

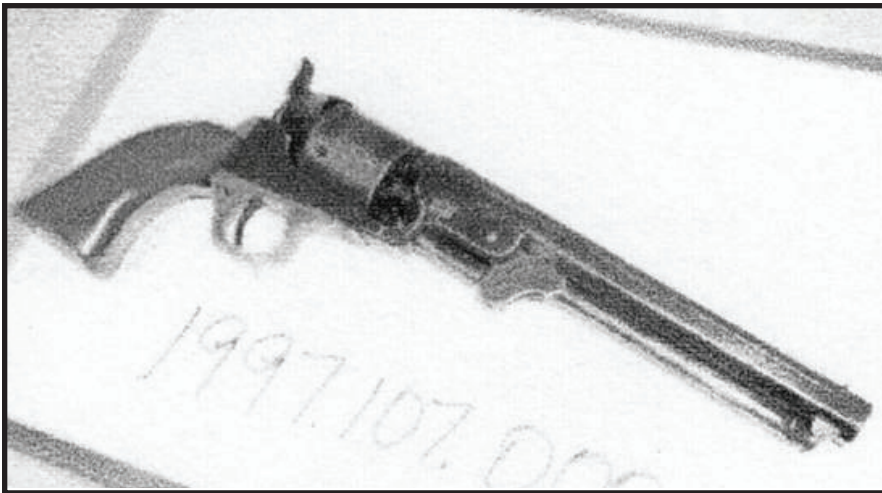
MUSEUM MUSINGS

WESTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Museum Suffers Loss of Civil War Revolver



On Monday, July 7th while volunteers were busy working in the museum, it was discovered that a revolver from the Civil War case on the first floor was missing. After checking with Museum personnel and volunteers, it was determined the gun was not in the museum nor on loan, and most likely stolen.

The theft is believed to have occurred between June 26th and July 6th. Although doors and windows were checked, there seemed to be no breach of the alarm system and the security cameras were work-

ing. Unfortunately, the camera on the first floor did not encompass this particular case.

Police were called and given a good photo and description of the gun, along with the serial number, model, make and other pertinent information. Volunteer Marsha West and her husband, Chris West, "adopted" the firearms in the Museum several years ago and had entered all that information into our special computer database. The program is being used to catalog each and every item donated or loaned to the Museum since its inception. Photographs of each item are

also included in the file.

The display case had been secured with a type of screw and nut lock, but with the occurrence of this theft, Zim Hull, Maintenance Chair, has gone to work replacing the current lock with a more secure padlock device. The Executive Board and the Board of Directors will discuss the possibility of further security measures.

The police entered the information into their own

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Trivia Night Set For Saturday, August 2nd

Once again, please mark your calendars for the museum's next Trivia Night which will be August 2nd, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Masonic Hall on Main Street. Due to space constrictions, teams of no more than eight can be accommodated at a table. Reservations would be nice and you may call 816-389-2977 and leave a message.

Wine, water and soft drinks are provided and each individual or team need to provide their own snacks. The cost remains at \$15.00 per individual. Come out and see if you can capture the winning trophy from Fulk's "Fantastics."

New Case Makes Sense of Boone/Warner History

One of our newest cases in the museum is that of the history of the Boone/Warner family in Weston. It includes photos, artifacts and news items concerning the family members who were born, married and lived in Weston. As many know, there were grandchildren of Daniel Boone and other ancestors such as the Guthries, Prices, Loyles, Coxes, Steeles and a few more, who all called Weston home.

Mrs. Ann Saugstad, our former Director, has done much of the research and work on this particular case, determined to figure out the genealogy of

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Search for Locations & Addresses Begins

For several weeks now, the Museum volunteers have been searching for locations or addresses for a number of homes in Weston.

Thanks to Bernita Taulbee and John Bless, we have gotten over half a dozen addresses. But we are still searching. Among those we are looking for are the following:

The late B.B. Fellows and his family lived in the home of the late Jacob Benner in 1927, if that will help you in any identification of the location/address.

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G.A. How had a home on south Washington Street in 1939. Anyone know where this was?

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E.J. Thorn, in 1910, lived on north Washington. Where?

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George E. Robbins' family also live on Washington Street in 1939. Address?

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For the princely sum of \$500 W. Ringo bought the P.H. Taylor residence on Main in November of 1891. It's a long shot, but perhaps someone out there knows where it stood.

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In March of 1911, R.O. Shenkner sold his residence on Summer to Bert Newton. Where was it located on Summer?

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In April of 1912, Bert Newton sold his residence property on Summer Street to Mrs. Hannah Mundy for \$1,200. Again, where on Summer Street?

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In November 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Frazier moved to the Bless property on Cherry Street. It had been recently vacated by R.W. McClintock. Any address?

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Phil Doppler, in November 1918, bid for the frame dwelling on Ashley Street. Hmmm?

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Bernard Price, Dearborn, bought the late James R. Abbott property on Summer Street. This was in October of 1939. The deal was made through Earl Foley, Administrator of the Abbott estate.

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August 1907 W.K. Profitt sold his residence on Ashley Street to Dr. J.W. Shultz for \$700. Any ideas?

The new residence of A.V. Schneider, on Summer Street, was due to be ready for occupancy in July of 1910. Any ideas?

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Mrs. Sallie Elliston's home in 1935 was somewhere on Ashley Street. Where?

If you can help with any information on these residences, or if you have any photos we might copy, please call us at 816-386-2977. Or drop us a line, e-mail us, or stop by the museum. Thanks.

Boone/Warner History . . .

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The Price-Warner home on Spring Street belonged to descendants of Daniel Boone.

those of the Boone family who lived in Weston.

In the local newspaper issue of February 23, 1912 we found this item:

"George Ashley Warner, a son of the late Theodore F. Warner, died quite suddenly Tuesday evening in the office where he worked in Kansas City. Mr. Warner was born and reared in Weston and was known to every Platte countian who lived here twenty-five years ago; he was deputy county clerk for eight years and his records were as clean as any, always social and willing to help any who asked his aid, financially or otherwise. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Fred Bennett of New York. His remains were brought to Weston yesterday and interred at the side of his parents in Laurel Hill."

Interested in the Boone history or the history of the Price/Loyles home? Come in and enjoy the work of Mrs. Saugstad in the new case on the first floor of the museum.

Two Major Projects Completed in Museum

Two major projects have been completed and entered into the computer at the Weston Historical Museum in the last several months.

Thanks to the hard work of volunteer Jerry Adams, we now have over 5,500 obituaries in the computer and will add more as time goes on.

The project began several years ago when Mrs. Louise (Harpst) Jackson presented the museum with photo copies of hundreds of obituaries that she searched for in the Missouri Archives in Columbia. She used the microfilm of old Weston Chronicles and other Platte County newspapers for the items.

The volunteers in the museum then began to clip obituaries from current newspapers and added many more hundreds already in the notebooks from Mrs. Jackson. A little over a year ago, Jerry Adams took on the further project of processing them all into the PastPerfect Program on the museum's computer. This will be a great source for those beginning to search for their ancestors.

The obituaries date from the mid 1800's to the current year. They include Weston and the surrounding areas of Farley, Iatan, Beverly, Tracy and other nearby towns. Also included are former residents who had moved away but chose to be buried in Weston.

As noted in an earlier edition of *Museum Musings*, the histories of the downtown buildings has also been finished after over 25 years of research. Updates to this project continue as old businesses leave and new ones start up.

All Is Ready For Benefit Game

(The Weston Chronicle, March 7, 1958)

All is in readiness for the big PTA Benefit Basketball game tonight in the High School auditorium. The Sons' team, coached by Jerry Hobbs, have lounged around all week getting ready for the event and the Father's team under the musical direction of Mr. J.M. Hobbs are on their toes ready to spring into action.

The doors will open at seven for the preliminary game between the 5th and 6th grade boys and the big event is scheduled for eight o'clock.

Proceeds will go towards a curtain for the Central Elementary school stage.

Memberships Are Vital To The Museum's Health

Do you have a friend, a family member or a neighbor who you think might enjoy receiving the museum's newsletter-- Perhaps someone you know who no longer lives here, but would enjoy reading about some of the events at the museum as well as a mix of items having to do with our past? Mention a possible membership to them, or give them a gift of a membership and that in return they get a newsletter four times a year and a percentage off of any of their purchases from the museum's sales cases.

Currently the museum has about 175 memberships. The monies from these memberships help pay the utilities and other items of upkeep in the museum. Without memberships, the Weston Historical Museum would find it hard to keep their doors open to the public.

As with many of the museums around the country, the Weston museum has no entity, such as state, federal, county or city funding. Our funds come mainly from memberships, memorials and other donations. If you find you can help by either giving a membership to someone or persuading someone to get a membership it would be greatly appreciated.

Civil War Gun Theft . . .

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databases, and were notifying pawnshops, gun dealers and others, in an attempt to discover if the gun was being put up for sale. If anyone has any information about the theft, they are asked to contact the Weston Police Department at 816-640-2455.

The Nostalgia Store at the Weston Historical Museum

New & Used Books

• Cookbooks • Paper Dolls •
Souvenir Publications • Prints

Check us out through our website:
www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org

Band Will Play Today In Apple Blossom Parade

*The following article is from "The Weston Chronicle"
issue dated May 5, 1950.*

Twenty-five hundred school children will play in their respective bands in the Apple Blossom Parade to be held in St. Joseph today. The Weston Band, dressed in their new suits, will be taken in the school bus by Mr. Cox. A number of the mothers plan to go and will assist Mr. Cox in looking after the younger children.

Before the parade is formed all bands will meet at the Civic Center where they will play "The Star Spangled Banner" together.

Treats in store for the bands are a free picture show at the Electric Theatre, free lunch, and free rides at the Carnival."

Intercom System Installed at W.P.

*Seven years later, in November 1957,
more news pertaining to the school.*

A Centralized Control Inter-communications System was installed at the high school early this week. The control is located in the principal's office. Through the intercom, announcements may be made to all rooms at the same time, or there may be communication between the office and any one room in the high school building. The intercom can be used to send music to rooms before school begins and can also send important radio newscasts to students. In emergencies, such as changes of bus schedules during bad weather, all students can be quickly and easily informed. Another valuable feature of the intercom system is that it can be used to help handle programs when groups from other schools are in the building for such activities as basketball tournaments, band and choral festivals.

The intercom system was purchased by the Board of Education under a yearly rental plan and at the end of ten years the system will become the property of the school district.

"In youth we learn; in age we understand."

— Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach (1830 – 1916)

Marriages Announced Through the Years

Summertime seems to be the setting for quite a few marriages in and around Weston, but by no means the only time.

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In August of 1894 "At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. John W. Light, Jr., and Miss Rhoda Morgan were united in the bonds of matrimony by Justice Joseph B. Evans, Monday evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. Light is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Light and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Stephens."

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Mr. Cyrus W. Bowen and Miss Laura Doppler were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents in this city on Tuesday evening at 7:20, August 20, 1895. A.G. Alderman, of the Weston Christian Church, officiating.

Mr. Bowen has for several years been the popular and successful superintendent of our city schools. .the bride is one of our most estimable young ladies."

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A newspaper item dated May 12, 1910 brought us this: "A.V. Schneider and Mabel R. Schneider, both of Weston, were married in Leavenworth Tuesday, May 10, by Probate Judge Johnson."

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December 20, 1918 we read: "Elbert Elley Siler and Miss Christie Love Murphy were married at the M.E. parsonage Sunday afternoon by Rev. W.C. Rice. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dale.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Murphy; the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Siler. The young couple left immediately on the train for Kansas City where they spent Monday and Tuesday. They will live at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Siler in Pleasant Ridge."

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March 12, 1954 the local newspaper read: "In a simple ceremony at St. James Rectory in St. Joseph on March 1st Miss Irene Huffles, the daughter of Mrs. Veronica Huffles of Corning, Kansas, became the bride of Mr. George Francis Crockett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ethelbert Crockett, Weston. The service was read by the Rev. Hogan, pastor.

The bride is a beauty operator in St. Joseph and the groom is a radio operator with the Missouri State Highway Patrol in St. Joseph.

## Bits and Pieces from Bertha's Morgue

We glean two items from the July 22, 1892 issue of *The Weston Chronicle*:

"A special train on the Kansas City track last Tuesday made a mile a minute between Weston and K.C., including two stops."

"One day last week Rumpel & Son bought the building occupied by them from Miss Elnora Ruf. They will remodel the same by putting in an elegant front, painting, etc."

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The local newspaper gave us this August 17, 1894: K.B. Cecil, who met with a serious accident at Leavenworth, mention of which was made in these columns last week, had his foot amputated Sunday evening. Dr. Brock, of Leavenworth, performed the operation and Mr. Cecil is getting along as well as could be expected at his home near Beverly."

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The following item appeared in *The Weston Chronicle* Sept. 3, 1915:

"Miller Bros., this past week made the following auto transactions: An old Rambler sold to Mr. Dudley; Buick roadster to Dr. L.C. Calvert; second hand Ford roadster to M. Eichenbert; a Buick touring car to Ben Siler; and a Buick six-cylinder to L. R. Palmer. Miller Bros. will trade autos for blind mules, horses and dogs."

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The issue of Sept. 10, 1915 gave these three items:

"R.O. Shenkner Wednesday morning contracted for the erection of a four room house at the corner of Main and Spring streets. John H. Hollied has the contract."

"Wednesday morning B. J. Bless let a contract to John Hollied for two more four-room cottages on Cherry street. The work will progress as rapidly as weather will permit and be finished sometime next month."

"B.B. Fellows last week sold his store building and residence with four acres of ground to David Layton, Jr., of Oklahoma. Consideration \$3,500. Mr. Layton also purchased the stock of general merchandise of Fellows & Pepper and will take charge of it on October 1st."

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Found in the Nov. 2, 1917 issue of the local paper: "A. A. Love and wife this week purchased of J.H. Aufderheide the modern cottage on Welt street, originally owned by E.J. Thorn."

## Fire! At Farley, Livery Stable, Two Stores Burned

(3/4/1892)

"The fact that fire protection is of necessity in any town or village is again illustrated by Friday night's fire at Tracy.

That night about 8:30 fire was discovered at Tracy in the livery stable of Ben Perry, and spread to two adjoining store rooms owned by W.T. Clements. The total loss is about \$3,000 with \$1,700 insurance.

The Perry stable with corn, hay and oats were totally destroyed, but all livestock and vehicles were saved.

The post office fixtures and mail matter and the stock of drugs of W.T. Clements were saved from the other buildings.

John W. Ryan's building near the scene of the fire was badly scorched and somewhat damaged but it is well covered with insurance.

If Tracy would have had fire protection considerable of this property could have been saved.

This fire, the Edgerton fire and the Weston hotel fire should encourage our citizens on the project of "Fire Protection." Don't wait for another fire but put your shoulder to the wheel and work."

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The Weston Chronicle gave us this in September of 1905: "During the electrical storm Saturday morning the residence known as the Pat Lynch home along the Bluff road between Weston and Beverly, was struck by lightning and was totally destroyed. The building was owned by the Leavenworth Coal company and was vacant at the time it burned."

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An item in the local newspaper dated June 12, 1953 gave us this: "It's going to be a long summer if present weather conditions continue. Temperatures ranging in the high 90's soared to 102 on Wednesday. Equally high was expected for Thursday since at 3 p.m. on that day it was 101 degrees. The high humidity has the humans parboiled and dripping. It has been hard on the farmers as they are setting tobacco. Quite a few are trying to beat the heat by starting late in the afternoon and setting until the dark."

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An item in the newspaper of March 30, 1906 brought this, "Little George Rumpel has been sick for the past month with typhoid fever. Dr. T.H. Doyle of St. Joseph was called in Tuesday for consultation. Miss Wing, of St. Joseph, is the professional nurse taking care of the little fellow."



# How Many Remember Getting Your Books From Here?

The Platte County Bookmobile started in 1943 and was a familiar and welcome site to many of Weston's children and their parents, especially during the summer months.

It most often came on Mondays, and when school was in session, it would be at the school during the morning and in front of the city hall for the use of adults in mid-afternoon.

At the beginning of the Bookmobile, the 4-H Rural Youth Extension office gave programs throughout the county on the service, including one interview on KMBC Radio in early 1943.

The service ended in 1952, however Alfred Hasemeier, County Librarian, started it again several years later and ran it until he left the area in the early 1960's.

While Weston had its own Library at the time, the Bookmobile served as a precursor to the Mid-Continent Library District.



ABOVE: A Bookmobile Driver makes a stop in rural Platte County. The popular program ran from 1943 until 1952.

BELOW:

Members of the 4-H Rural Youth Extension participated in a radio program explaining the new Bookmobile service.

Front row (l-r): Helen Gaiser, Jane Ruth Cecil, Maxine White, Kathleen Jamison, unidentified, Elaine Hetfich, unidentified.

Back row (l-r): unidentified, Mary V. Lewis, Eldon Woods, Billy Hope, Ashley Edmonds, Bob Hall, unidentified, Vic Carothers and Leslie Clay.

If anyone recognizes the unidentified people, please contact us at 816-386-2977.





# Did You Know . . .

. . . that Marvin Winburn was the first Weston man to die in battle in W.W. II? His mother, Mrs. Marie (Forest) Baker Winburn donated the flag from his casket to the museum in 1963.

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. . . that Sarah Porter, of Farley, was a member of the Debate Team from Northwest Missouri State College in Maryville? In November of 1957 she accompanied the team to Kansas State College in Manhattan for the Novice Tournament.

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. . . that Mrs. Mary Brown, widow of the late George Brown of near Woodruff, purchased a home on Washington Street in Weston in November of 1917? The home she purchased from Mr. and Mrs. M. Hevalow was the old Burnes home and she paid the handsome sum of \$2,500 for the home. This home is presently owned and lived in by Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Vaughn.

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. . . that a man from Kentucky on his way to Oregon stopped here long enough in 1849 to sell his slaves? The gentleman stipulated that the slaves were

to be all sold together to an owner who would not separate them.

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. . . that a skating party across the Missouri River was THE THING to do in the early days here, according to Julius Rumpel?

“We started at the depot, struck across to Kickapoo; returning we would use the wind at our back, turning our coats over our heads and by holding out the corners created sails which helped us back across the river. A “feed” at what is now the Watson farm ended our evenings.”

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. . . that the School Boy Patrol was organized at West Platte Central Elementary in 1969? Police Chief Perkins visited the classrooms each week with helpful instructions for the school children as well as the members of the patrol.

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. . . that Bill Hull once substituted as scoutmaster for one day while the Weston Scouts were at camp? This was in August of 1939. At this time, too, Bill was Mayor of Weston. He commented, “Boy! those youngsters sure proved to me that I’m getting old! I bet I walked ten miles today!”

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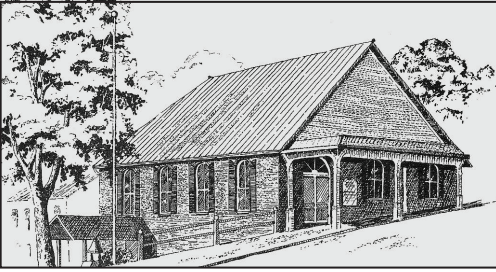
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“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is  
a mystery and today is a gift; that’s  
why they call it the present.”

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

# ? Mystery Corner



The last “Mystery Photo” evidentially stumped our readers. We know the young girl with the doll is Marian Monahan and next to her is her mother, Hazel Stalder Campess. The other two ladies remain unidentified.

This photo, taken in 1954, shows a group of ladies at Swope Park in Kansas City, Missouri. Can you identify any or all of them? If you can, please give us a call, catch one of us, or stop in with the information.