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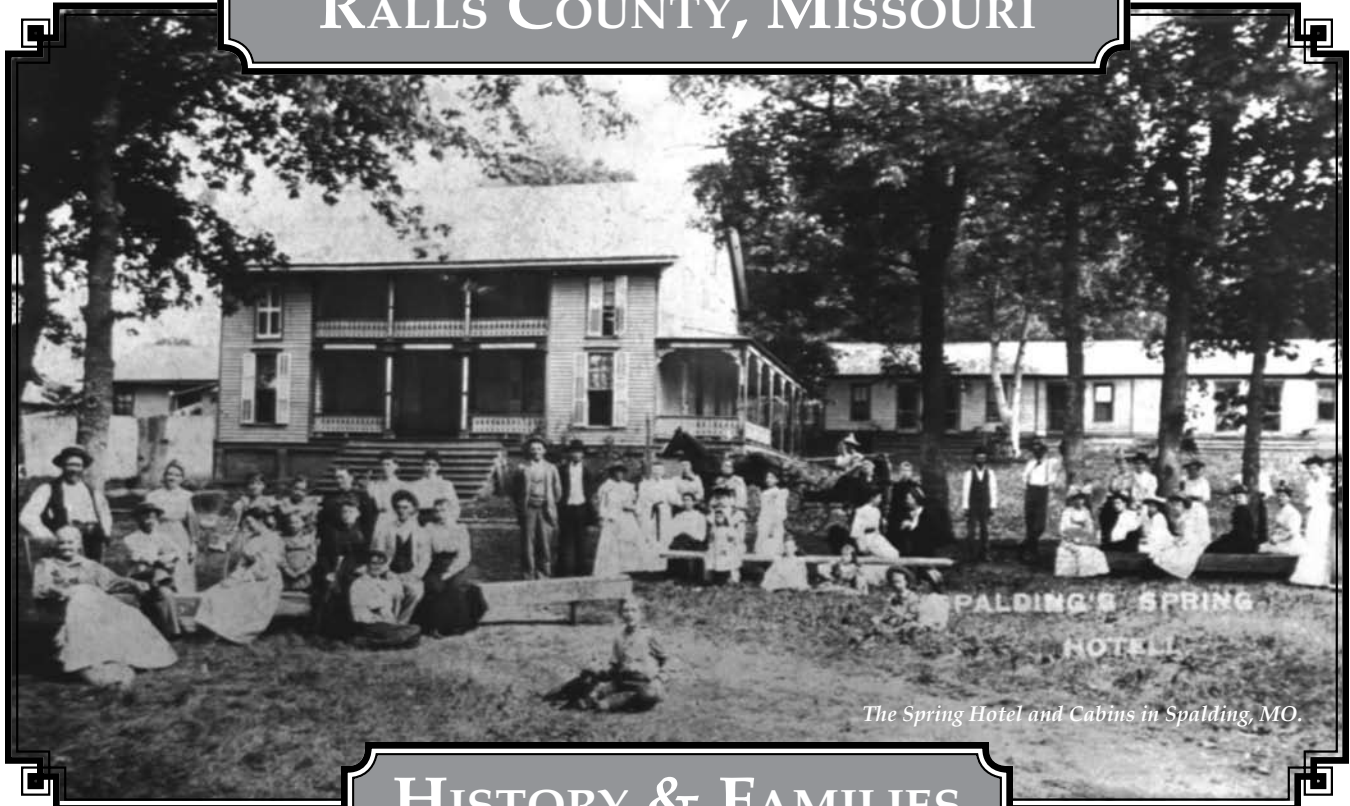
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Ralls County, Missouri  
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## AN INVITATION TO BE PART OF RALLS COUNTY HISTORY!

The Ralls County Historical Society is sponsoring, compiling and publishing a new book, *Ralls County, Missouri, History & Families*. This book will include the history of Ralls County including family histories, communities, churches, schools, businesses, farms, memorials, tributes, clubs, organizations, and much more! We would like to include your family's rich history in our new book!

The *Ralls County, Missouri History & Families* book will contain material from 1820-2012, with approximately 200 to 300 pages. This hardback, library quality, Smyth-sewn 8-1/2 x 11-inch book will be beautifully bound in a black, swirl-grained leatherette cover with a gold foil-stamped seal depicting Ralls County's historic courthouse on the front cover, and gold on the spine. *What an heirloom to give your children and grandchildren!*



*Don't miss this chance to record  
your thumbprint in history!*

### IDEAS FOR WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:

Everyone has a family history, and even if you recently moved to the county, *we want yours!* Give the date your family came to Ralls County; indicate from what state or country your family originated and vocation before settling here. Tell about any interesting stories from childhood, include marriages, children, job, military, education, organizations participated in, etc. Write your stories in third person (use he, she, they). The family history must be written in 500 words or less; there will be a charge of 15¢ per word for all over 500. Please submit your story typed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper, double spaced if possible. Sign your name to your history.

**PLEASE SEND ONE PHOTOGRAPH** (current or historic) to be used with your family story; an extra photograph can be included for only \$15.00. Because the photograph will be handled many times, send a professional copy (no Xeroxes please) of any valuable or irreplaceable photograph. Write in pencil your name and address on the back of all pictures. **Indicate the names of people, date, and caption for the picture.** Your photograph will be returned when the book is completed. Please feel free to send any rare historic photos you wish to be printed. We will print as many

as we can.

This historic book is **AVAILABLE ON A PRESALE BASIS ONLY** and is priced at only \$54.95. Your check should be made out to Ralls County History & Families Book. It will be necessary to collect orders in advance of publication, since **we are going to print only a limited number of books**. All money will be held in escrow at a local bank for payment to the publishing company later. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to be recorded in Ralls County's newest family history book.

As a non-profit society, our purpose in publishing a history of our families is to preserve historical records for the enjoyment and education of future generations. **ORDER YOUR COPIES NOW!**

There is **NO CHARGE** for having your history and photo published in this book. Your history, picture(s), and book order(s) should be sent in no later than January 31, 2012. Send your material to:

**Ralls County, MO History & Families Book**  
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*Family histories and book orders may also be dropped off at the following locations: 1) Ralls County Historical Society Museum, 120 Main Street in Perry; 2) Ralls County Library, 102 N. Public Street in Center; and 3) New London City Hall, 419 S. Main Street in New London.*

Complete the attached form to order your copies of **Ralls County, MO History & Families** and send in your family history and photograph.

Sincerely,

Ron Leake  
Book Chairman



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# SAMPLE FAMILY HISTORIES FOR THE RALLS COUNTY, MO HISTORY & FAMILIES BOOK

*Use these examples as a guide in writing your 500 word history. Remember: It's FREE to be included!  
See page one of this brochure for ideas on writing your family history.*

**UNCLE JOE AND SALLY BELLE CASH**—Joe Cash attended school six months as a boy in Kentucky, went through the blue back speller and graduated from the first grade by correctly spelling “incomprehensibility.”

He landed in Clarkton, MO, on Aug. 31, 1880 and went to work on the farm the next day for the late R.W. Stokes, a landowner and businessman. The next four years he operated sawmills in Southeast Missouri and Bradford County, Florida, then returned to Clarkton in 1884 to operate a sawmill for the late Richard Tucker at Old Lulu in the wilderness of Dunklin County.

He met his future wife, Sally Belle James of Oak Grove Community in the fall of 1886, the youngest daughter of the G.T. James, a pioneer of the county. He worked in the general store in Malden in 1887, operated a sawmill of John and Frank Wright and on Aug. 9, 1887 he and Sally were married. He would spend the next two years working in the Malden General Store., before he and Sally moved back to the country, and with John Shelton he farmed, fished and hunted.

In the fall of 1897, they moved to Caruthersville, MO, for a three-year stay, and returned to Dunklin County in the fall of 1899 with four children and two milk cows. He went to picking cotton at 40¢ per 100 lbs., and the oldest two children started school.

The family moved to Clarkton in 1901 and operated a small general store until 1911, then moved to Kennett for 18 years, much of that time travelling for the St. Louis Wholesale Grocer.

**JUDGE THOMAS EDWARD BALDWIN** – Thomas Edward Baldwin was born in Cape Girardeau, MO on Oct. 23, 1849, and died May 27, 1904 at Kennett, MO. His father, Thomas Baldwin, was born in Scott County, MO, Nov. 16, 1810. He married Elizabeth Lobdell, and both died in 1859 when the Judge was but 10 years of age. John Baldwin, father of Thomas, was born in Berkeley County, VA, Oct. 26, 1771, and married Rachel Wellbourne, Jan. 28, 1796 in Washington Co., GA. The family came from Georgia to Missouri in 1803, locating at what was, in the early days, known as Baldwin’s Landing, in Scott County.

Judge Baldwin was a boy thrown upon his own resources and got what education was possible in the schools of Cape Girardeau, where he remained until 21 years of age. He then came to Clarkton, Dunklin County, MO, where he clerked in a store owned by Mr. Whitelaw. Young as he was, he was appointed Circuit and County Clerk to fill a vacancy soon after coming to Clarkton, which necessitated his

living in Kennett. Subsequently in 1878, he was elected and in 1880 re-elected to the same office and by that time had decided to remain in Kennett. In 1882 he was elected probate judge, serving four years, during the last two of which he was also county treasurer.

Judge Baldwin became a partner of W.F. Shelton in a general store at Kennett in 1886, under the firm name of W.F. Shelton & Company. For four years he remained in the store as bookkeeper and credit man, at the end of which time he sold out his share to his partner, buying the drug store on the site of the present Baldwin Drug Store. The store had formerly been owned by the late Dr. A.B. Mobley. After conducting the drug store for two or three years, he erected a brick block in which he installed his drug store. His building and the one erected by W.F. Shelton about the same time, 1892, were the first brick buildings of Kennett.



*The Joseph M. Cash family, Dec. 12, 1921. Pictured left-right: Bottom row - Salley Belle James Cash and Joseph Marion Cash. Middle row - Delia L. Jenkins, Connie B. Crutchfield, Gertrude G. Cash, Alice P. Cash. Top row - Leslie R. Jenkins, John R. Crutchfield, Littleton (Ben) Cash, Samuel R. Cash, Van M. Cash.*



*Baldwin home at 200 W. Washington Street in Kennett, circa 1900. Pictured from left: Edward Young Baldwin, age 25; Josephine Baldwin, age 4; Mary J. Pankey Baldwin, age 44; Lilian Baldwin, age 11; Sallie B. Tatum, age 27; and Thomas E. Baldwin, age 51.*

At the time of his death he owned two thousand acres and a 320-acre farm near Kennett that he had cleared. He was also an organizer of the Bank of Kennett, being its president until a few months before he died.

In 1872 he married Mary J. Pankey, daughter of Dr. G. Pankey and Sally Jones Pankey, both originally from Richmond, VA.

*Visit the Ralls County Historical Society Museum to see additional samples in writing your family history!*

## REMEMBER:

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*All materials will be returned when the book is completed.*

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- Type your family history in 500 words or less.
- Send a photograph (historic or recent).
- To order a book, complete the order form and mail with your check to the address listed below.

*Pictured above: (top) Perry, MO Main Street, ca. 1910, (bottom) west side of New London, MO, ca. 1910.*

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