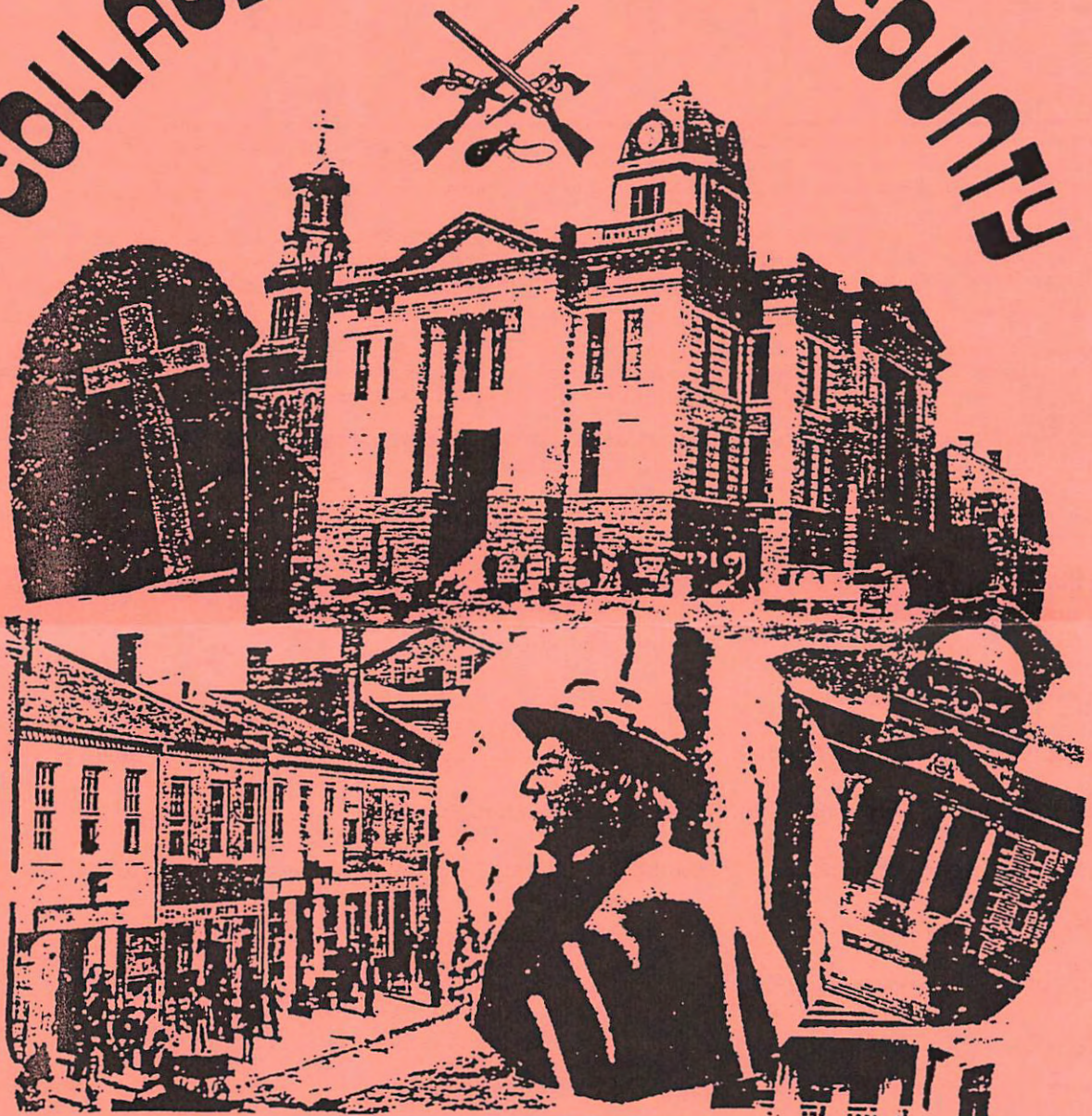


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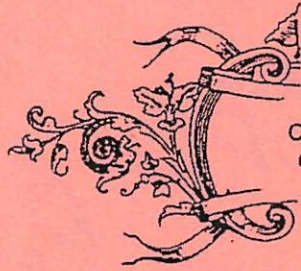


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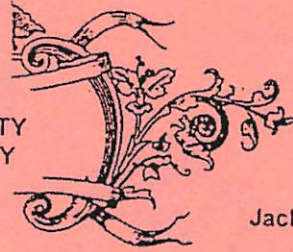
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lime	38,000 bbls	1.15	43,000
bacon	300,000 lbs	.07	21,000
lard	50,000 lbs	.07	3,500
hogs, dressed	150,000 lbs	.05	7,500







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## From the President

Dear Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society Members,

Our resources for the library have been augmented by a new computer. The computer is internet ready, and access is being provided by a wireless connection through the Archive Center. The older computer was not capable of being connected to the internet with the wireless connection, and is now being used for abstracting local records. At present, the new computer is hooked up to an inkjet printer that came as a bonus when we bought the computer. We will use this until the ink cartridge runs dry, and then consider purchase of a laser printer. The computer is also rigged with anti-virus software, so surf away!

In other news about the library, I received the following from Archive Center Director Jane R. Jackson recently:

Dear Bill,

We have been keeping track of the number of times patrons use the Archive Center on Thursday evening when we are open until 7:00 p.m. During 2005 the Archive Center was open 50 Thursday evenings. January thru May no one took advantage of the late hours, June thru October 13 people came 10 times, November thru December no one came. We are coming to the conclusion that unless more people come on Thursday evening, the patrons would be better served by opening at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. In order for us to justify being open on Thursday evenings, we will need to have people come.

Sincerely,

Jane Randol Jackson, Director

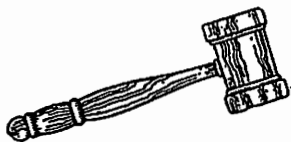
Accordingly, the library will no longer be open late on Thursdays. The earlier hours Tuesday-Saturday will undoubtedly benefit more people.

We also need lots of help sorting through library materials donated by several members who have passed on in recent years. The Betty Mills collection is particularly large, and requires a lot more sorting and logging of books into the library. We will also use Betty's material to serve as the nucleus for a vertical file on surnames at the library, because she researched many dozens of surnames as the Society's chief researcher.

Finally, apologies for the late nature of this quarterly, and deep thanks to Betty Darnell, Ruth Randall, and Ruth Tinnin for the nice contributions they have made to this *Collage*.

Sincerely,

Bill Eddleman





**Contributed by Ruth Randall**

Translated from the French by Elizabeth Shown Mills  
Western Historical Manuscript Collection – Columbia, Missouri  
Missouri, Cape Girardeau County, Records, 1794-1842 (C3676) Folder 2

Sale of a Negrite slave by Sr. Alexandre Baillie to Sam Randol fils.  
Received & Recorded the 18th June 1805

Before me, Don Louis Lorimer, Commandant of the post of Cape Girardeau, this fourteenth day of January in the year 1802, there was present the Sieur Alexandre Baillie of this post, who recognizes and declares by the present act having sold, ceded, transferred and delivered, on 6 September of last year, to Sieur Samuel Randoll, son of Enos, he [Samuel] being now deceased, a small "negress" slave named Suzanne, aged about three years and a half or four years, whom the seller acquired from the Sieur Terence Dial his "beau-pere" [a French word with dual meaning; it could be either father-in-law or step-father], and for payment of the said "negrite" slave, having been sold by private act, he recognizes having received of the said deceased Samuel Randoll one bay mare, two cows and two "t \_\_\_es" for which he acquits and discharges entirely the heirs of the said Sr. Randoll by these presents. And in consideration of which he confirms and ratifies the said sale of the Negrite above mentioned to the benefit of the said deceased Sieur Samuel Randoll, his heirs, and agents, voluntarily relinquishing all his rights and ownership in the said Negrite and voluntarily conveying to the said Sr. Saml Randoll or his heirs [all rights, etc.], exempt from all donations, sales, mortgages, or other claims in general whatsoever toward or against everybody. In testimony of which, the said Sr. Alexandre Baillie has signed the presents after a reading has been made in his native language by the interpreter of this post, in presence of Sierus Abraham Byrd and Samuel Randoll pere [the father], witnesses assisting us, and that of the undersigned commandant, on the day and year above said.

{signed} Alexr Baillie

Abraham Bird  
Samuel Randoll pere X his mark



### Death of William Wisecarver

*Cash-Book*, Feb. 19, 1884

Mr. Wm. Wisecarver, age 25 years, who had been making his home with "Aunt" Katie Link, about 2 and ½ miles SE of Burfordville, committed suicide on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., by hanging himself in the barn.

## *Never Assume!*

Betty R. Darnell, 171 Anna Lee Drive, Taylorsville KY 40071; [bettyd@elkcreek.net](mailto:bettyd@elkcreek.net)

I'm preparing a history of my Thompson family in Cape Girardeau County. John Thompson Sr. had several children, including my ancestor John Jr., and James Thompson. Sarah Ann C. Thompson, born 26 June 1824 in Cape Girardeau County, daughter of James and Frances (Strong) Thompson, married Milford S. Randol on 8 November 1842 in Cape Girardeau.

Sarah Thompson Randol married Silas Swank of Mississippi County about 1856; no marriage record has been found. I had assumed that Milford Randol had died (always a bad idea!). After Silas Swank died in 1885, Sarah moved to Gibsland, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, where she died 17 August 1901.

Children of Milford and Sarah Randol: John James Randol, born in 1844, resident of Bienville Parish, Louisiana, in 1871, and of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana in 1886; Uriah W. Randol, born 17 Feb 1849, died 23 July 1871, buried Oak Grove Cemetery, Charleston, Mississippi County, Missouri; and Jasper P. Randol, born 14 Feb 1852, died 21 Apr 1853, buried John Thompson Cemetery, near Egypt Mills, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

Sandra Perry of Fort Worth Texas submitted Elliott family letters, for publication in the *Collage of Cape County* (September 2004 issue). The letters threw a monkey wrench into my thinking -

The letters were from Richardson M. and Jane E. (Randol) Elliott of Tarrant County, Texas, written to her family in Cape Girardeau County.

- 18 September 1854: "you wrote that brother milford an sary was parted..."

- 26 June 1855: "Tel Milford that the has 3 families moved in hour neighbor hood sence he left hear. Tel him that adaline is wel."

- 30 March 1869, Sebastian County, Arkansas: "Milford Randol is living 1 ½ miles from me..."

**Maybe that's why I can't find a marriage record for Silas Swank and Sarah Thompson Randol: maybe there isn't one!**

The moral of this story: send in those family letters - you never know when they'll provide a clue for someone else!



**LETTER**

**HARRISON S. THOMPSON TO JOHN AND JAMES THOMPSON, 1833**

**(From Cape Girardeau County Probate, John Thompson, 1833, Box 72, Bundle1381)**

State of Missouri  
Harrison S. Thompson  
State of Mo.  
Howard County

Filed by James Thompson  
Sr. 18<sup>th</sup> September 1833  
P. R. Garrett, Clk  
Mrs John and  
James Thompson  
Cape Girardeau  
Missouri  
Hon. Geo. Tompkins

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Mr. James & John Thompson

Filed by James Thompson Sr. – 18 Sep. 1833

State of Mesieria howard county

Dec. the 6<sup>th</sup> 1832

deare brothe and siste, I am glad that you have not forgot us we had the pleasure to receive your letters afew days ago, dated august the 11 which stated the helth and condition of your family in life I am in a hurry at preasant, but will inform you that wee enjoy areasonable parti; and health, but Mary and myself are gitting olde and timmid, and both of us often complaning, but she wors than my self but we still continue to breade on the tenth of aprile last we had the finest daughter bornd in the county, and we caul her martha Jane, and we except none for spriteley and buty wee have eight children living four sons and four daughters all of them single but live at home Constance Sebastian Cob williams is teaching scool about ten miles from home remarkable study and hiley approved of as a teacher

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Colden Jef has bin too trips to the Spanish Cuntry and hyly approved of by his employer william davis williams our thurd sone is a brick mason george washington williams is our fourth sone a slander boy weehave him going to school margaret thompson williams is our oldes dughtor Cassandarra williams is our Second daughter mary Shorte williams is our thurd daughter and then martha Jane the last tha are all engoying reasonable health and often wishing to see all thare cosins thompsons and Clarkes and I would proud that wee Could live whare all the children could Enjoy one another in life time fails me to Say all that I would our children all desires to Be remembered to all thare uncles and aunts and all thare cosins in a purticler manner Nero thompson and family is well and doing well and wee intend cuming to see you all again when we can finde alasur faul and wee think you could come up and see us if you would and we Should be happy to seyou

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times is dull up hear we have had too hard wentors and difical crop years corn crop much better this faul than the ware last hemp and tobacco crops are light mony scarce I will just mention on my run of luck I have lost too negroes my father goveme and three children and since I have Baught seven and our present number is ten but times has got harde we are not agitting along fast you wright to us that there is a balance of money ready forus which would be verry axceptable if ihad time to come after it I just

wanted to inquire of you how i could git it with our cuming now as i amingaugedg Judge tomtptkin says that he will bring it for me if you and John can let him receive it and receite in my name the Best Council tels me that you can be safe to take my Blank recete and let Judg tomkins fill it out i will Send my blank receite by the Judg to the Supreme Court the first Monday in January next if you Should not please to convey it to me in that way be so good to write to me how much thare is coming and howe you can arrange the matter perhaps you could come up and se what we are about and bring it i just mention to you that my olde father dyede last winter the last day of January this is to you and John Jointe by tha we wish to be remembered to Clark and Sarah and all the connections Uriah williams and mary to James and franssis thompson and John and Jane Thompson



 Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Pleasant Hill Academy   
 (Sent by Ruth Tinnin)

[The following was copied from a book at the home of Mrs. R. B. Oliver, Sr. of Cape Girardeau in Jan. 1937 by Rev. W. G. Gammon. This book contained minutes of meetings of the Board, or Trustees, of Pleasant Hill Academy, organized, it is said on good authority, by the officers of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, and sessions were first held in the old church building.]

Mitchell School House, Feb—26, 1853.

Dis-No 1 met according to previous notice and went into an election of officers; on motion of J. Oliver, John Horrell was called to the chair; after a few well timed remarks from the chair touching the interest of the meeting, the House went into an election; on motion Edward L. Harris, Wright Michel, and John Horrell Esquires, were nominated trustees; the ballot was then cast for each individual above mentioned, and were unanimously elected trustees of District No 1 for the year 1853.

On motion of E. L. Harris, John Oliver was nominated and elected District Clerk, On motion of A. Short, Wm. Alexander was chosen as District Collector. It was then resolved by the meeting John Oliver should immediately advertise in some good newspaper for a well qualified teacher and that every exertion should be used to procure a teacher as soon as possible. The election then came up for a suitable site for the said district school; after mature deliberation it was decided by a large majority that Pleasant Hill church afforded advantages over every other situation. The meeting then adjourned until the first Saturday in March at Pleasant Hill at 1 o'clock P.M. 1854. This Feb- 26, 1853. J. Oliver, Ck.

The Clerk as required by the above meeting sent an advertisement to the office of The Intelligencer and paid for the same three dollars.

The Trustees employed Mr. Lyman B. Andrews for one session of twenty weeks, or five months, commencing 9<sup>th</sup> of November at Pleasant Hill Academy for the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars. Nov- 9<sup>th</sup>, 1853.

District No. 1 in township No. 1, held its first annual meeting according to appointment under the new law, or revised code of the Statute of the State in 1853, and elected the following gentlemen trustees, viz. John Horrell, Abner Short, and John Oliver. After the election, the meeting expressed a desire that the school be made a permanent one. Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 1853.

According the law, the trustees met and appointed one of their number President, J. Oliver, who is required to act as Secretary by virtue of his office. This Dec- 15<sup>th</sup>, 1853.

Terms; tuition, first session by spelling, readings, writing -----	\$ 8.50
Grammar and higher branches -----	\$ 5.00
Languages -----	\$10.00

The Trustees of Pleasant Hill Academy held a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 1854 at the hour of 2 o'clock P.M. and Resolved to raise the price of tuition as the present prices would not defray the expenses of principal and competent assistant; they resolved that prices should be as follows:

Primary Readings, Spelling, Mental Arithmetic, Geography -----	\$ 5.00
Geography, Grammar, and Arithmetic -----	\$ 5.00
The Higher English Branches -----	\$ 7.00
Algebra and Higher Branches of Mathematics -----	\$ 9.00
Languages -----	\$10.00

The Trustees secured the further services of Mr. Andrews. The Board then adjourned until the 23d of March, 10 A.M. at P. Hill. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1854.

March 25<sup>th</sup>, Rec- from the County Treasurer \$82.15 J. Oliver

March 29<sup>th</sup>: the moneys received on the 25<sup>th</sup> were applied to District No. 1, taught by L. B. Andrews.

Pleasant Hill Academy.

A session of five months, commencing on the tenth day of April, was then taught by L. B. Andrews and M. Fisher, and closed the first week in September: for this school the trustees did not receive any public monies.

This the 3d Sept, 1854.

"Pleasant Hill Academy".

The Trustees held a meeting on the 23d Sept and employed Messrs Wells and Rhodes for the term of one session (22 weeks) with this understanding, that the above named gentlemen take the school on their own responsibility by complying with the requirements of the School law, defraying expenses of publication, etc. The Trustees on their part are to arrange the seats, furnish fuel, stove, flue etc. cetra. Messrs Wells and Rhodes commenced School Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept; the prices contained on fourth page [end of page 6)

Transcript of Report to County Commissioner. To the School Commissioner of Cape Girardeau County: We the undersigned Trustees of School District No one in Township No one, do certify and report that the whole time any school has been kept in the said district during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July last was 21 mo, ten months being kept by male and eleven months by female teachers. That the whole number of children in our district over the age of five and under twenty years is one hundred and forty nine. The number taught during the last year was about 110 scholars. The amount of money paid for teachers' wages was seven hundred and eighty, eighty two dollars and ten cents of which was drawn from public monies 25 March, 1854. Given under our hands this first day of Sept, 1854. J. H. A.S. J. O. Trustees.

Paid to Miss Melissa Harris eleven dollars, who taught a School in Dis- No one, closed about the first of October, 1854. The balance paid her was twenty one dollars and fifty cents by the patrons of said school for the year 1854. J. Oliver. [end of page 8]

1854, Oct- 20: Rec'd of the county Treasurer the sum of thirty three dollars and ninety two cents for the year 1854.

Paid out twenty one dollars of the above for the teaching of two district schools in dis- No one, township No one, for the year 1854.

Ten dollars of which was paid out by Abner Short to one school and eleven paid by John Oliver another school, all in one district.

Balance of the above amount placed to the benefit of J. Oliver in an Act with Dis- No one in which balance was twelve dollars and ninety two cents. November, 1854. [end of page 9]



Received from the County Treasurer the sum of two hundred and forty seven dollars and five cents for School District No one, township No one. This July, 1853. J. Oliver.

One hundred and nine dollars of the above was paid to Mr. Wells, teacher at Pleasant Hill for a session of five months, ending 3d August, 1853. (See receipts from Mr. Wells).

Thirty eight dollars and five cents of the above was paid out [by] the Trustees of District No one, township No one, for repairs and seating School room, flue for stove pipe etc. J. Oliver [end of page 10]

Ten dollars of the above amount paid to Mr. Abner Short to pay a district school taught by Miss Stevenson. Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 1855.

Transcript of our report for the year ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1855.

We, the undersigned Trustees of School Dis- No one in Township No 1., do certify and report that the whole time any school has been kept in the said District during the year ending July 31<sup>st</sup> last, was thirteen months, ten being kept by male, and three by female teachers. That the whole number of children in our district over the age of five and under twenty years is one hundred and fifty one. The number taught [end of page 11] during the last year was about eighty one scholars. The amount of money paid for teachers' wages was about six hundred dollars; of which amount one hundred and ninety and ninety seven cents was paid out of the public money. Given under our hands this first Sept A.D.

1855. A.S. J.O. Trustees  
[end of page 12]

Sept. 1855. Ninety dollars still due this District in my hands. Paid school at, or in neighborhood of Geo. Short's, taught by Miss Stevenson, ten dollars more, which makes twenty dollars paid that school, the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1855. This leaves eighty dollars still due this district, in my hands Oct 27, 1855.

Received John Statler into this district November, 1855.

James McLard set off from this district November, 1855.

Paid out eleven dollars and ninety cents for a stove & pipe for Pleasant Hill Academy, Jan- 16, 1856 [end of page 13]

Robinson Russell received into this district Sept 1856.

Paid out twenty dollars of the public money to Miss Eveline Woods for a school taught at Daby's [Draby's] chapel 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1856.

Paid out to Mr. Wells, principal of Pleasant Hill School, forty eight dollars and ten cents, Feb- 19, 1856. 230.97 paid out.

Trustees called special meeting of the district by notice as required by law, for the purpose of adopting some measures in regard to settling the arrears for the new school room which had been partially built by subscription. The inhabitants accordingly assembled, and nominated Jacob Market chairman, object of the meeting was then fully explained, and a unanimous vote was carried in favor of paying the arrears out of the next public money that shall fall due our district. Feb- 19, 1856. Meeting adjourned sine die. A subscription was then taken up to raise money to buy a pair of 10 inch globes, blocks to illustrate some branches of mathematics, maps, etc, subscription in J. Oliver's hands. [end of page 14]

Received from the county treasurer the sum of one hundred and fifty seven dollars and ninety cents to be appropriated to the School in this district Dis No 1, one and township No one, July, 1856.

J. Oliver.

Paid to Mr. Wells fifty dollars of the above for a school taught, ending 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1856. Paid Mr. Wells fifteen dollars of the above for making repairs. This July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1856. Paid to Miss E. Woods ten dollars of the above school funds for teaching a school at D. Chapel, ending 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1856. [end of page 15]

Paid Leeman Hail the sum of five dollars for work in school room July 10, 1856.

Paid Abner Short the sum of twenty dollars for school purposes to pay apart of two schools taught in district No one and township No one. This 22d Augt 1856.

Paid Neugent forty dollars and forty four cents of the above school monies, for money and other things advanced for the new school room. This 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1856.

Still in my hands 17.46 This 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 1856.

Paid to W. E. Alexander 15.96 for a school taught by Miss Chambers 1856 and one dollars and fifty cents by Alexander. 1856. [end of page 16]

Transcript of report for 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1856. To the School Commissioner of C. County. We, the undersigned trustees of school district No one, in township No 1, do certify and report that the whole time that schools have been taught in the above said district during the year ending July 31<sup>st</sup> last were twenty four months, ten months of which time being taught by male teachers and fourteen months by female teachers. That the whole number of children in said district over the age of five, and under twenty years of age is one hundred and fifty five. And that the number taught during the last year were about one hundred and thirty five scholars. The amount of money paid for teachers' wages was not less than eight hundred dollars of which two hundred and twenty nine dollars and forty four cents were paid of public monies for schools and school purposes. [This is an error in amount paid out; it should have been \$237.90.] Given under our hands, This 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1856. [end of page 17]

Names of parents and guardians for 1856.

	Children		Children
Sides, Daniel -----	5	Rudd, Sarah -----	5
Sides, H. -----	4	Heldaman, ___ -----	1
Sides, John -----	3	Short, A. -----	4
Hill, Henry -----	5	Weis, John -----	6
Martin, Geo. -----	5	Alexander, E. C. -----	2
Garner, Wm. -----	2	Black, M. -----	1
King, James -----	1	Dickerson, Wm. -----	5
Garner, James -----	5	McManus, J. -----	6
Market, J. -----	3	Saloon, ___ -----	4
Oliver, J. -----	5	McCombs, Mrs. -----	3
Thomas, Louis -----	3	Hanly, J. P. -----	2
Harris, E. -----	2	Campbell, Jno. -----	3
Woods, Rufus -----	2	Issabell, Mrs. -----	2
Alexander, Wm. -----	4	Lance, Ja. -----	2
McNeely, A. G. -----	4	Short, Geo -----	3
Woods, Sam -----	1	Atchison, Mark -----	3
Hail, Thomas -----	4	Hill, Wm. -----	2
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[end of page 18]

Campbell, Robt. -----	2	Michell, Wright -----	2
Hutchison, Mrs. B. -----	4	McNeely, Mrs. -----	1
Flinn, A. -----	4	Snider, L. -----	3
Statler, John -----	3	Russell, Rob. -----	3
Horrell, Jno. -----	3	Williams, Wm. -----	1
Neugent, J. H. -----	6	Shelton, A. -----	5
Potts, Wm. -----	1		

39 (both columns)

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	151
A. Munson -----	4
	155.

Mrs. Narcissa Caldwell applied for admission into our district, and was received March 15, 1857. [end of page 19]

Mr. G. Wells completed the close of the seventh session of the third of July, 1857. On the 2d of July, there was a special meeting of the district called to elect a trustee in place of Abner Short resigned; the meeting was called to order and by motion of Rev- A. Munson, Thomas Hale was called to the chair; the object of the meeting was explained and the vote was cast, unanimously for Wm. Alexander. There had been also some further expenses accrued in repairs of school room, sealing, etc, which was decided by the meeting that the trustees should pay out of the public funds. The meeting then adjourned. July 2d, 2 o'clock, 1857. J. Oliver [end of page 20]

Received from the county treasurer the sum of two hundred and eleven dollars and eighty cents for the year 1857. Also due on last year's act 25 cents, 1857.

Paid out of the above eighty dollars to the Rev- G. Wells, in part of his salary for the seventh session which closed on 3d July, '57.

Paid out to Miss Lizy Chambers the sum of twenty dollars of public money for teaching a school in our district which closed about July 2d 1857. [end of page 21]

Transcript of report for 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1857. To the School Commissioners of Cape Girardeau County. We, the undersigned trustees of school district No one in township No one, do certify and report that the whole time schools have been taught in the above said district during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July last, were thirteen months, ten were taught by a male teacher, and three months by a female teacher. That the whole number of children in said district over the age of five and under twenty years of age, are one hundred and sixty six. And that the number taught during last year was about eighty scholars. The amount of moneys [end of page 22]

paid for teachers' wages were not less than five hundred dollars; of which one hundred dollars was paid of public money. Given under our hands 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 1857. The original copy of the above was not handed in, owing to some change made by the Legislature "that all reports should bear date 1<sup>st</sup> Dec-". The first Saturday in December being an unfavorable day, the election of trustees was set for the second Saturday of the month.

According to notice the meeting was called at Pleasant Hill on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December; on motion Mr. John Horrell was called to the chair; John Oliver was nominated as one of trustees and was elected; Geo Short was next nominated and elected and finally Wm. Alexander was nominated and unanimously elected. The meeting then adjourned sine die. This Saturday P.M. 3 o'clock, 1857. John Oliver  
Sometime during the month of November the northeast corner of our district seceded from district No one and formed another district; the names of the individuals were as follows: D. Sides, H. Sides, Jno. Sides, H. Hill, Geo Martin, Wm. Garner, J. King, J. Garner, Thm. Hail, Sarah Rudd. So mote it be, A. D. 1857 [end of page 23]

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1858. Paid to Mr. J. G. Wells seventy eight dollars of the Public School Funds, of which seventy dollars are to be applied in paying Tuition at Pleasant Hill Academy for the session ending at this date. The remaining eighty dollars are to pay for repairs in School room. See receipt W.  
E. A.

February 11<sup>th</sup>, '58. Paid to John W. Ruff fifteen dollars to be applied in paying tuition at Draby's Chapel. W. E. A.



Paid S. T. Hutchison the sum of twenty five dollars of Public money for teaching a school in Dist No 1., which closed about the last of June, 1858 [end of page 24]

July 1858. Received from the county treasurer the sum of one hundred and seventy six dollars and eighty five cents for the year 1858.

July, 1858. Paid to J. G. Wells fifty dollars (\$50) of the Public School funds for tuition at Pleasant Hill Academy for the Session ending at This date July 19, 1858. W. E. Alexander. Balance on hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1858, (\$120.90) one hundred and twenty dollars and ninety cents Oct, 1858. W. E. Alexander, Pres-Dist-

Paid to R. A. Alexander thirty dollars of the Public School Fund for tuition at Mount Marmer School House. Balance on hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1859, (\$90.90) ninety dollars and ninety cents. W. E. Alexander. [end of page 25]

January 14, 1859. Paid to J. G. Wells fifty dollars of the above sum. W. E. Alexander

July, 1859. Received from the county treasurer the sum of one hundred and thirty two dollars and eighty cents, (\$132.80), for the year ending at the above date, also due on last year Forty dollars which, together, will make \$172.80. Will.

July 12 '59. Paid to M. A. Harris twenty dollars of the above. See rece-

July 14, 1859. Paid to Wells and Glen, fifty dollars of above. See Receipt. William \$102.80. in the treasury at this date, July 14, 1859. [end of page 26]

Paid Wells and Glenn forty dollars (\$40) of the Public Money. W. E. Alexander

June, 1860. Rec'd from the county treasurer the sum of one hundred and thirty three dollars and eighty four cents (\$133.84), for the year ending at the above date; also due on last year (\$62) sixty two dollars and eighty cents, which added to the above is \$196.64. one hundred ninety six dollars and sixty four cents. June 29, 1860. Paid Wells and Glenn, twenty five dollars of the above for school purposes.

W. E. Al- [end of page 27]

\$121. Balance on hand one hundred and twenty one dollars and sixty five cents at this date June 29, 1860.

W. E. Alex-

Paid out of the above (\$14) fourteen dollars for School House purposes Nov 1860.

Dec- 18, 1860. Paid J. G. Wells thirty dollars (\$30).

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1861. The amount School Money on hand (\$77.65) Seventy seven dollars and sixty five cents.

W. E. Al- [end of page 28]

March 15, 1861. Paid to Wells and Harlan ten dollars of public money. W. E. A.

May 18, 1861. Paid to Mark Blatherwick fifty dollars (\$50) of the School Fund. W. E. A.

Paid to J. Short, \$2.00. I received for my trouble \$5. for the last three years, W. E. Al-

May 18, 1861. Balance of School Money on hand at this time, is \$10.00. [end of page 29]

July 24, 1862. Paid to Julia Market (\$10.00) ten dollars of School Fund all on hand at the above date.

W. E. Alexander

Nov. 22, 1862. Rec'd of the County Treasurer (\$19.50) nineteen dollars and fifty cents.

Feb. 25, 1864. Paid L. P. Bates fifteen dollars (\$15.00) School Fund. W. E. Alexander

Paid to Munro McCombs Four dollars and fifty cents, the balance on hand for a school taught in 1863 near J. Harley's.

W. E. Al- [end of page 30]

January 14, 1865. Received one hundred and thirty six dollars and fifteen cents (\$136.15), of the Public School Funds from the County Treasurer. W. E. Alexander.

Pleasant Hill, Mo. April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865. A meeting of the qualified voters of School Township No 1 was held on the day and at the place above written pursuant to notice previously given by the county Commissioner for

the purposed of changing the districts in said township. The meeting resolved by nearly a unanimous vote to consolidate the whole township into one district to be known as district No 1.

The meeting then immediately resolved itself into a district meeting, and elected Rufus M. Woods, David S. Caldwell, and John Short trustees for the School year ending 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1866. John Short was appointed President of the Board of Trustees. Nov- 25, 1865. Received of the county treasurer one hundred and twenty one dollars and sixty five cents of public school fund, of which \$22.68 was from the State fund, \$10.13 from the county fund, and \$88.76. from the township Fund.

John Short.

Pleasant Hill, MO. April 7, 1866. At the annual school meeting held this day for the election of school trustees Rufus M. Woods, David S. Caldwell, and John Short were elected and John Short was chosen President of the Board. [end of page 31]

	1865	
John Short in acct with Dist No 1.		Dr.
April 7 To cash Wm. E. Alexander	\$136.15	
November 25 Cash of Co Treasurer	121.55	
1866, June 30, Cash Co Treas-	93.55	
County Fund 3.33. Town	90.22	
	351.25	
Credit.		
Aug 9, 1865. By cash paid to M. E. Caldwell		45.00
Dec- 21, " By cash paid H. Fenimore		100.00
Apr 7, 1866. By Rev- Stamps on two Bonded affidavits		1.10.
June 9, Paid to T. W. Short -		25.00
" 23, Paid to A. H. Chandler		75.00
July 5, " " Mrs. Caldwell for board of		
Miss Amanda Chandler		24.00
" 7 Paid T. W. Short (balance		50.00
Aug 10, Paid John Hanley		28.00
		348.10.
		341.25
	Balance	3.15

[end of page 32]

At a special call for a school meeting to be holden at Pleasant Hill on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept, 1866 for the purpose of electing directors for school district No 1, Township No 1., John Short was called to the chair and Henry Fenimore Secretary. The meeting chose J. J. Sawyers for 3 years, Henry Fenimore 2 years and R. W. McNeely for one year. John Short Chairman, Henry Fenimore, Secretary.

At the regular meeting of the directors on April 20 in accordance with the requirements of School law, Sec- 80, recommended an assessment of \$400 for school district No 1, Township No 1, for the purpose of maintaining a free school for a period of 3 months in each school precinct.

October, 1867. At a meeting of the clerks of the several school districts A. G. McNeely was chosen President of the Board of Education for school Township No 6, and Henry Fenimore was chosen Township clerk.

The Board met at Pleasant Hill Oct 7. There being no business before them they adjourned sine due.

Henry Fenimore, Township Clerk.





**RECORDS OF THE FERDINAND KOCH FAMILY**

**WIDOW'S DECLARATION OF PENSION.**

[This Declaration may be Executed before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Clerk of Court, or before any other person authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

State of] Tennessee, [County of] Shelby [, ss:  
 ON THIS] 24 [day of] September [A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety] 7  
 [personally appeared before me] R. O. Johnston Notary Public [within and for the County and State aforesaid] Anna Koch [aged] 56 [years, who, being duly sworn according to law, maeks the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of] Ferdinand Koch [who enlisted under the name of] Ferdinand Koch [at] Cape Girardeau [on the] 27 [day of] June [A.D. 18]61 [, in Company] A Cape Girardeau [Regiment] Battalion M. H. G. [Volunteers, in the war of] 1861-1865 [who] contracted Lung and Throat \_\_invle? while in service which caused his death [on the] 22 [day of] April [A.D. 18]89 [who bore at the time of his death the rank of] Citizen [that she was married under the name of] Anna Daume [to said] Ferdinand Koch [on the] 11 [day of] June [A.D. 18]61 [by] Rev. W. Koencke [at] Cape Girardeau [there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married, that she has to present dated remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at date of father's death, viz:] None under sixteen at soldier's death [That she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance. That she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion against the United States; that] no [prior application has been filed] for pension or bounty [that she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation.]

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*The Weekly Democrat*  
 Saturday, 11 March 1905, page 5:

The funeral of Mrs. Ferdinand Koch took place from the Prescott House at three o'clock yesterday evening [a hotel that was at 26 N. Main in Cape Girardeau]

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**Miscellaneous Death Records**

Death records of bodies shipped in and out of Memphis are recorded in ledgers which cannot be photocopied. The following information was found and is listed exactly as it appears in the register:

DATE:	Feb. 2, 1905	OCCUPATION:	Housekeeper
NAME:	Anna F. Koch	CAUSE OF DEATH:	Gastro Enteritis
AGE:	63 yrs. 5 mos. 15 da	PHYSICIAN:	Wm. Hewitt
SEX:	Female	SEXTON/UNDERTAKER:	Taylor & Norris
RACE:	White	PLACE OF BURIAL:	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
MARITAL STATUS:	Widowed	PLACE OF DEATH:	New Raleigh Rd. & Swayne Ave.
CITIZEN:	[Not Listed]	WARD:	[Not Listed]
TERM OF RESIDENCE IN CITY:	15 yrs.		
NATIVITY:	Germany		

Shelby County Archives  
150 Washington Ave.  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

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Cape Girardeau *Southeast Missourian*, September 12, 1914

**MRS. EMMA KEHSA  
DIES IN MEMPHIS**

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**FORMER CAPE WOMAN WILL BE  
BURIED HERE SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON**  
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R. H. Huhn this morning received a telegram announcing the death in Memphis Friday night of Mrs. Emma Kehsa, and also stating that the remains would be brought here Sunday afternoon for burial. Mrs. Kehsa was a Miss Emma Koch, daughter of the late Ferdinand Koch, a well-known

family here years ago. Mr. Kehsa died about four years ago and was brought here from Memphis for burial. He and Mrs. Kehsa moved to Memphis over twenty years ago and in the meantime the family on both sides have nearly died out. The closest relatives are some cousins, Mrs. Emmet Summers of this city is one and there are others living in Jackson. Mr. Huhn is an old friend of the family and will look after the burial services. The remains will be met at the train Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and taken to the cemetery for burial.

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**Information on Tennessee Death Certificate  
File No. 2456, Registered No. 2455**

Emma Kehsa  
834 Chelsea Ave.  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1866  
Age 48  
Occupation: Housekeeper  
Birthplace: Mo.  
Father: Fred Koch  
Birthplace of Father: Mo.

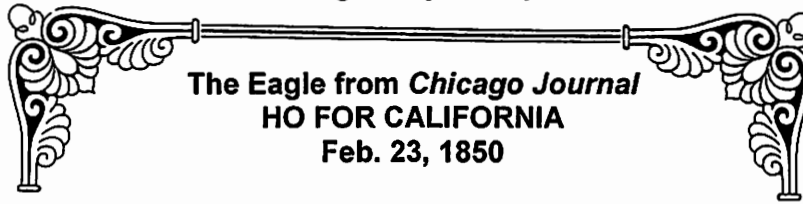
Maiden Name of Mother: Anna Druine  
Birthplace of Mother: Mo.  
Informant: Louis Koch, 834 Chelsea Ave.  
Date of Death: 9-11-14  
Cause of Death: Paresis  
Duration: About 1 year  
Place of Burial: Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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Email from City Sexton Terrill Weaver to Linda McDonald, 5 Aug 2002:

Ms. McDonald,

I have checked the burial information of Old Lorimier Cemetery and have checked the area adjacent to where Ferdinand Koch is buried. I could not find any markers for Anna Koch, Emma Kehse, or Paul Kehse. Although I do not believe that they could be buried next to Ferdinand Koch. There are partial posts made of concrete on three corners next to where Ferdinand is buried. I will try to describe the layout of the area I am speaking of. Try to imagine four spaces in a row. The space on the left side is open, to the right of that is where Ferdinand is buried, the next two spaces to the right do not have any markers as well. If you think this is where they may be buried, I will list them in the records for this cemetery. The following information is what is listed for Ferdinand's military record, "Captain, Company F / 56 Missouri Militia / Civil War". Thank you. Terrell Weaver



Overland expedition to California. A company of 30 men is sufficient to take the overland route to Calif. They can travel with as much safety & at greater advantage than a larger Company.

The best crossing the plains is with pack mules. 2 mules, short rifle carrying about 22 balls to the pound, 2 rifles, barrel pistols, 1 good knife with scabbard & belt, 2 good blankets, good oil-cloth coat or cloak, about 70 pounds of flour, 35 pounds Bacon, sugar & coffee – crossing not to exceed 95 days.

The advantage of traveling with pack mules are far superior than wagon. Cost of equipment:

2 good mules \$65.00 each	130.00
Riding saddle	10.00
Pack saddle	8.00
riding bridle	2.50
2 halters	1.00
2 piquet ropes with iron pins	2.00
3 good blankets	18.00
One short rifle	20.00
1 knife, scabbard & belt	2.50
2 rifles barrel pistols	12.00
70 pounds flour	2.80
35 pounds bacon	1.50
25 pounds sugar	1.60
10 pounds coffee	1.00
1 pound tea	1.00
camp furniture & sundries, such as mustard, pepper, salt & etc	5.00
	218.60

Independence Mo. to Platte River	280 miles
to Fort Kearney	25 miles
Forks of Platte	85 miles
Crossing S. fork of platte	80 miles
Ash Hollow	23 miles
Fort Laramie	148 miles
South pass Rocky mts.	300 miles
Fork Hall on Snake River	255 miles
Fork of roads, Oregon, Calif	60 miles
Mary's River	170 miles
Sink of Mary's River	295 miles
River Truckey	40 miles
Campbell cabin at Truckey's Lake	78 miles
Johnson Ranche, Calif.	75 miles
Sutter's Fort in Sacramento Valley	40 miles
To San Francisco	60 miles

2034 miles



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