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Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 1371 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2007.

I have been doing the one task lately that I truly dislike – moving! I have been working with my family to help my mother move. There is a reason that I live just one mile from where I was born and within 3 miles of where I grew up. I really, really hate to move. I have even lived in the same home for almost 30 years. All this packing and sorting has made me think about what it would have been like to have lived in Jackson County on August 25, 1863. That was the day Brigadier General Thomas Ewing issued Order No. 11.

We often remember the order as dealing only with those persons in rebellion. But, if we reread the order we find that it says “all persons living in Cass, Jackson and Bates counties, and in part of Vernon...are hereby ordered to remove from their present places of residence within fifteen days...” “All who receive a certificate (of loyalty) will be permitted to remove to any military station...or to any part of the State of Kansas...” “All others shall be removed out of this district.” The point is that everyone, except a few lucky souls had to leave their home. They had to leave the place they carved from the wilderness, bought with hard earned money, raised a family or buried a family. They had to leave their life.

One victim of Order No. 11 relates “In my wagon was loaded one hoarded feather bed, and two pair of pillows, and one small trunk, a prized object brought from Virginia by my parents...” Another account relates that two young girls made arrangements to take their prized piano. Account after account speaks of the people gathering up their belongings such as beds, bed clothing, silverware, foodstuffs and always the children. Children who had most probably seen all the horrors that war can bring. They would take all they had gathered, put it in a wagon and head for places known or unknown. Maybe they would end up with some relative...or maybe not.

Where am I going with all this you may ask? I guess I want each one of us to look around whatever room you are in and ask yourself, “If I only had ten minutes to gather up all that I hold dear what would it be?”

When my siblings and I were packing up our mom we had to go through and claim, if you will, my Dad's possessions. Dad passed away nine years ago and this was the first time we had done this task. Beyond clothes my Dad's material possessions could be contained in a 12 by 18 inch cardboard box and even then there wasn't all that much there. His entire material life could be held in that small box. If Dad had had to gather his belongings it wouldn't have taken long. If he had had to gather up the people who depended on him or whom he had some influence on, no one box would be enough. Think about what is important to you; gather it up; keep it close; be always prepared.

Mike Calvert, President
The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

CWRTWMO Calendar

July Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 2007 – **6:00 p.m.**

Phil Roberts Park adjacent to Pitcher Cemetery, Blue Ridge Blvd. at Blue Ridge Cut-off. Potluck picnic with the Round Table providing fried chicken and drinks. Members to bring side dishes, plates and forks, lawn chair, and bug spray. **RSVP** to Pat Gradwohl at (816) 781-8607. You can leave a message on her answering machine. Your response is requested so that we have the right amount of fried chicken – not too much but also so that some unlucky person does not get the part that went over the fence last. In case of wet weather, the picnic will be postponed to Wednesday, July 18th.

July Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51 Terr. Court, Independence, MO
Any member is welcome to attend. Call Beverly Shaw for directions (816) 478-7648.

Other Events

Battle of Carthage State Historic Site - July 7th and 8th

Civil War Encampment by the Holmes Brigade portraying General Franz Sigel's, 3rd MO Volunteer Infantry on July 5, 1861. The Civil War Round Table is planning a trip to Carthage on September 15, 2007.

Metal Detecting Club - July 10, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Mill Creek Park, Shelter House #2, N. River Street, Independence, MO. Bring metal detector for a hunting game at the beginning of the meeting. Program on "Searching Ski Slopes" by George Hudson. Visitors welcome.

Bingham-Waggoner Antique and Craft Fair

Saturday, July 14, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO

Heritage Days at Waverly, MO - July 21-22, 2007

(See article below)

Battle of Athens State Historic Site - August 4th and 5th

Military drills and demonstrations of the Civil War era.

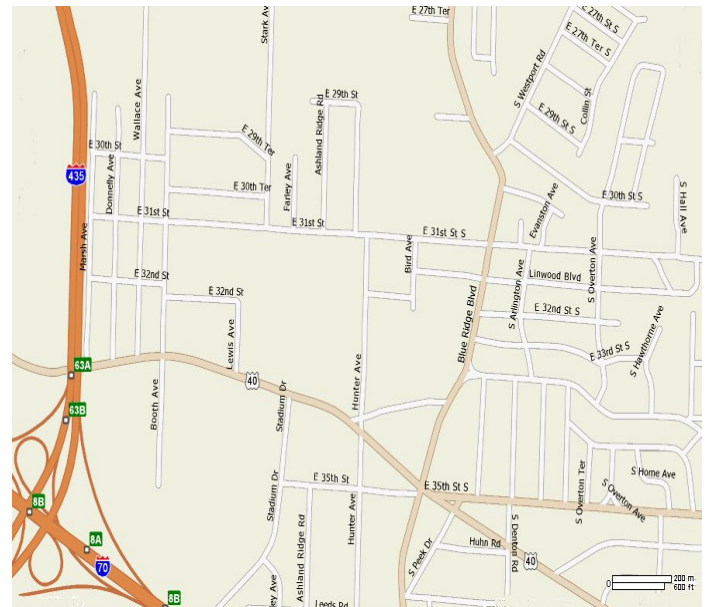
Battle of Pilot Knob Reenactment – Sept. 22nd – 23rd

In Arcadia Valley near Ironton, MO. Fort Davidson State Historic Site.

July 2007 Monthly Program

In addition to enjoying a picnic together at the Phil Roberts Park in Independence, MO, we will also have a guided tour of the historic Pitcher Cemetery by our member, Kathleen Tuohey, who is responsible for the cleanup and preservation of this old cemetery which has a Revolutionary War burial as well as Civil War burials.

To get to Pitcher Cemetery you can take I-70 or 40 Highway to Blue Ridge Cut-off (the street where the stadiums are located at I-70) and go north to where it intersects with Blue Ridge Boulevard, that ubiquitous road which seems to wind all through Jackson County. There is some parking adjacent to Phil Roberts Park which is connected to Pitcher Cemetery. Please bring bug spray and enjoy the outdoor atmosphere.



Two of our new members who took the battlefield tours, Herschel and Jacque Stroud, historical reenactors, will be presenters on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 7:00 p.m. when they give a rare and revealing glimpse into the private life of the Lincoln family while in the White House using as a resource the “private” Lincoln Photo Album. This will be at the Watkins Community Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, KS at 7:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. They will also be participating in the Quantrill’s Raid Candlelight Vigil at 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21st, on the east side of South Park in Lawrence. This is the 144th anniversary of the raid and will have Civil War reenactors portraying historic characters. For further information please visit the website, www.visitlawrence.com or call 1-888-LAW-KANS.

Calling All History Buffs

We have two requests for research assistance. One is from Howard Ziegenhorn who is a volunteer with the Shawnee Indian Mission. He is trying to find out what happened to the grist mill stones that were installed at the Mission in 1843 to grind grain into flour for the nearby Indians and the Mission “family.” As you probably know, the Shawnee Indian Mission is a Kansas historic site in Fairway at 3403 W. 53rd Street just off Mission Road. A steam powered grist and saw mill was installed in 1843 by Allen T. Ward, mechanic and teacher at the Mission. According to William McKendree Johnson, the mill was disbanded in 1853 and moved to Allen Ward’s mill in Westport. It was reported to be the first steam mill in Westport.

The accompanying photo shows a single grist mill stone made up of smaller stones bound by a steel rim. The caption indicates that it was one of the stones “used to grind flour from the wheat raised on the mission farms.” That information and the signage of 1844 leads Howard to think that this 1957 photo published in the *Plaza Magazine* could be one of the original Mission mill stones. Unfortunately the author of the article is now deceased. If you have any information regarding this mill stone, please call Howard at (913) 432-3198.

Our other request comes from Michael Redmon who is trying to research the Civil War era David

Tate House which stood near Red Bridge Road in New Santa Fe. You can call him at (913) 342-5917.

E-Mail Addresses

We would like to bring our E-mail addresses up to date so that we can let you know of events or announcements. It would probably be easiest if you sent us a quick E-mail from your computer so we can put it into our “address book” accurately. Just E-mail a short message to us at this address, www.littlebluebattlefield@comcast.net. If you would like to receive the *Border Star* newsletter by E-mail rather than U.S. mail, you can indicate that in the message. You will receive the E-mail copy several days earlier than the mailed copy.

History Tourism

The Examiner reported on June 28th that a new travel book puts Independence, MO in the same category with Mount Denali in Alaska and other great tourism sites in the U.S. and Canada. It’s called *1,000 Places to See in the United States Before You Die* by Patricia Schultz, a producer for the Travel Channel. The first edition was published three years ago and has been on bestseller lists. For more information see www.1000beforeyoudie.com.

Our Round Table E-mail address also received a message recently from Shebby Lee Tours headquartered in Rapid City, SD. This article should not be construed as an endorsement of this tour company because we don’t know anything about it, but is meant to show that history tourism is big business. The company’s slogan is “It’s not the Destination, it’s the Journey.” According to Shebby, “Historic places are symbols of our shared heritage. They provide wonderful stories about the people and events, places and landscapes that give meaning to our nation’s development and to our own lives.” Participants in his “Vanishing Trails Expeditions” are provided with recommended reading lists prior to departure and all tours are led by professional tour directors/historians. One tour of particular interest is *Bleeding Kansas: Where the Civil War Began*, scheduled for Sept. 15-21, 2007. As you can imagine, these tours are not inexpensive (\$1,339 double occupancy or \$1,723 single), but this one does start and end in the Kansas City area. You can get more information by calling toll free, 800-888-8306 or E-mail info@shebbyleetours.com.

About Our Members

Thanks go to Art Kelley for taking many wonderful pictures at the 150th anniversary of Union Cemetery and to Sharon Kelley for transferring them to CD's for sharing.

Beverly Shaw recently visited with Ruby Abbott at her home (Richard was at a doctor's appointment at the time) and saw her extensive collection of bells that people have given her throughout the years. They represent a veritable history of her friends and family. Richard is noted for the hundreds (maybe thousands by this time) of bird houses that he has made from old barn wood and donated not only to our organization but other groups as well. On this particular day Ruby gave us some of Richard's Wild West framed Wanted posters and photographs of desperados that are also encased in old barn wood. Richard wants us to have them for the Round Table so Beverly will bring them to the picnic in July.

Chris and Faye Cooper recently took a trip south and made it a point to stop in Carthage, MO to scout a good place for us to eat when we take our tour on September 15th (see brochure). Chris thought he remembered that Carthage has a Sirloin Stockade and sure enough it's still there. He and Faye actually ate there once going down and again coming home so that's a pretty good endorsement. They also visited the Civil War museum and said that it is very worthwhile. Our tour chairman, Karen Coin, is collecting Carthage brochures and a video that we can show on the bus during our approximate three hour journey. We will eat before taking the tour of the battlefield area with a knowledgeable step on guide. The actual Battle of Carthage took place July 5, 1861. On July 7 and 8, 2007 the Holmes Brigade will portray General Franz Sigel's 3rd MO Volunteer Infantry for a reenactment at the State Historic Site.

Vicki Beck of Buckner, MO recently passed along cassette tapes of the early meetings of what became the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri. Our board member Don Moorehead, also of Buckner, brought them to the board meeting. Vicki was the secretary of the group and previously passed along paper copies of early minutes. We will add these to our archives which Paul Tate faithfully maintains. He recently bought some

heavy duty notebooks at an auction in which to keep our newsletters and other program booklets and pictures.

Pat Gradwohl, our program chairman, has also been traveling to the south and west to visit children and grandchildren in New Mexico. On her way back through Oklahoma she saw a billboard advertising a Civil War site but did not have time to stop. Pat is preparing a wonderful tour of William Jewell College in Liberty, MO for our August meeting, and we will end our evening at the Clay County Archives for refreshments and you can see the Mainschein Collection that we have entrusted to them for safekeeping and for research opportunities by their visitors.

Two new volumes have recently been donated by members. Harold Dellinger has given us a copy of his newly edited book on Jesse James. Also, Karen Wells brought to the board meeting a 130th anniversary program book for the Battle of West Point (Mississippi) held in 1994.

Our new member Elizabeth Eulinger was recently featured in a June 2-3 issue of *The Examiner* for a project she suggested for Coventry Estates Baptist Church whose senior group Beverly Shaw spoke to in 2006 and Mike Calvert will be speaking to in 2007 about a Civil War topic. The project was to collect a mile's worth of pennies to raise money for Vacation Bible School and the Sports Camp for Youth. It amounted to 84,480 pennies equal to \$844.80 which Commerce Bank graciously rolled and later converted to a check. In the meantime all 5,300 pounds were loaded into little red wagons and rolled down the aisle of the church. Way to go all you penny pinchers.

Our hostess at The Old Blake Museum (aka Blue and Grey Book Shoppe) also hosted an art show in June sponsored by the Independence Art Association. Betty Key's paintings "Cats' Eyes" and "Jitterbug" (a Boston terrier) were pictured in the June 16-22 issue of *The Examiner Showtimes* issue.

The Battle of Westport Wall at Trailside Center

Through a cooperative effort between the City of Kansas City and other interested groups, an old bank building at 99th and Holmes has been converted to an attractive meeting place and headquarters for the Historical Society of New Santa Fe. With contributions and volunteer help the old vault of the bank has become a museum and a showcase for art work related to the Battle of Westport. On Thursday, July 12th, there will be an open house at 7:00 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m. for an Evening of Appreciation. The Master of Ceremonies will be our own Jim Beckner assisted by Chuck Loomis and Ann O'Hare. The Trailside Center is located at 9901 Holmes Road next to the fire station. If you have ever wondered what a "rain garden" looks like, you can see one south of the fire station.

James-Younger Gang 14th Annual Meeting

St. Joseph, Missouri will be the site of the annual reunion of James-Younger Gang aficionados on Sept. 27-29, 2007. On Friday there will be a bus tour of significant sites starting at 8:15 a.m. Saturday will feature lectures/panels and a banquet. The cost is \$80 for all three days for singles and \$150 for couples, or you can break it down for specific days (\$10 Thursday only, \$30 Friday only, or \$40 Saturday only). The official hotel is the Ramada Inn where rooms will be \$79 if you tell them you are with the James-Younger Gang to get the discount (complimentary buffet breakfast included). Call the hotel at (816) 233-6192. Reservation forms can be obtained from Harold Dellinger. More details will follow on speakers and programs.

If you want to do a little reading on Jesse James prior to attending, you can check out *The Best Writings on the Notorious Outlaw and His Gang* edited by Harold Dellinger. By contacting Harold in advance, he would probably bring some copies to a meeting and autograph them or mail them from his business www.haroldsbookstore.com. You can also call him at (816) 241-2482. The book retails for \$16.95.

McPherson's Antietam Lecture

Michael Bouman, executive director of the Missouri Humanities Council, recommends a new way to get your "history fix." The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York City is presenting digital audio podcasts on the internet of nationally known authors and historians. His eye was taken by the May offering which was James McPherson's talk about his 2002 book called *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam*.

Apparently you can play the audio file (if you have the right software and speakers attached to your computer), download it, and subscribe to new lectures. To check it out you can go to www.gilderlehrman.org/institute/index.html.

Speaking of electronics and history, we want to thank our president Mike Calvert for bringing his laptop and projection equipment plus several sets of speakers borrowed from his children to make our outdoor showing of the *History of Liberty* such an enjoyable experience on the patio outside the Old Blake Museum. Luckily we had our meeting before the monsoon season struck Independence. We were honored to have the DVD hand delivered by representatives of the Clay County Archives who explained how this history story came to be produced.

The Civil War West of the Mississippi

The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks in Springfield, MO is presenting a two day seminar on Friday evening, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17 all day at the Clarion Hotel which will offer discounted rooms. The main speakers will be M. Jane Johansson, author of *Peculiar Honor: The 28th Texas Cavalry*, William L. Shea, author of *Pea Ridge: Civil War Campaign in the West*, William Garrett Piston, author of *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War*, D. L. Clark, author of *A Bright Tragic Thing – The Great Gainesville Hangings*, Carl H. Moneyhon, author of *The Impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Arkansas: Persistence in the Midst of Ruin*, and Christopher Phillips, author of *Damned Yankee: The Life of General Nathaniel Lyon*.

For \$50 pre-registration through Oct. 31st you can get all lectures and meals including a Friday

banquet and Saturday lunch. Just the Friday banquet will be \$20 which includes entertainment by the Back Porch Players and the program by Christopher Phillips on Nathaniel Lyon. You can call Steve Buffat at (417) 862-1722 or go to sjbuffat@sbcglobal.net.

National Register Nomination

We are in the process of receiving a grant from the National Park Service in order to hire an expert to complete the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Little Blue Battlefield. This PhD candidate has been successful in getting the designation for other Missouri Civil War battlefield sites. The application for the grant has been submitted by Mike Calvert, and we hope to get the process started soon. We have a nice big box of resource materials to present to him.

Bingham-Waggoner Antique/Craft Fair

“Shop ‘til you drop.” That describes the big fair on Saturday, July 14th on the grounds of the Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. The fair is free but the usual fees apply for tours of the house. The July exhibit is “A Fourth of July Celebration.”

The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for shopping more than 100 crafters and antique dealers who will have home decorations, jewelry, collectibles such as Santas, dolls, rabbits, or bears, vintage dishes and linens and antiques of all kinds.

Every hour there will be a drawing for a free door prize. Plan to stay for lunch with the aroma of grilled Polish sausages, hamburgers, and hot dogs, or try a walking taco. You can sit under the tent while you eat and enjoy the Independence Band play. There will also be homemade cookies along with coffee, tea and lemonade. On the east side of the house Steve Davis will be cooking “Kettle Korn.” So put on your walking shoes and money in your pocket!

Northeast News – June 27, 2007

Harold Dellinger was featured in the June 27, 2007 issue of the Northeast News. The article is titled *His Name Was James - Local historian takes on myths and truths in new Jesse James collection*. You can view the informative article at; <http://www.northeastnews.net/>

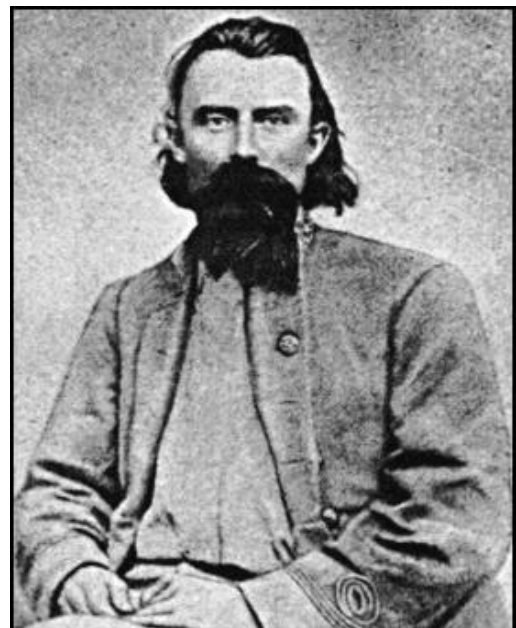
Waverly, Missouri’s Heritage Event

The Waverly Arts Council will celebrate Heritage Days on July 21 and 22, 2007. On Saturday there will be entertainment of the period, reenactors (military and civilian) plus events for the entire family such as performers, folk artisans, children’s games, and a farmer’s market. The peach growers of the area will be marketing a Peach Fest.

On Sunday there will be a reenactment of the wedding of Confederate General Joseph O. Shelby to Elizabeth Nancy Shelby (his cousin) at 2:00 p.m. at the historic Warren House in Waverly with a reception and ball to follow.

The town of Waverly on the Missouri River will tell the story of its Civil War past. General “Jo” Shelby raised his famous Iron Brigade on the steps of the Christian Church using his own funds to outfit them and went on to demonstrate what a brilliant cavalry leader he was.

Waverly was also the site of a day-long archaeological survey on March 27th by Tim Baumann of Missouri Valley College (Marshall, MO) to search for evidence of the antebellum home built by General Shelby on Waverly’s Mount Rucker and the considerable pre-Civil War industrial facilities that made Waverly a major river port. Shelby’s home was destroyed during the War, and its exact location has been lost for many years.



Joseph O. Shelby

Joseph Orville Shelby was born in Lexington, KY in 1830 and moved to Waverly in 1852 where he established a hemp rope manufacturing business. When the Civil War began in 1861, he was reputedly the richest man in Missouri. Joining the cause of the secessionist Missouri State Guard, Shelby fought at Carthage and Wilson's Creek in 1861, and in August 1862, he raised a cavalry regiment in Waverly for the Confederate Army. Shelby's regiment formed the nucleus of the South's famous Missouri Iron Brigade, which Shelby led and financed through most of the Civil War. His exploits during and after the War are legendary. It was said that he was the best cavalry general in the South. Measured by miles traveled in the saddle, Shelby is probably the most prolific cavalry commander in American military history, and his tactics are still being studied today.

After the Civil War General Shelby became the United States Marshall for the Western District of Missouri. When he died in 1897, he was laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, following the largest funeral procession Kansas City has ever witnessed. His stone and others surround the Confederate memorial in Forest Hill at 6901 Troost Avenue and are pictured in our *Monuments* book.

If you plan to attend the Waverly event and would also like to volunteer a little time for the Round Table, please contact Karen Wells at (816) 429-5165 and leave a message. Her son, Kevin Wells, plans to set up his Civil War Shoppe on the grounds and would be glad to share a table for Round Table literature. We have some extra copies of the newsletter to distribute to those interested in membership and will have brochures about the Carthage trip to pass out. It's a fun way to interest new people in the Round Table's activities.

Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi

The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks in Springfield, Missouri is hosting a public conference on the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi, Nov. 16 and 17, 2007 at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield.

Speakers include M. Jane Johansson, author of *Peculiar Honor, The 28th Texas Cavalry*, who will be the dinner speaker on Friday evening. Others are William L. Shea, author of *Pea Ridge, Civil War Battle in the West* and William Garrett Piston,

author of *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War*.

If you register by October 31st the cost is \$20 for Friday evening's dinner and \$30 for Saturday which includes lunch or \$50 for both. After October 31st the cost is \$20 for Friday only and \$40 for Saturday only for a total of \$60 for both days. Many vendors are expected so you can browse when you are not in a session.

For information and to register, contact Steve Buffat at (417) 862-1771 or E-mail sjbuffat@sbcglobal.net.

In Memoriam Francie Meisner Park WASP-USAF 1919-2002

In honor of her years of service to her country as a pilot in the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, Francie was interred in a special honors service at Arlington National Cemetery on May 22, 2007. Francie was a member of our Round Table until she moved to Mesa, Arizona several years ago to live with her daughter. She passed away on February 10, 2002.

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information visit; www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc or send an E-mail to; wcqsociety@aol.com.

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John and Dianne Lehman at the Truman Library

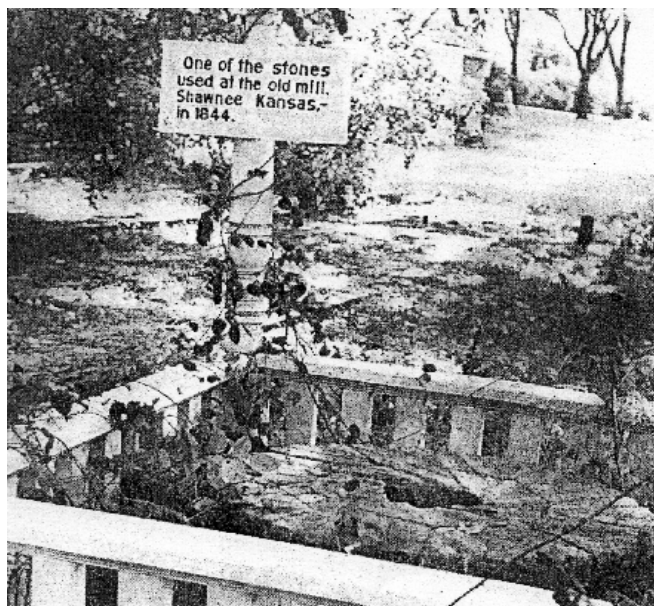
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**Shawnee Indian Mission-West
Building built in 1839-40**



**Charles and Claudetta McCorkendale at their
50th Wedding Anniversary**



Grist Mill from the Shawnee Indian Mission