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From the State Archivist

In our busy lives, we sometimes find it difficult to stay connected with our family and friends, much less the organizations where we are members. Knowing this, the staff of the Missouri State Archives implemented several tools that will help you be more involved in the activities of the Archives and help you stay connected with other historical groups across the state.

Numerous volunteers and professional staff at historical and genealogical societies and records repositories across Missouri have recently signed up for Docline, the Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board’s (MHRAB) free listserv. This service provides a network of those working in the field who can answer each others’ questions about best practices, as well as a forum for the posting of grant and education opportunities. Docline subscriptions are available at http://listserv.sos.mo.gov/listserv/archives/docline.html.

The MHRAB also recently created a statewide repository directory with contact information and descriptions of collection holdings. The directory has already grown to over 100 pages, but we know that a number of institutions are still not represented. I would encourage you to check and see if the local organizations where you conduct research have been included. The directory, along with directions for submitting an entry, is located at www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mhrab/repositories.asp.

One of the most interesting new developments at the Archives is our Facebook page. Facebook is an online social networking tool that allows you to quickly catch up on the activities of friends and organizations. Through Facebook you can receive the Archives’ upcoming program announcements, anecdotes related to Missouri history, announcements of new collections placed on our website, and more. I did not have a Facebook account before the Archives began discussing the creation of a page, but now I visit the site regularly to catch up on the latest news from archival organizations, historical institutions and family and friends. I hope you will visit the Archives Facebook page and become our “Facebook Friend” in addition to your continued support as a Friend of the Missouri State Archives.

Sincerely,

John Dougan
State Archivist
Mormon History Association Recognizes Archives

The Mormon History Association (MHA) presented a Special Citation to the Missouri State Archives for making over 700 pages of original documents related to the 1830s conflict between Missouri’s Mormons and non-Mormons available online. This award recognizes people or institutions who have made a significant contribution to the study of Mormon history. The Archives’ attention to Missouri’s role in early Mormon history and the religion’s impact on the state has made such a contribution.

An influx of Mormon settlers came to Jackson County, Missouri in 1831 to establish what church leader Joseph Smith proclaimed would be “Zion,” the location of Christ’s return. Relations between the Mormon settlers and their non-Mormon neighbors were tumultuous, and eventually erupted in open warfare, the so-called Mormon War. As a result, Governor Lilburn Boggs issued an executive order in 1838 that called for the expulsion of Mormons from the state or their extermination.

The “Missouri Mormon War” website provides a chance to view original documents related to this conflict. Included on the website are Governor Boggs’ “Extermination Order,” the criminal hearing of Smith and other church leaders for treason, correspondence from military officers in the field, the report of the legislative joint committee appointed to investigate “disturbances” between Mormons and non-Mormons, petitions from settlers on both sides asking for protection, legislative debates, and the governor’s state of the state addresses. Also included are records connected to well-known figures, such as future U.S. Senator David Atchison; future Mexican-American war hero Alexander Doniphan; David Whitmer, one of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon; and Sidney Rigdon, counselor to the First Presidency.

Each handwritten document is transcribed, and all of the records are searchable by keyword. Most of the documents available come from the Archives, and the collection includes all of its holdings on the Mormon War. The St. Louis Mercantile Library and Daviess, Jackson, and Ray Counties also provided records to be digitized.

The website was first created to complement The Missouri Mormon Experience: A Conference of History and Commemoration, which was held in late 2006 to explore the relationship between early Missourians and Mormon settlers. A group of volunteers transcribed the documents, and the Genealogical Society of Utah provided the staff and equipment necessary to scan them. The “Missouri Mormon War” website that resulted from these efforts is available at www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/mormon.asp.

How Many Pioneer Farmsteads Are in Perry County?

The Spring 2009 issue of Missouri State Archives…where history begins included an article on the National Register of Historic Places application files held by the Archives and featured examples from Perry County. One of the sites discussed was the Bergt Farm Complex, which is cited in a 1979 application for designation as “the only surviving pioneer farmstead of the dating from the period of the Saxon Immigration of 1838 [sic].” Today, residents and historians in the area believe there may be others, such as the Weber Farm, Roth Farmstead, and Hecht Farmstead. Further research is needed to determine the total number of original pioneer farmsteads that remain in Perry County.
The annual meeting of the Friends of the Missouri State Archives was held on June 12, 2010 at the G2 Gallery inside the historic Lohman Opera House. Guests were able to hear the annual report of the Friends, meet this year’s Volunteer and Jonas Viles Award winners, learn more about the opera house’s original construction and restoration, and enjoy the musical talents of French Creole fiddle master Dennis Stroughmatt.

President Robert Sandfort shared the annual report of the Friends, informing members that attendance has remained strong for all outreach activities, including the organization’s two primary programs, Archives Alive! and the Thursday Evening Speaker Series. Plans are underway to convert the speaker series into a special Civil War-themed series in 2011 to commemorate the war’s sesquicentennial. This year, the Friends celebrated the success of the 2010 National History Day regional competition, which tripled in size, and expanded involvement by providing support to the state competition for the first time. Information on more of the Friends’ activities can be found in the full annual report available at www.friendsofmsa.org/about/FriendsAnnualReport.pdf.

This year’s awards went to Jon Bergenthal and Frank Nickell. Jon Bergenthal was given the 2010 Volunteer Award for his numerous contributions as an e-volunteer. Bergenthal’s most significant contribution has been checking the transcribed indexes of the St. Louis Criminal Court record against the actual record. When he finds names that are not indexed, he adds to the compiled transcribed index so they will be accessible.

Bergenthal has also worked on transcribing the St. Louis Criminal Court indexes, the Missouri Reports, the Missouri Appeals Reports, the registers of inmates received into the Missouri State Penitentiary, and various death certificate and WPA indexes. He is known for taking the hardest e-volunteer jobs and turning them into quality research resources.

Dr. Frank Nickell received the 2010 Jonas Viles Award because of the impact made throughout his career on the preservation and study of Missouri history. Nickell is an associate professor of history and director of the Center for Regional History at Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO). He is the co-founder of Big Muddy: A Journal of the Mississippi River Valley, editor and author of numerous books and articles, and writes and hosts the radio series “Almost Yesterday.” In addition, he has been a state director, district director, and member of the national coordination committee of National History Day; served as co-director of the Southeast Missouri State University Press; and been a state scholar for four exhibits in the Missouri Humanities Council’s tour of Smithsonian exhibits. Nickell is well-respected by his colleagues and by his students, many of whom praise him for his role as a mentor. Dennis Stroughmatt, who provided the meeting’s entertainment, was one of those students.

Stroughmatt is a recognized French Creole and African Creole fiddler who has studied French culture from Louisiana to Quebec. His exploration of French Creole culture began when he went in search of the French Creole populations along the Mississippi River south of St. Louis as an undergraduate student at SEMO. Over the
Guests enjoy the French Creole music of Dennis Stroughmatt.

Past 10 years, he has traveled around the world to share what he has learned of the songs, stories, and language of the Mississippi River Creoles. Stroughmatt shared this knowledge with Friends members by not only playing and singing the songs, but by sharing his own personal experiences and those of the men and women he has met.

Interns Help Preserve and Study History at the Archives

Through a competitive application process, three interns are selected each year to spend the summer at the Missouri State Archives. Two of these process the historic case files of the Missouri Supreme Court, and one works with collections related to Missouri’s African American history.

Patrick Turco, who just received his bachelor’s degree in history from Truman State University, and Terry Wickstrum, who recently completed her master’s degree in museum studies from the University of Kansas, served as this year’s Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society Interns. This internship program has been underwritten by the society since 1999. The interns are responsible for cleaning and flattening documents within the Supreme Court’s case files, reviewing the contents, and entering the cases into a searchable, online database (www.sos.mo.gov/archives/judiciary/supremecourt/).

Since 1999, the society’s interns have indexed cases that enlighten researchers and students on a variety of Missouri history topics, ranging from the fur trade and westward expansion to the Civil War draft and Reconstruction. Cases are available on the effects of emancipation, contested elections, immigration, and the development of steamboats and railroads, among other topics. In addition, interns have discovered documents related to famous Missourians, including Thomas Hart Benton, Sterling Price, and Frank and Montgomery Blair.

Miller “Bill” Boyd III, a doctoral student in history from the University of Mississippi, served as this year’s African American History Intern. This internship is part of an Archives’ initiative to foster a broad public awareness of the rich and important contributions of African Americans to Missouri, offer new resources to historians and others studying the history of African Americans in Missouri, and provide new tools for the state’s elementary and secondary teachers.

Boyd spent the summer constructing a narrative that explores the service of African American troops from Missouri during the Civil War. This document outlines not only the primary resources available at the Archives, but those of many other Missouri historical institutions. In addition, the narrative demonstrates that African Americans from Missouri were involved in the first Civil War battle fought by African Americans and the last Civil War battle ever fought, engaging as part of the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer regiment in the Battle of Island Mound in October 1862 and

2010 African American History Intern: Miller “Bill” Boyd III

2010 Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society Interns: Terry Wickstrum and Patrick Turco (l-r)

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as the 62nd U.S. Colored Infantry in the Battle of Palmetto Ranch in May 1865. Excerpts from Boyd’s research will be shared online during the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in 2011 and used in the development of Archives exhibits and further research.

**Missouri Digital Heritage Receives National Recognition**

*Family Tree Magazine* named the Missouri Digital Heritage (MDH) website one of the best 101 websites for family history research in its September 2010 issue. The magazine also recognized MDH as one of the top 10 websites for eastern U.S. research, calling it “the place to start if you have Missouri kin.”

MDH is the result of a partnership between the Missouri State Archives and the Missouri State Library that began in 2007. The website built upon the collections already available online through the Archives website and the State Library’s Virtually Missouri project. In addition, staff began assisting local government and civic groups to digitize their own records for online access. As a result of this collaborative effort, historical documents from the Archives and historical records repositories across the state are now available through a single, searchable website, [www.missouridigitalheritage.com](http://www.missouridigitalheritage.com). Since the website’s launch in 2008, it has been accessed nearly 180 million times by users throughout Missouri and around the world.

The online presence of the Missouri State Archives has been recognized by *Family Tree Magazine* since 2003, making this the eighth year that the Archives has been acknowledged. The Archives website “has long been one of [the magazine’s] favorites” because of the no-cost, easy access it provides to naturalization, military, land, and birth and death records.

To view the full list of *Family Tree Magazine’s* 101 best family history websites, please visit [http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-](http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-)

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**Archives Alive! Completes Sixth Season**

*Archives Alive!,* a free, history-based theatrical performance for school children, remains the most popular outreach program supported by the Friends of the Missouri State Archives. An average of 5,000 fourth and fifth grade students from across the state visit the Archives each year to watch the comedic duo “Molly and Delores” use humor and audience participation to bring to life people and events from Missouri’s past.

The 2010 season of *Archives Alive!* was co-sponsored by Hawthorn Bank, the Missouri Arts Council, and the A. J. Schwartzte Community Foundation, with additional funding provided by the Eldon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The generosity of these sponsors made 24 performances possible.

The *Archives Alive!* program has always been a favorite among students and teachers, with many schools making return trips each year. The Friends of the Missouri State Archives are currently raising funds to make the 2011 season one to remember, with a new script designed to focus on Missouri’s role in the Civil War. If you are interested in helping to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War by supporting *Civil War Archives Alive!,* please contact Emily Luker at (573) 526-5296 or emily.luker@sos.mo.gov about sponsorship.
Those who visit the conservation lab at the Missouri State Archives often describe it as a place where science, craft and (occasionally) magic are used to restore historic documents that are particularly valuable to the state. All the tools in the conservators’ tool bag were required to treat a 150-year old map of Palmyra.

During 2008, two archivists with the Local Records Preservation Program (LRPP) conducting a records inventory for the Palmyra City Clerk came upon a crumbling, rolled-up map. Upon careful inspection, they found it was an 1860 map of the city of Palmyra. It is common to encounter early 20th century maps of this type, but pre-Civil War city plat maps are rare in Missouri. In addition, this map shows cemeteries and other locations long forgotten, including the fairgrounds—the site of the infamous “Palmyra Massacre.” Because of its historical significance, LRPP agreed to provide conservation treatment.

The map had suffered many types of damage, in addition to the natural effects of age. Measuring 4.5 by 3 feet, the map had been hand drawn on paper and then backed with cotton cloth. The front had been varnished, which had darkened with age, and the paper had many cracks, tears, and stains.

The lab’s standard protocol for this type of project is to surface-clean and wash the item and to replace the cloth backing with Japanese paper. Washing is especially helpful, as it removes some of the acidic products from the paper, making the paper lighter and more flexible. However, it is unadvisable to wash a varnished map, because the varnish forms a white “bloom,” similar to what happens after one leaves a wet glass on a varnished table.

The conservators determined that this map warranted the painstaking effort to remove the varnish so the map could be treated. Testing revealed that the varnish could be removed with a combination of organic solvents. The staff chose a small piece of the map to test the solvent washing process. The results showed a dramatic improvement.

After cleaning loose dirt from the surface of the map, the conservators began removing the varnish. To do so, they used cotton swabs and cotton balls dampened with solvents, working slowly over the 1,944 square inches of the map.

The next step was washing. The map was placed between thick cotton blotters soaked with alkaline deionized water. During washing, the old cloth backing was removed as the adhesives softened. The map was washed for six hours, with several blotter changes as they absorbed soluble acids and stains from the map.

When the map dried, it was still rather stiff, and staff determined that some varnish remained within the paper fibers. Without the cloth backing, the map naturally broke into several smaller sections, so the conservators immersed each section in a solvent bath to remove the remaining varnish. They changed the solvents frequently as they washed out the varnish. After solvent treatment, conservators again washed the map in an alkaline water bath – this time for three hours.
To reassemble the map, conservators applied paste to a large sheet of Japanese paper then placed the wet map on it. Many small bits had to be adhered and carefully aligned.

Varnish removal and washing greatly improved the color, legibility, and overall appearance of the map. More importantly, the map is now more chemically stable and physically strong.

Few maps would warrant this painstaking and time-consuming level of treatment, but the 1860 Palmyra map was a uniquely valuable item. For the people of Palmyra, to whom the map was returned, it was a welcome recovery of a treasured historical document. A digital copy was also produced, which is available at the Missouri State Archives. A well-illustrated description of the treatment is also linked from [www.sos.mo.gov/archives/localrecs/conservation/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/localrecs/conservation/).

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**Congratulations Patsy Luebbert!**

After 35 years of service, Patsy Luebbert, Senior Reference Archivist, retired on June 30, 2010. Her retirement was celebrated by co-workers, friends, and family, who enjoyed recounting all that she has done to preserve and share Missouri’s history. Patsy played a key role in many of the Archives’ largest and most significant projects, including the Missouri Death Certificate Project and Archives Alive!. Her love of history was always evident as she assisted countless interns, volunteers, staff members, and researchers, especially through her annual Family History Day workshops. Patsy’s dedication to her work will be missed, but her retirement is well-deserved. From everyone at the Missouri State Archives, “Congratulations and best wishes, Patsy!”
Missouri Wine Country: St. Charles to Hermann
October 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Before Prohibition, Missouri was the second largest wine-producing state in the nation, and, for a short time during the Civil War, it was number one. Today, the state’s lush green land overlooking the Missouri River is recognized as America’s first wine district. Parts of this district have produced wine since the 1830s, when German immigrants from the Rhine River Valley settled in Missouri. Towns in Missouri’s wine country, which include Augusta, Defiance, Washington, Dutzow, and Hermann, are known for their rich history and German culture. The area is also known as home to the famous Missouri Weinstrasse, a two-lane “wine road” that winds through the woods and valleys of southeast St. Charles County, and the Hermann Wine Trail, which stretches 20 miles along the river between Hermann and New Haven. In Missouri Wine Country, authors Don and Dianna Graveman utilize over 200 vintage images to take readers on a scenic trip through Missouri’s wine country, past and present.

Lost Nation: The Ioway
November 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
A vivid journey into America’s past and present, Lost Nation: The Ioway tells the nearly forgotten story of the small Ioway tribe that once claimed the territory between the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers from Pipestone, Minn. to St. Louis, Mo. The saga of the Ioway unfolds in this compelling 57-minute documentary that explores the origins of the tribe, the split of the Ioway over the eventual selling of their land, and their forced relocation after the institution of the Indian Removal Act in 1830. Award-winning filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle utilize Ioway elders, historians, and archaeologists to tell the dramatic and true story of the tribe as they struggled with forces that changed their lives forever. What was a quest for survival in the past has become a struggle to retain a unique Native American culture and language in the present.

The Missouri State Archives is now on Facebook. Simply search “Missouri State Archives” and click to join our page for up to date information on historical exhibits, photo collections and the latest events featured at the Missouri State Archives.
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Recent Accessions: May – July 2010

The Missouri State Archives provides this listing for the research community to advise it of recent accessions of state and local government records. The reference staff at the Archives facility can provide further information on Missouri State Archives holdings.

Accessions are listed by the amount received in cubic feet or microfilm reels, with each cubic foot equaling approximately 2,750 pages of documents, and each microfilm reel containing between 1,500 and 2,500 images per reel.

Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Records

Adjudant General.
Correspondence. 1837. 1937. ................................................................. 0.2 cubic ft.
Reports of Separation. c. 1941 – 1945. ................................................. 124 cubic ft.
Service Cards. c. 1941 – 1945. .............................................................. 2 CDs

Department of Transportation.
Correspondence and Reports. 1924 – 1981. .............................................. 1 cubic ft.
Report of an Investigation Conducted on a Reinforced Concrete Arched Bridge to Determine the Structural Effect of Different Temperature Conditions. 1932. .............................. 1 vol.

Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.
Secretary of State.
State Archivist Records. 1988 – 2008. Administrative records of State Archivist Dr. Kenneth H. Winn, including correspondence, memos, reports, staff meeting minutes and subject files. .................................................29 cubic ft.

State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

Supreme Court of Missouri.

Western District Court of Appeals.

County and Municipal Records

Andrew County.

Bates County.

Cedar County.

Clinton County.

Cooper County.
Collector of Revenue. Assessments and Taxes. 1897 – 1964. ..............................................3 reels

Dade County.
Circuit Court. Case Files. 1857 – 1899. .............................................................................3 reels

Daviess County.
Grundy County.

Jackson County.
Circuit Court. Case Files. 1851 – 1857. ................................................................. 22 reels

Laclede County.

Lawrence County.
Circuit Court. Case Files. 1862 – 1899. ................................................................. 9 reels

Lincoln County.
Probate Court. Case Files. 1861 – 1872. ................................................................. 40 reels

Mercer County

Montgomery County.

Osage County.

Randolph County.

Ray County.

Saint Louis City.
Circuit Court. Case Files (Civil). 1980. ................................................................. 18 reels

Saint Louis County.
Circuit Court. Case Files (Civil). 1866 – 1867. ............................................................... 39 reels

Shelby County.
Clerk. Records. 1866 – 1977. ................................................................. 1 reel

Vernon County.
Circuit Court. Case Files. 1870 – 1873. ................................................................. 20 reels

Manuscripts and Miscellaneous
Barn Raising. 1917. ................................................................................................. 1 photograph
Kansas City Area. (B&W, 1.5 X 2.5 in.) c. 1920 – 1930. ......................................... 12 photographs
Donations to the Missouri State Archives
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Immigration, Family History, and County Records

Gentges, Margaret H.
Osage County Missouri Marriages, compiled by Margaret H. Gentges.

Kaiser, Randee
Christian Eckert, 1846-1938.

Larsen, Caroline A.
We, Too, Lived: A Genealogy of the African-Americans in a Midwest Cemetery, 1850-1950 [A History of City/Laurel Hill Cemetery, Weston, Missouri], by Caroline A. Bless Larsen.

Mattman, Lloyd and Nina
Cagle-Sanders Ancestry: Germany-England-Ireland to Missouri, 1600-2000, by Lloyd Oliver and Nina Diane Cagle Mattmann.

Metcalf, Susan J.

Richardson, Karol
Family History Notebook: Chilton/Shelton and Handlin, researched by Ruth Kent et al.

Schlup, Peter D.
Monteau County Missouri Marriages, Vol. 3, transcribed by Peter Schlup.

Vernon County Historical Society
Vernon County, Missouri Cemetery Directory, compiled and edited by Nancy Thompson and Neoma Foreman.

Military History

Schultz, Robert G.


Weant, Kenneth
Missouri Enrolled Militia Infantry Regiments, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, and 48th Regiments, Vol. 6, transcribed by Kenneth Weant.

Union Troops, Missouri Cavalry, Old 3rd and Old 5th Regiments & 11th, 12th, and 14th Regiments, Vol. 8, transcribed by Kenneth Weant.

Missouri/United States History

Baker, Bruce
Common Fields: An Environmental History of St. Louis, edited by Andrew Hurley.
Missouri: The Heart of the Nation, by William E. Parrish, Charles T. Jones, Jr., and Lawrence O. Christensen.
St. Louis in the Gilded Age, by Katharine T. Corbett and Howard S. Miller.
A Treasury of Mississippi River Folklore, edited by B. A. Botkin.

Miscellaneous

Baker, Bruce

Exploring Missouri Wine Country, by Brett Dufur.
Missouri’s Ice Age Animals, by M. G. Mehl.
Quick Escapes St. Louis: 25 Weekend Getaways from the Gateway City, by Julie Mobley Gustafson and Linda F. Jarrett.
Springs of Missouri, by Jerry D. Vineyard and Gerald L. Feder.
Where We Live: A Guide to St. Louis Communities, edited by Tim Fox.

New Book Accessions: May – July 2010

Missouri/United States History

Good Order and Safety: A History of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, 1861-1906, by Allen E. Wagner.
A Missouri Railroad Pioneer: The Life of Louis Houck, by Joel Rhodes.
A Portrait of Missouri, 1935-1943: Photographs from the Farm Security Administration, by Paul E. Parker.
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