E R E ' S M O R E T O O U R N A M E . . .

The Clay County Archives has more than just genealogy records. One type of history that not everyone is aware of is our extensive files of cities, towns, and even subdivisions. Some of the folders contain only a reference to some court document mentioning the place but most have at least a map showing the location and many have newspaper articles about them or some other historical reference. For a few we even have photos. Not all of these places exist today, like Acme Springs. Some like Gosneyville are still around but have changed their name. We just might have something interesting concerning a place you are interested in.

Feel free to ask and we will gladly assist.

~Steve Olson
Archive Volunteer

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