THE OSAGE “ALLOTTEE” Traveling Photo Exhibit

Visited our Museum May through October. The Allottee (pronounced Ah Law tea) contained 2 x 3 ft pictures of the original Osage Indians in 1906 who received an allotment from the government to move off their land. More pictures were of the Tribe from 1906 into future years. The exhibit also included a written history, beaded shawls, leather moccasins, and pictures of hats for Indian ladies. A gentleman, (from Bikers Across Kansas Tour), serving on a tribal council in northern Kansas was familiar with the Allottee and gave a short presentation to other bikers. The exhibit was loaned to us by the Osage Tribal Museum, Pawhuska, OK. Thanks to Jolene and Ed Born for finding and setting up this exhibit.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Who have contributed time, financial assistance, artifacts, and other tasks that keep the organization moving forward.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Mission of the Osage Mission - Neosho County Historical Society & 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.

MUSEUM UPDATES

A chip and seal overlay has been applied to entrances and parking lot. A 4-foot ornamental iron fence has been erected around the machine shelter and walkway. The steam engine now sets on its own concrete pad. New track lighting has been added to some exhibits. The museum owns one of the oldest buildings left on Main Street. It was once the old meat locker. A sign has now been placed over the door. From the St. Paul Journal, January 15, 1942, “Louie’s Zero Locker open for business.” Customers rented a space inside. Each had their own keys to the front doors and could enter the plant all hours that Grillot Bros. station was open.

MUSEUM WEBSITE

We would like to thank David O’Bryan for setting up a website for the museum. Visit us at www.osagecimission.org

MUSEUM RECEIVES GRANT

The museum received a $1,000.00 Grant from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. This grant is to be used in publications to advertise the museum. Virginia Harden traveled to Mayetta, KS, November 13, 2006 to accept the award. A special thank you to David O’Bryan on getting this grant.

Year 1860

The Neosho River quit running for several months during the driest season ever known in Kansas. The drought continued for a full year. Summer was 122° in the shade. Rainfall for the year did not exceed one inch.

Virginia Harden at Grant Award Ceremony, Mayetta, KS
GROUPS VISITING MUSEUM
The Red Hat Ladies Club, Chanute, KS; Bikers Across Kansas, statewide; St. Paul Senior Class; 3rd Grade Students, Uniontown, KS; Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks meeting; Good Neighbors Ministries, Wichita, KS; St. Paul Public School reunion; Norris-LaForge Family reunion.

GOOD NEIGHBORS MINISTRIES VIST
More than 40 people welcomed representatives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita for a potluck luncheon and a program explaining the operation of a number of social service programs they sponsor. Hostesses for the event were Jane Ann Beachner, coordinator, Helen Vitt, Judy Fager, Mary J. Gouvion and Jean Dunavan.

OTHER MUSEUMS RECOGNIZE ST. PAUL’S HISTORY
Chanute & Humboldt Museums have included our Museum in their brochures and “Bleeding Kansas” history. January through March, Chanute Art Gallery’s “Bleeding Kansas” exhibits have included one of the Osage Indian Settlement and our historic St. Francis Church.

A “BIT OF LOCAL HISTORY
It’s A Small World – “The Stove”
The year 1936 - Paul Lancaster worked at Art Goodsel’s Phillips 66 Station on Highway 57, St. Paul, KS. Art purchased a chain of stations in Ellensburg, WA area. He moved his and Paul’s family and possessions (including a kitchen stove) to Washington where Paul was to run one of his stations. Dan Willson, raised in St. Paul, left to pursue an education. He was residing in Ellensburg, WA in the early 1960’s and met Paul by coincidence at the time he was in need of a kitchen stove. Paul and his wife, Louise, donated their stove to Dan. Dan and his stove moved to Winona, MI in 1968. Dan moved back to St. Paul in 1987 with “the stove”. It now resides in our Museum; Hwy 47 (Hwy 57) Dan is its President & Director. Art’s daughter, Jean, is its Vice-Pres.

BIKERS ACROSS KANSAS VISIT
Approximately 650 bicycle riders began their journey at the Colorado line and ended at the Missouri line in June 2006. Their route took them through St. Paul, KS. Through efforts from our local Knights of Columbus, bikers planned their lunch hour stop at the Museum. The Knights of Columbus grilled approximately 450 hamburgers for the bikers. Bikers and their families visited inside the museum and we received many compliments. One was - “Such a small community and blessed with so much - your church, the museum and community interest.”
NEW ACQUISITIONS

A 24" x 48" collage entitled Buffalo Hunt made of pottery pieces found in diggings and donated by Chief Paul Drescher. It was made by Charles W. Childers, a Delaware Indian. It hangs on the west wall inside the front door. Anna Childers gave it to Charles and Jane VanLeeuwen who donated it to our museum. A Teen Age Standing Doll along with a collection of Early Day Women's Apparel donated by Betty Bradshaw. A Stereoscope with a Box of Cards, from early-mid 1920's. The cards have 2 pictures of the same scene. The scope is a device that holds the card. The viewer holds the devise on the forehead and looks at the picture through 2 pieces of glass. The result is the sight of a 3D scene. Donated by Katherine Butler-Fashin. A set of Trade Coins from I. A. Washburn Store of St. Paul and Erie, KS. Values: S.01, .05, .10, .25, .50 and 1.00. Upon purchase of goods from the store, these were given to the customer to be used at the next visit. The value of the token was subtracted from the new purchase price. Donated by Charles and Alice Stein. A small Portrait and Statue of St. Paul of the Cross. Copy of a 1901 Baltimore Catechism. A Rock decorated and inscribed with Bible verses and a Crucifix, 4 X 6 inches, from Sisters of Mercy. A framed piece of Mother Bridget's Habit – obtained at the time of her body being moved to St. Francis Cemetery. Copies of a collection of newspaper articles on boy's basketball winnings of St. Paul High School in the 1940's. Included was a picture of Coach Forest Smith and some of his players. All items donated by Forest Smith. A Bison Herd painted and donated by Charlotte Moses. A collection of Holy Cards, mounted and framed, donated by Frances Norris. A picture of the Virgin Mary, donated by Sr. Denise Sevart.

From the St. Paul Monastery, A Wooden Noise Maker about 3" x 2" x 8". Attached is a handle with a sprocket. It is operated by holding the handle and swinging it in a tight-circular orbit, creating a loud noise. It was used to call students. donated by Ed VanLeeuwen. Also from the Monastery, an early Voting Machine using black and white balls. It is a 4-inch cubical box with a small cup shape on top of it. It has 2 drawers. The bottom contained a supply of black and white balls. The voter selected his vote from this supply then dropped the colored ball into the cup with a hole at the bottom going into the upper drawer giving the result of the vote.

MACHINE SHELTER ADDITIONS

1937 Grain Separator used to harvest wheat, oats, barley or flax. It was powered by using a tractor with pulleys and belt combination. donated by Pauline & Walter Vitt; A Hammer Mill Grinder, donated by John Arthur; Some items out of storage and displayed are: The Slip, a horse drawn digger used in the late 1800's & early 1900's to move dirt and rock for building roads and buildings, donated by Jean Dunavan. Hedge Root Cutter, 1879 Sugar Press, Hand Powered Fanner, One Horse Cultivator, Massey Harris 50 Clipper, Threshing Machine, 2-Manure Spreaders, Hand Dump Hay Rake, 2-Horse Powered Walking Plows, Garden Push Plow, Garden Hand Rake.

The first "horseless carriage" in Neosho Co. was exhibited in St. Paul on January 10, 1897. Made by R.H. Cloughley and S.C. Beck. A buggy chassis was used and it was powered by a small steam engine.

PICTURE

This unique item was purchased at an auction in Chanute KS, and donated to the Museum by Michael Beachner. He was told that it is an eye-examining machine and might have come out of the first hospital in Neosho Co., Chanute, KS. We have not been able to confirm this. The metal tag on machine says: Kelly-Kett Mfg. Co., Covington, KY. Serial No.1154. Would anyone have any information on this item?
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MISSION DAYS – 2007
Three drawings will be held May 28th at the Museum.
#1 Drawing - $100.00 Cash
  donated by Farmers Nat'l Bank
#2 Drawing - $100.00 Cash
  donated by Joe Smith Realty
#3 Drawing - $100.00 Cash
  donated by Exchange State Bank
Each $1.00 Donation designated will enter your name into the drawing. Please return your donation tickets by May 25. (P.O. Box 113, St. Paul, KS, 66771)

BRISKET LUNCH – May 26
BREAKFAST – May 27
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS – May 28

American Legion Post No 116, St. Paul, KS, provides coffee and doughnuts at the Museum each Memorial Day morning.

YEARBOOKS

BRICK PROJECT
We are in need of more bricks to complete the sidewalk leading to the shelter house. Fill out the form enclosed and mail in for a permanent memorial to your loved ones, friends, or a special event.

2006 Mission Days’ Drawings
$100.00 – Farmer’s Nat’l Bank
  Won by: Tammy Lindsey
$100.00 – Joe Smith Realty
  Won by: Marshall Franklin
$100.00 – Exchange State Bank
  Won by: Cleo Barnhart
Picture of St. Francis Church – by Cindy Schoenhofer
  Won by: Cleo Barnhart

THANK YOU
Forest Smith for volunteering and giving some history to visitors at the Little Elm School House Memorial Day.

MUSEUM BREAKFASTS
Continue on the second Sunday of months September through November and January through April. Once again we say Thanks to our faithful volunteers: Owen & Jean O’Brien, Bob & Rosie Harmon, Charles & Alice Schettler, Verl & Carol Diskin, Ed & Jolene Born, Jay & Mauricia O’Brien, Devonna Davidson, Judy Fager, Virginia Harden, Dan Willson, and Jean Dunavan, project coordinator.


FAMILY MEMORIALS
2006-2007 Additions:
G. W. “Short” McAtee;
Bertha Kanute;
Lyle Clark
Names are printed on a memorial plaque and hung in museum for family members who remember the Museum in their charitable contributions or memorials to their loved ones.

BOARD MEETING
The Museum Board met August 20, 2006, with David O’Bryan on his proposal to apply for two grants for the museum. They voted for David to proceed. Discussion was held on two future expansions on museum grounds. To build a replica of an early blacksmith shop to display horse paraphernalia, farm tools and other items in storage. To construct another building that will include exhibits of early businesses in St. Paul. Board voted to look into options.

MUSEUM LOAN PAID
An anonymous donor has given more than enough to pay off the construction loan, approximately $35,000 at a local bank. The Museum Title is now free and clear.

FAMILY HERITAGE
Do you have a story pertaining to family history, life, and growing up within Neosho County/Osage Mission. Lots of memories and laughs of the good ol’ days are shared through alumni when visiting the museum. We would like to share yours. Send them to us for printing in our “Bit of History” section of newsletter.

Dr. A.F. Neely was the first physician located in Osage Mission.
The Beacon
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MUSEUM STATS 2007

| Visitors | 1.865 |
| US-Other States | 24 |
| Bolivia & Israel | 2.360 |

BOARD MEETING
Board Officers met August 20,
2006 to discuss Grant procedure and
possible expansion.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
(Renewal each January 1)

Osage Mission-Neosho County Historical Society Membership

☐ Single Membership $10.00   ☐ Supporting Membership $25.00
☐ Family Membership $15.00   ☐ Business Membership $100.00

Each Supporting membership ($25.00) may receive one historical book:
☐ Cookbook ☐ Beacon on the Plains ☐ Annals of Osage Mission
☐ History of Neosho Co. Vol. 1 ☐ History of Neosho Co. Vol. 2
☐ Osage Mission Sesquicentennial Commemorative
☐ I will pick up the book at museum. ☐ I do not wish a book.
☐ Mail the book. I am enclosing an additional $4.00 for mailing.

Name ___________________________ Phone ____________
Address ___________________________ Date ___________
City __________ State ________ Zip ________

BUY-A-BRICK-FORM
Please print in CAPITAL letters the information as you wish it to appear on each brick.
Leave 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)
line 1   ST PAUL
line 2   PUBLIC
line 3   SCHOOL 1941

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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
Knights Of Columbus Cooking Lunch At The Museum For Bikers Across Kansas