

# MUSEUM MUSINGS

WESTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## Museum Member Authors Another Novel

A novelist, a screenwriter and film consultant, a military historian and a member of the Weston Historical Museum, Westonian Fred Chiaventone has recently published a new book, *Gone to Kingdom: Being the Recollections of a Missouri Bushwacker*.

His first novel, *A Road We Do Not Know: A Novel of Custer at the Little Bighorn*, published by Simon and Schuster & University of New Mexico Press, won the 1999 William E. Cody Literary Award and was also nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in literature. Seeing the possibilities that lie within the new "technological era," Fred has now written and published this novel as an e-Book.

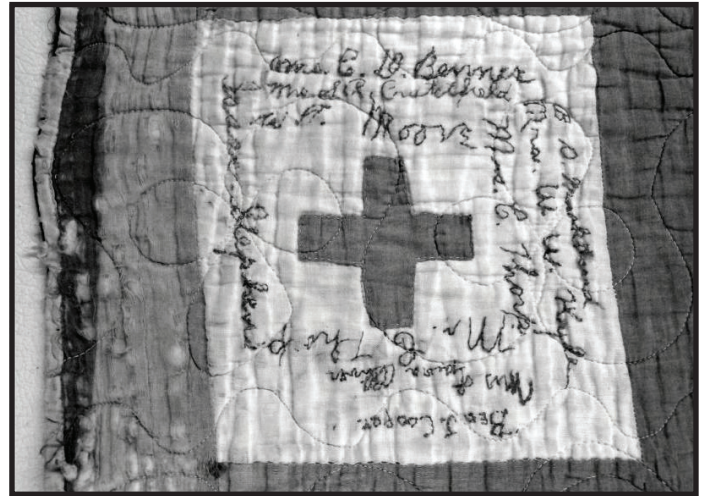
Fred's latest book tells of two young men (one who hails from Weston), who grow up in the Civil War era on the Missouri-Kansas border. In the book they meet such well-known characters as "Bloody Bill" Anderson and the James brothers and also find themselves in the midst of the infamous and bloody raid on Lawrence, Kansas.

Chiaventone and his wife, Sharon Reeber, and two sons live in Weston, as do his in-laws, Mort and Zelda Reeber.

## Trivia Night - Fall Edition Moves to September

Quite a few of the volunteers who assist with our Trivia Night; as well as many of our members and guests who enjoy participating in the evening will be gone on vacations during the month of August. For that reason we have decided to wait until September for the next game night.

The Trivia Night Committee has been looking for a new location, as we have now outgrown the Weston branch of the Mid-Continent Library. The date and place will be announced on our website, so please keep an eye out for the information and join us for an evening of relaxation and fun.



*The quilt piece shown is just one of many damaged blocks in the American Red Cross Quilt needing repair.*

## "Adopt A Block" Campaign Begun

How many of you have seen the Red Cross Quilt that has been on display on the lower level of the Weston Museum for almost as long as the museum has been open?

It was the idea of Miss Maria Hart, a teacher at the Weston High School, to help raise money for the war effort during W.W. I. Individuals in Weston and the surrounding area paid ten cents to have their signatures embroidered on blocks in the quilt, some folks have their name on more than one block.

Made in 1917, the quilt has some fading and some fraying issues. It has been taken down, specially cleaned and had some work done on it by textile preservationist, Leila Harritt. But more work needs to be done to restore and preserve it. This will cost between \$1,200 and \$1,400.

For this reason, the museum is starting an "Adopt a Block" fund to complete the work on this special, one-of-a-kind quilt.

Under Miss Hart's supervision, over 400 signatures were collected and placed on the 48 blocks. One holds the signatures of sitting president Woodrow

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# “Rumpel’s Ladies” Restored With Gift from Niece

Since our last newsletter, in which we told about George Rumpel’s “ladies” or the tin panels that were used as wainscoting in his hardware business on Main Street, something has been done to preserve them.

Thanks to a donation from Dr. Margaret Spratt of Maine, a great niece of Mr. Rumpel, we had the funds to purchase the necessary items to do the work of preservation on the three tin panels given to us by Patrick O’Malley and his family who now own the Rumpel building.

After much emailing and many phone calls to several objects conservators in the area, Jerry Adams, one of our volunteers, and Carolyn Larsen, museum curator, undertook the work of restoring/conserving the panels. They have all three been specially cleaned, the backs painted with special paint and both sides coated with a special wax that seals and preserves.

The three panels may now be seen on display on the lower level of the museum. A short history hangs next to them and the museum is pleased to have been able to save these panels for present and future generations to see and enjoy.



## Readers! We Would Like Your Input for Newsletter

Through the last four or five years we have chosen most, if not all, of the topics that have appeared in *Museum Musings*. Thus far, we have had no problem in coming up with all sorts of items for you to read. However, we want to know if you, as the reader, have a particular historical topic of Weston or its nearby areas that you would like us to write about.

Perhaps you would like to be a “guest reporter” and write about something you know and are interested in. Perhaps you have an old photo that you want to have identified (if possible) or wish to write and share with the other readers.

Did you have a favorite teacher or principal who you thought was outstanding? Do you remember a mayor or town citizen that particularly stood out in your mind as a special person? Perhaps there is something about the Tobacco Shows or Homecoming Parades, etc?

We would love to hear from you what you think or know about something to do with Weston and its

people or what you would like to know about them. If you write a “guest story” it has to have some connection with Weston. It can be serious or humorous, nostalgic or a painful lesson. The article can take up 1 ½ or two pages. We do reserve the right to do some editing and perhaps a bit of shortening, if need be.

### Museum Officers & Staff:

President .....	Carl Felling
Vice-President.....	Clay Bauske
Secretary .....	Patricia Benner
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Hostesses .....	Sigi Rowland
.....	Barbara Bless
.....	Susan Grinlinton

# 2013 Weston History Essay Contest

The Weston Historical Museum is sponsoring its second *Weston History Essay Contest*. Open to anyone, the contest offers cash and other prizes for the best original essays on Weston's history.

This year's essay theme is:

## *A Moment in Time: Weston's Most Memorable Year*

The contest will be held in three categories, as follows:

**Elementary School Division:** Open to students in elementary school (grades K-6) as of October 25, 2013. Essays should be 200 to 700 words and may be hand printed or typed. 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 students in junior and senior high school (grades 7-12) as of October 25, 2013. 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 and must reflect the theme "A Moment in Time: Weston's Most Memorable Year." 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. Judging will be based on the quality of the essay and its adherence to this year's essay theme. 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).

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Complete an official 2013 Weston History Essay Contest Entry Form. The Entry Form is available at the Weston Historical Museum or can be downloaded from the Weston Historical Museum website at [www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org).
2. Hand deliver or mail the contest Entry Form, along with a copy of your essay, to the Weston Historical Museum, 601 Main Street, Weston, Missouri, 64098, no later than Friday, October 25, 2013.

*Deadline for entries: Friday, October 25, 2013*



## Museum Is Recipient Of Several Donations

In the past several months, your museum has received a number of donations and we would like to publicly acknowledge those folks who have so kindly added to our artifacts and documents.

Mrs. Judy Shenefield, one of our newest volunteers at the museum has donated two photos she was able to print from the social media Facebook®. One is a photo of Osborne's Corner at Highways 45 & JJ and the other is a photo of Ross' Drive-In that once stood on Washington Street, across the creek from Hull Mill.

While thanking Judy for the copies of these two photos, we also need to thank Sue Thomas Hewitt, a West Platte graduate and a life-long Westonian. Sue has a wonderful collection of photos from in and around Weston that she frequently shares with others in the "I Remember When . . . Weston" page of Facebook®.

Patrick O'Malley, a long-time member, recently donated a book to the museum, the title of which is *Three Years on the Kansas Border*, written by "A Clergyman of the Episcopal Church."

Rev. James J. McNamara is supposedly the "clergyman". He was a minister both here and in St. Joseph in the early 1850's. The reverend was very much against slavery and that viewpoint caused him hardship and discrimination from many in Weston, as well as in those in his own ministry.

The book mentions many names in Weston, talks about the trip up the Missouri by steamship, the



*Above: Osborne's Station stood at the corner of 45 Highway and JJ. It was demolished and the land sold to the State as part of Weston Bend State Park.*

*Below: Ross's Drive-In was located on Washington Street, where the Christian Church's parking lot currently sits.*

Kansas-Nebraska Act and much of the politics at that time.

A fun and interesting read and we now have several Xerox copies of the book in your museum, if you are interested in reading it.

Floyd and Susan Hull Hudson donated a copy of *Paxton's Annals* and a copy of *Histories of Clay and Platte Counties 1885*. Although the museum has a copy of each, we were happy to get a second copy because it makes it much easier when multiple researchers are in, they aren't having to wait on someone else who is using the book.

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## Donations . . .

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Another book we are happy to have had donated to us is *Towards A Technology of Peace* by Theodore Lentz who was once nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and grew up in the East Leavenworth area.

Currently we have on display, in the museum, photos, copies of his books and interesting facts about Lentz' life. The autographed copy was donated to us by Michael Bless, to whom the note inside the book was written.

Quint Shafer has donated two political posters that were given to him by Jake and Carmen McHenry, residents of Platte County. The McHenrys found them in a barn on their farm property. Both posters are from the campaign(s) of Wm. (Bill) Hull of Weston when he ran for the office of U.S. Representative from Missouri's 6th District. One is quite large, 28" x 43" and the other is 11" x 14".

Bill Hull was well-known in Weston, a graduate of Weston High School, who lived in a lovely country home on Highway JJ. He was the father of Bill Hull III and Susan Hull Hudson, who raised her own family in that home after her father's death.

We also wish to thank Mark Raynes, of Weston, for donating our new American flag that is hanging on the flagpole by the museum. The other flag had become torn and ragged due to wind and other forms of weather.

Bill Cecil of Plattsburg, MO, recently brought us several items as donations to the museum. Among the items is a round, gold-topped cane that has the initials of George A. How. Mr. How's father and then George ran a shoe store on Main Street in Weston and later had a shoe/clothing store at the southeast corner of Main and Market.

Bill also gave us two china plates, two glass ink wells with pens, from the President Hotel in Kansas City. He offered them to us saying that we should try to sell them and keep whatever monies we get for them. We are currently trying to sell them on ebay.

Should we have forgotten anyone else who donated items, my apologies for the forgetfulness. We do, however thank you and everyone who has been so generous to our museum.

*"Kindness is the language the blind can see and the deaf can hear."*

*Mark Twain*

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There will be three contest categories: Elementary School Division, Junior-Senior High School Division and the Open Division.

Deadline for entry is October 25th. Winners will be announced at the Museum's Annual Dinner in November.

Resource materials and topic suggestions can be provided by the Museum. Call 386-2977 for assistance.

Entry forms are also available at the Museum, or can be downloaded from our website at [www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org).

Contestants must hand deliver or mail their essays, along with a completed entry form, to Weston Historical Museum, 601 Main Street, P.O. Box 266, Weston MO 64098

More details can be found on Page 3 of the *Museum Musings*, or from visiting the Museum's on-line website.

## Not On the List, But Not Forgotten

In the list of women's clubs in the last issue of *Museum Musings*, one club was not mentioned. That would be the Hazelwood Extension Club.

Several ladies called to remind us that it did exist and did the same work as the other clubs. Though we are not certain of who was the president of the club at that particular time, we do know that some of the ladies of the club were Lulu Clemens, Maggie Woodruff, Maud Vaughn, Mary Martin, Rosalee Hall, and Beulah Spratt.

Once again, if anyone has any additional information about the clubs, members or documents and photographs, the Museum would love to see the items to copy for our files and future displays.

Stop by the Museum any Monday after 9:00, or weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m. You could also contact Carolyn Larsen or Barb Fulk at 386-2977.

## Bits and Pieces from Bertha's Morgue

A local newspaper article gave us this item in March of 1918. "Dr. G.N. Dailey, the well-known football coach for Weston High School, is one of 24 men chosen for the Army Medical Corps at Fort Leavenworth. He will leave for Camp Pike, Ark., in June."

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An item in the local paper dated May 18, 1928: "Dr. B.E. Ellis served his internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, later practicing medicine in Halstead, Ks. He has recently purchased the Chastain home and hospital on Summer Street in Weston. He also has an office in the Rumpel building above the saloon which was the office of the late Dr. Fox."

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Mrs. A.A. Love gave a paper for the Weston Study Club in October of 1961. One portion in which she spoke of the African/American community within Weston, Mrs. Love spoke of "Uncle Joe Hamilton". He was the father of a number of sons with musical ability. One son, Frank, went on to become a member of a big name band. "Uncle Joe" would bring a piece of new music to the Moore family home to ask one of the family to play it for him. After two or three repetitions, he would have it mastered and played it by ear later.

Mrs. Love was a member of the Moore family. Her talk was printed in the Nov. 20, 1961 issue of the local newspaper.

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In an issue of *The Weston Chronicle* dated Jan 1., 1969, we read: "Miss Becky Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davidson, is one of 600 rural youngsters attending the Co-op Leadership Camp at Wm. Jewell College this month. Becky is a member of the Weston Friendly Neighbors 4-H Club and a couple of years ago was on an Extension Club Panel discussion about the needs of youth in Platte County."

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"An alumnae member of West Platte High School has recently joined the secretarial staff in the W.P. Superintendent's office. Mrs. John Driskell (Patsy) is also the mother of five children now in the Weston school system." Sept. 1969

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June 1963, this article appeared in the Weston

paper, "Though it lacks a couple of weeks of the full fifty years, the celebration of his half-century as a lawyer in Platte County is set up because of the imminent visit of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Riley. An open house will be held at the Riley home on the Beverly-Platte City Road June 29<sup>th</sup>. Their daughter, Mrs. Jerry McQuitty of Norfolk, Va., Mr. McQuitty and their four children will arrive next week for the occasion.

Twice salutatorian of his class, G. Terrence Riley was a 1907 graduate of Weston High School and later from Christian Brothers in St. Joseph. In the fall of 1908 he entered the Missouri University Law School. After three years there he took a position for a year in the Circuit Court office in Platte City, preparing for entry in one of the country's best law schools, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

After admission to the bar, he hung his lawyer's "shingle" on Weston's Main Street in July 1913.

Riley's political career began as assistant to Platte County Prosecuting Attorney, A.D. Gresham in 1913. Ten years later he became associated with Gresham in a law partnership in Platte City.

Riley is known in many fields, but his Red Cross and Boy Scout work probably made him one of the best known and widely loved men in Platte County."

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September 1963 an issue of *The Weston Chronicle* brought us this item. "In the St. Joseph Interstate Cattle Show held recently, individual honors were given to Norman Richardson who placed third with eighteen calves entered in the home raised class; this award amounted to \$18.00 in prize money and the steer he showed brought \$31.00 per hundred pounds. Norman also was awarded a blue ribbon in showmanship which is awarded to only ten exhibitors based on preparation of animals for show, their apparent training and appearance and behavior of the showman.

Another calf of Norman's brought \$26.00 per hundred at the Auction."

## We Need Volunteers

Once again, we are reaching out to members and friends in the Weston area for volunteers to help with organizing our archives at the Museum.

Each Monday morning, a group gathers to update cataloging, do research and much more.

If you have an hour or two, the Museum would really appreciate your help. Just call Carolyn or Barb at the Museum, 816-386-2977.

## Did You Know . . .

. . .that Professor T.C. Monson and his wife once had a school in New Market? The date was in 1889. They were also the first subscribers to *The Dearborn Democrat*, having paid several years in advance to the then editor, Col. Harrington, before the first paper was even off the press.

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. . . that Mrs. Robert Pettigrew was Pauline Kirkpatrick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Kirkpatrick of Sugar Lake? Pauline received her Bachelor's degree from Warrensburg State college. She spent several years as a nurse in the WAVES in the Navy during W.W.II and in 1946 entered Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha. Pauline received her M.D. degree in June of 1950 and began her internship at Research Hospital in Kansas City that July.

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. . . that Wm. H. Roach was the owner and editor of *The Weston Herald*? It was published in 1916 but did not last long.

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. . . that Ross and Jack Shenkner won awards at school in 1952? They were fraternal twins, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shenkner, and received their award for selling the greatest number of magazine subscriptions for the school.

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. . . that Major Douglas Brenner was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in action in Vietnam? Major Brenner was the brother of Mrs. J.R. Baker of Platte City and is a former member of the famed Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying team.

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. . . that Miss Mary Singer became the Weston Librarian in 1942? She succeeded Mrs. George Marr, Jr. in that position.

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. . . that Carol Cogan wrote a "Letter to the Editor" as a high school student? It was in 1964 and she wrote expressing concern over conditions for the youth in Weston and what there was for them. Carol later married classmate Larry Lintner and the couple live in Atchison, Ks.

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. . . that John P. Coldren was appointed as Weston's City Treasurer in May of 1969 and earlier that month he had been named a trustee of the Weston Histori-

## Welcome to New and Renewing Members

The Museum and Historical Society have added a few new members and renewals over the past three months. They include:

- Debra Fulk Hay, Life Member
- R.Alan Macy Jewelers, Benefactor
- Debra McDowell, Senior
- James and Margaret McMillen, Senior
- Jerry and Dorothy Blair, Contributor
- Louise Doppler Smith, Senior

Two omissions in our last issue were made:

- Clay and Lennie Bauske, Benefactor
- Fred Chiaventone, Individual

Our apologies for the error.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the Museum as a member, please contact Clay Bauske, Membership Chairman, at the Museum 386-2977. We would be happy to send prospective members a copy of the latest newsletter via regular or e-mail.

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cal Museum. J.P. is married to Helen Reed, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Reed and the late James F. Reed. They have two children, John and Pam.

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. . . that Frank Fogler of Iatan and later Atchison, was elected state president of the Kansas Professional Photographers Association? He was married to Delores Brown of Weston, served as a Staff Sgt. In the Army during W.W. II and became a well-known photographer.

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. . . that Col. Ruby D. Garrett was the featured speaker at the Alumni Association's Reception of Weston High School in May of 1924? Col. Garrett was in partnership with Frank M. Kelly for four years in Weston in a grocery business. He was Chief Field Signal Officer of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Div. in W.W. I and was cited for bravery by General Pershing.

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. . . that in November of 1936 twin daughters were born to David and Florence Grisham? Their names were Marlene Jean and Darlene June. Both ladies graduated from Weston High School, married, raised children, were widowed and both now reside in Weston .

# Red Cross Quilt . . .

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Wilson and his wife, Edith Bolling Wilson. The stenography class penned their names in shorthand. Yet another has the name "Freshman Class 1917-1918."

If you would like to help, you can adopt a signature for as little as \$1.50 (today's value of a 1917 dime is \$1.38) or a whole block for \$25. Each gift will get us closer to preserving this quilt for future generations. If you know someone who has a family name on the quilt, please let them about the project.

*Leila Harritt paid a visit to the Museum this past spring to do an evaluation and initial cleaning of the quilt.*



P. Hull  
Eva M. Berntsen  
Hazel Sharp  
Mrs. W.J. Wilson  
Mrs. G.A. How  
Mrs. B.J. Bless

**Block #17**  
Mrs. R.A. Ballard  
R.A. Ballard  
3 unreadable

**Block #18**  
Malissa Carter  
F.E. Doran  
Beulah Carter  
Alice Doran  
Mrs. Wm.  
Ohlhausen  
Irene Doran

**Block #19**  
Hanora C. Allen  
Mrs. J.L. Waters  
Gertie Berntsen  
Mrs. C. Kottman  
Alberta Oliver  
Mrs. M. O'Malley  
Ms. M.R. Waggoner  
Mrs. J. Simsheuser  
Mrs. M. Oliver  
Christina Stephens

**Block #20**  
Company K, 139<sup>th</sup>  
Infantry

**Block #21**  
Woodrow Wilson  
Edith Bolling Wilson

**Block #22**  
Freshman Class  
1917-1918

**Block #1**  
Lizzie D. Richardson  
Ralph Lappine  
Arthur Gain  
Pauline Harris  
Lydia Bell Harris  
Mrs. Henry Harris  
Lula May Mitchell  
Mrs. Chin Gabbert  
Russell Ashpaugh  
Margaret Ashpaugh

**Block #2**  
Mary Mann  
Grace Chastain  
Harry Howard  
J. Robbins  
Mrs. Doc Henry  
G. Hazen  
Edith Kemmerer  
Edith Bullard

**Block #3**  
Dick Marr  
Leslie McClure  
Arch A. Jones  
J.A. Wilson  
Richard H. Miller  
Jim L. Hull  
Beulah Page  
George Guenther  
Helen Adkins

**Block #4**  
Edith Listrom  
Julia Etta Kyle  
Geo. Miller

Madaline Risk  
Doris Cooper  
Jennie Mae Turner  
Mrs. J.B. Cooper  
Naomi McCalley  
George S. Manus

**Block #5**  
George Newton  
Mrs. J. Bland  
Mrs. W. Wilson  
H.B. Adkins  
Sarah Blanche Fulk  
Martha A. Ferrell  
Mrs. R.W. Calvert  
Melissa J. McDaniel  
Lorene Cox  
Helen Riskel

**Block #6**  
Beulah Fulk  
Henry Fulk  
Elmer Fulk  
Mr. & Mrs. B.R. Fulk  
Gilbert Fulk  
Blanche Fulk  
Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Fulk  
Berniece Fulk  
Anna Poos

**Block #7**  
Dawson Stephens  
Nannie Whallon  
Mrs. B.R. Fulk  
Willie Poos  
Marie Britt  
Virginia Parker

E.A. Anderson  
Hester Poos  
Mrs. H. F. Rixey

**Block #8**  
Bess Cannon  
Bullard  
Henry Fulk  
Arthur Cannon  
E.J. Emenam  
Mrs. Jennie Walmer  
Lena Olivis  
C.R. ? ? ?  
Goldie Leachman  
Mrs. Nan Cannon

**Block #9**  
Lorena Weigman  
E.F. Wilson  
Mrs. J.C. Richardson  
Mrs. Harry C. Kim  
Mrs. Henry Lamar  
Wm. Simmons  
Clyde Stephens  
Rev. G.F. Bradford  
W. Dawson

**Block #10**  
Christie Richardson  
Virgie Frazer  
Lola Seever  
Graham Lutz  
Kenneth Murphy  
Stella Doyle  
Mrs. Polk  
Mrs. Anderson  
Ewing Anderson

**Block #11**  
Marjorie Schindler  
Maurice Schindler  
Lucille Schindler  
Howard Schindler  
P.J. Canavan  
Diza Hunt  
Ms. Henry McAdow  
Mrs. C. Thorp

**Block #12**  
Mrs. Charles Lober  
Mrs. Allen Houser  
Mrs. D.C. Fellows  
Bernice Lober  
C.E. Ohlhausen  
George A. Sebus  
Mrs. M.E. Steele  
Wanda Fellows  
Lee F. Sebus  
W.R. Waggoner, Jr.  
Cob Adkins

**Block #13**  
Mrs. Will Brill  
W.H. Brill  
Verna Kline  
Mrs. Geo. Marr  
George Marr, Jr.  
Geo. Marr  
R. H. Miller  
Pete Quinley  
Maria Hart  
Eugene H. Brasfield  
A.E. Hart

**Block #14**  
The Shorthand

Square: Contains the names of the 1918 stenography students in shorthand.

**Block #15**  
Chester McCalley  
Rueben Burns  
Dick Marr  
Richard Winburn  
Hazel McCalley  
Rev. G.A. Puckett  
Mrs. Otho Payne  
Mrs. R.H. Singleton  
Gertrude Carney  
Dawson Stephens

**Block #16**  
Charles Bless  
Lawrence Bless  
Lena Haas  
Mrs. B.J. Bless, Jr.



Woodrow and Edith Bolling Wilson comprise Block 21.



(under Miss Hart's supervision, they made the quilt)  
Weston High School  
(C.D. McMurray, Class Teacher)

**Block #23**  
Mrs. John Scott  
Annabel Scott  
Eva Edwards  
Esther ? ? ?

**Block #24**  
Mrs. W.C. Linville  
Mrs. L.C. Maggart  
Mrs. J.W. Murdock  
Frank Hillix  
Raymond Canavan  
Mrs. Irene Loyles  
Lena Linville  
Bart Simmons  
Mitchell

**Block #25**  
B.F. Flange  
Issac Stephens  
Mrs. E.D. Benner  
Mrs. S.R.  
Crutchfield  
W.A. Moore  
B.D. Markhand  
Mrs. W.W. Kyle  
Mrs. C. Thorp  
Mr. C. Thorp  
Mrs. Laura Oliver  
Ben J. Cooper

**Block #26**  
Mrs. M. Guthrie  
Barton Poss  
G.H. Baker  
H.S. Grunley  
M.M. Ohlhausen  
Joe Mason  
Clay Mann  
Clara A. Barton  
Noah Carpenter  
Mrs. C.C. Mann  
Ross Mann

**Block #27**  
David Harpst  
Geo. W. Butler  
W.D. Chinn  
Short J. Baker  
Sylvia Sharp  
Mrs. D.F. Evans  
Geo. De Forest Evans

Minnie Williams  
**Block #28**  
Mrs. Arthur J. Baker  
Mrs. O.W. Speer  
G.N. Dailey  
J.C. Sexton  
C.F. Baker  
J.L. Lininger  
Wesley Benner

**Block #29**  
Mrs. Jack Campbell  
Mrs. L. Jesse  
Maria Hart  
Gertrude Ferrell  
Nina Murdock  
Mrs. Carl M. Norris  
Mrs. Chester Turner  
Rose Kemmerer

**Block #30**  
Maude Poss  
Kathleen Siler  
C.D. McMurry  
R.O. Shenkner, Jr.  
Herbert S. Doppler  
Mrs. Schroeder  
Mrs. Emma Doppler  
Mrs. Geo. Baker  
Maria Hart  
Mayme Baker

**Block #31**  
Mrs. F. Bullard  
C.D. McMurry  
Hazel Langley  
Maria Hart  
Mrs. B.H. South  
Edith M. Murphy  
Mrs. Emil Morris  
Mrs. E. Humphrey  
Minnie Unmessig

**Block #32**  
Mrs. Manley  
Mrs. Ben Lee  
Elan Stephens  
William Taulbee  
Will Turner  
Mary Jesse Pierce  
Mrs. Jim Rogers  
Glen Hall

**Block #33**  
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# Eat, Drink, and Enjoy Old Recipes

Found among documents and other papers given to the museum at one time or another are a few recipes, two of which we offer to you.

M.R. Waggoner was a forward-thinking, energetic Mayor of Weston in the 1920's.

Mrs. I.R. Kirk was the mother of one of our Museum Board Members, Raymond Kirk. Mother to three children, she was a well-loved teacher and also a great cook.

## Elder Blossom Wine



- 1 quart of blossoms
- 3 pounds granulated sugar
- 3 gallons of hot water

Boil these ingredients five minutes. Put in one cake of compressed yeast when cooled off. Add one half cup of lemon juice. Put in stone jar in dark place for six days. Stir twice a day. Then strain into 8 half gal. fruit jars and do not screw tops on tight when wine is put away for summer keeping in a cool cellar. Divide equally 8 pounds of raisins in the eight jars, strain off at Thanksgiving time.

M.R. Waggoner June 27th, 1921

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## Divinity

- 2 ½ cups of sugar
- ½ cup white syrup

Finish filling cup of syrup with water. Boil mixture until it begins to thread. Put seven tablespoons



over the white of two eggs, which have been beaten stiff. Beat constantly until remainder of syrup boils so as to form hard ball in water (until it cracks on the side of the cup, like glass.)

Pour remainder of syrup over egg whites. Beat until stiff, add nuts. Pour into buttered pan and mark into squares.

Mrs. I.R. Kirk 1940

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## Where Did That Familiar Phrase Originate?

(The following was borrowed from an article in the Wayne County (Ohio) Historical Society newsletter of the Spring of 2013. It was given to us by Ms. Virginia Hall who in turn received it from her son, Chuck Hall who lives in Ohio.)

Long ago baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water; then all the other sons and men; then the women and finally the children; last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

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In many homes, the floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence, the saying "Dirt poor."

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Meat was often scarce in the old days, but sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "Bring home the bacon."

They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "Chew the fat."

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Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "Upper crust."

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Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence, the custom "Holding a wake."

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England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside, and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a

string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell. Thus, someone could be "Saved by the bell" or was considered "a dead ringer."

## Excerpts From Old Issues of *The Commercial*

In 1878 H. Howard and J.B. Mundy were the owners and editors of a newspaper in Weston called *The Commercial*.

Sept. 20, 1878 we find this item "Mr. Wm. G. Graves and Mrs. Ella J. Cook were united in marriage at the Presbyterian church in this city yesterday morning by Rev. J.A. McAfee of Parkville."

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In that same issue we read, "Alma Dora Brill, aged nearly five years, daughter of Jacob and Dora R. Brill, of this city, died Wednesday night of diphtheria and was buried in the City Cemetery yesterday evening at half-past four o'clock. Little Alma was an unusually bright and intelligent little girl. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sad affliction."

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On Friday, Sept. 17th, 1880 we found that Mr. Ty Duncan, Dr. W.J. Overbeck, Joseph B. Evans and Dr. E.McD. Coffey were all candidates for Sheriff of Platte County at the coming November elections.

It went on to say that James W. Anderson and the Hon. James Adkins were candidates to represent Platte County in the next General Assembly of the State of Missouri.

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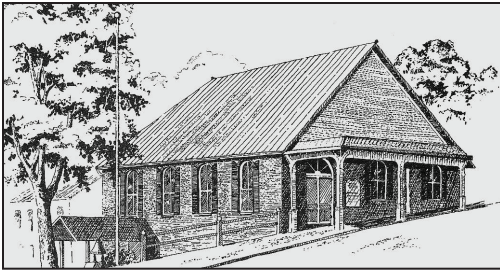
An advertisement tells us that John C. Parr was the druggist in the building "next to the Court House" (City Hall at the corner of Short and Main streets).

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Another advertisement shows us that John Newhouse was a dealer in Agricultural Implements, Stoves and Tin Ware and was located somewhere on Main Street.

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Through the years, Weston has enjoyed reading at least fifteen other newspapers, however *The Weston Chronicle* is the only one who continued through the years, having never bought out a "rival."



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### Today's Mystery Corner:

The four children shown in the last Mystery Corner were not identified, but the photos will remain in your museum.

Perhaps someday they will be recognized and thus identified.

This time, we have this group. We suspect it is a class of children and perhaps a teacher from a country school.

If you can help, please call us at 386-2977 or Carolyn at 386-0185.

