



# Missouri Town Messenger

## April 2019

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### ***A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Dear friends

The following information was found in the collection of the Jackson County (MO) Historical Society Archives in a handwritten record book. David I. Caldwell, principal of the Missouri City Female Institute, made notes about what he had planted in his orchard March 22, 1856:

"Apple trees from Burbank

Counting from East -

1 Row White \_armain \_ P. Pound Pippins 5, 7

1 Row Hubbardsons Nonesuch 3, 4

2 Row Bellflower 2, 3

3 Row Watermelon 7, 9 Lafayette 2, 4,5

3 Row Bellflower 10

4 Row Pryor's Red 2,3,4,5 Genetin 6

4 Row Winesap 7, 8, 9

5 Row Genetin 3, 4, 6, 8, 9

5 Row Fulton Strawberries. 2.

5 Row Newtown Pippin 7. - Early Harves (?) 10

6 Row Genetin 1, 2, 3"

I leave the interpretation of Mr. Caldwell's orchard plantings up to the reader. I recognize some of the names of the apples he has listed, you may know some also. What do you think of watermelon and strawberry? Might these be the names of apples, or are they simply melons and berries he put among the apple trees in the orchard? This is what you often encounter in dealing with primary source research material, such as diaries, letters, recipes, etc. Intriguing!

The Archives of the Jackson County Historical Society are located on the second floor of the Historic Truman Courthouse in the middle of the Independence Square.

Mary Childers

President, The Society of the Friends of Missouri Town 1855

**Next Board Meeting at Woods Chapel Historic Church**

**Monday April 8, 2019 @ 7:00 pm**

**MEMBERSHIP by Gwen Prince**

We do not have any changes in membership from last month. We have 110 Annual Members, 18 Life Members, 6 of whom are Charter, and 30 Youth Members. Our total membership is 158.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT MISSOURI TOWN 1855**

**Saturday, May 4: Children's Day & Sheep Shearing**

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=247&month=2&year=2019&day=18&calType=0>

**Thursday, July 4: Independence Day at Missouri Town 1855**

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=255&month=2&year=2019&day=18&calType=0>

**Saturday, September 14: Paranormal Investigation at Missouri Town 1855**

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=257&month=2&year=2019&day=18&calType=0>

**Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6: 43rd Annual Missouri Town 1855 Festival of Arts, Crafts & Music**

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=261&month=2&year=2019&day=18&calType=0>

**Saturday, December 7: A Christmas Celebration**

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=268&month=2&year=2019&day=18&calType=0>

**UPCOMING THEMED WEEKENDS AT MISSOURI TOWN 1855**

<b>Day of Dance</b>	<b>April 6</b>
<b>Hearth Cooking</b>	<b>May 25</b>
<b>Lost Arts</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>Election</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Soap Making and Laundry</b>	<b>November 9</b>

## ***CHILDREN'S DAY & SHEEP SHEARING by Angela Lunceford***

We have a GREAT year ahead of us in the Village and we are going to start the celebration with Sheep Shearing/Children's Day (also known as Children Shearing! Ha). I have e-mailed a list of what some have done in years past with encouragement to change it up if anyone wants to learn or do something different. Some are taking me up on that offer! We also have several of our tried and true members who are unable to continue. If you have not already received a personal e-mail or phone call from me, you WILL. But to get a jump on choosing what you want to do, you might want to e-mail, call or text me first! If you're new to all this, DON'T WORRY! I'll find you someone to work with. What a great opportunity to learn something new, make more Friends, have a great time, AND bring smiles, fun and joy to the guests!

I look forward to hearing from YOU! Angela Lunceford, [fxlinkskc@swbell.net](mailto:fxlinkskc@swbell.net), (816) 461-3577

### ***From Linda Goin, the animal lady***



***Stu and Weber helping with spring cleaning at Mo Town***

## ***THE CLOTHESLINE by Trish Brown***

Sewing circle dates for April are:

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, and 17, 9a.m. to noon at Missouri Town

Monday, April 22, 2-9 p.m. at Woods Chapel



Every lady, from age 2 to 92, needs a good sunbonnet. They are a quick, easy project and will shield your skin and the top of your dress from sun damage.

Two good options: The Friends of Missouri Town files have the Missouri Sunbonnet pattern OR the Sewing Academy has an online pattern <http://www.thesewingacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/2010Slats.pdf>

I suggest making a paper mock-up of either pattern - I add a few inches to the length and width of the patterns to make sure my shoulders and upper back are covered.



Sunbonnet, 1850



Sunbonnet, 1840

(Note: Pictures from Metropolitan Museum of Art, accession numbers C.I.53.72.24 and 2009.300.5238)

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need help with construction.

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***In Season submitted by Carlene Hale  
A Shilling Cookery for the People 1856***

***By Alexis Soyer***

Ham: A ham of about fourteen pounds will take about four hours, and ought to be boiled in a three-gallon pot. Put in the ham, and fill up with water; skim off the scum as it rises: if wanted to be eaten cold, allow it to get cold in the pot. If it is an old ham, it should be soaked for twelve hours previously. Some carrots, turnips, and other vegetables, may be boiled, with also a bunch of sweet herbs, which will improve the flavour of the ham, If the liquor is used for soup, a couple of cow heels may be boiled with it, which may be eaten separately, or cut up in the soup, which should be strained. Or, fry ten onions, sliced, until nearly brown: add to them half a pound of flour, stir well in, then add some of the liquor from the ham, until it is rather thick: put into a tureen, and pour most over it, and serve with slices of bread. Or instead of onions, use cabbage or leeks. As many cottagers kill their own pigs, and cure the hams and bacon, and often boil only half the ham at a time, the knuckle part should be boiled last, and the yellow fat, if any on it, should be cut away.

Asparagus is a vegetable between the root and the plant, and requires more cooking, like the latter. I should be well scraped at the bottom part, tie them up in bundles of not more than twelve heads, have ready a pot of water, say three quarts for every hundred heads, in which you have placed one tablespoonful of salt, and if the water is hard half a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda" if they are a good size boil for twenty minutes, and serve with a slice of toasted bread under, and melted butter separate, or cream sauce. This, when cold, is very good with oil and vinegar, salt and pepper. The small, called sprew, is very excellent broken small in clear soup.

Buttered Apples: Peel, slice, and core one pound of apples, put into a frying-pan about two ounces of butter, add the apple, and cover over with two ounces of pounded sugar, put them in the oven until done. A very nice dish for children. When done, they may be dished up on a nice crisp piece of toast with sugar over.

Quiz: In the 19th century umbrellas were black. Why?

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