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## Greetings:

We have had some disagreeable weather in our part of the country, very cold temperatures, snow and ice, hopefully most of this is behind us. With a few days of warmer temperatures and sunshine I think everyone is ready to get goind on research again.

The officers have been very busy preparing a progress report for the Cash-book Journal; a Jackson newspaper of record in it's 111th year. We have micro-film copies of 1871-1978, and some other years of the Jackson paper under other names. Looking back over the past two years the society has made a lot of progress.

NEW - First time 10 Feb. 1982 - the Cash-book Journal has given us space titled "Digging for Roots" for querries and other items of interest, so all of you out of state members are urged to sent your questions or answers to the Cash-book Journal, Jackson, Mo.63755.

The Publication committees reporting on the books to be published was very good, Birth Register should be out very soon, and the 1870 Cape Girardeau County Federal Census is coming along nicely with four of the townships being completed.

The January program on the Old Bethel Church given by Mrs. Edgar Bock was enjoyed by every one.

The new officers will be installed at the May meeting, and the annual dues will be due in May.

Again we have a nice list of acquisitions: Mrs. Truman Statler gave an update to the Talley book, Missouri Land Claims, Index of Early Land Claims, Wayne County Cemetery book, Life of Sam Hilderbrand, a Missouri Buschwacker, copies of the DAR magazines and a book Rev. Robert Luckey Steel given by Mrs. Lydia Renn of Durham, N.C.

Ellen Jean Adams, President

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A Brief History of a Pioneer Family that settled in Bollinger County, Missouri

# Complied by Eula Talley Statler and Truman B. Statler

In presenting a portion of the genealogy, by permission, in the COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY... occasionally, we hope to continue our research with new zeal. We are fully aware that our history lacks much of being complete. However, taking a new interest, we need help! To our regret, much history has become fragmentary with the passing of older generations in this noble family. As a cooperative venture, any additions, you may have, will be helpful and appreciated, hoping our record shall yet be complete.

# OUR STATLER FAMILY

#### Preface

In 1797, George Frederick Bollinger, a native of North Carolina of Swiss descent, came and selected a location on Whitewater River, where Don Louis Lorimier (Spanish Commandant of Cape Girardeau, Mo.) . . . promised Bollinger a large tract of land on condition, that he bring a number of settlers to this District.

In fulfillment of this agreement, Bollinger went back to North Carolina and on his return brought 20 families, numbering about . . . 150 people including slaves. Among them were about 20 members that carried the STATLER name. There were: ADAM, CONRAD, and PETER STATLER with their families, and two young teen-agers, CHRISTIAN and JOSEPH STATLER, twin brothers, in the caravan. Due to exposure and cold weather . . Joseph contracted pneumonia and died soon after crossing the raging Mississippi River. He was buried on Granny's Hill at Ste Genevieve, where they landed on New Year's Day, January 1, 1800.

They built their own rafts, making them strong for the mighty waters . . . and with long poles, guided these across the river. It has been related that one STATLER family did not cross the river . . but, remained and settled near Herrin, Illinois.

Coming to this country from Germany, through Switzerland to . . . Spain, before they were able to get transportation by boat to the shores of America, must have been an endurance test. They settled for a time in North Carolina and with their mixed foreign language background, they spoke with an accent, thus called "N. C. Dutch".

Our forefathers left behind them a heritage . . were claimed industrious and considered wealthy. Presuming, all direct heirs dead, an Estate was settled at one time, when all communications ceased. However, most important, we hear about their religious zeal, they left with us, a rich heritage of a continuing faith in GOD that sustained them, and now, knowing their strong faith in the Holy Spirit that brought victory over their many fears . . . how can we value our heritage.

(to be continued).

"Lot us, before we die gether the enveloping and offer it to our children". Will Durant "The Story of Civilization"

Mr. & Mrs. Truman Statler will welcome any information that you con furnish for "Our Statler Family". Their address is 727 Bellevue, Apt. E Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701

Copy of letter in possession of Marvin Slinkard

Sacramento, California

John Randol, Jr. Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Dear Sir

I take up my pen for the first time since my arrival here to write you a few lines by the goodness of providence I am in Good health, at this time and hope that these few lines may find you and family enjoying the same, as I promised you to write you after ...I had arrived here a detail of our route and matters and things in general. I now find time to commence the task as to our route across the plains. God save me from ever having another such task to perform. Our suffering of hardships and privations were innumerable, though we could not grumble seeing thousands of others enduring full as many as we were and some more, we met with no accident on the road of any note, save those of loosing one of our nules by drowning in swimmin across North Platte River, we enjoyed Colorado. Good health during the whole route and made landin in Sacramento Valley on the 12th day of August after being on the road just 94 days from the time of our departure from the line of the State of Missouri. The road was generally good until we encountered the Sierra Nevada Mountains, or California Mountains, from the summit of the California Mountains, to the Valley of the Sacramento River. The road is very rocky and mountainous, many places almost impassable for wagons, this country west of the Sierra Nevada Mountains is very monstrous though splendid bodies of land lay along the foot of the mountains and in valleys of the water courses, which will be in a short time cultivated, and large farms made a great many persons are now settling and making preparations for farming, a great portion of this country is very desirable for farming purposes. The climate is much more temperate than that of Missouri but at this season of the year very disagreeable on account of continued raining, but when the rain ceases for one or more days, the sun comes out delightfully and is very pleasant. These Sierra Nevada mountains are fit for nothing, but the precious metals they contain on account of their rocky and craggy nature, many places are impassable the miners have much difficulty in transporting their provisions over them to their place where they chose to operate as to the gold that these mountains contain, there is but one option prevailing here among those who have taken the trouble to go out in the mines to dig and hunt for gold and that is that the gold that these mountains contain cannot be dug out during the next fifty years to come and many think the mines inexhaustible. I would not persuade or induce any friend to leave his comfortable home as I did and stray away off here, but I just say to you that many could benefit themselves by so doing say nothing of the privations and sufferings that they would be compelled to endure.

Thousands have lossed their lives by coming to this country while many have made fortunes, and some improved their condition as respects their health. I am stouter than I have been for some years, any man having an active constitution, and be prudent here may be benefited, but one who is weak and feeble and get prostrated here is gone. Mining is very hard labour many men kill themselves at it. During the time our company had to operate after we got in we all did tolerable well making from ten to fifty dollars every day we aorked. My biggest days work was eighty dollars many were doing better and a great many much worse. We got in too late to do much this last fall but will be cut as soon as the rainy season is over. Provisions are high here flour in the mines one dollar per lb, pork \$1.25 sugar 1 dollar potatoes 1 dollar per lb beans 1 dollar per 1b rice 1 dollar per 1b. All of these articles can be bought for about one third of that price at Sacramento City but the transporation is so difficult that it makes every thing comes very high out in the mines. I am doing business in a large mercantile house in this place at reasonable wages and will continue during the winter, the boys have all dispersed some up and some down the Sacramento River they were all well when they left I have George here with me, doing what he can as chopping wood for he is faithful and honest.

Isaac Williams and the Smith boys, Uriah Thompson and Wm Terly, left the mines before we did to go to James Williams below San Francisco, Squire and John Williams both died sometime during the last season.

I have seen nor heard nothing of Frank J. Allen's boys. I suppose he thought it a bad specultation and unsafe to go any further. Give my respects to your family and all enquiring friends, when I will see you all again is quite uncertain. Adeu

Yours truly,
A.G. English

Editor Note: None of the above mention "boys" are on the 1850 Cape County census. There was no date on the letter.

# HARRIS FROM HAMILTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Our church had an Old Fashion Day in November, 1981. The ladies were ask to dress in long old fashion dresses and bonnets, if possible and the men in their white shirts and overalls. It was exciting to see what each one would come up with, as most ladies usually try to find their best parment to dress for church. I had a black surge skirt and white blouse which is now "off-white". It was my grandmother's, Mary Albina Winder Harris born 1866 in Hamilton, Co. Ill. moving to Wayne Co. Mo. around 1876. She married Oliway Chikie Hattis at Wayne Co. Mo. in 1882. They had 11 children, raising 10 of them, loosing her husband five weeks before her eleventh child was born. She moved to Poplar Bluff, Butler Co. Mo. and lived to be 89 years old.

It was a thrill to be able to wear the garment she had made, probably about 1889, however, I did have to wear black under-garment (slacks) as there were many moth holes of in the skirt. But what could we expect from a garment made possibly 96 years ago? A pretty good piece of cloth, wouldn't you say?

Jean Miller

# SWAMP LAND Mo. Conservationist Jan. 1982

To rid itself of the unwanted swamps, the federal government passed the Swamp Act in 1850, giving swamp-land to the states to sell. Money from the sales was to be used to reclaim and develop the swamps. Mo. received title to about 3.5 million acres of swampland, about 2.4 million acres of it in southeast Missouri. In a typical passing the buck move, the Mo. legislature passed a bill in 1852 that transferred nearly all of the swampland to the counties. In 1868, 18 years after the Swamp Act, the Mo. Legislature enacted the Swamp bill to further assist in shedding its responsibility for swampland.

The public estimation of the value of swamps is exemplified by the sale of 80,000 acres of swampland in Stoddard County for \$668.95 at public auction in 1868. Such rock-better arises the Mo. Legislature to accet legislation metabliting counties from selling swampland for less than \$1.25 an acre. Not much land sold for many years following that act.

1858 taxes (\$1.00 per acre) paid in the SWAMP LAND FUND in Cape County Treasury.

James W. Phillips - 160 John F. Bolin - 80 Jerima E. Waters - 40 Ebenezer Rynion - 160 Harband Ramsey - 128.11 Michael Burns - 105.88 John Snider Sanford Hunter - 160 Henry Ervin Thos. McDaniel - 40

David Waggoner - 80 John Penny - 117 Francis M. Snider - 40 Geo. L. Stovall - 40 Wm. J. Bolin - 39.12 John Snider, Ser. - 138.57 Jackson R. Proffer - 40 James W. Hardin - 39.16 James Caruthers - 160 James M. Hapwood - 160 Henry Devor - 36.06 Josiah Hunter - 120 Wm C. Ranney - 36.51 James M. McQuire - 40 Joseph B. Shoren - 80 Eugene Garathy - 80
Thos. N. Ramey - 40
James B. Williams - 40
Harrison M. Williams - 203.66
William Welch - 132.77

#### MISSOURI LAND CLAIMS

In a few delades after the end of the American Revolution the new United States accomplished the seemingly impossible task of colonizing the immense wilderness that lay beyond the Alleghenies. To begin with, property ownership in Louisana prior to the Purchase was controlled by alien principles derived from the customs and legislation of France and Spain. Even the shape and size of the plots created problems; The fact that the unit of measure (the arpent) did not correspond to the English acre.

Congress, sensibly decided to allow the pre-purchase colonists or their successors in interest to perfect their inchoate or defective Spanish titles to land, if they were able to substantivate that their claims emanated from the prior government, and that they had made settlement on the land and were in actual possession of it on the date of the transfer of Louisana to the United States.

Though the entries in the report, the following summaries of the testimony offered by the settlers or their successors in support of the claims give very welcome details about the early settlers.

DAWALT CRITZ, Claiming 200 acres and 53 poles

State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau
GEORGE F., BOLLINGER, aged about 60 years, being duly sworn, as the Law directs, deposeth
and saith that he was will acquainted with the said DAWALT CRITZ, the original claimant;
that the claimant came to this country, then the Province of Upper Louisiana, now State
of Missouri, in the year 1802; that he was a cripple and unable to go about much; that
DANIEL BOLLINGER applied to, and obtained permission of grant from LOUIS LORIMIER,
Spanish commandant of the district, for him to settle; that said CRITZ selected the land
claim, which the witness also knows; that the land was actually cultivated in the year
1804, and had the same surveyed, and has been actually cultivated ever since; that
valuable improvements were made on the same, such as a good dwelling house, our house,
barn, stables and orchards.

GEORGE F. BOLLINGER

This testimony was sworn to and subscribed before L. F. Linn, Commissioner on 19th Oct. 1833. (page 174)

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The Cash-Book Journal has open a spot for us "DIGGING FOR ROOTS. . . ". Please sett them old documents, obituaries, wills and the like for this spot.

The "COLLEGE OF CAFE COUNTY" also needs help for their quarterly. See that our edites gets your material.

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SCHEDULES ENUMERATING UNION VETERANS AND FIDOUS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MISSCURI BUNDLE 88

This schedules of Cape Girardeau County includes the following information: names of surviving soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows - Rank, Company, Name of regiment or vessel, date of enlistment, date of discharge and address.

### Applecreek Township

Henry W. Kaiser - Pvt. Armsberg John C. Elbright - Pvt. Armsberg George P. Rissennes - Copr. A 56th Mo. 1 Oct. 1860-23 Feb. 1861 - relisted Corp. E 56th Home Guard 1 Oct. 1862-1863 Armsberg Gustava Zoellner - Pvt. G 56th Mo. 1 Oct. 1861-28 Feb. 1861 Armsberg Jacob Damback, Jr. - Pvt. A 56th No. Home Guard 1 Oct. 1864-1 May 1865 Appleton Henry F. Richter - Pvt. A 56th No. Home Guard 1 Oct. 1864-1 May 1865 Armberg Caspar Ruppel - Pvt. A 56th Mo. Home Guard 1 Oct. 1864-1 May 1865 Oak Ridge William D. Crites - 1 56th Mo. Home Guard 1862-1865 Armsberg Charles Bohuert - I 56th No. 1862-1865 Armsberg Anton Meiderhoff - 1. 56th No. 1861-1865 Daisy Peter Wills - Pvt. G 56th Mo. 1 Oct. 1862-1 May 1865 Daisy John Baily - Pvt. E 6 Oct. 1861-28 Feb. 1862 William Zimmerman - Pvt. E lo. Inf. Sept. 1861-Narch 1862 relisted Pvt. M 3rd Mo. Cav. 13 March 1862-25 March 1866 Armsberg Caroline Griseke? widow of William - unknown Armsberg Frederick Ohel - Pvt. G Eng. Regt of the West 13 Sept. 1861-18 Nov. 1862 Armsberg Theresa Ohel formerly widow of Caspar Voght unknown Armsberg John F. Grosheider unknown Christian F. Moeller - Pvt. E 3rd Regt Inf. 15 May 1860 -25 Mag. 1860 Relisted Capt. I 11th E.M.M Aug 1862-1865 Friedheim William Puntmann - Pvt. A 5th Mo. Inf. Sept. 1861-Feb. 1862 Friedheim Adolph Tacke - Capt. unknown being abscent from home Sept. 1862- May 1865 reinlisted in No. Fome Guard George Bingenheimer unknown 1862-1865 Biehles Perry County Frederick Schutz - Pvt. C 32nd Wis. Inf. 21 Sept. 1864-12 June 1865 Armsberg Frederick Wilke - Pvt. A 4th No. Inf. Oct. 1861-Feb. 1862 reinlisted in Mo. Home Guard and served to end of war. Dsvid Middleton - G 56th MSM 1863 reinlisted Feb. 24 Co. A 2nd No. Lt Art. - 1864 Biehles Perry County George W. Helterbrand - Pvt. D 4th No. Inf. 1 lov. 1861-1 Feb. 1862 relisted Pvt. G 8th No. 1 Aug. 1862-20 Dec. 1863 relisted Pvt. A 2nd No. Lt. Art. 1864-25 Aug. 1865 Friedheim Wounded in battle of Mooringtown, Miss. May 1862 Anton Berkbergler - Pvt. G 8th 6 pril 1862-lov. 1862 Christine, widow of Bernhard Crumholz - Pvt. D 4th No. Inf. unknown - Friedheim Arron Ruch - Aug. 1864-May 1865 Jacob Berkbeigler - Pvt. H Oct. 1861-1 larch 1862 - Friedheim William Diamond - Pvt. Oct. 1862-May 1865 Christian Bruns - Pvt. Oct. 1861-1 Feb. 1869 relisted in in M.S.M. Bernhard Kirn - Pvt. C Oct. 1869-May 1865 - Friedheim Mary Glaub, widew of John - unknown Henry Wehmueller - Pvt. Oct 1862-May 1865 unknown - Friedheim Henry Hartwig - M 5th MSM March 1862-15 March 1865 Friedheim Phillip Wagner - Pvt. R 6th US Inf. 18 April 1863-10 April 1868 Capt. H. 4th No. Inf. 14 Oct. 1861-15 March 1862 Friedheim

Emanuel Hilderbrand - Pvt. H 47th No. Inf. 1 aug. 1864-31 March 1865 Friedheim William Habeck - Pvt. A 15th Ill. Cav. 12 Aug. 1860-12 Aug. 1863 Daisy Henry W. Hahs - Corp. M. 5th No. Cav. 14 March 1862-25 March 1865 Christian C. Haupt - Pvt. B & K 1st No. Inf. 13 Sept. 1861-3 Jan. 1864 relisted Pvt. K & C. 1st No. Inf. 4 Jan. 1864-19 June 1865 Friedheim Theresa Ochl widow of Caspar Voght - unknown Kurrville Henry Stoffregue - soldier *i*rmsberg Christoph Mueller - Pvt. A 56th no. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton Mary E. widow of Frederick Meyer Pvt. A 56th No. Cav Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton Frederick Oxen - Pvt. A 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton Henry Tuschoff - Pvt. 4 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton George Schrumpt - Pvt. 4 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton. Minerva Shoults widow of John A. - Pvt. A 12th MSM Cav. 14 March 1862-3 Feb. 1863 Frederick Dambach - Pvt. I 8th No. Inf. 9 aug. 1861-8 aug. 1864 Joseph L. Cotner - Pvt. B 8th No. Cav. Oct. 1862-1865 John W. Born - Pvt. E 8th No. Inf. 12 aug. 1861-7 aug. 1864 Appleton Minerva C. widow of Rufus Sides - Lieut B 56th Ro. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleten William W. Cotner - Pvt. 56th Mo. Cav. Oct 1861-1865 Appleton Henry C. Kasten - Pvt. C 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1862-1865 Shawnee town. Marvin Hinklw - Pvt. B 56th Ho. Cav. Oct. 1861-1864 Shawneetown Oliver H. Hope (CONF) 2nd Lieut. D 8th No. Cav. 1862-7 June 1865 Shawneetown Herman Gerth - Sgt. I 58th No. Inf. Pocahontas. Gustav A. Schoen - Pvt. B 56th Mo. Cav. 1862-1865 Pocahontas Herman Petzhold - Pvt. Pocahontas Frances Anderson widow of John A. (CONF) Pvt. D 8th Mo. Cav. Oak Ridge Mathias Wiesbrod - Pvt. E 8th Mo. Inf. 9 mug. 1861-7 Aug. 1864 Appleton William P. Thompson - Pvt. B 56th Mo. Cav. Shawneetown John A. Bowers - Corp. A 2nd No. Lt. Art. Oct. 1862-1865 Oak Ridge Mary A. Lance widow of James N. (CONF) Pvt. Oak Ridge William C. Walker (CONF) Pvt. D 8th Mo. Cav. Oak Ridge John B. Reid - Sergt B 56th Mo. Cav. Oak Ridge Henry Bruihl - 1st Lieut. A 56th No. Cav. Oak Ridge James P. Wilson (CONF) Pvt. Oak Ridge Cora C. widow of Oiliver S. Harris (CONF) Pvt. D 8th Mo. Cav. Oak Ridge Augustus Beach - Pvt. 1st Ill. Lt. Art. Jan. 1864-Aug. 1865 Oak Ridge Columbus G. Cotner - Pvt. B 56th Mo. Cav. Oak Ridge Martha A. E. widow of Edwin J. Smith - Pvt. 56th Mo. Cav. Oak Ridge Samuel S. Bowman (CONF) Pvt. G 8th Mo. Inf. Oct. 1862—April 1865 Oak Ridge Cornelius Johnson - Pvt. Oak Ridge J. H. Walker (CONF) Pvt. D 8th No. Cav. 1862-1865 Oak Ridge Joseph F. Volz - Pvt. A Appleton William L. Brown - Pvt. K 5th No. Cav. 19 pril 1862-20 April 1865 Appleton Hermine Schalck late widow of Joseph Hain - Pvt. E 2nd Mo. Art. Appleton Caspar Ludwig - 1st Sergt. A 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton John Cotner - Pvt. A 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton Phillip Schrener - Capt. A. 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1864-1865 Frederick Schmidt - Sergt. A. 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton Louisa Lowes widow of Henry Lowes - Pvt. A 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Oak Ridge Anna A. widow of William A. Miller - Pvt. B 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Oak Ridge Kellis Baker - Pvt. D 102 Mich. Inf. 1864-1865 Appleton Theodore Grebe - Pvt. A 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton William Wilkening - Pvt. A. 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton Christian Kasten - Pvt. A 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Appleton Groves S. Wills - Pvt. B 56th No. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865 Oak Ridge Louis C. Drum - Pvt. Armsberg Peter Lowes - Pvt. A 56th No. Cav. 1 Aug. 1862-1 Oct. 1862 Armsberg

Mary C. Leng widow of Wm E. Leng - 1st Sergt. C 50th Mo. Inf. 30 Aug 1864-11 April 1865
Henry Schaefer - 2nd Lieut. A 56th Mo. Cav. Octl 1861-1865
Appleton
Christian Schaefer - Pvt. A 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865
Appleton
Theodore Sachse - Pvt. 6 MSM Cav. 19 April 1862-1865
Appleton
Bernhard Tuschhoff - Pvt. A 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865
Appleton
William Boeller - Pvt. A 56th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1861-1865
Appleton
Frederick W. Schmidt - Pvt. G 1st Mo. Eng. 16 Sept. 1861-16 Sept. 1864
Appleton
William H. Bedwell - Corp. F 12th MSM Cav. 2 years
Appleton
William Wolfekehler - Pvt. I 4th MSM Inf. 1862 6 mos. Appleton
William Wolfekehler - Pvt. K 5th Mo. Cav. Oct. 1862-1865
Henry Koehler - Pvt. F 2nd Ill. Art. 14 Dec. 1861 Dec. 1864
John Fulbright - Pvt. F 12th Lo. Cav. 24 March 1862-24 March 1865
William Etheridge - Pvt. I 3rd Iowa Cav. 20 Aug. 1861-20 Nov. 1862
Oak Ridge

# Kinder Toumship

John Mabrey - Pvt. G 56th lo. Inf. April 1864-June 1864 Gravel Hill Eli N. Kinder - Pvt. G 56th No. Cav. 1862-1864 Burfordville Doctor F. Youngblood - Lieut. H Ark. Cov. 19 July 1862-23 Aug. 1865 Burfordville Fredrich Young - Pvt. H. 3rd Mo. Cav. 26 Dec. 1861-31 Jan. 1865 Burfordville Ira F. Summers - Pvt. A. 4th Lo. Inf. Oct. 1863-May 1864 Burfordville Christian Sperling - Pvt. F 2nd Ill. Art. 15 Oct. 1861-17 Dec. 1864 Burfordville Fredrich Anfald? - Pvt. B 29th Mo. Inf. 4 July 1862-14 June 1865 Burfordville Jacob Crader - Pvt. B 50th No. Inf. 1864-7 Aug. 1865 Burfordville James Davis - Pvt. A 2nd Mo. art. March 1865-Aug. 1865 Burfordville William K. Proffer - Pvt. B 56th No. Cav. 1 Sept. 1863- July 1865 Burfordville John Link - Pvt. 56th Inf. Sept. 1864- Dec. 1864 Jacob Deck (CONF) - Pvt. K 8th Mo. Cav. May 1862- June 1865 Burfordville Burfordville Elisha Oldham (CONF) - Pvt. F 8th No. Cav. Sept 1864-June 1865 Mary widow of Emery Ball - Pvt. Burfordville John M. Lively - Pvt. H 22nd Ill Inf. - 4 Feb. 1862-7 July 1862 Burfordville George W. Bast (CONF) - Pvt. A 15 June 1861-19 Sept. 1861 Winfield Burford - Pvt. A 2nd No. Art. 29 Nay 1863-25 Aug. 1865 Gravel Hill Micholas W. Slinkerd - Pvt. 56th .o. Cav. 1863-1864 Burfordville George H. Bennecke - Pvt. Sept. 1864-April 1865 William Thompson (CONF) 1862-1863 Mary Ball (CONF) August Bennelde U.S. soldier Burfordville Thos. M. Hampton U. S. Soldier Burfordville Jesse Hartle U.S. soldier Burfordville William C. Hayner U. S. soldier Stephen Summers (CONF) Sergt. A 2nd Mo. 20 June 1861-22 Dec. 1861 Gravel Hill Charles Seibert Pvt. Gravel Hill John J. Smith - Pvt. H 3rd Ky. Cav. 6 Sept 1861-22 June 1865 Gravel Hill Henry M. Statler (CONF) Prices army Burfordville Mary M. widow of Dillon Phelps - corp. A 120 Ill. Inf. 14 aug. 1862-18 July 1865 William Slaughter - Pvt. K 3rd Mo. Cav. 1 March 1862-10 March 1865 Gravel Hill John P. Thomas - Sergt. G 29th .o. Inf. 8 Aug. 1862-5 Ley 1865 Burfordville Christian Gloth - Pvt. A 2nd No. art. 18 Dec. 1863-24 Aug. 1865 Tilsit Joseph K. Eakhas - Pyt. I 56th MSM Cay. 10 Aug. 1864-10 Feb. 1865 Filsit William Bruhns - Pvt. D 12th No. Cav. Tilsit Ferdinand Lange - Pvt. K 5 Mo. Cav. 3 Feb. 1862-20 Feb. 1865 Tilsit Wilhelmins widow of Henry Haunsheldt - Pvt. K 5th No. Cav. 7 Feb. 1862-28 April 1864 Louis F. Thomas - Corp. A. 2nd o. art. 8 June 1863-24 Aug. 1865 Gravel Hill William G. Frown - U.S. Soldier

# GRAVESTONE EPITAPH THROWS LIGHT ON EARLY SETTLEMENT SOUTHEAST ISSOURIAN - Dated June 29, 1939

Out on the line between the counties of Cape Girardeau and Bollinger, just west of Critesville School, where Whitewater River enters Cape Girardeau County from the west, makes a majestic sweeping curve of several miles then enters Bollinger again, only to come back after a small jog into that county, lies the 800 acre farm of T.J. Lukefahr. Not far from an old fashioned narrow steel bridge with rattling board floor, stands the commodious farm home up on an eminense, \_\_\_ all high water mark. Large barns and outhouses are scattered over the hill side.

The premises differ very little from hundreds of others in appearance but the Lukefahr homestead is situated on historic grounds. It is the pioneer home of CONRAD STATLER one of the adventurers who came to this county from Lincoln County, North Carolina, with Col. GEORGE FREDERICK BOLLINGER in 1799. He, together with JOSEPH NISWONGER (Nyswanger), JOHN FREEMAN (Freimann), MICHAEL SNELL (Schnell), DAVID CRITES (Krytz), VALENTINE LORR, JOHN PROPST and many others, took up their abodes along Whitewater River, mostly northward from Burfordville (Bollinger Mill), where GEORGE FREDERICK BOLLINGER had his habital. JACOB STATLER (Stotler) selected this rise at the edge of fertile Whitewater bottom as his pioneer home, and remained there until his death in 1823. Here he reared a large family, the descendants of which are now scattered all over the country.

Historians have asserted that these pioneers were North Carolina Dutch, or Swiss, or both, but a gravestone, located about 100 yards from the old STATLER homestead, erected over the grave of CONRAD STATLER, bears an epitaph or tomb inscription, couched in pure German, reading as follows:

"Hier ruht CONRAD STATLER and seine Ehefrau und Tochter, is geboren 1757, in den Ehestand mit BARBARA SEIER 1777, zeugte 5 Schne and 8 Tochter, Starb 1823, Hat sein alter gebrachi aud 66 Jabre, 1 Monat und 24 Tage. Gott gebe thuen eine selige Auferstehung"

Translated it means. "Here rests CONRAD STATLER and his wife and daughter. He was born 1757, married BARBARA SEIER 1777, begat 5 sons and 8 daughters. Died 1823, at the age of 66 years, 1 month and 24 days. God give them a Blessed resurrection".

\* \* \* \* QUERIES \* \* \* \* \*

BLACK ALLEN Would like information on William G. Black, forn N.C. and married in Cape Girardeau County, Mo. on 30 Oct. 1831 to Anna Allen. This family was found on Cape Girardeau County 1840 and 1850 census. Not on 1860 census. However on 1850 census they had a son J. W. Black, which was found on the 1876 census. No record in Cape County as to their deaths.

Mrs. Blanche intenfelat 6 Baja Court Corte Maders, Calif. 94925 COUNTZ MAYBERRY I am trying to get information on the family of Martha Anne Countz or Counts. She was born 12 May 1844, I think. Her birth place was Cape Girardeau. She married John Sylvester Mayberry. Any information would be much appreciated.

> Ruth Veland 18470 Bohnert Rialto, Calif. 92376

**GAWRONSKI** 

Mrs. Teresa Siek in Poland wrote me with a request to help her trace an ancestor of hers who emigrated to Cape Girardeau in 1844. She found among her grandmother things an old photo with a letter scribed by her ancestor who emigrated to U.S.A. in 1844 and settled in Cape Girardeau. There he married and had two sons; Edward - tinsmith and Johan - watch maker. Pleas help me to find some trace of this man or his descendants. In heading of the letter was the following overprint. John Gawronski dealer in stoves and tinware, house furnishing goods sign of the big stove - Main, between Themis and Harmony Streets Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Marie Bloch 654 Emerson Street Denver, Colorado 80218

Our corresponding secretary, Alice Spillman, andwered her letter with the following information.

John Gawronski Sr's obituary (copy attached) buried in Old Lorimier Cemetery no stone. His wife Catherine died 3 Sept. 1884 (age 66 yrs 4 mo 3 day) Ref. Death
register at County Court House, Jackson, Mo. Also she has a tombstone in the Old
Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Their son, Edward J. Gawronski died 24 October
1890 in Doniphan, Missouri at the age of 37 years. I found this in Doyle's diary.
No record of him being buried here in Cape. The son John Gawronski, Jr. married
Mrs. Frances B. Shaffer on 29 October 1885 (Recorded BK E, page 396 at the Jackson,
Mo. Recorders Office). The birth register showed that John Gawronski and Flora
"Fanny" Bunn had a daughter named Flora Catherine Gawronski born 18 Aug. 1886. (I
assumed that Mrs. Frances B. Shaffer's maiden name was Flora Frances "Fanny" Bunn
before her marriage to a Mr. Shaffer. The birth register shows that Flora "Fanny"
Bunn (the mother) was from Caroline Landing, Mississippi. This child Flora
Catherine Gawronski, was evidently the grandchild mentioned in her grandfather's
obituary. (John Gawronski Sr.)

John Gawronski Jr. died in Cape Girardeau, Mo. 16 Sept. 1895 at age 38. No tombstone can be found in Old Lorimier Cemetery for him.

Not on 1850 or 1860 Cape County census, 1876 we found John Sr. & Catherine & John Jr. living in Cape Girardeau. 1880 census had: John Sr. 58 b. Austria, a tinsmith, wife Catherine 62, b. Austria & son John Jr. age 23 b. Missouri a watchmaker all living of together in Cape.

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