MISSION STATEMENT: The Mission of the Osage Mission-Neosho County Museum is to collect, preserve, interpret, and display information and artifacts that illustrate the history of Osage Mission and Neosho County, Kansas, making this heritage better known, understood, and appreciated.

LONE ELM RENEWED
Lone Elm School District #16 welcomed 2003 Mission Day Visitors with a renewed appearance provided by approximately 240 hours of volunteer services. Marge Neely and Ethel Hines, in period dress, set the stage for visitors of all ages to get the feel of country school experiences. 46 visitors on Mission Days included three generations of the Cleo O'Brien family, donor of the school house.

Thanks to all the volunteers: Jolene and Ed Born provided materials and installed a new ceiling on the porch; Bob Harmon assisted with the porch ceiling. He pressure-washed the building in preparation for Joan House and Fred Grable to scrape, prime and paint the exterior. The dry wood siding required thirteen gallons of primer and paint.

The teacher’s desk has a detailed accounting of the happenings at the school for the period September 1939 to April 1942, written by a former teacher, George A. Sevart. He has spent Mission Days at Lone Elm greeting former students and friends.

NEW GENEALOGY SERVICE
The museum now has many aids to visitors who are interested in “looking up” ancestors. Newly Acquired: donation of 26 rolls of microfilm of NEOSHO COUNTY JOURNAL and THE ST. PAUL JOURNAL covering the period of July 5, 1895 to November 16, 1961 (continuous). The microfilm was received October 1, 2003. Kindra Holland, Erie, KS, Librarian, provided us with the complete list of obituaries contained in the film. Sister Denise Sevart alphabetized them on a card index. Bob Harmon and Dan Willson have provided the museum with a new microfilm reader-printer which arrived 12/12/03. The use of these is free. Paper copies will cost 0.25 per sheet.

The latest book references available are George Paine’s HOPE CEMETERY RECORDS and three addenda to the same. The work of Nellie Cook-Goodsel, OUR HOUSE OF GENERATIONS, is also available. For copies of portions of these and other references, there is a charge of 0.20 per sheet.

FAMILY MEMORIALS
The name of your loved one will be printed on a plaque and displayed at the museum for anyone donating memorials to their loved ones.
PHASE II CONSTRUCTION
Phase II museum fund raising continues. The initial $100,000.00 has been met with increase in value of Art Goodsell’s 3M shares, a $7,500.00 pledge and donations. The original plan remains to construct the shell of a building 75 X 100 feet, with utilities stubbed in for future development.

The building permit requested in 2003 has not been issued due to unknown location of the water line. The water line was laid by builders, now deceased, of a home and does not appear on a city map.

Upon receipt of the building permit, a sequence of items needs to be completed: 1) Sod removed from building site; 2) Suitable fill to form the pad and increase elevation; 3) Buried utility lines to be considered (telephone and electric lines from Phase I to Lone Elm School; 4) ADA access (connection Phase I; entrance to Phase II; 5) Cedar fence removed; Lift station from Phase II to septic tank of Phase I. The rise in cost of metal could delay construction of the building, but pad preparation and above specified items can be completed. Advice from experienced builders would be appreciated.

2003 DONATIONS . . . . THANKS TO ALL
...Ida Fasel for the 100 autographed copies of her book of poetry, WAKING to LIGHT, which is dedicated to our historical society, and the wooden 30” free standing sewing stand and numerous other items...Mary Ita Brown for the rug loom and military hat...Helen Van Leeuwen for the 1907 rocker, books and other items...Keith Smith for the monastery sewing machine and books...Mark Smith for the hanging lights and globes from St. Francis Church...Scott Smith for the barber chair from the monastery...Donnie Carter for the steam engine...Dorothy and Jim Strasser for the baseball cap...Virginia Harden for the Morris chair...George and Betty Butler for the oil painting by Earle Duke 1893, in memory of John and Mary Butler and Ed and Viola Carson...Mike Doherty for the plow and hedge root-cutter...Owen O’Brien for the display cases...Allen McCallum, New York artist, for the topographical map of Kansas...Mark Van Leeuwen for the wooden barrel...Wendell Shaw for pictures of his 1936 animal skins...Pat Diskin for the saddle...SPECIAL THANKS and APPRECIATION to Gary Wood for the restoration of the Diskin saddle and to John Biggs for the restoration of the Butler painting and donation of the ocarina, also known as “goose” and “sweet potato”...to Jolene and Ed Born for the construction of the attractive 8 X 24 feet wall exhibit area. The particle boards are fastened to the wall and covered with carpet that matches the chair coverings. When time permits, the area will be wood framed. The first item being displayed is a North Mission Homemakers 1960 embroidered friendship quilt. A center exhibit in process will feature W. W. Graves with his picture and publication accomplishments.

ANTONE and CAROLINE STARINA
Migrated to the United States from Germany and purchased a 160 acre farm south of Galena, KS in 1896. They planted and grew vegetables in the early 1900’s. The “tier” pictured below was used to tie bundles of veggies for delivery to area grocery stores and homes in the 1916 International truck pictured below. My late husband Kenneth Starina (their grandson) operated the tier as a young boy. The “tier” was donated to our museum by Mrs. Opal Starina, in memory of the Starina Family.

1916 International Delivery

Early 1900’s Tier

March 1, 1933 – Eggs sold at 5 cents per dozen and butter fat 10 cents per pound.
GOING BACK TO THE FIFTIES...
In 1953 the US Population was less than 150 million...Yet you knew more people then, and knew them better.
A loaf of bread cost 15 cents...And it was safe for a five-year-old to skate to the store and buy one.
We didn't have air conditioning...So the windows stayed up and half a dozen mothers ran outside when you fell off your bike.
Your teacher was either Mrs. Logan or Mr. Adkins...Not Miss Becky or Mr. Dan.
The only hazardous material you knew about...Was a patch of grassburs around the light pole at the corner.
You loved to climb into a fresh bed...Because the sheets were dried on the clothesline.
Parents were respected and their rules were law...Children did not talk back.
Prime-Time meant I Love Lucy, Lassie, Ozzie and Harriet and Gunsmoke...So nobody ever heard of ratings or filters.
T.V. was in black and white...But all the out doors was in glorious color.
Your dad knew how to adjust everybody's carburetor...And the dad next door knows how to adjust all the T.V. knobs.
Your grandma grew snap beans in the back yard...And chickens behind the garage.
And just when you were about to do something bad...Chances were you'd run into your Dad's coach...Or, the lady up the street...Or your sister's teacher or someone from church...ALL of whom knew your parent's phone number...And YOUR first name.

FREE TEXTBOOKS
The museum is offering free books and others at a nominal price. These are old books and have been in storage. Unclaimed textbooks will be recycled.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER
If anyone has an article of interest, send it to us for consideration for future

MUSEUM STATS

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2003 Visitors Recorded

| Kansas          | 2270             |
| Other States    | 30               |

VISITS RECOGNIZE KANSAS DAY - St. Paul Elementary Fifth Grade Class (twenty-one students with teacher, Marcia Gard visited the museum January 30, 2003. Jolene Born assisted the visitors. Following the tradition, on January 28, 2004, Principal Felix Diskin, twenty-four eighth grade students and three faculty members from the St. Paul School toured the museum. Mr. Diskin stressed the importance of listening to verbal information provided and to the viewing of artifacts, examples pertaining to Kansas history. He encouraged the students to return to spend more time viewing and reading. Sister Denise and Dan Willson were available for assistance. The students are to be commended for their demeanor, interest and respect.

VOLUNTEERS
Once again it is time to say thanks to the unsung volunteers and artifacts' donors who continue to contribute to the development of your museum. Many volunteers are donating unrecorded hours of time and thought: i.e. clearing and hauling fallen limbs, general maintenance of the area, labor and materials, providing expertise, equipment, fund raising, etc.
Virginia Harden has become a regular. She is devoting hours to an extremely important task of cataloging numbering and recording known donor information for each artifact. Sister Denise Sevart continues to improve our reference collections and filing system which makes these records more user-friendly. Her assistance in developing artifact displays is invaluable.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
(renewable each January 1)
Individual - $10 Family - $15
Supporting - $25 or more
Business - $100

BOARD MEETING
Was held August 30, 2003 at the Museum. Principal item on the agenda was Phase II construction of an addition to museum. We are in need of lots of suitable soil. If you have or know of any stockpiles, please call 620-449-2320.
The Board voted to display names on plaques for those families that have donated memorials to their deceased loved ones.

Thanks to Jean Dunavan as organizer, preparer and server of our successful breakfasts. She is commended for her work in the development and publication of our newsletter. (Thank you Dan and Sister for your contribution.)

February, 1850 snow was 30" deep, crusted on top and staved on the ground for six weeks
MISSION DAYS – 2004

Two drawings will be held May 31st at the Museum.

#1 Drawing - $100.00 Cash
#2 Drawing - Wooden Standing Sewing Basket - 30" High

Each $1.00 Donation designated will enter your name into the drawing. Please return your donation tickets by May 29. (P. O. Box 113, St. Paul, KS 66771)

LUNCH – May 29
BREAKFAST – May 30
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS – May 31

2003 Mission Days
Raffle Donations
Thank to Farmer’s Nat’l. Bank for The $100.00 cash and Dan Willson for the tiller.

2003 Mission Days
Jolene & Ed Born’s museum float took first place in the Mission Days Parade.

MUSEUM BREAKFASTS
Continue on the second Sunday of months September through November and January through April. Once again it is time to give THANKS to our faithful volunteers: Sister Denise Sevart, Virginia Harden, Paul and Mona Pitts, Bob and Rosie Harmon, Devonna Davidson, Verl and Carol Diskin, Ed and Jolene Born, Dan Willson, Owen and Jeanie O’Brien, Viola Kennedy, Raynetta Drinnon, Jean Dunavan, AND Judy Fager for the generous sausage donation. The breakfasts are a great place for families and friends to socialize.

1848, James M. Linn established a trading post and store in Osage Mission. This was the first business house on what became the townsite of Osage Mission.

BUY-A-BRICK FORM
Please print in CAPITAL letters the information as you wish it to appear on the brick. Fill in the lines from left to right, leaving a blank for spaces between words.
For more than 3 bricks, duplicate this form.

Name of purchaser__________________________ Address:__________________________

City__________________________ State__________ Zip__________________________ Phone:__________________________ Date:__________________________

Example: (Limit lines 1 & 3 to 12 letters)

Brick #1
line 1 ________________
line 2 ________________ (6 letters or less)
line 3 ________________

Brick #2
line 1 ________________
line 2 ________________ (6 letters or less)
line 3 ________________

Brick #3
line 1 ________________
line 2 ________________ (6 letters or less)
line 3 ________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_________ for ______ bricks at $25 each
Make checks payable to: Osage Mission-Neosho County Historical Society
P. O. Box 113, St. Paul, KS 66771

BOOTH AT CRAFT SHOW
The museum was asked to participate in the annual craft show at St. Francis Hall in November. Each booth donated one item. We sold chances and had a drawing every hour. All proceeds went to the museum.

BRICK PROJECT
Bricks purchased since last May and before April 30th, 2004 will be printed and in place by Mission Days. Fill out the form below and mail in for a permanent memorial to your loved ones, friends or events. The Class of 1942 bricks are displayed on the sidewalk as their pictures were arranged in their graduation picture.

Museum Facilities for Rent
The kitchen and dining area are available to rent for meetings, family gatherings, etc.
Our school is in danger of getting closed. Write letters to our senators & representatives asking them to introduce a bill to allow schools to stay open as long as they are operating in the red, with a window giving them time to get back in the black.

Boost! Boost!
Boost the school you attend.
Boost your city, boost your friend.
Boost the man for whom you labor.
Boost the stranger and the neighbor.
If you make your city & school better
Boost is the final letter!

Osage Mission-Neosho County Historical Society Membership
☐ Single membership $10
☐ Supporting memberships $25 or more
☐ Family Membership $15
☐ Business Memberships $100 or more

Each supporting membership may receive one historical book of your choice:
☐ Cookbook
☐ Beacon on the Plains
☐ Annals of Osage Mission
☐ History of Neosho County Vol. 1
☐ History of Neosho County Vol. 2
☐ Osage Mission Sesquicentennial Commemorative
☐ I do not wish a book
☐ I will pick the book up at the museum
☐ Mail the book to me. I am enclosing an additional $4 for mailing

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
Address ___________________________ Date ___________________________
City ___________________________ State ______ Zip ___________________________

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