

The Clay County MOsaic

“Fitting the Pieces Together”

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We'd like to thank some of our new volunteers such as Jo-Jean Chamas and Shaneann Fross. They are ably assisting our efforts to preserve and present our history to current generations.

Ann Henning and Kevin Fisher interviewed Disca Ann Kovar who was a teenager in the 1940's. She was a patron and eventual employee of the Frank Hughes Library. Her recollections of the time are recorded here at the Archives.

Our cemetery index is being updated to include the obituary and photograph of the deceased as gleaned from online postings from newspapers and funeral homes. We will eventually add the paper obituaries we have been collecting over the years to the cemetery index as



well. All of these will end up in the Master Index.



More atlases have been digitized using our newly acquired high definition camera and they will be made available to our patrons as we have the time to do that.

Tony Meyers had a speaking engagement with third grade students at the Lewis & Clark Elementary School where he educated them on “What We Can Learn From Maps”.

~Stuart Elliott

Reminder....

You can support the Clay County Archives and Historical Library when you shop on line via Amazon.

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Hours of Operation

Monday through Wednesday—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Membership for Calendar Year

Individual & Family (one address) - \$15.00
 (Memberships paid after October first 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
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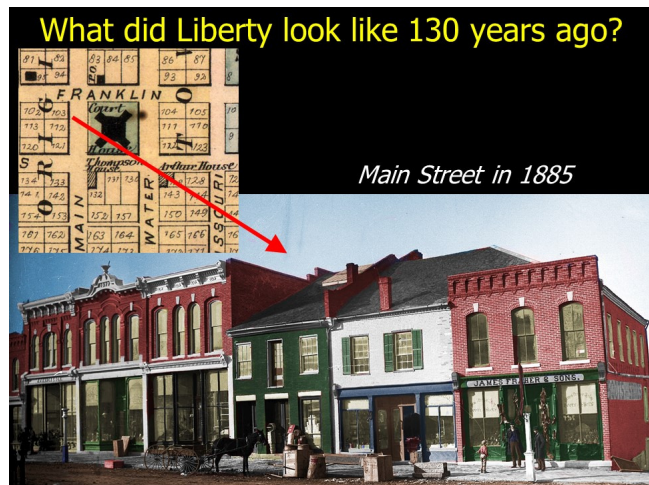
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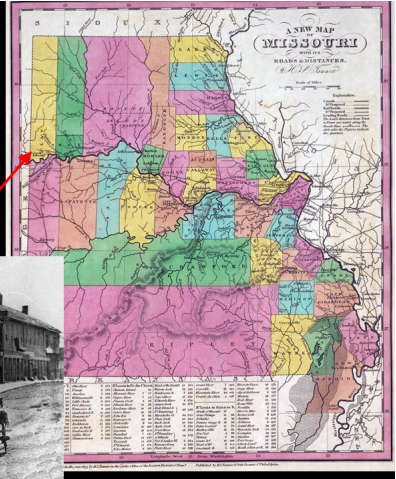
LOCAL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MAPS

Recently the Clay County Archives received a request from Mrs. Janie Einerson who is a 3rd grade teacher at Lewis and Clark Elementary in Liberty. Her students have been learning about maps. They have also been studying what an Archives is and why it is important to preserve our history. Archives volunteer Tony Meyers followed up with Mrs. Einerson and arranged a time to visit with all four of the 3rd grade classes (100 students) at the school. This discussion went very well. The students were enthusiastic and attentive throughout the presentation. They asked several really great questions. In the coming weeks these students will apply what they have learned while working towards creation of their own "archives" at Lewis and Clark School.



Was Liberty a frontier town?
Yes!

From 1822 – 1836 Liberty was on the western edge of the U.S. frontier.



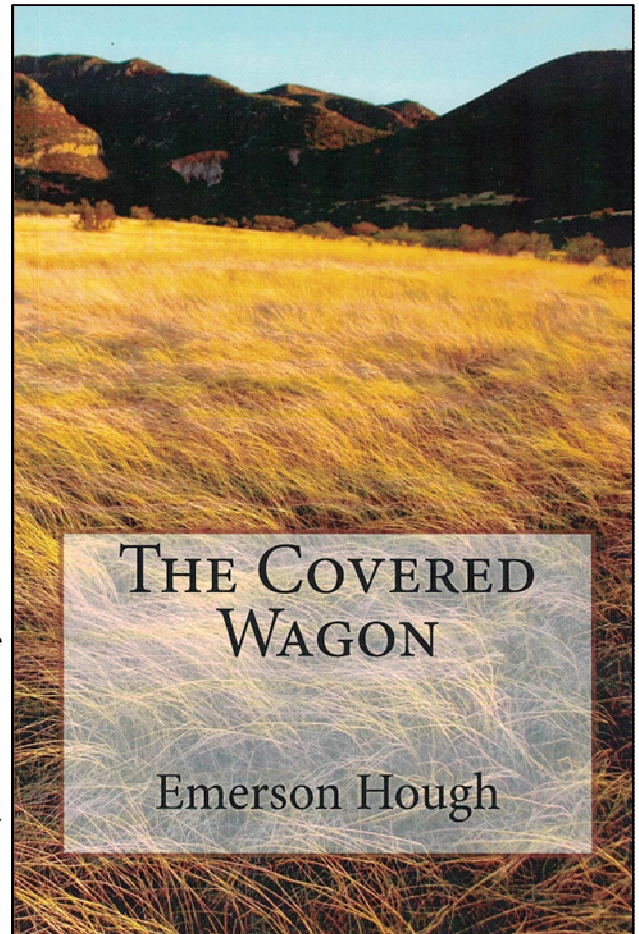
Mrs. Janie Einerson and third grade students at Lewis and Clark Elementary School

THE COVERED WAGON

Classic American novel, *The Covered Wagon*, is now available from the Clay County Archives.

The Covered Wagon, which is set in 1848, tells the story of a group of pioneers who made their way from Missouri, across the plains, through the mountains to Oregon and California. Real life and fictional characters from Clay County, Missouri are central to the story. Will Banion (the hero) leads the "Liberty Train." He fought with Clay County hero Alexander Doniphan during the Mexican War. Molly Wingate (the heroine) is also from Liberty and taught school at the Clay Seminary. The scoundrel of the story, Sam Woodhull, is part of a second wagon train from Jackson County. Throughout the story, as the combined wagon train moves westward, Woodhull seeks to discredit Banion while both vie for Molly's affections. This story will be of interest to anyone who wishes to gain insight regarding the dangers and hardships faced by the pioneers who made the trek from Missouri to the western territories across the Oregon Trail during those early days.

This classic American novel, which was written by Emerson Hough and first published in 1922, is available for \$12 if purchased in person at the Archives (\$15 if sent by mail).



HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

History Related Publications

Need a gift idea for the history enthusiast on your list? The Clay County Archives & Historical Library has a series of books that will be of interest to those who would like to learn more about the history of Liberty and Clay County, Missouri.

Portraits of a Frontier Community – The Jacob T. Hicks Glass Plate Photo Collection

During his fifty year career, photographer Jacob Hicks produced a treasure trove of historical images of the frontier days in Clay County. This book showcases 400 of those images which were captured by Hicks on glass plate negatives. All of these photos are more than 100 years old. Some go as far back as the early 1860s. This remarkable collection ranks among the most important and most interesting holdings at the Clay County Museum. Biographical sketches describing the life and times of Jacob Hicks, as well as fifty other noted citizens from those early days in Clay County are included.

Discovering Historic Clay County, Missouri

This book provides information on more than 1,100 historic sites and points of interest throughout Clay County. Includes photos, descriptions and maps.

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HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

Clay County Missouri Sesquicentennial Souvenir 1822-1972

Originally published by the Alexander Doniphan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1922 and then updated in 1972. This book includes narratives regarding the people and events of Clay County history beginning with its formation in the 1820s and continuing through the later portion of the twentieth century. Hundreds of photographs of landmarks, buildings and people are included.

Divided Loyalties - Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County

This book provides biographical narratives and genealogical information for more than 800 Civil War soldiers and family members. An overview of Civil War related events and issues including insight into how the war impacted the citizens of Clay County is provided. Articles discussing the Battle of Liberty/Blue Mills Landing as well as the Confederate Monument at Fairview Cemetery are also included.

Early Days in the West

The reminiscences of Judge Joseph Thorp were first published in the Liberty Tribune in the 1880s. Thorp presents a vivid picture of life on the frontier. He recounts many stories of the people and the key events associated with the early formation of Clay County, Missouri.

Professor James Love - Triumph and Tragedy on the Missouri Frontier

Professor Love (1820-1914) was instrumental in the development of Liberty, Missouri, during the latter half of the 1800s. From being one of the first professors at William Jewell College to founding the Clay Seminary for Young Ladies, to being President of the Clay County Savings Bank at the time it was robbed in 1866, he truly lived an interesting and intriguing life! This book includes previously unpublished correspondence implicating members of the James Gang in the 1866 robbery of the Clay County Savings Bank.

History of Clay County, Missouri

The History of Clay County, Missouri was originally published in 1885 by the National Historical Company of St. Louis. Over the years, this comprehensive work has proven to be an important resource for anyone wanting to explore the fascinating history of the frontier days in Clay County and northwest Missouri. The History of Clay County, which has been out of print for decades, has now been reproduced and reprinted. The key events as well as the people who helped shape the county during those early days are examined including the Lewis and Clark Expedition, incarceration of Joseph Smith, Alexander Doniphan and the War with Mexico, the Civil War, the exploits of Frank and Jesse James and much, much more. Biographies are presented for 230 prominent Clay County citizens. These stories provide a treasure trove of information that will be of interest to those who are researching the genealogy of Clay County ancestors. Also included is an 85 page history of the State of Missouri.

These books are available for purchase at the Clay County Archives & Historical Library which is located at 210 E. Franklin in Liberty. The Archives is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am-4pm. These titles are also available for online purchase through the Archive's web site at www.claycountyarchives.org. All proceeds from the sale of these publications benefit the Clay County Archives.

RECENT DONATIONS



Donations of Material

Fred Adams—Property abstract

Chris Harris—Georgia Bowman papers; 1923 street paving brick from
Pyramid Brick Company, Franklin & Main

Bob Hazlett—Doctor Arch Spelman's Physician Log, 1937

Ann Henning—Excelsior Springs School yearbooks 1989-1998

Tricia & Bob Petty—Miscellaneous papers on Hunt Mansion/Phi Gamma Delta House
and also 15 S. Jewell, Kappa Alpha House

Jane Sharon—AniMap Plus County boundary historical atlas on a CD; 5 photos

Amy Short—Miscellaneous materials from personal collection of Elizabeth Short-ongoing

Donations of Money

Betty Schultze

With the potential for bad weather in the coming months, please remember to call ahead before making a trip to the Archives on bad weather days.

Our staff is all volunteer, and safety is key for staff and patrons.



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Reprint of the 1865 Clay County Historical Atlas, with features in color, just like the original!
Includes an index. \$22
1877 Historical Atlas of Clay County \$15
Every-Name Index to 1877 Atlas \$13

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DVD—\$17 each
S-VHS—\$12 each
(add \$2 for shipping and handling)
The VHS version is available in two formats, for older model players and for the current model players. Specify which of the formats you desire.

GREETING CARDS

Note Cards—10 \$7.50

IKNEWFRANK...IWISHIHADKNOWNJESSE

Family, Friends and Neighbors in the Life and Times of the James Boys \$30

GUERRILLAS AND OTHER CURIOSITIES

Bud, Donnie and Me \$25

MISCELLANEOUS / BOOKS

Civil War Monuments & Memorials
In Western Missouri \$22
Clay County Births, 1883-84 \$9
Clay County Deaths, 1883-84 \$9
Clay County Historic Map \$15
(not available to be mailed)
Clay Co. Sesquicentennial Souvenir \$30
Doctor on the Western Frontier \$17
Early Days in the West \$18
Lost Voices on the Missouri \$64.95

DIVIDED LOYALTIES - Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County \$35

Biographical narratives and genealogical information for more than 800 soldiers and family members. Published to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

DISCOVERING HISTORIC CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI \$30

Information on more than 1,100 historic sites and points of interest throughout Clay County. Includes photos, descriptions and maps.

HISTORY OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI—NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMPANY, 1885 \$30

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PORTRAITS OF A FRONTIER COMMUNITY \$25

The Jacob T. Hicks Glass Plate Photo Collection

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