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Clinton County Historical Society *Newsletter*

308 S Birch Avenue, Plattsburg, MO 64477

Donate. Your financial support helps to save and share the objects, books, photographs, and family trees which hold the memories of Clinton County. Donations are always needed and appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month

March 2022
"Jesse James Rides Again"
by Steve Gingery

Learn about of the turbulent life, times and what some believe was a staged execution and later reappearance of Jesse James. A display of period artifacts will help us to see a time line of events that effected his life and legacy.

Picnic on the Lawn

Check our Facebook page
(Clinton County Historical
Society/Plattsburg, Missouri)
for more events throughout
the year.

THE RILEY FURNITURE IS HOME

The CCHS had the honor to receive the original Riley family furniture from Sara Carmack Guffey.

The beautiful pieces were a settee and two chairs from the parlor of the home built between 1886-1888.

It was such a pleasure to meet and visit with Sara who lived in the home. The history and stories she told were so interesting especially coming from someone who grew up here. We appreciate the family contribution.

Christmas Tree Donation

We were equally grateful to accept the lovely 8 foot tree donated by Theresa Stilley. It was a welcomed and much needed addition to our Christmas collection.



UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BY GARY JENKINS

More than 100 attended the outstanding Underground Railroad Program, October 28, 2021 by Gary Jenkins. Gary, a Plattsburg alum, former KC police detective and historian presented stories from his book, The Immortal 10.



JEFFERSON HIGHWAY 1915 - 1926

In the early 1900s before automobiles were invented, the railroads dominated long-distance travel. Henry Ford started making his Model T in 1913. His assembly line production of a car for \$300 made traveling by car in reach for the masses. In 1915, there was a need for a north/south highway to match the newly constructed east/west "Lincoln Highway" that traveled from New York to San Francisco. The first north/south highway was named after Thomas Jefferson and it brought business and prosperity to towns it passed through. From Winnipeg, Canada to New Orleans, Louisiana, the route came right through Cameron, Plattsburg, Grayson and Trimble. In 1926 the National Highway System was finalized and approved. It was the beginning of the end for the Jefferson Highway. It was straightened, widened, moved out of some downtown communities or bypassed them all together. On December 2, 2021 Dave Schauer, Plattsburg Mayor and Greg Harris, City Administrator endorsed and supported the signage in Plattsburg to mark the former path of the historic Jefferson Highway. CCHS member and past president, Terry Wood led the Jefferson Highway initiative. Thanks to Terry for all his efforts.



WREATHS ACROSS MECCA

REMEMBER

OUR FALLEN VETERANS

HONOR

THOSE WHO SERVE

TEACH

YOUR CHILDREN THE VALUE
OF FREEDOM

The CCHS sponsored Wreaths Across America at the Mecca Cemetery for veterans that served. We plan to expand to other cemeteries next year and to partner with other interested organizations. Eugene Tillman, Clyde May, Tracy Pincus, Mike and Lesli Shaver laid wreaths on the four veterans' graves to honor the service of the following soldiers:

Roland Burnside 1898-1952 Missouri PVT OMC WWI

Clarence W. Grayson 1900–1946 Missouri PVT CO D 570 INFANTRY REGT WWII

Leroy May 1932-2005 MSGT US AIR FORCE KOREA

Richard May Sr. 1896-1959 Missouri PVT CO M 805 PIONEER INF WWI



2021 PAST EVENTS

Bicentennial Quilt Show

Log Church Pew Sale

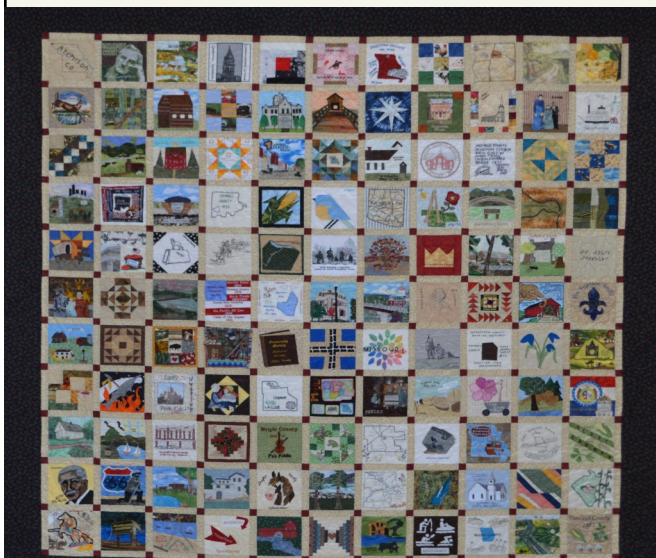
Gravel Grinder Bike Ride in memory of the Dickersons

Fall Festival Tent Sale

Underground Railroad

Halloween - Candy and Book Giveaway

Wreaths Across Mecca



Congratulations and thank you to Debbie Helton, CCHS member for designing the winning quilt block from Clinton County. From July 19–21, 2021 the Bicentennial Quilt which included her block was displayed at the Community Courtyard during the quilt show. The quilt included one block from each county in Missouri. It was displayed in every county and continues to be shown throughout Missouri in 2022 in various locations.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

David Doak, Trimble, MO

Somyia Finley, Plattsburg, MO

Chris Finley, Plattsburg, MO

Jaime Norton, Plattsburg, MO

Nancy Pryor, Cameron, MO

JC Shaver, Kearney, MO

Diane Shryock, Trimble, MO

2021 DONATIONS

Cash Donation, Erin Jenkins

Cash Donation Match, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Cash Donation, Fall Festival Committee

Cash Donation, Gravel Grinders Bike Committee

Plattsburg License Bureau

GIFTS-IN-KIND

Museum outdoor lights, stump grinding, purchase and planting of poplar tree - Kaylin Hobbs and Shane Murphy

Antique furniture, Sara Carmack Guffey

Christmas tree and decorations, Theresa Stilley

HOW TO GIVE

Membership Gifts: Give the gift of history! Just \$20 per year. Give your favorite history buff a Clinton County Historical Society Membership.

Artifact donations: The CCHS Collections grow through donations. If you are ready to pass along objects, photographs, and papers, please consider donating to the Museum.

Recurring donations: Financial donations are always appreciated. Even more if they are recurring!

Volunteer: Give the ultimate gift of your time and talents.

Planned Giving: In addition to being one of the simplest ways to distribute your estate, your will can be a creative vehicle through which you can make a legacy gift to the Historical Society.

OFFICERS

Lesli Shaver, President

Tracy Holman Pincus, Vice-President

Lynn Wood, Secretary

Marcia Hales Oley, Treasurer



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Wish List

Things we need:

***tall file cabinets with 4-5 drawers**

***step ladder**

If you have any extra you'd like to
donate, please let us know.

Riley-Carmack Museum Open 2022 First Saturdays 10am-2pm

January 8th
February 5th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th
June 4th
July 2nd
August 6th
September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th



*"Alone we can do
so little, together
we can do so
much."
-Helen Keller*

Clinton County Historical Society Tentative Meeting Dates 2022 (4th Thursday) Tentative Location: Community Courtyard

January 27th
February 24th
March 24th
April 28th
May 26th
June 23rd
July 28th
August 25th
September 22nd
October 27th
December 1st

Dates and times are subject to change.

Check our Facebook page (Clinton County Historical Society/Plattsburg, Missouri) for the most up-to-date information.

If you have a story for a future edition email Leslishaver@hotmail.com.