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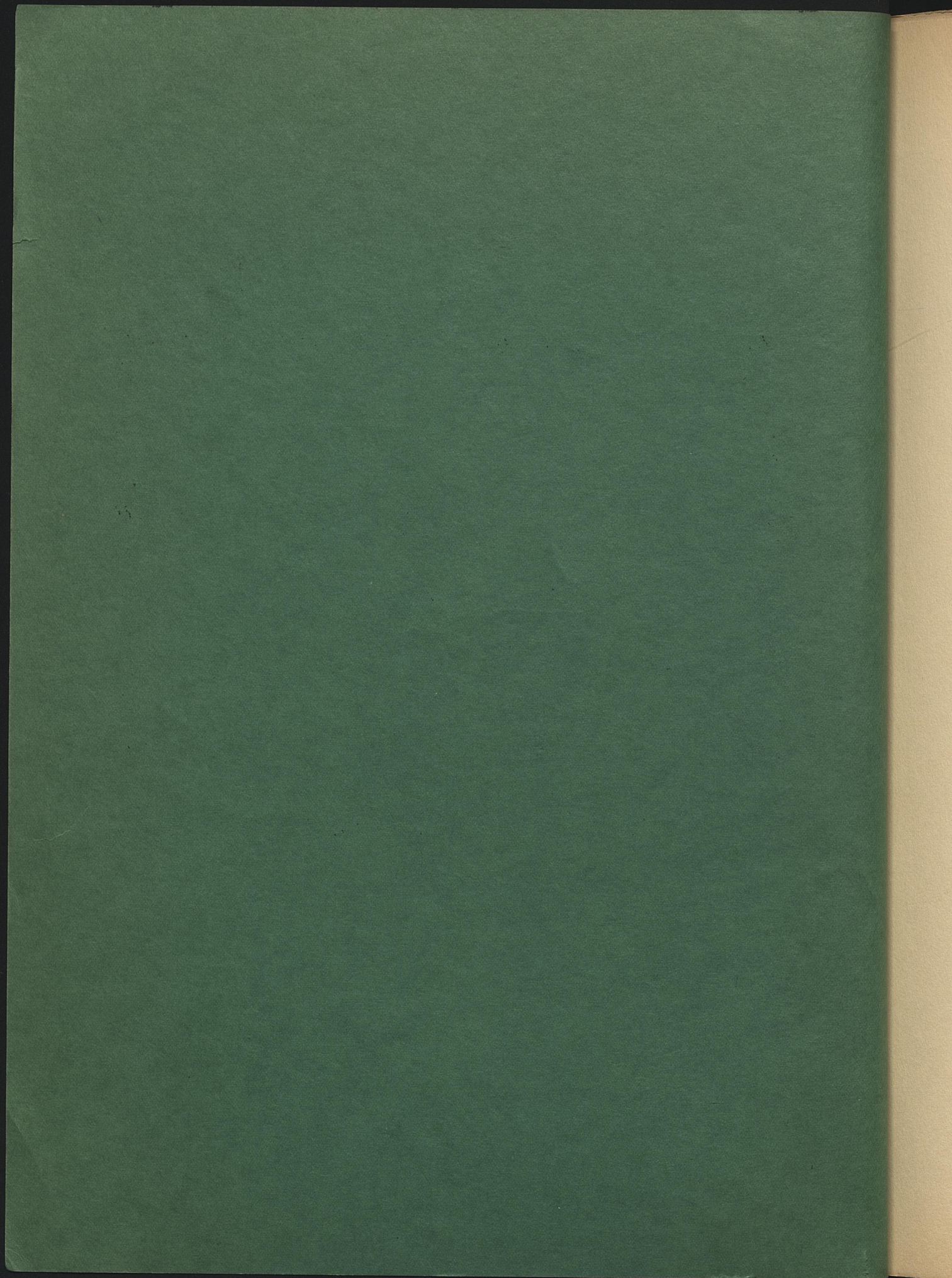
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ON
THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY



HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY PROGRAM

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The Missouri Historical Records Survey



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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey Program was initiated as a Nation-wide undertaking in January 1936, as a part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration, which was operating in the State at that time. The Survey in Missouri became a separate unit of Federal Project No. 1 on October 15, 1936, and continued to operate as a part of the Nation-wide project. By act of Congress Federal Project No. 1 was abolished August 31, 1939, and the Missouri project was converted into a State-wide locally sponsored project under the administrative authority of Colonel B. M. Casteel, State Administrator, and the Director of Community Service Programs.

It is a State-wide project sponsored by Hon. Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State. Its primary purpose is to compile and publish significant historical information which should be preserved and made available for public use.

The operation of the project has resulted in the discovery of valuable historical documents, the better arrangement of records in county offices, obtaining more adequate space for records, and the compiling and publication of books and other important information for the use of county officials and the general public.

This booklet contains copies of letters and newspaper articles which are quite typical of the many comments received concerning the work and value of the Survey in Missouri.

A. Loyd Collins

A. LOYD COLLINS
State Supervisor
Historical Records Survey

St. Louis, Missouri
June 16, 1941

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MISSOURI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Liberty, Missouri

May 24, 1941

Colonel B. M. Casteel
417 Bolivar Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Colonel Casteel:

On April 23 we had a meeting of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Historical Society. In this meeting Mr. A. Loyd Collins was present and there was some discussion of the work he is doing under your supervision in making a survey of history in the State of Missouri. A motion was made and passed that we express to you our very high appreciation for the excellent work that Mr. Collins is doing. It was the unanimous opinion of all of us that he is rendering a distinct service to the churches of the State in compiling their histories. He is a fine man, is deeply interested in his work, and we appreciate the service that he is rendering. By vote of our Board, I was asked to express our appreciation to you of the work of Mr. Collins.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

H. I. Hester
Custodian

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
State of Missouri
Jefferson City

May 13, 1941

Mr. A. Loyd Collins
State Supervisor
Missouri Historical Records Survey
2031 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am sorry that I was out of the office yesterday when you called.

Thank you for leaving the copies of the Inventories of County Archives. I have looked through them carefully.

The bulletins contain material of historical interest and, doubtless, would be of value in public school libraries.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd W. King
State Superintendent

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CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
Warrensburg, Missouri

April 15, 1941

Mr. A. Loyd Collins
Municipal Reference Library
480 City Hall
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Collins:

I want to thank you very much for the publications which you have recently sent to me. You have done a splendid piece of work, and one that was in very much need of being done. A few more years, and it would have been impossible to have made these records.

I shall look forward with pleasure to receiving further publications, and especially the records of Grundy, Daviess, and Johnson counties.

With best wishes, I am

R. F. Wood
Associate Professor of History

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WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE
Liberty, Missouri

March 21, 1941

Mr. A. Loyd Collins
State Supervisor
Historical Records Survey
2031 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Collins:

Yours of March 20th just received.
Thank you for the report enclosed. I have read
it through with interest and congratulate you
on the really fine piece of work you are doing.

Faithfully yours,

John F. Herget
President

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SOUTHWEST BAPTIST COLLEGE
Bolivar, Missouri
April 12, 1941

Mr. A. Loyd Collins
State Supervisor
Historical Records Survey
2031 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am just in receipt of the "Historical Records Survey" sent with your compliments.

I was certainly glad to have this informing review and also to learn of the worth-while work that you are doing.

We are now attempting to work up some enthusiasm locally in the way of collecting and preserving the early history of the county. I am certain that your organization, or one that preceded it, sometime since did a rather large amount of copying from the early records here. Is this matter available now? If so, how may we secure it?

What can you do for us in the way of helping in the enterprise? Any help or suggestions will be gladly received.

It is certainly a pleasure to hear from you, even in this indirect way.

With much personal good will, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Pike
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MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Jefferson Memorial
Saint Louis

April 8, 1941

Colonel B. M. Casteel
State Administrator
Work Projects Administration
417 Bolivar Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

My dear Colonel Casteel:

The Missouri Historical Society wishes to acknowledge receipt of your gift to it of Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri - Marion County, for which it returns sincere thanks. These archives are a wonderful addition to our Missouri collection and we are indeed most grateful to you for them. They are a real contribution to Missouri history. We deeply appreciate your courtesy in sending these.

Very truly yours,

Stella M. Drumm
Librarian

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Columbia

Brookings Institution
Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1941

Messrs. Collins and McClenning
Historical Records Survey
Work Projects Administration
2031 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sirs:

I sincerely appreciate a copy of the Jasper County Survey which was forwarded to me here in Washington, where I am spending my sabbatical leave. You are doing a splendid work in preparing these local historical surveys, and I am happy to report that my personal comments are entirely favorable.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

William L. Bradshaw

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REV. J. R. BLYTHE
Pastor First Baptist Church
Bolivar, Missouri

January 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for the books of Baptist
History. You can certainly dig and get the facts.
What a lot of work you have done on these two
books saying nothing of all the other surveys
you have made.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Blythe

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NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
WESTERN MISSOURI AGENCY
Kansas City, Missouri

December 12, 1940

Mrs. Ruth West, Supervisor
Historical Records Survey
City Hall
Springfield, Missouri

My dear Mrs. West:

Recently I had need to know the former owner of Lot 12, Block 27 in Boulevard Addition, Springfield, Missouri. This information was desired in connection with clearing the title to subject property.

Several abstractors, lawyers and others sought to locate the former owner. At last it occurred to me to inquire of Mr. Wilbur A. Allen, who works for Historical Records Survey. Mr. Allen promptly located the information I desired from the old files.

I am writing you this note in appreciation not only of Historical Records Survey, but of the fine service rendered by this organization.

Yours very truly,

Ira N. McBride
General Agent

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CLARENCE BARCLAY
Judge Probate Court, Dallas County
Buffalo, Missouri

December 11, 1940

Mrs. Ruth West, Supervisor
Historical Records Survey
City Hall
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Madam:

I wish to express my sincere thanks
and appreciation for the excellent services
rendered this office through your organization
by Mrs. Ella Burd in arranging the files and
papers in such excellent manner.

Yours truly,

Clarence Barclay

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MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY
408 City Hall

St. Louis, Missouri
November 30, 1940

Colonel B. M. Casteel
State Administrator
Work Projects Administration
417 Bolivar Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

My dear Sir:

Thank you indeed for the copy of the
Henry County Inventory just received from your of-
fice.

Although I have not had a chance to
examine this publication carefully, your workers
appear to have maintained the high standard of
bibliographic scholarship exhibited in county in-
ventories previously published. We are proud to
display this series on our library shelves.

Very truly yours,

Frederick C. Ault
Acting Librarian

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HENRY C. CHILES
Attorney & Counselor at Law
Lexington, Missouri

October 30, 1940

Mr. A. Loyd Collins
State Supervisor
Historical Records Survey
2031 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Collins:

Your favor of the 23rd came duly to hand, followed by copies of the Inventory Books of Cole, Jasper, Linn, Pettis, Ripley and Shelby Counties, the last of which arrived this morning, and I hasten to acknowledge receipt of them and to thank you for the same.

These publications are very interesting, indeed, and of great historical value. I look forward to receiving the additional inventory books as published and thank you in advance.

I feel sure the Lafayette County Inventory will be as well done as the six counties mentioned, and look forward with interest and enthusiasm to the work here, in which I hope to be of some assistance in my advisory capacity.

Thanking you again and with best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry C. Chiles

HCC/me

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

(From Letters)

S. M. Tenney, Curator, Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Montreat, N. C., January 26, 1939 - "I wish to commend the work of the Historical Records in the strongest terms I can command. The longer the lapse of time, and the many changes that time will work in the development of these counties the more will these volumes be appreciated, and their values be acknowledged."

John P. English, Recorder of Deeds, St. Louis, Mo., July 20, 1939 - "I am taking this opportunity to offer you my genuine thanks and express my appreciation for the excellent manner in which Mr. August Peterson and his staff of the Historical Records Survey handled the project of arranging our records alphabetically and chronologically. It was a monumental task and its achievement commands the admiration of everyone having any contact with Mr. Peterson and his entire staff. All these workers are to be genuinely congratulated."

Frederick C. Ault, Acting Librarian, Municipal Reference Library, 480 City Hall, St. Louis, Mo., June 2, 1938 - "I wish to thank you for the copy of Pike County Missouri inventory received today. If this is a fair sample of the work of the Historical Records Survey, the entire project seems decidedly worth while."

R. U. Hom, The Library, Columbia University, New York, N. Y., June 2, 1938 - "These inventories are going to be as important to American scholars as Medieval Inventories are now to students of the Middle Ages in Europe."

Ruth O'Malley, Secretary, State of Missouri Library Commission, Jefferson City, Mo., January 27, 1939 - "The Historical Records Survey is making accessible information which has been impossible to locate heretofore and we are in a position to appreciate its value."

R. C. Kimberlin, Recorder, Office of Recorder of Deeds of Cass County, Harrisonville, Mo., April 8, 1940 - "I want to take this opportunity to thank the Historical Records Survey for the many services which we have received from them.

There is scarcely a day passes but what we find that the Historical Records Survey has been of some service to us in this county.

We appreciate this good work and want to thank the officials of the Survey and compliment the work that is being done."

PUBLICATIONS OF THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY ARE PROVING
POPULAR FOR USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
Kirksville, Missouri
January 28, 1941

(To Mr. Collins, State Supervisor)

"As head of the Division of Social Science here at the Teachers College, I am interested in getting copies of all of the county inventories for our library. I received as a sample copy the Inventory of Jasper County. It seems to me it will be very valuable as source material to be used in the study of American History. Probably Missouri next to Virginia is the most important state in the Union from the standpoint of its relation to our National History. We are trying to build up the Missouri material in our library. The inventories will be very valuable in the future."

Sincerely yours,

C. H. McClure

HANNIBAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
H. V. Mason, Principal
Hannibal, Missouri
March 27, 1941

(To Mr. McClenning, Project Supervisor)

"Enclosed please find American Trust Company check #9149 in the amount of \$1.00 for one copy of Inventory of the County Archives - Marion County, Missouri.

"THIS BOOK WILL BE USED IN THE GOVERNMENT CLASSES."

"We would like to have this book as soon as possible."

Sincerely yours,

HANNIBAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

H. V. Mason, Principal.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
Columbia, Missouri

August 20, 1940

Mr. A. Loyd Collins
State Supervisor
Historical Records Survey
2031 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Collins:

Your letter dated August 16th has been received together with data on the manuscript collection of the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis, copy of the transcription of the old Bethel Baptist Church book, and booklet of typewritten "materials" by you relating to the history of Henry county "including a historical calendar of the county." For all of this valuable material I sincerely thank you on behalf of the State Historical Society. The material itself will be filed in the collections of the Society where it will be permanently preserved.

I read with unusual interest the copy of the material you sent me relating to the manuscript collections in St. Louis. I am surprised to note absence of any statement in regard to the Spanish districts in Missouri other than St. Louis. I have always felt certain that the Ste. Genevieve archives are also in the Missouri Historical Society and possibly the archives of other districts. At your convenience I should appreciate your dropping me a line on the matter if you have the information available.

Especial mention will be made in the January issue of The Missouri Historical Review of the transcription of the old Bethel Baptist Church Book which you have given the Society. This is a gift which I assure you is deeply appreciated. Especial comment will also appear in the January issue of the Review on the typewritten historical materials included in the booklet on Henry county. I am happy indeed to have this compilation on Henry county including the historical calendar permanently preserved in the Society's collections.

Most cordially,

Floyd C. Shoemaker
Secretary

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HISTORY COMPILED IN WPA VOLUMES

A. Loyd Collins, state supervisor of the Missouri Historical Records Survey, and Ellis McClenning, district supervisor, were Palmyra visitors, Monday, and turned over to the Marion County Court, copies of three books prepared by the survey -- "Historical Sketch of Marion County, Missouri," "Inventory of the County Archives, Marion County, Missouri" and "Missouri Historical Records Survey."

The two books on Marion county have been published following a comprehensive research of Marion county records, made between March 6, 1936 and July 1, 1937. The "Historical Sketch" is one section of the larger volume, "Inventory of the County Archives," prepared especially for use in county schools, and gives in brief, the many interesting events of local history that should be common knowledge of all Marion countians.

The third book is a brief resume' of the survey, giving its purpose of providing a constructive project for unemployed writers, teachers, and research workers. It also states the accomplishments, to date, of this project and gives comments from various sources.

The main volume or "Inventory" lists public records in county offices in a reference volume for the use of county officials and the general public, and locates, classifies and catalogs all extant county records so as to make them more easily accessible to county officials, historians and research workers.

The procedure and history of county government is described with specific dates of notable events and changes. Among the classifications are: administration, registrations of property titles, administration of justice, law enforcement, finance, elections, education, health and miscellaneous. The book also contains maps, drawings and tables pertaining to the county. This is the 64th volume of this type to be published in the state.

These books are mimeographed, stapled and hand bound. The largest contains 230 pages. The cover displays an ink drawing of Mark Twain, with a boat traveling along the Mississippi in the background.

Inventory of the local records was taken under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Tucker, district supervisor, and her successor, Mr. McClenning. The field personnel consists of Fred Jones, Press Lane, Marvel Little and Clyde Miller. Other work was done by Lola Baker and Wade Carter.

The historical sketch of the county includes the following items: physical description, early history (describing the aboriginals of this territory and the Indian tribes that lived here later), early explorers and settlers, pioneer life, creation and boundaries, early officials, county seat, first courts, transportation, agriculture and industry, social aspects and famous personalities. All material is handled in an interesting style.

Palmyra Missouri Spectator
March 26, 1941

HISTORICAL SURVEY

State Headquarters Makes Outstanding Record

The Missouri Historical Records Survey, which is now a division of the Community Service Programs of the Work Projects Administration, is making an outstanding record in the scope of this important work in the State. Many valuable historical materials have been published. To date twenty-three different books have been published concerning various phases of Missouri History. The Survey has been operating in Missouri since 1936. Its publications include an inventory of the county archives in Missouri for Pike, Ripley, Reynolds, Cole, Linn, Shelby, Pettis, Jasper, Henry, Dallas, and Marion Counties. Similar books are to be made for each county in the state. The books contain a short history of the county, an essay on county government, and the functions of each county office, and a list of public records contained in each office.

Other books issued by the survey include church histories, Minutes of the St. Louis Board of Trustees, information on manuscript collections in Missouri, transcription of old records, etc. The Survey published its first county inventory in 1937; to August 1940 nine books were published.

On August 16, 1940, A. Loyd Collins, of Clinton, who is recognized as one of Missouri's leading historians, was made State Supervisor of this project. The project has made an outstanding record under his efficient administration. During the seven months that he has been in charge of the project, production has increased in a most marked degree, and fourteen different books have been published which are valuable contributions to various phases of Missouri history. The volume or guide to public and semi-public depository collections of manuscripts has attracted wide attention, and Mr. Collins advises that requests for this publication have been received from all parts of the United States. The list covers a wide range of subjects, including the location and description of valuable papers on the Civil War, Santa Fe Trail, Spanish and French documents dated from the early settlement of the Missouri territory, and baptismal and marriage records from Kaskaskia as early as 1695.

The essay on the governmental organization and records system of Jasper county was reproduced at the request of the Washington office several months ago and distributed to every state as an example of an efficient treatise on county government. The Survey has also published the old manuscript of the minutes of the proceedings of the Bethel Baptist Church. Bethel Baptist Church, 1806, was the first permanent Protestant church to be established west of the Mississippi. Its records are of special significance and interest in that they throw much light on the religious life, customs and conditions incident to pioneer times in early Missouri. The discovery and publication of this book is considered one of the most valuable contributions of this generation to pioneer Missouri History.

The project is now one of the largest state wide projects in the Record and Research Division of the W.P.A. Mr. Collins and his efficient office force are doing a splendid piece of work which will grow in importance and value as time goes on. He has been instrumental in

placing the project in front rank in our state and country.

The inventory of Henry County has been published and the historical sketch was reprinted for use in schools. A history of the Tebo Church association also has been issued as a part of the inventory of Missouri churches.

The state headquarters of the survey is in St. Louis

The Clinton Daily Democrat
March 8, 1941

MISSOURI HISTORICAL RECORDS LISTED IN THREE VOLUMES PREPARED BY WPA

Baptismal Books Dating From 1695 Included
In Index of Depositories-Baptist Temperance
Resolution of 1857 Reprinted.

Three volumes of Missouri historical records, prepared by a survey section of the WPA, were issued in mimeographed form last week, including a guide to public and semi-public depositories of collections of manuscripts.

The manuscripts listed cover a wide range of subjects of general or specialized interest--Arrow Rock Tavern in Saline County has, for instance, an 1846 blacksmithing account of John Sappington & Co.; Conception Abbey of the Benedictine order in Nodaway County possesses 25 volumes of Tenth Century Gregorian chants and papers on early Missouri and Dakota missions; the Lexington Historical Society has records of trade on the Santa Fe Trail and kindred material.

Prominently listed in the St. Louis University library are four volumes of baptismal and marriage records from Kaskaskia, starting in 1695, including signatures of noted figures of the settlement's early days, such as George Rogers Clark. Outstanding also are papers of early Jesuit leaders here. Washington University's library has a large collection relating to the works of Robert Burns, Rudyard Kipling and Eugene Field.

Early Spanish Documents

The Missouri Historical Society has Spanish and French documents dating from the early settlement of the Missouri territory, early public records of St. Louis, 200 letters of Thomas Jefferson, some Burr-Hamilton items, material on Andrew Jackson and the Mexican and Civil wars, a large and important Chouteau collection, covering Indian affairs, civic and social matters, geology, genealogy, archeology and the fur trade, and many other notable items and groups.

Other local depositories catalogued are: Lindenwood College, St. Charles; Concordia Theological Seminary's historical institute; the historical commission library of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, and Webster College's extensive Gallery of Living Catholic Authors.

Second of the WPA books is an inventory of the county archives of Dallas County, Southwestern Missouri. It goes into elaborate detail, and is the tenth volume of its sort dealing with records of various counties of the State.

The third new work illustrated on the cover with a drawing of a pioneer log church, is an account of the Tebo Baptist Association, part of the WPA inventory of Missouri church archives. This deals with one of the earliest Baptists groups in the State, centered around a church established in 1839 on Tebo Creek, Henry County. It is shown that in 1857 the association adopted the following report by its Committee on Temperance:

"We believe an individual unfit for membership in the churches who will stoop to the degrading business of dramshop keeping and that there is as much sin in dram buying and drinking as there is in dram selling, and while whisky may be good for snake bites and sick horses, it is far better to let the horses die and depend on the physician to cure the sick than to fill the state prison with convicts and the poorhouse with paupers and crowd the infernal regions with so many thousands of drunkards, for the Scriptures say, 'No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven.'"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
February 2, 1941

ARCHIVES OF CHURCH

Tebo Association Inventory Published by Survey

The "Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri, Tebo Baptist Association" has just been published by the Missouri Historical Records Survey.

It is a very attractive book with a beautiful picture of a log church on the cover page. It contains a directory of the association, a history of the beginning and development of religious activities in Henry County, a county map showing the location of the various churches, a list of associational officers, and a complete and detailed history of all the Baptist churches of the county, including the following active and defunct churches: Sardis, Tebo, Mt. Olivet, First Baptist Church of Windsor, Bethlehem, Calhoun, Mt. Zion, Bronaugh Chapel, Good Hope, Mt. Gilead, First Baptist Church of Clinton, Hartwell, Mt. Hope, Urich, Montrose, Fairview, Peaceful Home, Corinth, Brownington, LaDue, Deepwater, Pleasant Valley, Salem, Garland, Parks Chapel, Pleasant Ridge, Quarles, Stone Mission, Hickory Grove, Finey, Golden Gate, Clinton Mission, Second Baptist (colored) of Windsor, and Second Baptist (colored) of Clinton.

The church histories show the name, location, when organized, early members, information on the buildings, list of the pastors, and interesting facts concerning each church. The book will be an invaluable source of county church history and has been prepared after extensive research, under direction of A. Loyd Collins, state supervisor of the Historical Records Survey. The survey is planning to publish books covering every denomination in the state including both active and defunct churches. This will result in the preservation of much valuable religious history that would otherwise be lost in the court of time.

The published books are placed in prominent libraries, educational institutions, and governmental depositories in all parts of the United States.

The Tebo book is the first published in the state in this series of church publications. Some weeks ago, the survey published a transcription of the old Bethel Church Minute Book, 1806-1867. This book has attracted wide recognition all over the country and is regarded as one of the major contributions to pioneer church history of this generation.

The Henry County Library will receive copies of the Tebo Church Inventory Book within the near future and the book will be available for those who may be interested in seeing and using it. It contains invaluable information upon church history and will be a most valuable addition to the library.

The book represents a great amount of extensive historical research work and is largely based upon original source materials, as well as reports, interviews, etc., and recognized secondary sources.

Clinton Democrat
Dec. 26, 1940.

STATE WIDE HISTORICAL PROJECT SPONSORED BY DWIGHT BROWN

WPA TO ASSIST IN PROJECT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

Purpose of Survey is to Locate and List By Counties Any
Documents of Public Interest

Jefferson City, Mo. - An act passed by Congress in the last regular session provided that certain WPA white collar projects which had been under the sponsorship of the Federal Government alone could be continued only if state or local sponsors were obtained for them. In conformity with this law the Historical Records Survey Project has been placed under the sponsorship of Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State, it is announced by E. M. Basye, Acting State Administrator of the Works Projects Administration.

The public is just becoming aware that the Historical Records Survey is one of the most interesting and valuable of the FWA white collar projects. Its purpose is twofold: first, to list public records in county offices in the reference volume for the use of county officials and the general public; and second to locate and catalogue old records having historical value. Similar projects have been operating in the rest of the states.

The Southwestern
Joplin, Missouri
Friday, Oct. 27, 1939.

VALUABLE SURVEY BEING MADE HERE

Historical Records Are Being Copied in This and Other Counties

One of the WPA projects to be seen and inspected by the public next week, This-Work-Pays-Your-Community Week, in this community, is that of the Historical Records Survey. The office in which it is located on the first floor of the court house. Vernon E. Gibson is local field worker.

The Historical Records Survey has been in operation in Livingston County for the past several months as a nation-wide Works Progress Administration project with national headquarters in Washington, D. C. and state headquarters in St. Louis. The Missouri project is sponsored by the Hon. Dwight H. Brown and is under the supervision of the professional and service division of the WPA.

The program of the Historical Records Survey includes two major undertakings: (1) preparation of inventories of state, county, town and other public archives; (2) preparation of inventories, guides, calendars and other lists of, or keys to, historical materials of a semi-public or non-public character.

VALUABLE SURVEY BEING MADE HERE
(continued)

The following types of work are being done:

(1) Preparation and publication of county inventory books to be distributed to a selected list of libraries throughout the country, county officials, and a limited number are available at cost to interested individuals. These books contain this information: a brief county history, description of governmental organization and records system, description of county offices and listing of the county records as to location, contents, inclusive dates, number of volumes.

(2) Transcription of county court records from their beginning in each county through the year 1878. These are used as original sources of material for county histories, governmental organizations, historical essays.

(3) Compiling historical records of all churches in Missouri, including defunct churches as well as active ones.

(4) Listing contents and locations of public manuscript collections in Missouri. All are to be used for historical purposes.

The real value of the survey cannot at present be tabulated in statistical form, but some time in the future these inventories are expected to prove invaluable.

County records in Livingston County date from the first county court, 1837.

Chillicothe Tribune
May 14, 1940.

HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY DOING FINE WORK FOR COUNTY

One of the finest pieces of work being done by the WPA in its Service and Professional division is its Historic Records Survey, now going on in several parts of the court house. It was our good fortune to visit the different departments of this work during the "open season" for visitors, about which we told our readers last week.

Bolivar Herald
May 30, 1940.

TO MAKE HISTORICAL SURVEY

Cass County Records Will be Inventoried and Contents Listed In Book Form - Church Histories

The Federal Government is sponsoring a survey of public records in each county in the state. The purpose of this survey is to make an inventory or list of records in the various county offices, showing contents, nature of record, dates covered, etc.

The information, when completed and edited will be placed in book form, containing a short history of the county, narratives of the county offices and a list of the public records kept in each. The work will be invaluable for reference purposes and research work. It will also be of aid to attorneys, historians, and the general public who may desire to check on certain records. The inventory book, when completed, will be placed in each county office, public libraries and in other places where they will be available to the public for reference.

The work also includes a church records survey. The purpose of this is to set forth a complete history of all the churches in Missouri, both active and defunct, containing information concerning their origin, denomination, exact location, and early founders, with short stories, anecdotes, or human-interest incidents among local folk lore. Every church of every denomination will be included.

Cass County Democrat
Nov. 11, 1938.

PERSHING PRAISES WORK ON RECORDS

A letter from Gen. John J. Pershing, felicitating friends on the work of the Historical Records Survey for Missouri in the county where he was born, served as a preface to the 142-page inventory of the archives of Linn County, just issued by the survey from its offices, 4136 Evans Avenue, St. Louis. Gen. Pershing was born at Laclede, Linn County, September 13, 1860. The D. A. R. is marking his birthplace with a monument. The State of Missouri is developing at Laclede a \$225,000 state park in his honor.

Back as far as 1837 run the records listed in the inventory. In that year Linn County was established by the Legislature and named in honor of Dr. Lewis F. Linn, United States Senator, whose energy if it did not blaze, at least publicized the Oregon Trail. When they wanted to name the county seat for him, Dr. Linn protested: "Call it Linneus," he said, preferring the name of a scientist to his own. But, although a country doctor himself, he was a scientist of parts, and his contribution to combatting of the dreaded plague, cholera, by sanitation, was important in the early 1830s.

The book is the seventh in the county archives inventories to be issued.

St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat
Monday Morning, July 10, 1939.

SURVEY TO BE MADE IN MACON

WPA Worker Will Examine City and County Records for Reference

A Historical Records Survey, a WPA project, will be made in Macon by Charles Timmons of Clarence, who arrived here this morning to begin the work. The project is expected to be completed in six months.

The work consists of the examining and taking inventory of all county and city records. The inventory will include a short history of the county including major developments in regard to governmental organization; a brief sketch of each office and when it was founded and its functions and a report on the care and housing of the records with recommendations for improvement measures in this connection.

When the work is completed, the survey for the county and city will be mimeographed and copies placed in the county offices, public libraries and other places for reference.

Macon Chronicle-Herald
January 24, 1938.

PROJECT REVEALS OLD DOCUMENTS

By Billy D. Dudley

The Historical Records Survey has been operating in Missouri since February 15, 1936. During this time it has concentrated its efforts on making inventories of state, county and city records, and locating collections of historical materials, both public and private. The Survey is working and has worked a number of counties in the State and it is its purpose to complete every county in Missouri.

While concentrating on county archives, it is, in addition, locating private and public collections of manuscripts, photographs, documents, and other original source material. All collections are reported to the State Office, so that their locations may be noted for future work.

Troy Free Press
Friday Morning, August 6, 1937

Publications of the
Missouri Historical Records Survey

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Pike County,
No. 82, St. Louis, Mo., 1937.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Ripley County,
No. 91, St. Louis, Mo., 1938.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Reynolds County,
No. 90, St. Louis, Mo., 1938.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Cole County,
No. 26, St. Louis, Mo., 1938.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Linn County,
No. 58, St. Louis, Mo., 1938.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Shelby County,
No. 102, St. Louis, Mo., 1939.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Pettis County,
No. 80, St. Louis, Mo., 1939.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Jasper County,
No. 73, St. Louis, Mo., 1939.

Governmental Organization and Records System, Jasper County,
Missouri, reprinted from No. 73, St. Louis, Mo., 1940.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Henry County,
No. 42, St. Louis, Mo., 1940.

Historical Sketch of Henry County, Missouri, a reprint of the
historical sketch in Henry County, No. 42, St. Louis, Mo., 1940.

Bethel Church Book, Minutes of the Proceedings of the Bethel
Church, 1806-1867, St. Louis, Mo., 1940.

Bethel Church Minutes, reprinted from Bethel Church Book,
Minutes of the Proceedings of the Bethel Church, St. Louis,
Mo., 1940.

Minutes of the St. Louis Board of Trustees, 1808-1809, St.
Louis, Mo., 1940.

Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in Missouri,
St. Louis, Mo., 1940.

Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri, Baptist Bodies,
Tebo Baptist Association, St. Louis, Mo., 1940.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Dallas County, No. 30, St. Louis, Mo., 1940.

Information Concerning the Manuscript Depository Collection of the Missouri Baptist Historical Society, a reprint (with additions) from Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in the United States: Missouri. St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Historical Sketch of Tebo Baptist Association, a reprint of Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri: Tebo Baptist Association, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Marion County, No. 64, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Governmental Organization and Records System, Jasper County, Missouri, a second reprint from No. 73, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Church Bibliography, Baptist Bodies of Missouri: Associational Minutes, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Historical Sketch of Marion County, Missouri, a reprint of the historical sketch of Marion County, No. 64, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Historical Sketch of Jasper County, Missouri, a reprint of the historical sketch of Jasper County, No. 73, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Services and Accomplishments of the Missouri Historical Records Survey, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Sample Pages From Publications of the Missouri Historical Records Survey, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Manual of Instructions: Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Cass County, No. 19, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Historical Sketch of Cass County, Missouri, a reprint of the historical sketch of Cass County, No. 19, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

The Organization of Missouri Counties, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Bethel Church Minutes, second reprint from Bethel Church Book, Minutes of the Proceedings of the Bethel Church, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

Historical Sketch of Quarles Baptist Church, reprinted from Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri: Baptist Bodies Tebo Baptist Association, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

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Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri: Tolo Baptist
Association, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
- Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, Barton County
No. 64, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
- Governmental Organization and Records System, Jasper County
Missouri, a second reprint from No. 73, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
- Church Bibliography, Baptist Union of Missouri: Associational
Minutes, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
- Historical Sketch of Barton County, Missouri, a reprint of the
Historical sketch of Barton County, No. 64, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
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Historical sketch of Jasper County, No. 73, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
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Survey, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
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Records Survey, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
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Missouri, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
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Historical sketch of Cass County, No. 19, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
- The Organization of Missouri Counties, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.
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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Bethel Church, St. Louis, Mo.,
1941.
- Historical Sketch of Quaker Baptist Church, reprinted from
Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri: Baptist Union Tolo
Baptist Association, St. Louis, Mo., 1941.

