

MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVES: *where history begins*

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2,500 Missouri Students See *Archives Alive!*

"This is the best field trip we have gone on!" That is what Sheri Luna-Holland from Blair Oaks Elementary had to say after bringing her fourth and fifth grade students to the Missouri State Archives in April for *Archives Alive!*, a new history-based performance group.

Over 2,500 elementary school students from all corners of the state visited the Archives in April to take part in *Archives Alive!* premiere performances.

"Missouri has a rich and colorful history," Secretary of State Robin Carnahan said. "I'm delighted that we can bring some of the stories of our state and our people to life with this presentation to students."



Archives Historian Christyn Edwards discusses the significance of a letter written by President Truman with visiting students. Photo by: Krista Myer

Jefferson City actors Laura Morris and Jayne Dunkmann are the cast of *Archives Alive!*, and are known across the state for their educational programs. In the comedic guise of "Molly" and "Delores," Morris and Dunkmann bring the story of Missouri's history to life by telling it through the voices of early settlers and famous Missourians.

In addition to viewing the performance, many students toured the Missouri State Archives, including the *Mapping Missouri* exhibit and the "stacks" that house some of Missouri's most valuable historic documents.

Educator Anne LaRue of Hatton-McCredie Elementary rated the performance "Above excellent," while Teresa Galetich-Bayless of Ridgeway R-V Elementary commented, "Keep this program going, students were very receptive!"

April performances were sponsored by the Friends of the Missouri State Archives, with support from the A.P. Green Foundation and Target Stores. For more information on *Archives Alive!*, or to find out how you can sponsor a performance, please contact Kelly Smith at kelly.smith@sos.mo.gov or (573) 526-5296.



Robin Carnahan talks with students from Oak Hill School, St. Louis about her work as Secretary of State and the importance of taking care of Missouri's historical records. Photo by: Krista Myer



"Delores" played by Jayne Dunkmann asks for the answer to a Missouri history question. The correct response was given by a student from Stark Elementary School for the Deaf with the aid of a translator. Photo by: Krista Myer

**Missouri State Archives:
where history begins**

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From the State Archivist

You hold in your hands the latest—but one of the first—changes in how the Missouri State Archives and its Friends organization do business. Our new journal, *The Missouri State Archives: Where History Begins* now supersedes *The Record*, which first began reporting on Archives activities in 1989. *The Missouri State Archives* is a joint endeavor of the Friends and the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State. Through its pages we will continue to let you know about our interesting new programs and workshops, our rare historical finds, the “new” collections we have opened for research, our educational work with children, and our encouragement of professional scholarship.

More importantly, in early June a committee of Friends of the Missouri State Archives board members began an in depth—year-long—study of the way our Friends group and the Archives conduct business and how the Friends might play a larger, much more ambitious role in helping the Archives achieve its mission of fostering an appreciation of Missouri history and illuminating contemporary public issues.

We are grateful to the Friends for their past service, look forward to our future, and welcome all who wish to join us.

Kenneth H. Winn, Ph.D.
State Archivist

Changes

The Record, newsletter of the Friends of the Missouri State Archives, is no more. You are reading the first issue of *The Missouri State Archives: Where History Begins*, a publication of the Office of Secretary of State. This new and improved newsletter will reach approximately 1,500 additional readers, and replace both *The Record* and the tri-annual programming calendars. The Friends will continue to underwrite publishing costs, but the new look and layout are courtesy of the Secretary of State's Publications Staff. We hope you enjoy this revised newsletter, and we look forward to hearing from you with comments or suggestions.

The Missouri State Archives was created in 1965 as a division of the Office

of the Secretary of State and is the officially-designated repository for all state records of permanent value. Its mission is to foster an appreciation of Missouri history and illuminate contemporary public issues by preserving and making available the state's permanent records to its citizens and their government.

Access to collections is provided through the research room which is open to the public: Monday–Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Written research requests are answered by the reference staff within eight weeks. Visit the Missouri State Archives on the Internet at:

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/ The Archives is closed Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Pictured are MHRAB members, back row: (Lynn Morrow, Director, Local Records Preservation Program), Gary Kremer, Joseph Adams, (Richard Cameron, NHPRC State Programs) Kenneth Winn, Steve Gietschier, Benedict Zobrist, David Richards. Front Row: Jeannette Zinkgraf, Nicola Longford, Marcia Bennett, and Anne Rottmann.

Photo by Krista Myer

MHRAB Meeting

The Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board met on May 4, 2005, to award \$373,246 in Local Records Preservation Program grants. Special guest Richard A. Cameron, Director of State Programs for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, joined the group to learn more about NHPRC projects in Missouri and report on archival initiatives at the federal level.

New Online Resource for Land Records

Land Patents: 1831–1910 is a database developed by Archives staff to help researchers, family historians, and scholars identify specific land patents across the state. The database includes information for township school lands, seminary and saline land, swamp land, and the 500,000 acre grants. The project is ongoing, with more than 12,000 records remaining to be entered; e-volunteers contribute greatly to the work, which could expand to include

other groups of Missouri land records. When completed, the database will span from 1820 to 1951.

During the nineteenth century, the United States government, by various acts of Congress, donated some 6.5 million acres of federal land in Missouri directly to the state. This public domain land was then sold by the state, with profits designated for various internal projects of improvements. The state, rather than the federal government, issued the land patents, verifying title and ownership to the parcels sold, for purchased sections of the donated land. The patents list the name of the person(s) who acquired the land, the purchase date, and patent date, as well as a legal land description including township and range, name of county, and number of acres sold.

The database is arranged alphabetically by surname of purchasers. Previously, only the Township School Land Patents had a name index; all other land patent records were accessible by legal land description. A brief explanation of each type of land patent is available online. *(continued on page 4)*



Electronic Records Education

Emails, spreadsheets, databases, and CAD drawings. Scanned images, digital video, audio files, and websites. State and local government officials throughout Missouri are learning how pervasive electronic records have become in government, and how these digital records can be managed and preserved.

Funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the Records Services Division of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office is currently in the key phase of a 2½ year program to educate government officials on access and preservation issues related to electronic records. Titled the *Missouri Electronic Records Education and Training Initiative* (MERETI), the project brings nationally-recognized experts to Missouri to present training on various aspects of electronic records, and consult with Records Services Division staff regarding ongoing training activities.

The first phase of the project included targeted presentations to particular groups of officials. In September 2003, Robert Horton, State Archivist, Minnesota Historical Society gave a program to the State's Information Technology Advisory Board (ITAB) on Electronic Government. ITAB is comprised of the chief technology officers from all

state agencies in Jefferson City. In June 2004, Barclay T. Blair addressed the Missouri Bar Association's government attorneys on compliance and other legal issues related to electronic records.

The current phase of the project includes training for a wide variety of government officials from state, county, city, and other governmental bodies. A series of seven workshops, ranging from introductory levels to increasingly focused preservation topics, are being presented in Jefferson City. The first three workshops have been completed, and attendance has averaged about 100 people, well above the project's initial planning goal of 75 per session. Instructors for the workshops are all well-known and experienced practitioners of electronic records, provided by eVisory Consultants of Richmond, Virginia – Virginia Jones, CRM; John Breeden, CRM; and Dr. Charles Dollar.

For those unable to attend in-person, the information from all of the training classes, presentations, and workshops is being made available to state and local officials on the MERETI project website. The address is www.sos.mo.gov/records/mereti/. The web site also provides an excellent glossary of terms used by records managers, archivists, and information technologists, and other useful resource materials. Records Services Division staff members will apply information collected under this initiative to develop and present future electronic training sessions to state and local government employees, in the ongoing effort to effectively manage all forms of government records.

Project coordinators for the MERETI project are Jelain Chubb, Local Records, Greg Schildmeyer and Craig Kelso, Records Management.

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The database can be accessed at www.sos.mo.gov and will be useful for various types of genealogical and scholarly research. For more information or if you have comments or questions, contact the Archives Reference Staff at archref@sos.mo.gov or telephone (573) 751-3280.



Five Points Intersection, Jefferson City, 1951, Missouri State Archives.

Picture This

The U.S. Highway System in Jefferson City

When Henry Ford revolutionized automobile making in 1913 with assembly line production, American culture was forever changed, as were the roads upon which his cars moved. Once the average citizen could afford to purchase a car, there followed a desire to see the world beyond one's home town and county seat. When car owners took to the roads however, what they found was a lot of dirt and mud.

It became apparent that state and federal governments had to look beyond farm-to-market roads and connect people to the rest of the country. Improvements and paving projects occurred throughout the 1920s and 1930s, and as roads were built, a new service industry devoted to the highway traveler grew literally right beside them.

In 1925 there were 250 named highways throughout the country identified only by color and lacking a formal administrative organization to

manage them. To correct this situation, the U.S. Highway System was created by the Federal Highway Act in 1925. This legislation created a numbered highway system with uniform signage to be administered by state governments. Formerly disconnected roads were joined together and many sections were paved with concrete making traveling safer and less confusing.

By 1927, Missouri was well on its way to significantly improving its highways. This new system was a boon for entrepreneurs in Missouri's capital – with Highways 63, 54, and 50 running through Jefferson City, a number of new businesses opened to welcome travelers. During the 1930s and 1940s, cabin camps, roadhouses, motor courts, cafes, drive-in movies and restaurants, as well as full service gas stations emerged along the corridors created by these highways. McCarty Street and Missouri Boulevard (formerly U.S. Highway 50) remains dotted today with buildings erected decades ago to accommodate travelers passing through or coming to Jefferson City. Images of buildings no longer standing remain alive in the minds of those travelers. Structures such as McKinney's (later Tony's) Drive-in may have been replaced by franchise restaurants like McDonald's, but both the past and current highway-related accommodations remind us that Americans have a passion for cars, travel, and convenience when hitting the pavement. That passion which has not been lost.



Warwick Village, Highways 50 and 63, Jefferson City, Missouri State Archives.

The Programming Series at the Missouri State Archives is free of charge and open to the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Thursday, September 15, 2005

**Special Engagement - Early Start Time
6:30 p.m.**

The World's Greatest Fair: A Documentary on the
1904 World's Fair in St. Louis

Bob Miano and Scott Huegerich

Filmmakers Bob Miano and Scott Huegerich will introduce a screening of their award-winning, feature-length documentary *The World's Greatest Fair*. Applauded as “an archival and technical wonder” by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, the film features hundreds of

never-before-seen images, rare film from the earliest days of motion pictures, and includes first-hand accounts from the period read by well-known St. Louisans including Stan Musial, Ozzie Smith, Joe Buck, and the current and former mayors of St. Louis. The film, a Winner at the Key West International Film Festival in 2005, highlights many of the amazing events that surrounded the fair, including: John Philip Sousa conducting outdoor concerts, Will Rogers performing rope tricks, the first Olympic Games held on American soil, and a Ferris Wheel so large that a wedding was performed on horseback in one of the cars!

DON'T FORGET TO ARRIVE EARLY. This program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

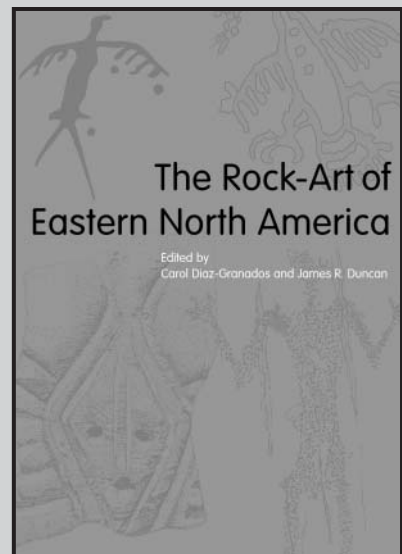
Thursday, October 20, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Petroglyphs and Pictographs: Missouri's Prehistoric Native
American Rock-Art

Carol Diaz-Granados

Missouri caves, shelters, and rock outcrops still show evidence of the beliefs and oral traditions of American Indians of long ago. Dr. Carol Diaz-Granados will present a slide lecture on her documentation of over 140 prehistoric carvings and paintings around the state, explaining how several sites have been dated, and sharing interpretations of the fascinating motifs and designs that remain from our distant past. Dr. Diaz-Granados, a native St. Louisan, is a Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology at Washington University, where she has been teaching for over 20 years. She has done archaeological research in Missouri and Illinois, as well as on the northern coast of South America, and is the author of *The Petroglyphs and Pictographs of Missouri* and *The Rock-Art of Eastern North America*.





Thursday, November 17, 2005

7:00 p.m.

A Frontier History in Song
Columbia Shape-Note Singers

Shape-note singing is a 200-year-old American tradition of lively a cappella music, based on traditional ballads and church hymns. This music features folk-like melodies, harmonized in an unorthodox style, and is a product of the 18th century New England singing school movement. Of all frontier shape-note tune books, *The Missouri Harmony*,

originally compiled in 1820, was the most popular. Subsequent editions have been published, and *The Missouri Harmony*, 2005 edition was recently released. Shape-note music was written so that the notes appear in four different shapes, corresponding to “fa, sol, la, mi,” and was said to help people sight-read music. In addition to performing songs from *The Missouri Harmony*, the Columbia Shape-Note Singers will also perform songs from *The Sacred Harp* tunebook. Audience participation is encouraged but not required!

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January 2005 – April 2005

This accession listing is provided to the research community to advise it of recent Archives accessions of state and local government records. More detailed listings of the Missouri State Archives holdings are available at the Archives facility.

Highlights from the accessioned materials for this period include miscellaneous correspondence and subject files from the administration of Governor Bob Holden (2001-2004); miscellaneous correspondence and subject files from the administration of Governor Mel Carnahan (1993-2000); and the legislative papers of Wayne Goode (1963-2004).

Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branch Records

Office of Administration.

Division of Design and Construction Drawings. 1923-2003. 1136 drawings

Department of Conservation.

Department of Conservation Records. Land Acquisition. N.d. 8 cubic ft.

Department of Corrections and Human Services.

Photographs. 1984-1988. 1 cubic ft.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Kansas City Desegregation records. 1985-1999. 28 cubic ft.

Department of Health and Senior Services.

Records of Advisory Committee on Lead poisoning. 1993-1999. 2 cubic ft.

Department of Transportation.

Field notes on Missouri highway projects. 1918-1922. 2 vols.

General Assembly.

Session Laws. 92nd GA, 2nd session. 2004. 1 cubic ft.

House Records. 92nd GA, 2nd session. 2004. 3 cubic ft

House Committee Books. 2003-2004. 4 cubic ft.

Governors.

Records of Governor Bob Holden. 2001-2004. 40 cubic ft.

Miscellaneous correspondence and subject files.

Records of Governor Mel Carnahan. 1993-2000. 56 cubic ft.

Miscellaneous correspondence and subject files, including files of the Governor's legal counsel.

Lieutenant Governor.

Papers of Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson. 1993-2000. 1 cubic ft.

Papers of Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell. 2000-2005. 1 cubic ft.

Legislative Papers.

Papers of Senator Wayne Goode. Includes correspondence, subject files, hearings and transcripts, committee records and legislative files. Material covers his years as a state representative (1963-1985) and senator (1985-2005). 50.1 cubic ft.

Papers of Senator Stephen M. Stoll. Redistricting information. 2001–2002.	1 cubic ft.
<i>Secretary of State.</i>	
Papers of Secretary of State Rebecca McDowell Cook. 1994–2001.	1 cubic ft.
Papers of Secretary of State Matt Blunt. 2001–2005.	18 cubic ft.
Elections.	
State Board of Canvassers Reports. 2005.	0.1 cubic ft.
Writs of Election. 2005.	0.1 cubic ft.
State Archives.	
Registre d’Arpentage. 1796–1806. (digital files)	37 DVDs
State Library. 2003–2004.	
Missouri Depository Documents.	1.5 cubic ft.
<i>State Treasurer.</i>	
Records of State Treasurer Bob Holden. Correspondence. 1993–2000.	1 cubic ft.
<i>Supreme Court of Missouri.</i>	
Case Files #76059 – 85736. September 2003 session.	30 cubic ft.
County and Municipal Records	
<i>Boone County.</i>	
Circuit Court. Case Files. 1918–1974.	45 reels
Probate Court. Index. 1819–1981.	1 reel
<i>Callaway County.</i>	
Probate Court. Case Files Index and Case Files. 1897–1927.	9 reels
<i>Camden County. City of Camdenton.</i>	
City Clerk. Blueprints/Drawings, Maps, Plats. 1934–2001.	17 reels
<i>Chariton County.</i>	
Collector of Revenue. Records. 1949–1997.	38 reels
County Clerk. Records. 1820–1994.	31 reels
Miscellaneous records including poor farm records, permanent records of births and deaths, plat book and road index, and swampland records.	
Recorder of Deeds. Records and Index. 1869–1904.	0.5 reels
<i>Christian County.</i>	
Circuit Court. Case Files and Index. 1860–1899.	26 reels
<i>Clay County.</i>	
Probate Court. Case Files and Index. 1997.	7 reels
<i>Cole County. City of Jefferson.</i>	
Circuit Court. Records. 1820–1993.	48 reels
<i>Cooper County.</i>	
Probate Court. Case Files. 1973–2001.	7 reels

<i>Gasconade County.</i>	
Probate Court. Case Files. 1899–1923.	5 reels
<i>Jackson County [Kansas City].</i>	
Probate Court. Case Files. 1901–1905.	48 reels
<i>Laclede County.</i>	
Recorder of Deeds. Records. 1849–1993, 2004.	34 reels
<i>Lafayette County.</i>	
Circuit Court. Executions. 1835–1918.	9 reels
Probate Court. Case Files. 1820–1970.	16 reels
<i>Linn County.</i>	
Circuit Court. Case Files [Brookfield]. 1917–1943, 1943–1958, 1971–1987.	51 reels
<i>Maries County.</i>	
County Clerk. Records. 1866–1975.	25 reels
Includes poor farm records, register of births and stillbirths.	
Superintendent of Schools Records. Report of Charles Noble Cooper. 1909–1912.	1 reel
<i>Miller County.</i>	
Recorder of Deeds. Marriage Licenses and Index. 1837–1993.	12 reels
<i>New Madrid County.</i>	
Circuit Court. Records. 1805–1821.	1 reel
Probate Court. Records. 1843–1973.	29 reels
<i>Saint Louis City.</i>	
Circuit Court. Index to Mechanics Liens. 1875–1888.	0.5 reels
Probate Court. Guardianship Files. 1876–1900.	17 reels
Probate Court. Case Files. 1891.	1 reel
<i>Saint Louis County.</i>	
Circuit Court. Records. 1841–1865.	0.5 reels
Probate Court. Guardianship Case Files. 1875.	4 reels
<i>Scott County.</i>	
Coroner's Records. Inquests. 1912–1918.	0.5 reels
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	
Harrisburg Christian Church Records, Boone County. 1880–1993.	1 reel
Lutheran Church Records.	
Zion Lutheran Evangelical, Jefferson City, Cole County. 1865–1975.	
Cross Lutheran, Longtown, Perry County. 1882–1900.	
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran, St. Louis. 1848–1869.	1 reel
Michael Everman Donation.	
AAA Missouri Road Map. 1939.	2 maps
State Highway Commission Weekly Detour Map. October 15, 1931.	

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Summer Hires left to right: Colin Greeson, Kristy Riedl, Andrea Massman and Dan Musselman. Not pictured: Amber Lewis, Catherine Luebbert and Carissa Schlichtmann.



Leroy Rowe, Intern in African American History.



Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society Interns Christine Williams and Brian Rogers.

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