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ATTENTION

It is time to send in your dues for 1995 in the Jefferson Heritage and Landmark Society. Annual membership is \$10.00 and includes four issues of The Heritage News. Please send your payment to Mrs. Betty Olson, Treasurer, c/o DeSoto Library, 712 S. Main St., DeSoto, MO 63020, or call Betty at 586-3858, or President Della Lang at 677-2017 for more information.

Genealogy Help Wanted

Information wanted on Theodore Alexander Flandreau, aka Alexander Stephen Flatbush, aka Theodore Alexander Flatbush, father of George Flatbush, Anna Flatbush, Hardy Royal Flatbush, Nellie Flatbush, Walter B. Flatbush, and Frank Emerson Flatbush. If you have any information, contact: Sherry L. Clark (nee Flatbush) 5901 Big River Heights Road, DeSoto, MO 63020. Telephone 314-586-6034.

McCormack - A Pioneer Family

Peter Patrick McCormack was one of the first settlers of the Jefferson Co. MO area. The Missouri Republican for March 14, 1840 contained the following obituary.

"He was born in Dublin, his father was a Scotsman, who emigrated early in life to America. He entered as a soldier in the Revolution and fought under Washington and Wayne, and though entitled to a pension, his independent spirit and comfortable living kept him from applying for the same." However, the U.S. General Services Administration can now find no proof of any such service. The same article stated that he died

March 1, 1840 at the age of 87 years. His will was probated at Hillsboro, Missouri on April 27, 1840.

Peter Patrick married about 1790 in Virginia, possibly to a Miss Reed. His son James was born March 19, 1792, and Hardy was born May 25, 1799. After his first wife died, Peter Patrick married Isabella, who was the widow of Joseph Wines.

In the year 1802, Peter Patrick McCormack, along with his second wife Isabella, her daughter, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's husband Jeremiah McClane, his two sons, James and Hardy and Joseph Wines landed at Plattin Rock, the area where the Plattin creek meets the Mississippi River. Rude wooden keel boats were their means of travel. By this laborious method they traveled from the upper Ohio down to the Mississippi and struggled a hundred and fifty miles up the swift and treacherous stream to reach their land of promise.

They found the country under the jurisdiction of John Sturgis, a magistrate under the Mexican government, whose headquarters were located at Ste. Genevieve. The area was also used by the Indians as a winter camp because of the good hunting available. The field located near the head waters of the creek, which was later owned by the McClane's was called "Indian Bottom."

The McCormacks settled about twelve miles from the mouth of the stream on survey 1245. In "American State Papers, Public Lands Volume 2," page 600 is found this description. "No. 1245, September 30, 1812. Peter McCormack, land claimed under his name is issued to Peter McCormack. Nature of the Land Claim, Settlement Right. Water Course, Plattin Creek. Number of arpents, 450. Ste. Genevieve District." An arpent is approximately .85 acres. After 1797, each family head was allowed 200 arpents, plus fifty for each child, and twenty for each slave.

According to an old newspaper item, three years after settling here, an old Indian presented himself at Mr. McCormack's door. The Indian was recognized as one of the former captors of the family during their perilous voyage down the Ohio. During the sojourn of captors and captives through the State of Ohio, they temporarily stopped at a trading post. Unexpectedly,

Mr. McCormack met an uncle, who offered to buy his nephew from the Indians, and offered the price of five gallons of brandy. This was quite an offer for a ransom, but Mr. McCormack preferred his captors to the clutches of an uncle who would purchase him with brandy, "and with so small a quantity too!"

Mr. McCormack was a very active Methodist. Soon after 1802, church services were being held in his home. Other homes in the area also served as a meeting place for their services, these included the McMullins, the Stricklands, and the Donnells. By 1827, the people of the Plattin area were worshipping in a small log building on land belonging to Peter McCormack. In 1842, the first Plattin Methodist Church was built. A copy of the original transaction showed that the land was deeded to the Plattin Methodist Church by James and Margaret McCormack.

In the year 1819, Mr. McCormack sold 640 acres of survey 1245 to John Byrd, the other 100 acres later becoming the Reed Porter place. Mr. McCormack moved farther down the Plattin to the Humphry Gibson claim, and later to Perry Township, St. Francois Co. MO.

James M. McCormack, son of Peter Patrick, first married Susan Wines, then Margaret McMullin. They built in 1836 what is known as the old Red Brick Plantation House. It had seven rooms and five fireplaces. The bricks, which were larger than normal size, were handmade of mud from the building site and baked in our hot Missouri sun. For many years, this house was used as an overnight stopping point for Selma Road passengers. After James McCormack's death in 1840, Eli F. Donnell purchased the house, who held it until after the Civil War. It was then bought by Mitchell McCormack, grandson of Peter Patrick. Today, the house still stands on the southeast corner of Plattin Road and Charter Church Road on survey 857.



The Old Red Brick Plantation House

Behind the Plantation House lies the family cemetery of James M. McCormack. This plot has been surveyed several times. The following stones are located here:

James McCormack	Died.
Susan McCormack	Died .
Enoch McCormack	Died
Sarah Berry	Died.
Seth Hart	Died.
John Avanant England	Died.
Lewis P. Cole	Died
Hardy McCormack	Died 1
Sarah A. McCormack	Died.
Caroline Watts	Died 1
Infant son Watts	Died .
Margaret A. Murray	Died 1
Eliza Bailey	Died A
Samuel Oscar Donnell	Died 1
Bertha Harrington	Died J
Rushe M. Harrington	Died 1
Mitchell McCormack	Died 1
Susan C. McCormack	Died
Harriet J. McCormack	Died '
Sallie L. McCormack	Died J
Katie McCormack	Died 1
Paul L. Boyce	Died I
Elizabeth Stewart	Died
?	Died I
Cynthia E. Perkins	Died 1
H. Rudy Perkins	Died 1
Tolman Evans	Died a
Matilda J. Cox	Died A
Stella Celestine Cox	Died (
Mary Donnell	Died I
Thomas Donnell	Died S
Harriet A. Donnell	Died J
Hardy M. Donnell	Died N
Infant son Donnell	Died S
Millard M. Donnell	Died N
Jerome G. D. Donnell	Died (
Margaret Alice Donnell	Died (
Eliza Nevada Stroup	Died I
James Henderson Smith	Died I
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Died Jan. 19, 1846		
Died April 9, 1865		
Died Oct. 23, 1843		
Died June 20,1865		
Died July 9, 1833		
Died Jan. 12, 1838		
Died Oct. 13, 1900		
Died March 9, 1903		
Died July 8, 1900		
Died Feb. 19, 1852		
Died June 25, 1858		
Died March 11, 1868		
Died Aug. 20, 1852		
Died May 25, 1861		
Died Jan 5, 1892		
Died Nov. 15, 1891		
Died 1913		
Died 1921		
Died?		
Died July 22, 1880		
Died Nov. 8, 1882		
Died Dec. 23, 1893		
Died Jan. 1, 1881		
Died March 11, 1861		
Died 1923		
Died 1921		
Died about 1931		
Died April 28, 1873		
Died Oct. 11, 1827		
Died Feb. 16, 1857		
Died Sept. 16, 1888		
Died June 22, 1878		
Died March 22, 1845		
Died Sept. 19, 1862		
Died Nov. 11, 1861		
Died Oct. 22, 1865		
Died Oct. 23, 1862		
Died Dec. 8, 1905		
Died May 10, 1922		

Peter Patrick's son Hardy was also building a house at this time about two miles downstream. Peter Patrick had by this time moved to St. Francois Co. but decided to return to the Plattin. He divided his remaining years, living first with one, and then the other.

Hardy McCormack Sr. died at his residence in Plattin township on the 9th of May, 1872, aged 72 years, 10 1/2 months. His obituary as reported in <u>The Democrat</u> is as follows;

Uncle Hardy, as he was known to everybody, was one of the oldest citizens of the county. He was born in Kentucky, May 25, 1799. He was a resident of Jefferson Co. seventy years, the place where he lived and died being within one mile of where his father first settled. His life was not all spent within the narrow confines of this little circle, but from traveling and reading he kept well posted on all the important events transpiring throughout the whole country. Having come to the State when it was in its wild state, and having grown up with the improvement of the State, he knew personally as much of the early history of our State and county as any man in it.

Politically, he was known as an "old line Whig," up to the time of the split of the Democratic party in this State, when he became a Benton Democrat, since which time he has always voted the Democratic ticket.

He was temperate in his habits, using very little strong drink and no tobacco in any shape.

He lived to see all his children grown up and settled around him and also to see his grand and great grandchildren growing up, and he expressed a conviction that his work was finished.

His Creator had endowed him with a strong mind, in full possession of which he remained till the last moment, and a strong and vigorous constitution which only succumbed to the ravages of time. He lived a very active life, riding a great deal on horseback, going to the post-office at Hematite, a distance of ten miles and back, every week almost for the last ten years, and having made full preparations for death, died with bright prospects for a state of future bliss.

He made several trips to Texas on horseback; sometimes carrying his rifle. His hand and purse were always open, ready to forward religious or educational interest. We knew him all our life as a neighbor and friend, and in his death we feel that we have lost a friend, the county a useful and intelligent citizen, and the future historian of the county that one who could have best aided him in compiling the early history of the county.

Hardy Sr. first married Lavina McCormack, then Elizabeth Mitchell.

James McCormack, son of Hardy was born about 1822. He went to Jefferson City to get his commission to finish the unexpired term of Sheriff Hammond. He died in 1849 after contracting cholera while on the

road. He kept a diary of events, weather, and poetry which he had written. The following excerpts are from this journal kept in the 1840's.

Marriages

Mr. Henry Boas to Miss Priscilia Martin in Ste. Genevieve Co., MO by the Rev Mr. Stephens. July 3rd, 1845

Mr. Robert Akins to Miss Mary Dutton in Jefferson Co., MO by the Rev. Joseph Renfrow, October 16th, 1845

Mr. Martin Baley to Miss Nancy Donnell in Jefferson Co., MO by the Rev. Sml. Whitehead, November 6th, 1845

Mr. Henry Poston to Miss Susan Eaglebarger at H. S. Wattses, Ste. Genevieve Co., MO January 8th, 1846

Mr. Austin Honey to Miss Lucy Buren on Joachim Creek, Jefferson Co., MO February 12th, 1846

Mr. Mark Moss to Mrs. Emily Cox at Andy Fights in Jefferson Co., MO March 28th, 1846

Mr. James Gooden to Miss Malinda Roberts on Big River, Jefferson Co., MO March 30th, 1846

Mr. John Wymer to Miss Laurana Williams, daughter of Landen Williams of Jefferson Co., MO May 13th, 1846

Mr. Andrew White to Miss Juritha Pinson on Dry Fork of Plattain, Jefferson Co., MO May 17, 1846

Deaths

Mrs. Ogle died at Swashing Creek, Jefferson co., MO the 20th of June 1843

Died on the ? of July 1843, James Strickland at the residence of James Smith on Swashing Creek, Jefferson co., MO

Miss Lucinda S. Boyce died at Farmington, St. Francois Co., MO in the 18th year of her age after three weeks intense suffering and died the 15th of April, A.D. 1843

Sunday the 6th of April 1845, the funeral of James Donnell preached at Plattain Church by the Rev. B. F. Love

November 29th, 1845, Mrs. Bishop died on Plattain Creek, Jefferson Co., MO

Died at his residence on Plattain Creek, James McCormack, January 19th, 1846

Died on Plattain Creek, Isabella McCormack, on the 20th of January 1846

Died at Herculaneum, Mrs. Rankin, consort of Charles S. Rankin, March 1st, 1846

Died on Plattain Creek, Jefferson Co., MO, Alexander Boyd, March 30th, 1846

The following letter was written by Hardy Sr.'s son Reed to his brother Mitchell on July 14, 1899. They were researching the history and dedication of the Plattin Methodist Church. The letter is written on stationary with the letterhead of:

Alabama Jail & Bridge Co. Jasper, Alabama
Improved Steel & Iron Work for Jails and Prisons
Steel & Iron Bridges

H.E. McCormack President & Secretary

Dear Brother Mitchell,

Your very interesting letter has just come to hand. I am glad indeed to hear that you are all well and that your crops are fine. I send you in this a leaf that I have cut from brother James old book of record or journal. You will see that there are many other very interesting things on this leaf besides the dedication of the church. For instance there are the marriages of William Weaver & Angeline Donnell, Aquilla Cole & Phebe Byrd, and Josh Goza & Malinda Smith. Now you will notice that all three of those ladies are alive yet. It is more than likely that Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Weaver were present when the church was dedicated. You will also notice that they were married in 1843. You will notice the date at the head of the page, August 6th, 1843. I would guess you was present when some of these weddings took place, especially Bill (Migate ?) Brother James died July 9th, 1849 which was fifty years ago this month. I suppose cousin Hard & Kate may remember when the church was dedicated before. I think if you will show this old leaf to Mr. Ed Cole that he would have his mother come to your dedication, and let Mr. (Homa ?) Weaver know and have him bring his mother out to the services also. There would be nothing wrong in the preacher calling attention to this record. Let him have it in his hand and read some of the things here recorded and ask how many of those mentioned are present. And how many of those were present when the old church was dedicated 54 years ago. I would be very glad indeed to be with you all on that day. It seems to me that Rev. B.F. Love went to Texas and died there. In a letter I had from old Brother Woodard last winter, he told me that Rev. Geo. W. Love was alive then and lived near Kansas City. Cousin Kate Charles will remember more about those preachers than anybody else. Brother Woodard also said if he could get off to the conference at Bonne Terre this fall he wanted to stop off and spend a few days on old Plattin. I wrote him to write to Mr. Thomas Byrd when he would be there so he could let the people gather in and hear him preach. He is a good man & I hope his coming among you all may do both him and all of you great good. You will remember the soldiers ran him out of DeSoto with their guns.

Tell Mr. Dave Thompson & Mrs. Stolsey that their mothers funeral was preached by Rev. B.F. Love at Plattin Church June 14th, 1846, text 19 chapter, 25, 26, & 27 verses of Job, so brother James old book shows. Now I want you to take especial care of this old leaf & when you all are done with it, give it to Susan to take care of for me till I get back when and if I ever do.

It is very dry here with hot days and cool nights. Dry weather don't seem to hurt the cotton but the corn is suffering. I think peas and sweet potatoes are doing well. Watermelons are fine, ripe and plenty now & have been for several days. Ellis came from Birmingham this evening. He said Jessie got home yesterday. Business in & around Birmingham seems to be still in a boom. Tell Ellis Fleming that I am expecting him to write to me. Ellis' wife & children are up in Tenn. among her people, one of her brothers was buried there a few days ago. She went up there then & will make a visit before she comes home. We expect Elba here tonight or tomorrow to stay with us a while. We have a very good negro to do our housework for us.

Give my best regards to everybody. My health is fairly good. Write soon.

Your brother Reed McCormack

Please be careful of this old book & do not let it get destroyed. There are very few people that I would trust with it, and you happen to be one of them.

Reed

Peter Patrick McCormack Jr., born in MO in 1803 was the first child of Peter Patrick Sr. and his second wife Isabella. He married Eliza Alexander. His probate file was dated August 1861 in Hillsboro, MO. Frederick Eaglebarger, husband of his daughter Jane was executor. He stated that Peter Jr.'s heirs were Margaret, who married Henry Burns, then Wm. Mockbee, Ann, who married farmer and carpenter Dave A. Thompson, James I. McCormack, who married Mary Clementine Tucker, Jane Eaglebarger, Matilda, who married John W. Smith, Marion McCormack, Peter A. McCormack, who married Margaret, Constantine McCormack, and Luelle McCormack.

Peter Patrick Sr. and Isabella's other children were Ann, who married George Dill, Polly, and Margaret, who married a Mr. Noland.

<u>ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS</u> DESCENDANTS OF PETER PATRICK MCCORMACK

I believe Josephine listed as the wife of Wm. McCormack, son of Peter Pat Jr. and Eliza is actually the wife of Wm. S., son of Peter C. McCormack (1804-1875). There is no William listed in the 1850 census as a child of Peter & Eliza. However, a sketch written by Bob Berry in 1909 says William, son of Peter Pat Jr. died at age 18.

Margaret McCormack was born 1-26-1814, died 9-1-1876.

Catherine McCormack <u>first</u> married Dr. West, second to T. A. Charles. Cynthia Elba McCormack <u>first</u> married Samuel Oscar Donnell, second W. C. Boyce. Hardy Sr. (1799-1872) <u>first</u> married Elizabeth Mitchell, second Lavina McCormack.

James McCormack born 1822, died July 9, 1849

The 1850 census shows Elizabeth born 1833 as a daughter of Hardy (1799-1872) & Elizabeth.

Peter Patrick Jr. & Eliza had another daughter, Margaret E. who first married Henry Burns, then Wm. Mockbee. Eliza died about 1861.

CORRECTION CEMETERY LISTING

The death date of Stella Celestine Cox is 10-11-1875

ATTENTION

There will be a meeting of the Jefferson Heritage and Landmark Society at 2:00, March 19, 1995 in the Little Theater of Jefferson College. Jim Duncan will be presenting a program on firearms and trade goods of the Osage Indians and early French explorers. The program will be followed by a business meeting to elect officers. There will also be a board meeting following the regular business meeting. Please plan to attend as this is a very interesting program!

ME	MBERSHIP APPLICATION
Name	Send check for \$10.00 to Jefferson Heritage & Landmark 712 S. Main DeSoto, MO 63028
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City. State. Zip	

Descendants of Peter Patrick McCormack

	4 D. 11 D 1 7 7 1000 1 D 1 02 1002
	4 Paul L. Boyce b: January 7, 1890 d: December 23, 1893
1 Peter Patrick McCormack b: Abt 1753 d: March 1, 1840	*2nd Husband of Cynthia Elba McCormack:
. +? Reed	+Samuel Oscar Donnell b: 1836 d: May 25, 1861
2 James M. McCormack b: March 19, 1792 d: January 17, 1846	
+Susan Wines	+Rev. Henry N. Watts
	4 infant Watts b: June 25, 1858 d: June 25, 1858
	3 Eliza McCormack b: September 28, 1831 d: August 20, 1852
	+Leander Bailey b: 1825
	4 James Henry Bailey b: August 1, 1852 d: July 23, 1940
*2nd Husband of Sarah McCormack:	+Avis Ann McMullin d: January 13, 1937
+Willis G. Berry	3 James Watson McCormack b: 1834
	2 Hardy McCormack b: May 25, 1799 d: May 9, 1872
4 Martha A. Berry b: February 1842 d: 1912	
+James T. McClain b: June 1839	*2nd Wife of Hardy McCormack:
4 James W. Berry b: 1840	
	+Elizabeth Mitchell d: 1848
+Maria F. Hawkins	
	4 [1] Perry B. McCormack b: 1858 d: 1910
+Eliza Donnell b: 1820	+[2] Lura B. McCormack b: 1859
4 Mary Adeline McCormack b: 1838	+H. Edwin Evans
	*2nd Husband of Cynthia E. McCormack:
4 Margaret A. McCormack b: February 2, 1841 d: March 11, 1868	+H. Rudy Perkins b: 1846 d: 1921
+Felix Murray	
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4 Sarah C. McCormack b: 1844	4 Harriett McCormack b: Abt 1855
3 Peter C. McCormack b: August 26, 1804 d: December 23, 1875	+Tom Johnson
+Emily Staples b: June 21, 1816 d: March 26, 1872	
4 William S. McCormack b: 1836	*2nd Wife of Mitchell McCormack:
4 George W. McCormack b: 1839	+Susan C. Thuesen McCarty b: November 1846 d: 1921
	4 Pearl McCormack b: December 1876
	+Newman F. Cole b: October 1877
	4 Hardy C. McCormack III b: December 1878
*2nd Wife of Peter C. McCormack:	
+Sophiann McCormack b: 1841 d: January 4, 1884	+Edward J. Harrington
4 Elizabeth McCormack b: Abt 1865	
+R. E. England	+Lucinda C. Kindrick b: January 1836 d: October 7, 1873
3 Margaret McCormack b: January 26, 1814 d: September 1, 1876	4 C. L. McCormack b: Abt 1865
+James Ross England b: 1809 d: 1866	4 Harriet McCormack b: Abt 1865
	4 Elba McCormack b: 1857
	4 Ross McCormack b: Abt 1865
	3 Peter Watson McCormack b: December 6, 1837 d: December 12, 1913
	+Martha Ann Patterson
	4 Mollie McCormack b: Abt 1867
	4 Annie McCormack b: Abt 1870
*2nd Wife of James M. McCormack:	4 Blanche McCormack b; Abt 1870
+Margaret McMullin b: 1794	
3 Mary McCormack b: August 1823 d: February 16, 1857	
	4 Earnest McCormack b: Abt 1875
+C. F. Lee b: 1832	
4 Elba Donnell b: Abt 1850 d: July 21, 1940	+Mary E. Ackley b: 1836
+W. G. Boyce	
4 Amanda Donnell b; Abt 1850	
+Gabriel W. Byrd b: 1844	4 William McCormack b: 1855
4 Florence Donnell b: 1855	
+J. Ed Waggener	
	+Mr. Wilson
	*2nd Husband of Susan McCormack:
+Thomas A. Charles	+Mr. Swallow
*2nd Husband of Catherine McCormack:	3 Jane McCormack b: 1832
	+Mr. Wilson
	*2nd Husband of Jane McCormack:
4 Lawrence Y McCormack b: 1856	+Mr. Swallow
4 Mary D. McCormack b: 1857	*2nd Wife of Peter Patrick McCormack:
	. +Isabella Wines d: January 20, 1846
4 [2] Lura B. McCormack b: 1859	2 Peter P. Jr. McCormack b: 1803 d: August 1861
+[1] Perry B. McCormack b: 1858 d: 1910	+Eliza Alexander b: 1803
3 Cynthia Elba McCormack b: 1827	
4 Eva Boyce	+Henry Burns d: Abt 1855
	*2nd Husband of Margaret E. McCormack:
	+William Mockbee

	3 WILLIAM MCCORMACK D: June 1837
+Dave A. Thompson b: August 1826 d: January 19, 1912	+Josephine McCormack b: October 1838
4 Elizabeth Thompson b: 1852	4 Lilburn McCormack b: 1864
+William Foster b: 1851	4 Lucy McCormack b: 1866
A Mari Thompson is 1952	4 Emma McCormack b: 1869
4 Mary Thompson b: 1853	
4 George I. Thompson b: 1855 d: 1935	3 Frances M. McCormack b: 1840
+Mary A. Thompson b: 1857 d: 1945	3 Israel Marion McCormack b: 1840
4 Eliza Ella Thompson b: August 25, 1860 d: January 20, 1955	3 Peter A. McCormack b: 1840
+Reed Porter b: November 10, 1850 d: September 2, 1917	
	+Margaret McCormack b: 1843
+Julian M. Sherman b: 1865	4 Hester A. McCormack b: 1862
4 William Henry Thompson b: January 17, 1867 d: August 5, 1948	4 Adeline McCormack b: 1864
+Emma Bell Gaines b: April 17, 1872 d: July 6, 1938	4 Lulu McCormack b: 1867
3 James Irve McCormack b: 1832	4 Nancy McCormack b: 1869
+Mary Clementine Tucker b: 1836	
4 Eliza McCormack b: 1859	
4 Ada McCormack b: 1862	2 Ann McCormack b: Abt 1806
4 James McCormack b: 1865	+George Dill
4 Cynthia MCCormack b: 1867	2 Polly Alexander McCormack b: Abt 1810
4 Laura McCormack b: 1870	2 Margaret McCormack b: Abt 1810
3 Nancy Jane McCormack b: 1834	+Mr. Noland
	3 Catherine Noland
+Frederick G. Eaglebarger b: 1825	+Joseph Wines
4 James Eaglebarger b: 1854	
4 Mary Eaglebarger b: 1856	
4 Charly Eaglebarger b: 1860	
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