

Jefferson Heritage and Landmark Society

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1904 WORLD'S FAIR CORN PALACE

In the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis there was one building that was especially Jefferson County's. It was the magnificent Corn Palace which was made entirely of ears of corn grown in Jefferson County. The following comes from the records of Jefferson County, County Court:

COUNTY COURT RECORD BOOK 9
Tuesday, December 15, 1903

F.P. Perkins	White Corn	First Prize	\$10.00
Herman Dinse	White Corn	Second Prize	\$ 5.00
N.P. Williams, Jr.	White Corn	Third Prize	\$ 3.00
Frank Wilson	Yellow Corn	First Prize	\$10.00
James H. Miner	Yellow Corn	Second Prize	\$ 5.00
Chris Kleinschmidt	Yellow Corn	Third Prize	\$ 3.00
S.A. Bage	Mixed Corn	First Prize	\$10.00
John Burns	Mixed Corn	Second Prize	\$ 5.00
C. Ruppel, Sr.	Mixed Corn	Third Prize	\$ 2.00
Martin Bechler	Largest Corn		\$ 2.00
R.P. Perkins	Longest Corn		\$ 2.00

Total

\$50.00

Friday, February 5, 1904

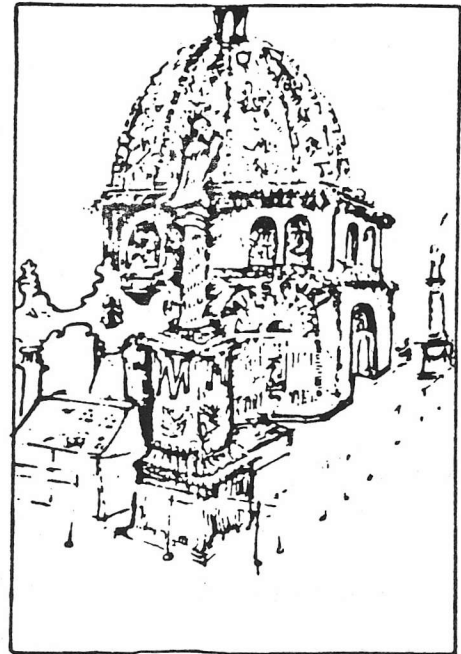
The World's Fair Committee submits a report and requests that the Court make an appropriation to defray the expense of making an

exhibit at the World's Fair. Said report and request are ordered continued until March 8, 1904 for further consideration.

Tuesday, March 8, 1904

The World's Fair Committee now appears before the Court and asks for an appropriation of \$2,000.00 with which to make an exhibit of Jefferson County products; upon due consideration, the Court now appropriated said amount, with the understanding that no exhibits be made at the expense of the county, unless ordered by the Committee, further ordered that all bills must be audited by said Committee before the Court will draw warrants therefor.

"MISSOURI'S CORN PALACE". Perhaps the most conspicuous single object in the Palace of Agriculture is the Corn Palace of Missouri, the central feature of the corn exhibits of half a dozen states in which the cereal is a leading crop. Missouri's exhibit represents agricultural products from every one of the 114 counties in the state. Entrance to the space covered by the grand dome constructed of Missouri corn is between two figures, one an Indian Maid, the other a Missouri girl. The costumes are of corn husks doing great credit to the ingenuity and taste of the makers. Within the Corn Palace is a likeness of his excellency, Governor Dockery, skillfully worked from corn husks. Great towers are constructed entirely of Missouri corn. One tower is of white, its companion tower of yellow corn, each being 38 feet in height. Between the towers is constructed the Louisiana Purchase Monument, the material being corn representing all of the 114 counties. The monument is ornamented with the United States Flag and with the Louisiana Purchase Flag, both designs made of corn. The varieties of corn include those well known and others of local repute but there is one variety which is not shown for the grain, it is the cob corn grown especially for the value of the cob which is used in the manufacture of cob pipes.



Donated by Eleanor Kock Rehm
County Clerk
Jefferson County, Missouri
Picture done by Irene Faulkner

GENEOLOGICAL TIP:

For those of you who are struggling as I am in your efforts to trace your family, the following might be of some help. It pertains to the naming of children from around 1700 to 1875 and later in isolated spots. The formula seems to be:

1st son named after Father's father
2nd son named after Mother's father
3rd son named after Father
4th son named after Father's eldest brother

1st daughter named after Mother's mother
2nd daughter named after Father's mother
3rd daughter named after Mother
4th daughter named after Mother's eldest sister

Baxter, Angus, IN SEARCH OF
YOUR BRITISH AND IRISH ROOTS.
Morrow, c. 1982 page 47.

Hope you tree climbers are having better luck than my sister and I have had.

MASTODON STATE PARK

A postscript to the article in the last issue on Mastodon State Park.

On November 8, 1985 at the Park there was a ground-breaking ceremony with about 200 people in attendance. Many of the local officials were present along with State people. The ground-breaking was for the Visitor's Center and interpretive Museum. This was the beginning of a dream that a group of dedicated women had to save and develop a major historical and archeological site for the benefit of Jefferson County and its children. They have worked long and hard for this dream.

FLETCHER HOUSE CHRISTMAS

On the back of this issue of the newsletter we have included a flyer about the 2nd annual "Christmas at the Fletcher House". The open house on December 13th and 14th, is an excellent opportunity to see the efforts of the Heritage and Landmarks Society, the Jefferson County Garden Clubs, the Jefferson County Department of Parks and Recreation and numerous donors in preserving the history and heritage of Jefferson County for all to enjoy.

PLATTERS DONATED TO GOVERNOR FLETCHER HOUSE

A significant new donation to the furnishing of the Governor Fletcher House has been received by the county Department of Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Evelyn McCabe has donated several decorative platters which are said to have belonged to Governor Thomas Fletcher and hung in his home while he lived in Hillsboro. The platters were donated in memory of Mrs. McCabe's mother Jessie Muse Bauer who passed away just recently. Our thanks to Mrs. McCabe.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

JEAN O'BRIEN

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



GOV. THOMAS C. FLETCHER HOUSE

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

COME AND JOIN US IN THE WARMTH AND CHEER OF A 1860'S CHRISTMAS AT THE HISTORICAL GOVERNOR THOMAS C. FLETCHER HOUSE

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 FROM 12:00 TO 5:00, AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 FROM 10:00 TO 5:00 THE FLETCHER HOUSE IN HILLSBORO, MO. WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE HOUSE WILL BE DECORATED IN THE STYLE OF THE MID 1800'S AND THERE WILL BE HOSTESSES AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

ON BOTH DAYS THAT JOLLY OLD ELF, SANTA, WILL BE VISITING. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TO HELP SUPPORT PARKS AND RECREATION.

