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Have Any Ideas? We're Looking for Answers

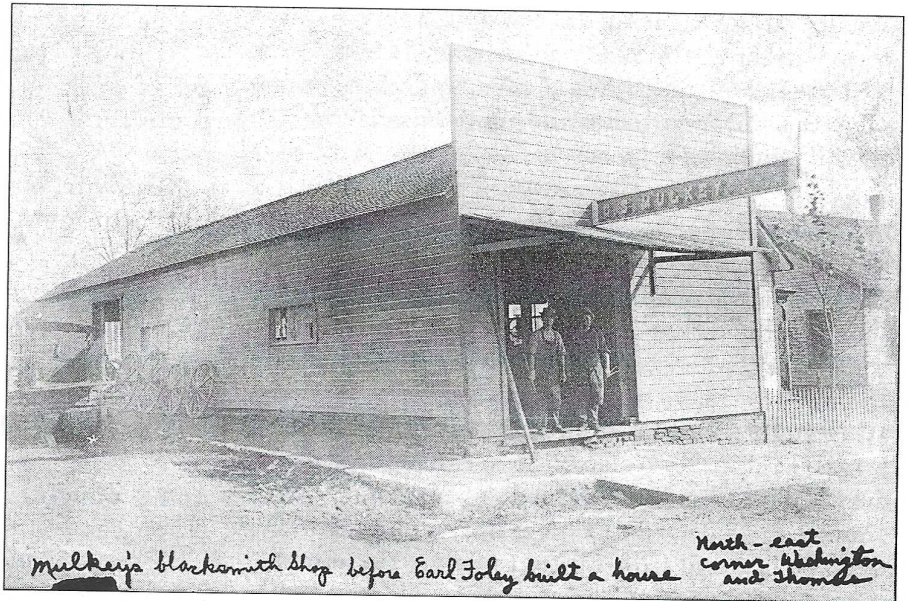
As many of you know, your museum has been busy finishing a project begun over 25 years ago by the late Charles and Ruth Bless. The project is finding every bit of information we can obtain about the buildings and businesses of Weston.

What we look for is the date of the erection of the building, the ownerships and the businesses that were in each building. The difficulty comes when we cannot find an address nor any clue as to where a business or building might have been. Telephone books did not start giving addresses until the late 1970's and most newspaper advertisements did not include them either.

All of this information is being added to our special software for the use of anyone doing research or just interested in a particular building or two.

Following is a list of businesses we know existed in Weston at one time or another, but do not know in which building they resided. If you can help in any way, please see us, write or call the museum with your information.

If you have photographs of business owners, the buildings or the inside of the buildings, we would love to scan them into our files. It will not damage the original which will be returned.



*Mulkey's blacksmith shop before Earl Foley built a house
North - east corner Washington and Thomas*

One of the buildings in town that was torn down is the old Mulkey's Blacksmith Shop, which was situated at the northeast corner of Washington and Thomas Streets, across the street from the Christian Assembly Church.

Additionally if any employee names or family information is available, that, too, would be greatly appreciated.

- Mary's What-Not between 1959 and 1963, when it was shut down by the owner Mrs. Mary Nower Frey. We've been told it had also been in a different location earlier, also unknown.
- The Camp Restuarant - prior to 1916
- The McCalley Grocery - 1916

- John W. McCalley took over from the Camp Restaurant
 - Schumacher & Sons Grocery - 1921
 - Dinnerbell Café, 1965
 - Weston Café & Billiards - 1965
 - Earl and Marvine Strong, proprietors
 - Comer's Café - 1968
 - Cash Jewelry House - 1890
 - Art's Barber Shop - 1965
 - Ornamental Iron - 1966
 - Miller Clothing - 1923
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Bits and Pieces from Bertha's Morgue

Jesse Rader died at his home in Artesian Springs on Thursday of last week. He was a member of Rader's band and was well-known throughout the county. (Sept. 27, 1901).

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An article in The Weston Chronicle brought us this news in June of 1910: "Messrs. Rumpel & Bless extend a cordial invitation to their friends who enjoy roller skating to come to their large tobacco warehouse Monday afternoon June 27th from 2 to 5 p.m. and have a pleasant afternoon skating. Spectators are also welcome. Miss Hanora Allen will chaperone the crowd."

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An issue of the local newspaper gave us this brief obituary: "George Spencer Lintner was born January 3, 1893 near Camden Point and died at the home of his father-in-law, H.J. Bozarth, on December 9, 1918. He was married to Miss Lois Bozarth January 26, 1916. Besides his wife he leaves a little daughter, Ethel Irene, his parents Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Lintner; two sisters Mrs. Ella Johnson of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Hattie Mason of Weston; three brothers J.R. Lintner in France; Harvey Lintner of Omaha, Nebr.; and Cliff Lintner of Dye. He joined the Christian church at Salem in 1910. His funeral was conducted at Pleasant Ridge Wednesday by Rev. W.C. Rice of the M.E. church."

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April 18, 1919 brought us this item: "Little Miss Margery Risk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Risk, was ten years old Sunday and in honor of that event she was given a birthday dining at their home and had for her guests her grandmother, Mrs. Callie Risk, and her uncle Jesse Risk and wife. The birthday cake was the center of attraction but her mother saw that all accessories were on hand to make the dinner and the day complete for her charming little girl."

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According to a news item in September of 1928, "Mrs. Paul Waters will open a kindergarten in her home at 525 Washington Street for ages four to five years. Cost will be \$1.00 per week."

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The Weston Chronicle of December 19, 1941 read "Farley had another boy to step to the front,

immediately after war was declared by our president, to help defend our beloved country. Harold McCardie went to Kansas City Tuesday to make his application to join the Navy. He was accepted and left Saturday for training at the Great Lakes Naval School. This makes three boys from Farley who are in the Navy; J. W. Turner and Wm. Hendrix have been in active service for some time."

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The newspaper reported on February 24, 1967: "Private Gary O. Salmon, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen L. Salmon, McFall, Mo., completed a 10-week engineer supply course at the Army Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee, Va., Feb. 14.

He was trained in the receipt, issue and storage of engineer equipment, including construction equipment, construction tools, maps and repair parts.

His wife, Nancy, is the girl's physical education instructor at West Platte High School and resides at 930-B Washington in Weston."

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John McQueen, seventy-two years old, died at the home of his son, George McQueen, in St. Joseph, Saturday night. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. Wm. Helvey of Weston. He is also survived by another son, Wesley McQueen, of St. Joseph and a daughter. His wife preceded him in death seventeen years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Frazier Monday afternoon and burial was in the cemetery nearby. Mrs. Helvey attended her brother's funeral. (No date given)

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Trivia Night Once Again a Success

Over 50 people turned out for an evening of fun and food, with a little kibitzing on the side, at Weston Historical Museum's Trivia Night March 31st, at Weston's Mid-Continent Library.

Ruth Marr, Jean Hartley and Marsha West served as judge, jury and executioners, while Larry Clemens kept the score and Glenn Benner read the questions and answers. Dennis and Ann Saugstad served as bartenders, with Carolyn Larsen helping with the organization of the evening.

The Fulk family group, reigning champions, battled against seven other teams to take top honors once more. Team members were Margaret Bishop, Orville Fulk, Glenda Fulk, Leonard Fulk, Stacy Fulk, Teresa Fulk and Kris Fulk and Jeff Howard.

The Museum thanks the Library and its staff for their generosity in opening their doors for us.

Our next Trivia Night is planned for late July or early August. Watch for details on our web page: www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org, or in the local newspapers. Hope to see you there!

Iatan Team Victorious Over Farley 7 to 6

(This article came from the July 12, 1946 issue of "The Weston Chronicle".)

Bill Berry's single in the last half of the 11th inning enabled Estill Carter to make the winning score Sunday at the Iatan ball park.

The final score was 7 to 6 for Iatan, against Farley. The score was tied three times in this exciting game, which really furnished some thrills.

The batteries for Iatan: pitchers Nower and Davis; catchers Thomas, Kyle Carter. For Farley: pitchers were Steed and Porter; catcher, Dunlap.

Next Sunday the Iatan team will play a double-header at the Iatan park. Two Leavenworth teams, the Leavenworth Merchants and the Mo. Valley Sand Co. players, will oppose the local club.

Iatan has won three games and lost four. But, in the last four they have had three wins.

The official list of players in the Iatan club: Bill Berry, Charles Berry, Bud Riley, Parke Pepper, Jesse Pepper, Ivan Carney, Harold Davis, Lee Nower, Jack Kyle, Estill Carter, R.L. Thomas, Roger Taulbee, J.R. Humes all of Weston and Billy Brown, Iatan. Louis Loubey, Weston, is manager.

Where's the Old Ball and Chain?

Recently Burton Hiatt, one of our museum members, inquired if we knew where the ball and chain (quite heavy, we are told), once located in the town's oldest jail, might be found.

The jail stood behind the present-day Methodist church, was of log cabin structure and had bars on its windows.

According to Mr. Hiatt, the ball and chain was in the structure for many years and it is possible that prisoners had to wear it in order to keep them from escaping the very ramshackle edifice. Following the building of the "new" jail on Thomas Street, the ball and chain then resided in the basement of City Hall, which is now the location of the Chamber of Commerce in Weston.

Once again we call upon the knowledge and memories of our readers. Does anyone know where this artifact — the ball and chain — might have gone?

If anyone knows of its disposition, please let us know. If it is just cluttering up your garage, we'd love to have it as it would be a fun addition to the Museum.

And just in case you are interested — yes, we do have a picture of the old jail.

W.P. Washington Buried In Laurel Hill Cemetery

(This article appeared in the September 20, 1946 issue of "The Weston Chronicle".)

Funeral services for Willard Parker "Dusty" Washington, native Weston Negro, were held in St. Joseph, Monday, Sept. 9, and the body was returned to Weston for burial in Laurel Hill cemetery.

"Dusty" as he was well known in Weston, died at his home in St. Joseph the preceding Friday morning after an illness of several years. He worked in Mark Waggoner's restaurant for years. He left here about 25 years ago to work in St. Joseph where he had since lived. He had been retired from work and was past 70 years old when he died.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Washington, of the home; a son, Floyd, and a daughter, Mrs. Lydia Corbin, both of St. Joseph; and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Guilford, of Kansas City, Kansas.

1931 Letter Sheds Light on Road

In May of 1931 the then commandant of Ft. Leavenworth, replied to Mrs. B.J. Bless, Jr., about a request she had made for information. The following is part of his reply:

"Relative to the matter of a grist mill on old Bee Creek reported to have been operated by a Mr. Hughes prior to 1840, the only reference found on the matter is mainly about the road between Bee Creek and Fort Leavenworth :

'In the summer of 1828, after the garrison had been increased by the addition of the companies of the 3rd Infantry, the soldiers were detailed to open a good road from the Cantonment to the town of Barry near Liberty. The heavy work on the west end of the road was done by the soldiers, and they were aided, according to Paxton's ANNALS by the citizens of Clay County who worked on the eastern end. A perfectly straight road twenty feet wide was cut from the Missouri River to Bee Creek, across which a ford of brush and stone was constructed. After the road was built, it still was necessary to provide crossings over two streams, so a license

was given to one Zadock Martin to operate ferries across the Missouri and the Little Platte Rivers. Martin built a two-room cabin for his six sons, three daughters, and six slaves below the "Falls" of the Little Platte. He later added two shed rooms and proceeded to run a tavern as a side line to the ferry business. For many years he was the most conspicuous figure of the countryside. As his nearest neighbor was fifteen miles away, he was complete master of the situation, and it took a brave man to oppose his will when he chose to make exorbitant demands of the chance traveler or to farm any land that seemed best to him.' (pp. 26-27, History of Fort Leavenworth, 1827-1927, by Major Elvid Hunt, Infantry, U.S. Army.)

Hoping that this information will prove helpful and regretting we are unable to furnish you more definite data, I am

Yours very truly,
D.H. Torrey
Major, A.G.D.
Adjutant General"

Did You Know . . .

...that the shortest-named resident of Weston through the years, seems to be Aq Phy. He signed the Self-Defensive Organization's "resolution." The group was started in the early 1850's and called for "law and order" in the town.

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...that on Nov. 5, 1844 the original plat of Weston was filed? At that time the northwest section was designated as a cemetery which is now known as Laurel Hill. The first known burial there was in 1838.

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...the small, brick building just north of what used to be Christie McAdow's home, was reputed to have once been a bank? For many years there were vertical iron bars at the large front window. In the 1960's and 1970's it was the Girl Scout House where troop meetings were held.

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...David Risk was a graduate of Burruss school? David's pen-and-ink drawings of livestock were used as illustrative material in Missouri and in other states for newspapers and magazines.

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...the home of Connie and Ted Wilson on Sum-

mer Street was built by John S. Maitland? He was a miller who owned and operated the mill on Washington Street for a number of years.

For many years after the first of the century, the house was occupied by Julianna McAdow Shortridge and Georgia McAdow Malin. The two sisters had married doctors and both were widows.

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. . . J.C. Penney's father was a graduate of the Pleasant Ridge College. It was established by the Vineyards. His valedictory is among the treasures in the museum.

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. . . McCormick's Lane was a narrow strip running from the Distillery grounds to the old Turnpike and almost to Pleasant Ridge. It had once been called Maple Sugar Lane due to the sugar maples that lined the lane and provided sweetening for folks in the area.

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. . . Mrs. Peter Blancjour attributed her long life (1814-1904) to "a small hot toddy in the morning and a glass of French wine in the afternoon?" She was among the social leaders of her day and was the wife of Weston's first jeweler. He was also a real estate dealer and a Mayor of Weston as well as at one time the Postmaster. He died in 1877.

Weston 175th Anniversary, 2012

Weston History Essay Contest

To commemorate the 175th anniversary of the founding of Weston, the Weston Historical Museum is sponsoring a "Weston History Essay Contest." Open to anyone, the contest offers cash and other prizes for the best original essays on some aspect of Weston History. The contest will be held in three categories, as follows:

Elementary School Division: Open to elementary school students (grades K-6). Essays should be 200 to 700 words and may be hand printed. First Place prize is \$50.00 cash. There will also be gifts for second and third place, and certificates of appreciation for all entries.

Junior and Senior High School Division: Open to junior and senior high school students (grades 7-12). Essays must be typed and should not exceed 2,000 words. First Place prize is \$150 cash. There will also be gifts for second and third place finishers, and certificates of appreciation for all entries.

Open Division: This division is open to any applicants of any age. Essays must be typed and should not exceed 3,000 words. First Place prize is \$250 cash. There will also be gifts for second and third place finishers, and certificates of appreciation for all entries.

All essays must be original works specifically created for this essay contest. They cannot be versions of articles and essays that have been produced previously as a school research paper, a published article, or any other previously-produced essay. The Weston Historical Museum can provide resource materials, topic suggestions, and other advice. Call the Museum at (816) 386-2977 for assistance.

Essays will be judged by a panel selected by the Weston Historical Museum Board. Contest participants shall retain their rights to the articles but shall agree to grant the Weston Historical Museum non-exclusive rights to publish the essays in any form (including, but not limited to newsletters, website, and other formats).

The deadline for entries is *Friday, September 7, 2012.*

Entries should be hand-delivered or mailed to:

**The Weston Historical Museum
601 Main Street
Weston, MO 64098**

The winners will be announced at the City of Weston's 175th Anniversary celebration on September 22, 2012. Winners also will be invited as honored guests to the Weston Historical Museum's annual dinner in November where they will receive further recognition.

Weston Historical Museum Members

May 2012

A few more Membership Cards have been received since our last newsletter. Please review the list below and if you are not listed and feel you should be, let us know. Likewise, if you know of someone who might like to become a member call us at 816-386-2977. We will be happy to send them a membership card to fill out and return, along with the latest copy of the *Museum Musings*.

Memberships run from January 1st to December 31st, so please don't miss out on the rest of the year's fun and games! Renew now.

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Scarlet Fever/Scarlatina Was Often Fatal to Children in 1870 Weston

While checking through the Mortality Schedules of 1850-1880 the year of 1870 stood out in that of 34 registered deaths in the township of Weston, 15 were from the disease of Scarlet Fever/Scarlatina. The victims were all children. Six other children in that year died of measles.

The ages of the children who died of measles ranged in age from 9 months to 11 years. Those who died of Scarlatina aged from one month to 4 years, with at least five of them being only 1 year old.

Children did, of course, die of other diseases or accidents such as pneumonia, whooping cough and typhoid fever that year. They also died of accidental shootings, drowning and from burns. During 1870 a total of 94 children's deaths were registered.

During the year a total of 167 deaths were registered and filed with the office of the Platte County Clerk. There were a number of other deaths, of

children as well as adults, not registered because at the time there was no law that made it mandatory to report deaths in the county.

It was not unusual to see two or three children and sometimes one of their parents become victims to the same disease or accident in a short span of time.

In such cases, where parents lost two or three children within the space of a few days or even a few months, one wonders how they continued to go on with their lives. Was it a strong faith in The Lord, a sense of duty to the other children or the other parent, a sense that life had to go on and one must accept, perhaps all of the above? From a distance of well over one hundred years, it still pulls at the heart and stuns the mind and leaves one thankful that he/she lives in a time when modern medical advances have been able to prevent many of the deaths from childhood diseases.

1929 Facts Show Weston As a Bustling Town

In the year of 1929 we find that Weston was the largest town in Platte County.

It had a population of 1200 and had more miles of paved streets than any town its size in Missouri.

Weston had day and night electric and telegraph service with all residential streets lighted and had a municipally owned water works.

It had 320 miles rural telephone wire servicing 190 homes and 230 city telephones.

In that same year, it had free mail delivery twice a day and had had rural free delivery for thirty years.

Weston had, in 1929, three tobacco warehouses with 130,000 square feet floor space handling over \$2,000,000 worth of tobacco yearly.

There was a two-story opera house and dance hall on west Thomas Street.

Weston boasted a large hotel with meals and short orders, also had several restaurants and lunch rooms on Main Street.

In 1929 Burlington had a railroad site here worth a half-million dollars with nine trains daily.

Last but not least, Weston had an ice plant that made deliveries in town as well as to several towns on a regular basis.

Looking for Answers

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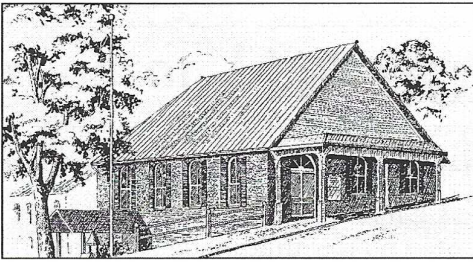
- Cook's Products - 1921-1922
David Layton, proprietor
- James P. McCurdy, Baker & Confectioner - 1890
- Stadholtz Bakery - 1920-1930's
- Le Garage Antiques & Collectibles - 1988
Floyd Swearingin
- Weston Coal & Ice
- Winston & Edwards Garage - 1921
- Murdock & Rixey Insurance - 1921

If you have some information, please contact Carolyn Larsen or Marsha West at the Museum, 816-386-2977. Our address is P.O. Box 266, Weston, MO 64098, and our e-mail address is www.weston-historicalmuseum@yahoo.com.

Have Some Spare Time?

Our Museum is always on the lookout for volunteers. Every donation to the Museum must be sorted, labeled, cataloged and filed. We also clip and paste newspaper articles and obituaries for family files, which can be used by genealogists.

If you are interested in giving an hour or two (usually Mondays) or have questions, please call us at 386-0185 or 386-2977.



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"If we do not know our history, we will lose our road to the future."

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Today's Mystery Corner:

Who Is the Man Buried In Laurel Hill?

This mystery needs your help. Does anyone know of Col. Jacob Judy or anything about him or his family?

The accompanying photograph shows his headstone in Laurel Hill. Col. Jacob Judy was born in St. Clair Co., Illinois on Feb. 16, 1797. He died in Weston, Mo., May 15, 1850. Beyond these few pertinent facts, we know nothing about the gentleman. Was there a Mrs. Judy? Was Colonel just an honorary title? According to the dates, Jacob was not around during the Revolutionary War and he died before the start of the Civil War.

Perhaps he died while passing through Weston on his way further west? Was he killed in some type of fight or was he felled by a disease? At the time of his death, he was 53 years old, not old these days, but perhaps a hard life and poor health "did him in"?

If you know anything that will shed some light on this man and how he happened to end up in Weston, we would appreciate you sharing with us and clearing up the mystery surrounding him.

