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Jefferson Heritage & Landmark Society is dedicated to the preservation of Jefferson County Missouri history. We welcome those who may be interested to become members. Annual dues are \$10 and may be sent to **Mrs. Betty Olson, Treasurer, 721 W. Kelly St. DeSoto, MO 63020.**

## NEW BUSINESS

The board of directors of Jefferson Heritage and Landmark met on June 19 at Jefferson College, and August 15 at Shoney's in Festus to discuss future plans for the society. We are working hard to bring interesting new ideas and programs to you so that our membership can continue to grow. We have several really great programs in the works, including a fashion show and tea. We'll give you more details as soon as everything is in place.

We would like to make the society enjoyable for everyone, and would appreciate any suggestions you might have to help us in our planning. If you were an active member in the past but have slacked off in attending meetings, or volunteering your help, please try us again. Also, we would like to get more members involved in actually working on projects, rather than just attending a meeting or two. We have several ideas for projects that you could help with. The following are ideas we have discussed:

1. Making programs from Jefferson County pictures and slides that could be viewed by the local schoolchildren or various groups.
2. Serving as a researcher for a question and answer column in the newsletter, for either history or genealogy.
3. Surveying and recording cemeteries.
4. Video taping our quarterly programs for a video library.

5. Writing articles for the newsletter or aiding in research on a particular subject.
6. Making refreshments for our meetings.
- 7: Serving on a committee to plan and set up programs for our meetings.
8. Interviewing older countians for their invaluable memories.

Please seriously consider these suggestions and volunteer to help. We welcome your input for any other ideas you might have!

In other business, board member Tim Patterson has been unable to attend many meetings lately and asked to be excused from his position. The board voted to ask Carole Cooper to finish out the rest of Tim's term and she has graciously accepted. I'm sure Carole will be a great addition to our panel.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The next meeting of Jefferson Heritage & Landmark will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sept. 10, at the Kimmswick Hall at the corner of 3rd & Vine. Mr. Jack Kountz will be presenting a program on Montesano Park, which was a wooded grove just north of Kimmswick around the turn of the century. The park was a favorite spot for the city folk to spend a day in the country. They came by train and steamboat to visit the area which was owned by The Columbia Excursion Company. Mr. Kountz has been metal detecting in the park for several years and has unearthed many artifacts from the area, including coins, tokens, toys, and jewelry. Come see some Jefferson county buried treasure!

On Saturday, Sept. 23, at 9:00 a.m. at the Northwest Library, Dorothy (Tincup) Mauldin will discuss how to research the five "civilized" Indian tribes. Trace your Native American heritage. Advanced reservations are needed.

On October 27, 28, & 29, the Friends of the Fletcher House in Hillsboro will have a ghost walk. The walk will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**CHECK OUT THE BACK OF THE  
NEWSLETTER FOR A VERY SPECIAL  
PROGRAM !!**



## CEMETERY SEARCHES

by: Lisa K. Thompson

As most of you know, the Jefferson Heritage and Landmark Society is continuing an ongoing search to record the cemeteries of Jefferson County, Missouri. A large portion of the county was recorded in the 1980's, but there are still many small family graveyards yet to be found.

The "season" for cemetery recording is very short, therefore, if several people would be willing to help in this project, much more could be accomplished before these valuable records are gone forever. Time and vandalism have already taken their toll on many stones.

The best times to record cemeteries are after the first good frost in the fall, and early spring, before plant growth, bugs, and heat are unbearable.

It is best to go with a partner for several reasons; safety and help in deciphering the writing on headstones being the main ones.

Record the tombstone information exactly as you find it, even if there are apparent errors. Engravers made errors, just like the rest of us, and the information supplied to them might not have been accurate in the first place.

Tools that you may wish to take along might be; a good stiff brush for cleaning dirt off the stone, white chalk for rubbing across the writing, this sometimes make the inscription more legible and won't harm the stone, and a rod or probe of some kind to locate stones that have become buried by leaves or plant growth. A notebook (and pen) for recording the information, or a hand held tape recorder are also essentials. Cameras are optional, but a good photograph is an invaluable record should the cemetery or stones be vandalized in the future.

Many of our ancestors rest in unmarked graves, or have only a fieldstone marker. Some also had wooden headstones which have disappeared with time. If you know of any similar gravesites, we would like to record this information also. Any help you can give as to who may be buried in such a grave, or a family name will be much appreciated.

If you do not know whether a particular cemetery has been recorded, the DeSoto library has a computerized master list. They are alphabetized by the name of the cemetery so if you have that

information, it would help greatly. Most family cemeteries are named for the people who are buried there. Others are named for their location.

Even if the cemetery has already been recorded, it never hurts to record it again. Sometimes a headstone may be overlooked or the inscription misinterpreted. Or you may find a headstone that was previously buried by dirt or plant growth. I recently found an additional six stones in a cemetery that had been recorded twice before.

If you can not record the cemetery yourself, and you know it has not previously been done, give me a call and I will put it on my list of ones to check out. But I sure would appreciate your help in recording them if at all possible! You can call me at 937-7990 to volunteer help or information, or if you have any questions. Thanks!

The following is a list of cemeteries on file at the DeSoto library: The information contained on each stone can be viewed at the library in printed form if you are doing research.

Avoca Cemetery  
Antonia Cemetery  
Baker Cemetery  
Baptist Cemetery, Old Mines  
Baur Cemetery  
Becker Cemetery  
Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery  
Bittick Cemetery  
Blackwell Family Cemetery  
Bliss/Johnson Cemetery  
Bonacker Cemetery  
Bonne Terre Cemetery  
Booth Cemetery  
Boyne Cemetery  
Brown Cemetery  
Burgan Cemetery  
Burgess Cemetery  
Burgess (Old) Cemetery  
Buster Cemetery  
Byrd Family Cemetery  
Byrnesville Hill-Medly Cemetery  
Calvary Cemetery  
Cedar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery  
Cesko-Slavansky Cemetery  
Charter Church Cemetery (partial)



Cole, Aquilla Cemetery  
Concord Cemetery  
Cook Cemetery  
Cromwell Cemetery  
Curtis Cemetery  
Danby Cemetery  
DeSoto City Cemetery  
Dowling Cemetery  
Dornseif Cemetery  
Dripping Springs Cemetery  
Ebenezer Cemetery  
Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Cemetery  
Fenton Methodist Church Cemetery  
Fink Cemetery  
Flucom Dutch Methodist Cemetery  
Flucom German Methodist Cemetery  
Franciscan Mission Brothers of Sacred Heart  
Glade Chapel Cemetery  
Gowan Cemetery  
Grubville Baptist Church Cemetery  
Haverstick Cemetery  
Hematite Christian Church Cemetery  
Hematite Methodist Cemetery  
Hensley Family Cemetery  
Herrington Cemetery  
Hildebrand Slave Cemetery  
Hillsboro Cemetery  
Hope United Church of Christ Cemetery  
Horine Cemetery, Richwoods  
House Springs Cemetery  
Huskey Cemetery  
Immaculate Conception Cemetery  
Jarvis Cemetery (old)  
Jenni Family Cemetery  
Kidd Cemetery  
Kim Cemetery  
Kimmswick Cemetery  
Koch Cemetery  
Langheng Cemetery  
Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery  
Lucky Baptist Church Cemetery  
Luther Cemetery  
Maness Cemetery  
Martin, Victor Cemetery  
Masonic Cemetery, Blackwell  
McClain Cemetery  
McClain-McCreary Cemetery  
McCormack Cemetery  
McCormack, James Cemetery  
McCormick Cemetery  
McFry-Williams Cemetery  
McKean or McCane Cemetery  
McMullin, Robert Cemetery  
Meisner Cemetery  
Miller Cemetery  
Moon Town Cemetery  
Mount Olive Cemetery  
Myer Cemetery  
Nees Cemetery  
Null-Ogle Cemetery  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery  
Papin Road Cemetery  
Pilgrims Rest Cemetery  
Pitts Cemetery  
Pleasant Valley Cemetery  
Porter Cemetery  
Price Cemetery  
Rauschenbach Cemetery  
Richardson Cemetery  
Richardson-Baker Cemetery  
Rogers Cemetery  
Rouggly Cemetery  
Rowe Cemetery  
Sale Cemetery  
Sandy Baptist Church Cemetery  
Schlueter Cemetery  
Shepherd Hills Cemetery  
Simpson Cemetery  
Smith Cemetery  
Soul Sleeper's Cemetery (Church of God)  
St. Joachim's Catholic Cemetery (Old Mines)  
St John's Catholic Cemetery  
St. John's Lutheran Cemetery  
St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery  
St. Martin's UCC Cemetery, Dittmer  
St. Martin's UCC Cemetery, High Ridge  
St. Paul's Cemetery  
Stow Cemetery  
Steuber Cemetery  
Sullens Cemetery  
Telegraph Cemetery  
Tilden Cemetery  
Ulrich Cemetery  
Valles Mines Cemetery  
Victoria Cemetery  
Vinyard Cemetery  
Votaw Cemetery

Wagner, Victor Cemetery  
Waters Cemetery  
Waters-Kennedy Cemetery  
Wideman Cemetery  
Wiley Cemetery  
Wilson-Politte Cemetery  
Wislezenus Cemetery  
Yates Cemetery  
Zion Lutheran Cemetery  
Zion Methodist Cemetery

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The following are cemeteries that I have recently recorded. I have included some family information, but I have additional info if you are interested. If you have information about any of these cemeteries, or the families, please let me know.

#### HERRINGTON FAMILY CEMETERY

West on Hwy. BB 5.7 miles from 21-BB junction.  
Cedar Rock Road on right. Surveyed March 1994  
by Lisa K. Thompson.

Joshua Herrington  
born February 8, 1817  
died September 9, 1886

Lucinda, wife of J. Herrington  
born June 20, 1817  
died January 1, 1874

Martha, wife of B. E. Herrington  
died June 23, 1884  
aged 23 years, 12 days

Nancy E. wife of James R. Herrington  
born April 18, 1832  
died January 8, 1901

15-20 limestone markers with no inscriptions were also located. Some are probable footstones.

#### OBITUARY from The Democrat September 15, 1886

Died September 9, 1886 at the residence of his son-in-law, N. S. Huskey, near Hillsboro, Joshua Herrington, aged 75 years, 7 months, and 1 day. Mr. Herrington was born February 8, 1811 at the old Herrington homestead on Belew's Creek,

and remained a citizen of this county all his life, with the exception of a couple of years spent with his sons in Texas and Franklin counties. He has nine children still living, Mrs. John B. Craft, Mrs. N. S. Huskey, Mrs. Orson Baker and Frank Herrington of this county; Mrs. Levi McCulloch of Franklin, Green and E. S. Herrington of Texas county and George and Lanson, now living in the state of Texas. Mr. H.'s wife died about thirteen years ago, and for the last few years he had been living with his children. He came on a visit to Mr. Huskey when he was prostrated with kidney and bladder disease, and though every thing was done for him that was possible, he could not withstand the ravages of the disease. He was a faithful member of the Baptist church for 47 years; was recognized and respected by all as a useful, honest and upright citizen. Though suffering excruciating pain, he retained his mind to the last and died, as he had lived, full of faith in the atonement of his Savior.

An article on file at the History Center at Jefferson College written by Everett Edward Dahl on August 15, 1981 stated:

On January 14, 1902, James and Mary Huskey purchased approximately 210 acres from John J. and Edwin Herrington for \$1100.00. This 210 acres is located on Clayton Huskey Road and BB Highway. Included in the sale of that property was the Herrington Cemetery. The sales agreement stated in part, that James and Mary Huskey were to receive the 210 acres "excepting however, the following portion reserved by John J. and Edwin Herrington for family burial ground, described as follows, to wit. Beginning at the white oak 54 feet southwest of Mrs. N. E. Herrington's monument, thence east 120 feet to the white oak, thence north 142 feet to the white oak, thence west 120 feet to a point 25 feet west of a walnut, thence south 160 feet to the place of beginning, a white oak." It should be noted that the Herrington Cemetery just discussed contains approximately thirty graves of people all of whom are distant relatives of Fannie B. Herrington and Benjamin Frank Herrington. This same 210 acres was owned by various Herrington family members from approximately February 26, 1821, to 1902.

### HUSKEY FAMILY CEMETERY

Hwy. BB to Klondike Rd, on the Oliver Huskey farm. Two graves are located near the Huskey schoolhouse, which is a frame building, still standing. Surveyed March, 1994 by Lisa K. Thompson.

John Huskey Sen.  
Born June 29, 1800  
Died June 29, 1876  
aged 76 years



Nancy Huskey  
Born 1803  
Died August 12, 1874

#### Obituary from The Democrat :

HUSKEY — Died at his residence near Hillsboro, June 29, 1876, John Huskey, aged 76 years. Mr. Huskey came to this county with his father in 1804, when he was only four years of age, and resided here from that time till his death. He was therefore one of the oldest settlers of the county, and grew up with it. He spent his life on the farm, and being of an industrious and frugal character, accumulated a handsome property. (1300 acres) He raised a family of thirteen children, all of whom are grown up and have families of their own. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren probably number over one hundred persons. He was an honest and peaceful citizen, widely known and much respected.

### McCORMACK CEMETERY

Charter Church Rd., about 1/2 mile from the intersection of Plattin Road and Harness Road. The following stones were found in addition to previous surveys Surveyed March 23, 1995 by Lisa, Bud, Benjamin & Emily Thompson.

Jane C. McCormack  
daughter of E. & E. (Enoch & Eliza)  
Died Oct. 4, 1844  
aged 5 years, 1 month, 17 days

Eliza S. McCormack  
Died Nov. 5, 1865  
(nee Donnell, wife of Enoch)  
aged 45 years, 6 months, 28 days

Margaret M. McCormack

Born May 28, 1796  
(nee McMullin, 2nd wife of James)  
Died Aug. 21, 1874

Adaline, wife of J. T. McMullin  
Died March 11, 1861  
daughter of E. & E. McCormack  
aged 25 years, 10 months, 16 days

(this stone was broken into two pieces, the bottom piece was originally recorded in the two previous surveys with no name given. The top portion of the stone was found buried underneath the bottom portion as mentioned above.)

Thomas R. Stewart  
Died Jan. 30, 1886

Aged 23 years, 9 months, 26 days

(raised by Mitchell McCormack, killed when he fell on the track in front of a train)

James F. McCormack  
Died May 3, 1863  
(son of Enoch & Eliza)  
Aged 26 years, 5 months

### BLISS/JOHNSON FAMILY CEMETERY

Big River Heights Road, DeSoto, MO. Surveyed by Lisa K. Thompson, Robert Lewis, and Benjamin and Emily Thompson, April 1994.

Josephene Johnson  
Born April 26, 1867  
Died March 2, 1916

Julia A. Corpis ?  
(hand etched in script)  
Born May 30, 1919  
Died ? 1919

unreadable  
Born March, 17 ? of 1924  
(hand etched in script)  
Died Feb. 14, of 1925  
11 months

There are at least seven more stones with no writing visible at this time. The following four stones are in a row with a raised rock wall surrounding them. Large rock slabs have been placed on top of the wall covering the grave area . The slabs are about

two to three feet off the ground, making a type of mausoleum.

Geo. M. Johnson,  
son of G. W. & M. Johnson  
Born May 26, 1842  
Died Dec. 23, 1867  
aged 25 years, six months, 27 days

Stella, wife of L. M. Shaw  
Died Nov. 30, 1887  
Aged 23 years, 10 months

Melissa, wife of Geo. W. Johnson  
Born Nov. 1817  
Died May 21, 1881  
Aged 64 years

George W., husband of M. Johnson  
Born Dec. 8, 1811  
Died Nov. 12, 1871  
Aged 59 years, 10 months, 4 days

There is an enclosed concrete wall with the following substantial stone inside. There are also several sunken spots, probably more grave sites. There is room for 5 - 10 more graves in this enclosure. The area inside the wall is covered with Vinca and some stones may be lying down, covered by the foliage. The neighbor states that at one time there was an ornate iron fence around this area, but it has been stolen.

Neziah Wright Bliss 1860-1931  
(Drowned at the Mammoth Ford of Big River when he tried to ride his horse through flood waters. He was one of the largest land owners along the river, having almost 2 1/2 miles of river front and owned thousands of acres. He had a brother, Dr. Bliss of St. Louis, and another brother, Dr. E. W. Bliss, who died in Hollywood California. Neziah was married twice, Lucy was his second wife.)

Lucy Belle Bliss 1862-1930

#### MEDLY FAMILY CEMETERY

Byrnesville Rd., just past where the mill is located on Big River. Surveyed October 29, 1994 by Lisa K. Thompson.

Cassandra Isabella, wife of Jesse Medly  
born Jan. 5, 1832

(also a footstone, initials C.I.M.  
died Sept. 8, 1859

Stone and footstone (illegible)  
initials possibly W.I.S

#### MYER FAMILY CEMETERY

Located between Glade Chapel road and Lake Tishomingo road. Surveyed by Lisa K. Thompson, Mona Faye Lewis, and Joe Bouska, May 25, 1994.

Hannah A. Myer  
Born May 18, 1810  
Died Nov. 30, 1893

Jacob H. Myer  
Born June 2, 1809  
Died August 19, 1880

MEYER — Aug. 19th, 1880, of congestion of the bowels, Jacob Meyer, aged 71 years, 2 months and 17 days. Mr. Meyer was for about 40 years a resident of this county, engaged in farming and the nursery trade, and was known to many of our citizens as a quiet, peaceable, and industrious man, commanding the respect of all who knew him. He had lately left his farm and moved to Big River, where he died. He was brought back to his home and buried near his nursery, where he had spent so many days at honest toil.

Jacob I., son of J. & H. Myer  
Died Oct. 1, 1851  
In his seventh year

Charles M. Myer (son of J. & H. Myer)  
BROTHER  
Born Oct. 14, 1852  
Died Oct. 5, 1933

Wallace W. Morton  
Born Feb. 18, 1839  
Died July 26, 1929  
Augusta L. Morton (daughter of J. & H.)  
Born Nov. 14, 1854  
Died Dec. 4, 1939

Both names are on one stone. The grave of Augusta L. Morton has been dug up and is empty.

Charles Nargott  
(First husband of Augusta L. Morton)  
Born May 1, 1850  
Died June 22, 1892

Hannah S., daughter of C. & G. Nargott  
Died Dec. 14, 1888  
Aged 8 years, 6 months, 14 days

Charles J., son of C. & G. Nargott  
Died Dec. 30, 1888  
Age 6 years, 2 months

The following two names are on one stone and the inscription at the bottom reads; "Erected by his sister, Augusta Morton."

Louis R. Myer (son of J. & H. Myer)  
Born March 31, 1849  
Died March 15, 1927  
Mary A. Myer (nee Russell)  
Born May 10, 1865  
Died July 14, 1904

Augusta J. Myer  
DAUGHTER  
Born Oct. 5, 1896  
Died July 13, 1904

Anna E., Daughter of L. & M. Myer  
Born Dec. 7, 1891  
Died November 18, 1893

(Mary & her daughter Augusta. died after eating poisonous mushrooms that Charles Myer gathered.)

Most of these stones are substantial and well preserved. Many of them have footstones with initials. There is a wire fence around the entire plot.

#### THOMPSON FAMILY CEMETERY

Located in woods where Plattin School Road and Harness Rd. meet. Surveyed February 25, 1995 by Lisa, Bud, Emily & Benjamin Thompson and Clyde Jackson.

A.M. Thompson (Ann)  
(daughter of Peter Patrick McCormack Jr.)  
born Jan. 4, 1828  
died Dec. 18, 1906

D. A. Thompson (Dave)  
born Aug. 7, 1826  
died Sept. 14, 1913



Infant daughter of A. & Lottie Wagner  
born Jan. 2, 1912  
Budded on earth to bloom in heaven  
died Jan. 5, 1912

There are at least 11-12 grave sites here, but most have only field markers with no inscriptions. There may be some Hay's graves here. Mr. Jackson stated that the cemetery was placed on the Thompson/Hay property line so that both families could use the cemetery.

#### Obituary from The Democrat:

Sister Ann M. Thompson died at her home near Plattin December 15, 1906 of blood poisoning and inflammation of the bowels. She was sick only a few days. She was born January 4th, 1828, and would have been 78 years old had she lived till January 4th, 1907. She was converted at old Plattin church in January 1849, and it was said by those who knew her best that her Christian life was an exemplary one. Sister Thompson had been a sufferer for many years with an afflicted limb and five or six years ago she fell and broke her hip, and since then has been a helpless invalid. She was a member of the M.E. Church, south, nearly 58 years. She was the mother of eight children, three of whom preceded her to the unseen world. She was married to D.A.Thompson February 22d, 1849; therefore, had spent nearly 58 years with him. Her husband has been a faithful worker in the church but is getting very feeble now and in a very few years at most will follow his blessed companion to that land where sickness is unknown.

#### VINEYARD FAMILY CEMETERY

South on Charter Church Rd., to the Jefferson Co./Ste. Genevieve Co. line. Surveyed March 12, 1995 by Bud, Lisa, Benjamin & Emily Thompson.

Lucinda, wife of Wm. Vineyard  
(also footstone with initials L.V.)  
born July 30, 1818  
died Aug. 22, 1876

There is a large stone base next to Lucinda's monument which looks as if it matches hers, but there is no headstone. Possibly her husband William? There are a couple of other stones which may be grave markers, but no inscriptions.

*Learn how to creatively organize and responsibly store your photos, keepsakes, and memorabilia. Your albums will show future generations the stories of your ancestor's lives and loves, and we'll show you how!*

*They're worth a thousand words.*

*They're the first possession you would save from a fire.*

*They're one of the few legacies you have to pass on.*

*November 4, 1995, 2:00 p.m.  
Jefferson College, Little Theater  
Bring a Friend!*

*Yet* for all their importance, we shove them in drawers, abandon them to basements and attics, or worse, store them in albums that chemically destroy the very images they were meant to protect.

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