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**RALLS COUNTY MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**Dear Friends of the Ralls County Missouri Historical Society;**

## **Ralls County Historical Society New Museum/Library**

The members of the society have been working hard since the first of the year in getting the new Ralls County museum/library at 120 East Main Street Perry up and running. With the great response from the public and members with items for the museum we can use more help in cataloguing and displays. If you can help, we will be having work days on Saturdays till the early April Grand Opening that is being planned. Also you can call Bill & Billie Mac Cearley 573-565-1941 or me 636-225-8575 (e-mail [rwleake@aol.com](mailto:rwleake@aol.com)) for information or a time that members will be working at the site. Funding will come from donations from the public, society dues, books sales, photo sales and voluntary donations of users of the site. If you have an interest in memberships, donations or information you can contact me or mail Ralls County Historical Society, P.O. Box 182 , Center Missouri 63436 . We will continue to use the Center mailing address not the Perry museum/library address. The hours will be limited to Saturdays till the April grand opening.

## **2004 Memberships Are Due:**

January 1 began a new year so your 2004 dues are now due and needed to fund our many projects. Please forward this newsletter to your friends who may be interested becoming a member. Please send your checks to Ralls County Historical Society, P.O. 182, Center MO 63436 ; the museum/library address in Perry is not going to be used at the present.

## **March Meeting:**

Our March 15 meeting will be held at the historic St. Peter's Brush Creek Catholic Church in northern Ralls County on Gentry Road . The doors will be opened at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The present stone church was built in 1862 and is on the list of National Register of Historic Places. It is presently being restored by "The Friends of St. Peter's Brush Creek Church ." Father Augustus Tolton the First American Black Catholic Priest was baptized in this present church and was born near by.

## **Directions to St. Peter's Brush Creek:**

The church is in a rural area and there are a number of ways to get there depending where you are coming from. I have below listed directions from New London , Center, Perry and Hannibal .

From New London take State Route A west about 10 miles to Sydney Road, turn north (right) on Sydney Road going about 2.5 miles to where Gentry Road will turn left off Sydney Road, the church will be a short distance on the north (right) side.

From Center take State Route H north about 4.5 miles to State Route A. Turn west (left) on Route A and go about 3.5 miles to Sydney Road, turn north (right) on Sydney Road going about 2.5 miles to where Gentry Road will turn left off Sydney Road, the church will be a short distance on the north (right) side.

From Perry the Center routing would be the best way to get there

From Hannibal take highway 36 west about 7 miles to State Route DD. Turn south on DD going about 3.5 mile where DD turns into Sydney Road, continue south about one mile where Gentry Road will turn west (right) off Sydney Road the church will be a short distance on the north (right) side.

### **Future Meetings**

The May 17 meeting will be at the historic Big Creek Church in Rensselaer . If you know of interesting Ralls County locations that we can have our meetings at, please contact me.

The Oak Hill school meeting in November was one of the best meetings we have had with large displays of rural school pictures, books, articles and other Ralls county historic items. The St. Peter's Brush Creek and Big Creek meetings should be of great interest also. By having meetings at locations with a Ralls County historic connection we will make the meetings more interesting to both members and non-members. If you know a location that we can have our meetings at with a Ralls county historic connection please let us know.

### **Center Missouri Short Line depot and old Perry Missouri Bank;**

Plans for the restoration on both the Short Line Railroad depot and the first Perry Bank building have been made and will be beginning as the weather allows. I will give details of the plans for both at the meeting March 15. Volunteers are needed on the Short Line project, if you can help contact me before or at the meeting.

### **Father Tolton**

Friends of St. Peter's Brush Creek Church and the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri invite you to attend the 150th Birthday Celebration of Father Augustus Tolton on Saturday, April 24, 2004 . There will be an Open House 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with shuttles provided. A Mass will held at 2:00 pm at Holy Rosary Church , 405 S. Main St. Monroe City Missouri . Reception and program immediately following Mass at the Msgr. Connolly Hall

### **Website of Interest**

Relocated Grave form Cannon Dam and Reservoir  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~momonroe/cannon.htm>

### **Ralls County Cemetery ;**

#### **Salling Mount Pleasant Cemetery # 92 Township 55 west, Range-7 west, Section 16**

Recorded by Okle Rouse, Fay Rouse, Fred Leake and Ron Leake May 4, 1978

Cummins; Jefferson, born June 17, 1867 , died August 29, 1881 . son of E. & ?. , D.  
 Jackson; Ella J., died 17, 1888. w/o W.L.  
 Johnson; Infant, died September 15, 1843 daughter of S. W. & E. J. Johnson  
 Johnson; Margaret, died 13, 1843, age 3 years, 4 months, 2 days, daughter of S. W. & E. J. Johnson  
 King; Gilliam, died July 1, 1850 , "In the 46<sup>th</sup> year of his age"  
 Salling; Infant, died December 9, 1838 , age 1 day daughter of J. N. & S  
 Salling; John, died August? 1878, age 84 years, 7 months, 5 days  
 Salling; Nancy. Died January 3, 1859 , age 54 years, 5 months, wife of John

### **Presidents View;**

### **Bit of Ralls County History**

Perry Missouri " Enterprise " November 11, 1915

## Among The Older People

- Our venerable friend W. R. Poage furnished us the following sketches of a number of people that are 70 years old and over which is quite interesting. It was quite a task Mr. Poage rather enjoyed talking with so many of our good people.
- W. R. Poage born at Paris Missouri October 30, 1834; in lived in Missouri all his life except 13 years in Oklahoma; married to Margaret M. Snell on February 1, 1855 in Macon county Missouri; have had 12 children, 8 are now living, 4 dead; has been a church member 58 years, member of Presbyterian church.
- Margaret Snell Poage born in Ralls County Missouri March 18, 1837, married W. R. Poage February 1, 1855 in Macon County Missouri; has been a church member 58 years; came with her husband to Perry 5 years ago; a member Presbyterian church.
- R. K. Phillips born on Oldham County Kentucky April 3, 1835; came to Missouri April 1856; married to Miss Mary Muldrow of Ralls County Missouri, April 1859, since decrease; is the father of 3 children, is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church; been farmer and school; teacher all his life; married again in 1881 to Miss Margaret E. Gallaher, have no children.
- Mrs. Margaret E. Phillips born in Marion County Missouri 1838; married Robert K. Phillips in Ralls County 1881, been a farmer's wife since marriage; is of old Presbyterian stock and belongs to the Presbyterian Church, no children.
- J. M. Hurley born in Ralls County Missouri February 26, 1841; married Susan Shell in 1878; now decreased, had 5 children, 3 now living; been a farmer all his life; crossed the plains in 1863, also went across again, was born on farm his father entered from government in 1818; belongs to Christian Church.
- Jephthah Myers born near Perry February 8, 1841; lived in this community ever since except eleven months in Pettis County; married Sarah F. Bridgeford, April 29 1862; had seven children, five of whom are dead and two living; belongs to the Christian Church.
- Thomas Long born September 2, 1837 in East Tennessee; came to Missouri 35 years ago; married June 1864, to Margaret Sapp; have 15 children, 12 of whom are living; he and his wife are members of Baptist Church; was in the federal Army four years and eight months; never been married but once.
- Alfred Myers born in Kentucky March 14, 1827 ; came to Missouri , when a child; been in this community ever since expect 2 ½ years in California ; was never married
- Barbara A. Coil born in Breckenridge County Kentucky, in 1841; came to Missouri in 1861, married James A. Coil in 1863; mother of ten children, nine of whom are living; 16 grandchildren; lived near and in Perry since 1863; member of the Christian Church.
- B. G. Yancey born in Scott County Kentucky January 15, 1832; Father came to Missouri 1835, Ralls County has always been his home though he has been around in other states considerable, married to Elizabeth Berry, who died August 15, 1909; married again to Mrs. Jane Adkinson, January 11, 1913; had 10 children by first wife, 3 girls and 4 boys and 3 girls dead; belong to the Presbyterian Church; his wife also belongs to the Presbyterian Church.
- G. W. Riley born in Ohio December 6, 1835; married Miss Mariah Hollinshead; been married 56 years; came to Missouri 1878, farmed all his life until recently; belong to M. E. Church he and his wife.
- Peter Johnson born in Sweden September 2, 1845; married to Carrie Isralson in the year 1871 in Hannibal Missouri, was a sailor in youth; afterward in mercantile business about ten years; came to Missouri, lost his wife, September 6, 1913, was a farmer in latter life, retired from farming 8 years ago.
- Theron Powers born February 23, 1834 in Monroe County Missouri; married to Maggie Shafer in 1862, who died in a short time after marriage; married again to Lucy M. Hocker in February 1870, has 6 children; was a teamster for 15 years farmed balance of life, but is now retired; member of the Baptist Church.

- Lucy M. Hocker Powers born in 1851 in Monroe county Missouri; married to Theron Powers in 1870; is mother of 6 children; and a member of the Baptist Church.
- W, H, Street born in Hancock County Indiana in 1837; married Miss Mary s. Huston in 1868; came to Missouri in 1871; is not a church member, but claims to be Christian.
- Martin Stehle born in St. Louis in 1847; always lived in Missouri; married to Adeline Hocas in 1870; Mr. Stehle is a member of the Christian Church; worked at tinner's trade ever since he was 14 years old; lived in Perry 30 years.
- W. P. Giles born in South Carolina April 27, 1832, been in Missouri, 20 years; married in Georgia to Nancy E. Mooney in 1850' belongs to the Presbyterian Church.
- R. M. Poage born November 1, 1844, near Paris Missouri; married to Nannie Kerr, June 17, 1869, have 2 children, Charles & Lizzie, farmed most of his life; retired a few years ago; he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.
- Henry Hutchison born 1843 in Missouri ; married in 1889, has 2 children living and 3 dead; farmer all his life, now retired.
- W. B. Popkes born in Germany in 1846, been in Missouri, 11 years; farmer; married in 1874 to Elizabeth Brandau, deceased; married again in 1915 to Susan Bates, member of the Baptist Church, also both his wives.
- J. W. Nevill born in Pike county Missouri in 1844; married to Alice Briggs in 1875 had 2 daughters, one deceased; always lived in Missouri, is an old farmer, but retired, member of Christian Church.
- G. W. Martin born in Ralls County Missouri in 1830; married to Rebecca V. Scobee in 1861; not a church member has been farmer all his life; has his second wife, married to her in 1877; he is the father of four children all by first wife.
- Amos Hertz born in Berks County Pennsylvania in 1831; married to Cinthia J. Persels in 1861 who still lives; have 2 living children, James M. and Louis; has been a member of Lutheran Church; been a farmer all his life, but retired.
- John Moss born in Jessamine County Kentucky in September 22, 1835' acme to Missouri when but 14 years old and settled near DeMoss Chapel, married to Sara Richards; members of the Christian Church; crossed plains 1857 with Joe Griffin, Ben Ely, Isaac Ely; Mrs. Died February 7, 1911
- Nancy D. Wright born in Virginia June 24, 1832 ; came to Missouri in 1835; married to Joseph Wright in 1855; is a member of the Presbyterian Church.
- Jane E. Coward born in Monroe County Missouri August 15, 1828; married to David T. Coward in 1847; had 7 children, 4 of them decreased, 3 living; a member of the Baptist Church since 1842; has one sister living, Mrs. M. R. K. Biggs of Farber, who is 80 years old; one grandson Rev. R. L. Painter, who is a minister in Baptist Church.
- John Bledsoe born in Gallatin County Kentucky July 22, 1830; married to Alice L. Wommack of Monroe County November 12, 1873; practiced medicine in Perry a member of the Presbyterian Church.
- Geo W. Briggs of Center, born in Ralls County December 28, 1838; married Jennie Floweree, September 28, 1869 ; he and wife are both members of the Christian Church.
- John Elam born in Pike County (no state) January 1842; came to Missouri October 4, 1869; formerly a farmer; been a citizen of Perry for 12 years; teamster in Perry 4 or 5 years; married to Adaline Fagan in 1870; had 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls, has 10 or 12 grandchildren; belongs to the Christian Church.