

**RALLS COUNTY MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Ralls County Historical Museum and Library

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Dear Ralls County Members and Friends;

Sorry I'm late in getting this "Newsletter" out. Ron Leake

History of the St. Louis -Hannibal "Shortline" at the next Ralls County Historical Society Meeting

The Ralls County Historical Society will have its July meeting at the St. William Catholic Church in Perry on Monday July 16. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Rev. Conrad Cheatham will present a program on the history of the St. Louis & Hannibal Railroad after the meeting. The public is encouraged to attend and learn the history of this historic railroad from the foremost historian and researcher for this railroad. If members or public has any artifacts, stories, pictures or other information on this railroad, please bring it to meeting to share.

Ralls County Courthouse Sesquicentennial;

There will be a public meeting in the courtroom of the New London Courthouse at 7:00 pm on July 31 to report on the plans being prepared for the 2008 "**Ralls County Courthouse Sesquicentennial**" to be held on the week ending July 27 2008. The public and media are welcomed to and are encouraged to attend. The "**Ralls County Courthouse Sesquicentennial**" will be a time for the present residents, past residents and friends of Ralls County to show case their county's rich history to the state of Missouri and the whole nation... The whole event will be financed by donations from individuals, sponsors and businesses. Only money, time and people will limit how large and successful the sesquicentennial will be. If you or your church, school, group, club, factory or businesses would like to donate money, manpower, equipment or be a sponsor for an event contact us at the phone number or address on the letter head of this newsletter. We would like to have and need sponsors for events like pulls (tractor, garden tractor, antique tractor or horse), baby contest, Miss Ralls County Courthouse Sesquicentennial, beard, writing contests, photo contest, art contests and many others. All churches, schools, groups, clubs factories, businesses, friends and individuals in or around Ralls County are welcomed to participate.

A letter detailing the donation program will follow after the above meeting

Local Events;

For more information on these events contact me or the group having the events. If you have an event you wanted to be listed in this newsletter send me the information via e-

mail or mail. As time allows, I will send added information by e-mail in our mini-news letter so members and friend who live out of town can get the information.

July 21; Big River Artifact Show at Admiral Coontz Armory, Hannibal MO.

July 28, Center MO Park Days

July 29; Santa Fe Community Hall Open House

July 31; Ralls County Courthouse Sesquicentennial public and media meeting

August 5 St Paul Catholic Ice Cream Social.

August 11, Garden Tractor pull, Perry MO.

August 11 & 12; Salt River Folk Festival, Florida MO

August 12; Brush Creek Catholic Church Ice Cream Social.

August 18; Perry Christian Academy Banquet

August 25; Perry Cruse Night, Perry MO

September 16 Perry High Reunion

Donations of items for the society's museum and library

Listed below are the people and groups which have donated items for either our library or museum since the last newsletter. Most were large contributions, like scrapbooks, photo albums, book collections, displays and books and photos to copy for our files. Sorry, but it would take a whole "Newsletter" to itemize the items by given by each person. We are very grateful for all contributions large or small. Since January 2004 we have outgrown one store and now we have completely filled the second store.

THANKS TO ALL

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fuqua, Mrs., Virginia Summers, Mrs. Virginia Yochum, Mrs. & Mrs. Russell Itschner,

Carolyn Correl Miller, Bert Howard, Roberta Howard, Fred Scott Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Don Peters, Mary Beck, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Krigbaum, Perry VFW, Mrs. Cathy Epperson, Kathleen Wilham (Shelby Co Hist. Soc.), Mrs. John Starr, John Rogers, Mary Hoit, Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Osterhout, Becky White, Barbara A.. Torbjornsen, Stan Herrin, Margarethe Price, Cathy Epperson, and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bueter, Mr. & Mrs. John Howald, Joe Thompson, Jo Stuart, Rouse Jarman and Mrs. Dmon Shulse. If I have forgotten anyone, I'm very sorry

Ralls County Cemeteries; Salt Lick Christian Cemetery (Part 2). Township 55 Range 4 Section 1

Eddingfield; Archie A., born 1897, died 1961

Feldkamp; ;Billie Jr., born January 9, 1931, died Feb 3, 1931

Fisher; Pearl, August 5, 1898 - November 29, 1986

Flynn; No name, born November 7, 1923, died no date

Flynn; No name, born November 5, 1924, married April 1, 1948 no death date

Ford; Clara L, born 1895, died 1981

Ford; Robert F., born 1868, died 1938

Ford; Frances L., born 1923, died 1923, daughter of Robert F, and Clara

Ford; Cora Bertha, born September 7, 1916, died October 14, 1918, daughter of Robert F. and Clara

Gilchrist; Eliza J., born July 22, 1873, died March 13, 1964

Gilchrist; Edward D., Feb 29, 1872, died December 15, 1949

Greaves; Frances, died September 1, 1893, age 79 years (Graves on Davis list)

Hagan; Caroline, died May 21, 1885, age 25 years, wife of H.

Hagan; Caroline, died August 18, 1885, age 8 months, daughter of Caroline and H.

Hagan; Mary Alice 1899, died 1946

Hamilton; Charley A., born 1879, died 1963

Hamilton; Lena A., born 1882, died 1921

Hillhouse; Mahalia C. January 19, 1862, no death date

Hillhouse; William F., born March 24, 1861, died January 17, 1938

Hillhouse; Roy W., born, 1893, died 1969

Howe; No Name, born November 20, 1925

Howe; Wallace Brady, born, August 5, 1926, died May 21, 1995

Johnston; Vernon November 20, 1920 - April 30, 1973 (born November 29 on Davis list)

Ketsenburg; born August 17, 1976, died August 18, 1976, Infant son of Jerry & Elva

Krigbaum; George W., born 25, 1828, died April 2, 1911 1[5]

Krigbaum; Sarah b. September 4, 1832, no death date, wife of George 2[6]

Krigbaum; William, died January 25, 1889, age 8 years 8 months, 14 days 3[7]

Krigbaum; Robert W., born 1877, died 1956

Krigbaum; Maggie B, died March 15, 1899, age 19 years, 10 days, wife J. P. 4[8]

Krigbaum; Robert Chester Cpl. U. S. Army World War II born 1912, died 1976

Krigbaum; & nbs p; Lillie A., born April 23, 1911, died January 3, 1998

Krigbaum; Birney J., born July 2, 1902, died March 13, 1991, (married August 16, 1931)

Krigbaum; Viva L, born September 27, 1909, died Sep 30, 1984, wife of Everette

Krigbaum; Everette S., born July 10, 1984, died June 25, 1988

Krigbaum; Julia A, born 187 8, died 1927

Krigbaum; J. P., died March 15, 1881, 19 years 10 months

Krigbaum; Martha V., born 1869, died 1958

Ledbetter; Elsie M., born 1858, died July 12, 1937, age 79 years, 5 months, 25 days

Ledbetter; Isaac D., born February 7, 1854 @ IL, died February 5, 1940

Longwell; Lola Ella, born January 24, 1872, died December 15, 1949

Megown; Thomas S., born 1859, died 1934

Megown; Ortha J., born 1868, died 1906, wife of Thomas.

Megown; William D. or E., born October 22, 1892, died May 22, 1893, son of T. S. and O.J.

Megown; John E., born 1902, died 1903

Megown; Annie E., born 1895, died 1896

Megown; Samuel, born January 1, 1811, died May 28, 1901

Megown; Julia A., born September 5, 1815, died October 2, 1903

Megown; Thomas Hugh born 1890, died 1941

Megown; Edna F., born 1899, died 1942

Maynard; Goldie, born 1911, died 1997

Maynard; Dallas MM3 U.S. Navy World War II June 9, 1908 - November 20, 1976

1[5] Added from Mrs. Davis list not on Sheila Lugena list.

2[6] Added from Mrs. Davis list not on Sheila Lugena list.

3[7] Added from Mrs. Davis list not on Sheila Lugena list.

4[8] Added from Mrs. Davis list not on Sheila Lugena list.

Miller; Annie Ross Born & Died August 2 1971

Miller; Wm Died January 5, 1898 Aged 67 years Born Co. Monohan Ireland (1888 on Davis list)

Millikin; Samuel, Born March 4, 1817 @ Ohio, Died May 17, 1895, Aged 78 years.2 months 13 days

Morgan; Ozae, born 1928, died1928

Morgan; Fred O., born 1902, died 19525[9]

Morgan; Geneva W., born 1907, died 1983, wife of Fred O.6[10]

Morgan; William Ellsworth, born 1895, died 1985

Morgan; Freddie C., born October 26, 1929, died Feb 7, 1994, Cpl. US Army Korea, Vietnam,

McCann; Jessie Lee born 1801, (1891 on Davis list) died1899

McCann; Benjamin H., born March 3, 1815, died March 30, 1889

McCann; Mary A., born April 29, 1830, died no date

McLeod; Nora, born December 17, 1877, died March 1, 1923

Norris; Birtie Belle, born 1879, died1973 wife of R.T. "Bud"

Norris; R. T. (Bud), born 1880, died 1959

Norris; Mary Alice, born 1855, died 1947

Norris; Oliver B., born March 19, 1845, died January 8, 1917

Norris; Frank, born 1885, died 1905 son of O. B. and Mary7[11]

Norris; William A., born Feb 20, 1888, died March 19, 1968

Norris, Cecile Bell, born November 12, 1887, died July 20, 1939, wife of William A.

O'Donel; Edith Ann, born 1882, died 1945

O'Donel; Cam, born 1873, died1955

O'Donel; James Robert, born March 30, 1942, died March 27, 1965 Pvt. U.S. Army

Palow; Damon Lewis, born September 11, 1958, died July 3, 1970

Plugh; Jacob May 28, 1839 - May 4, 1910 (name is also shown as Ploughe and Plough

Plugh; Infant died August 12, 1886

Pollard; Floy, born November 18, 1890 inscription "Another little angel before the heavenly home"

Pollard; Hazel M. January 23, 1893 - April 14, 1903

Pollard; Nancy Elizabeth, born September 3, 1870, died September, 1954

Pollard; William Braxton, born June 30, 1873died July 26, 1957

Pollard; W. Braxton, Jr., born Octobe r8, 1908, died March 6, 1991

Redman; John E., born June 16, 1956, died July 30, 1994

Redman; Bradley L., born July 11, 1965, died January 29, 1966

Redman; no name, born October25, 1922 died no date

Redman; Robert E., born December 28, 1918, died November 10, 1988

Riddle; W. S., born 1841, died1925

Riley; Elizabeth, born1882, died 1919

Robinson; Annie E., born 1861, died 1896

Robinson; Alphonso, born March 14, 1832, died January 29, 1906

Robinson; Rosey A., born December 10, 1851, died November 3, 1935

Robinson; Willie R., born 1892, died19 69

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6[10] Added from Mrs. Davis list not on Sheila Lugena list.

7[11] Added from Mrs. Davis list not on Sheila Lugena list.

Robinson; Arch G., born 1885, died 1959
 Robinson; Rosey F., born November 11, 1891, died March 25, 1897, daughter of Alphonso & Rosey
 Robinson; Sophia M., born June 1, 1875 died December 31, 1892, daughter of Alphonso & Rosey
 Robinson; Alphonso born and died January 8, 1880 died, son of A and R
 Sewell; David, born January 19, 1790, Clinton Co. Ohio, died June 29, 1877
 Shannon; N. M., born 1902, died no date
 Shannon; Tom, born 1864, died 1918
 Shannon; Susie, born 1871, died 1907
 Spenny; Mary Elizabeth, born 1870, died 1957
 Spenny; ;C. H., born 1869, died 1939
 Spenny; Vergie Lee, born 1902, died 1930
 Spenny; Rachel, born January 11, 1832 died July 14, 1884, wife of H. B.
 Spotts; Bessie L., born 1882, died 1964
 Spotts; Jesse L., born 1881, died 1968
 Spotts; James E., born 1850, died 1938
 Spotts; Sarah F., born 1858, died 1937
 Spotts; Eustace, born 1899, died – 1907
 Thompson; Roy, born 1906, died 1961
 Wilson; Emma Louise, born 1877, died 1959
 Wilson; Thomas Edward, born 1876, died 1963

Bit of Ralls County History

Writer Tells of Center's Prosperity During Late 1800's

Taken from Ralls County Record February 21, 1890

Will you kindly permit us to speak a few words through the columns of your valuable paper concerning the business and business men of our town?

Within the past year we have increased in population something near 50%, and in property, both personal and real, we think about 40% approximately correct. Our town is still looking upward, as the changing of real property indicates.

We have in all five firms engaged in merchandise. Beginning with Smith & Alford, dealers in dry goods, groceries, boots, and shoes, both pleasant and safe men to deal with.

Our next is the livery stable owned and conducted by W. W. Epperson & Co. This enterprise is of recent date, yet the gentlemen who own and conduct it are satisfied with it as a paying business.

Sauntering further we come to the government building, owned by Mr. Piper, our efficient and ever accommodating postmaster, and Dr. Hawkins, the pill man. By the way our tonsorial parlors will be conducted in this building by a very pleasant gentleman, Ed Roland.

We cross the street and stop into Hulse & Keithley's establishment. Dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes we find her for sale. This is an enterprising firm and deserve all the patronage they get.

From here we go into Foster & Flowerree's, where we see nails, horseshoes, wire and a good many other iron things, together with a good stock of groceries. We are met by Mr. Foster, the senior partner, whom we take to be a sagacious businessman. We then hear the junior partner; "Hello! Yes, this is Center." This firm will soon be in their new and commodious brick building.

Our next store is Mr. Lilly's, the furniture man. This is a new enterprise, both to the town and to Mr. Lilly, but George seems as much at home here as he did in the shop repairing machinery for farmers. We bespeak Mr. Lilly success.

Then we come to the drug store owned by Dunlop & Clark, both excellent and enterprising gentlemen conducting a good and first-class store.

Now we find ourselves in the bank of Center, and are assured of the fact that it is a solid institution. It could not be otherwise with Geo. W. Osterhout as president and Geo. P. Rice as cashier.

Just across the street from here and a little to the north we find Ham McGee pounding something red hot. Ham says he will shoe that horse "and if they don't stick six weeks bring him back and I'll shoe him for nothing."

Then there is Jim Leake, the hotel man, slipping and slopping down town for something good to eat to feed his big fat boarders. May you live forever, Jim.

Then there is Mrs. Ellis, who knows what a hungry man needs to satiate his longing after temporal blessings.

From here we see the little busy man Al Mason darting hither and thither to make his guests happy and contented, but he succeeds.

Last but not least by any means is Mr. Barr, the blacksmith, back of Smith & Alford's store, busy nearly all the time mending horseshoes, etc. etc.

Perry MO "Enterprise" June 3 1897

Center had a fire last Thursday night. Three small frame business houses on the north side of the railroad were consumed by the flames. One of the buildings was occupied by Jerry Roach as a harness store and one by Ben Briggs, who had a law office and this room was otherwise known as the Center "Court House. Another room was used by W. Hamrick as a studio. The fire originated about 10 o'clock at night and was discovered just as the Odd Fellows were leaving their hall after a meeting. A small amount of insurance was carried by Mr. Roach on his stock, but there was none on the building.

Center was s again visited by robbers last week. Thieves seem to think that Center is a good town for their business, as they call there very often.

John Ellis has purchased the interest of Gene Jones in the butcher shop owned by Jones & Watts. Mr. Jones has bought out the butcher shop of Mose Frazier at Center and will conduct the business at that place.