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Historic Preservation Commission inducts two O'Fallon homes as landmarks May 15



Two homes receive O'Fallon's landmark designation this year. On top is the 1953 Brown home at 305 N. Cedar Street. The bottom photo is the 1959 Rost home at 118 Ruth Drive.

The O'Fallon Historic Preservation Commission will hold an award ceremony at the O'Fallon Historical Society Museum in downtown O'Fallon May 15 at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony honoring two new local historic landmarks: 118 Ruth Drive and 305 North Cedar Street, which were given the City's highest preservation honor and designated as Local Historic Landmarks by the City Council at the May 3, 2010 meeting.

After the ceremony, a guided walking tour of several O'Fallon landmark buildings will be offered. None of the homes will be open to the public this year.

Ceremony attendees will receive the latest addition to the popular O'Fallon Historic Landmarks postcard set.

The Brown home at 305 N. Cedar Street was built in 1953 as the home of Gustave "Gus" C. Budina, a third generation O'Fallon contractor.

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Programs open for more speakers

Two interesting topics were brought to us by members in the last quarter: dirigibles and women in the Civil War.

Upcoming events include a presentation by Woman's Club historian Margo Snyder May 18. The club celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and the O'Fallon Historical Society Museum will host their June 3 celebration.

On June 15, members are invited

to the Josephs' farm for the annual society potluck. Bring a dish to feed 15 people. Kenneth and Mary Ann Joseph will provide the tableware, drinks and meat.

July's program is open. Anyone with a potential guest speaker should leave a message for Vice President Linda Potter at the museum phone number.



Brian Keller brought in films of dirigibles and balloons at Scott Field in March. The films date to the earliest days of the historic base. More photos inside.

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His father, Gustave G. Budina, developed Budina Place where the home is located. Gus Budina married Evelyn R. Muck, and the couple lived together in the home until her death in 1979. He continued residence until shortly before his death in 1991.

The home is Streamline Moderne, identified by its smooth wall surfaces, usually of stucco, flat roof, rounded corners and windows

in horizontal rows. The Brown home also has an open floor plan and a three-hole porthole in the front door.

The Rost house at 118 Ruth Drive was built in 1959 by Dr. Ernest C. Asbury and his wife, Josephine. They developed the Asbury Park development beginning in 1953. He was the first doctor to practice at the new Scott Field in 1917, treating accident victims for construction contractors and the government. It wasn't until

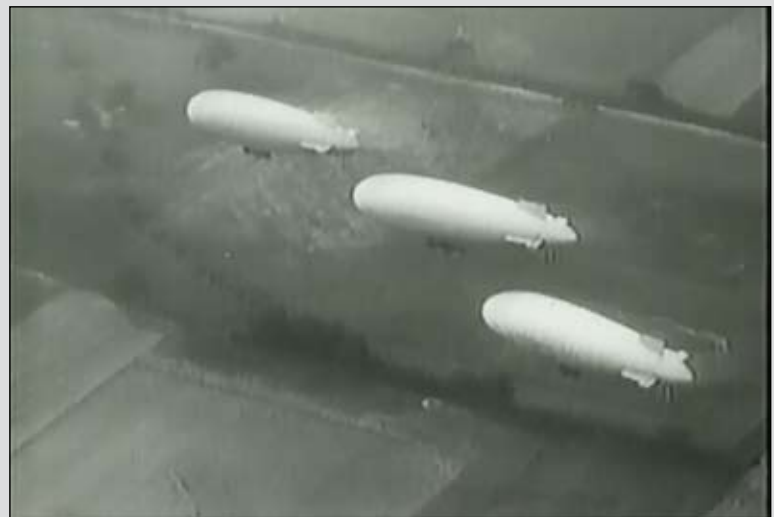
1969 that the Asburys settled in the home they built 16 years earlier. Dr. Asbury died in 1975. Josephine continued to live in the house until 1986. She died in 2000 at the age of 101.

The Rost house exemplifies the Ranch style, which originated in the mid-1930s in California. These houses became popular as more people turned to the car for transportation. A signature element of the sprawling ranch homes is the built-in garage.

O'Fallon's Own "Up in the Air"

March's presentation of the history of dirigibles and balloons at Scott Field, Illinois, included films and the personal photo collection of Ray Christopher, Jr.

At right top is a dirigible refueling an airplane, hints of Scott's future. Below and lower right, in these stills taken from a film, dirigibles fly in formation over Illinois. Scott Field was established in 1917 with the Army testing out the newest in aviation technology.



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Museum continues to grow through items donated

Donators of items to the museum during the first four months of 2010 are Ray Christopher, Dorothy Falk, Maurice Hesse, Edith Hock, Ken & Mary Ann Joseph, Brian Keller, Ralph Keller, Mike McCollough, Joyce Meyer, Lucy Mixen, Bill Peach, Linda Potter, Edith & Cheri Ross, Tom Schwarztrauber, Sonny Swengross, Township Rummage Sale, Mary Wiechert, Wolfersberger Funeral Home, Diane Zelinske and Joyce Zimmerman.

Lost and Found

We have a Las Vegas and Hawaii key chain that someone left on the work table. Also, we have a black clip-on cell phone case that someone left on the guestbook desk.

Museum rededication set for October

Plans for a rededication of the museum are set for Oct. 2 during O'Fallon's Pork with Passion event. But you can still visit during the ongoing work.

Amazing things have been happening at the O'Fallon Historical Society Museum. If you haven't stopped in, now's a good time.

Under the direction of Maurice Hesse, artifacts are being grouped in categories. Downstairs are displays on illustrator Bernie Fuchs and actor William Holden; kitchen implements; and a research area.

Upstairs still hosts a school room, a military room, the library, and a Boy Scout and a Girl Scout room.

Behind the scenes work includes inventorying the thousands of items owned or loaned to the museum, as well as labeling them. In addition, member Greg Zelinske has taken on the task of digitizing the *O'Fallon Progress*. The nearly complete set of newspapers is in fragile condition.



Diane Zelinske dressed up for her presentation in April on women in the Civil War. She explained that many women served, some dressed as men, many without pay.



A tribute to illustrator and O'Fallon native Bernie Fuchs was held March 18 at the O'Fallon City Hall. The O'Fallon Historical Society loaned materials, along with many other friends of the renowned artist. Mr. Fuchs passed away on September 17, 2009, in Connecticut.

ROCK SPRING CEMETERY**Final Resting place of five Civil War Veterans *****Stones read by Gloria Dettleff and Dorothy Falk on 22 July 2006****Researched by Linda Potter and Dorothy Falk****©2009 O'Fallon Historical Society**

Editor's note: This is the third of three parts of the Rock Spring Cemetery biographies in a series about the people who are buried in the O'Fallon area pioneer cemeteries.

RUNKWITZ, Richard, son of Karl and Sophie Dorothea, nee DRESCHER, RUNKWITZ, was born on 27 Mar 1837 on the RUNKWITZ Farm, Lebanon Township, east of O'Fallon. In 1850, Richard RONQUIT, 13 years old, lived with mother and siblings Herman and Sophia, in the Ridge Prairie District. In 1860, he was 23 and the head of household of his mother and three siblings. He was visiting some friends' home in West Bend, Wisconsin at Christmas 1861 when he fell in love with a homesick woman sitting behind a Christmas tree. He married her, Juliana Marie JAENNISCH, on 20 Apr 1862 in West Bend, Wisconsin and they returned here. Their children were Alvina (married Leonard James BRIDGES), Emily (married Charles LUCKNER), William, Josephine (married Otto LUCKNER) and Ida (Otto LUCKNER's first wife). Richard died on 30 Jan 1877 at age 39 from cancer of the stomach. His tombstone, in Row 4, is in German, and has a worn verse. Juliana died 18 May 1929 at age 90, and is buried in College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses and RUNKWITZ's and Bridges' histories.

RUNKWITZ, William, third child of Richard and Juliana Maria (JAENNISCH) RUNKWITZ, was born on 30 Aug 1868. In the 1880 census, he was 12 years old and lived at home with parents and siblings Alvina, 16, Emily, 14, William, 12, Josephine, 10, and Ida, 8; he was attending school. He died on 23 Jan 1901 at age 32. His tombstone is in Row 2, he also has a W R footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Bridges' history.

[Mortuary Notice] William Runkwitz, aged 33 years, died quite suddenly at the home of his sister, Mrs. Otto LUCKNER, three miles southwest of Lebanon, of apoplexy, Wednesday evening, while eating his supper. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock to the Rock Spring Cemetery.

Source: Belleville News Democrat, 24 Jan 1901.

SIMMONS, Arrena, daughter of William and Mary (PEACH) SIMMONS, was born 1 Nov 1845 in Randolph County, IL. The family, including brother Horace, lived there in the 1850 census and in St. Clair Co. at the 1860 census. Arrena died on 16 Aug 1864, at the age of 18 years, 9 months and 15 days. Her tombstone, in Row 5, says "Dear as thou wert, and justly dear, We will not weep for thee. One thought shall check the starting tear, it is that thou are free." She also has an A S footstone.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses and Bridges' history.

SIMMONS, Esther A., also known as Hester, a daughter of Luther and Nancy (CROZIER) SIMMONS was born on 28 Jul 1842, in Randolph County, IL. In 1850, she lived with her parents and siblings on the family farm in Randolph County. In 1860, she lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Thomas and Agnes (SIMMONS) ABERNATHY, in Sparta, IL. The 1870 US Federal Census Mortality Schedule lists her as Hester Simmons who died from consumption on 1 Feb 1870, age 26 [sic], in St. Clair County. Though the Mortality Index states she was married, there is no other record to suggest she was. Her tombstone, in Row 4, has been repaired across a worn verse.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses, Internet.

*SIMMONS, Horace, a son of Wm. & Mary SIMMONS, was born in Randolph Co. on 14 Apr 1831. He lived with his parents and his sister, Arena, 15, in the 1850 census in Brewerville Township, T4SR8W, Randolph Co. and in O'Fallon Township, T2N7RW, St. Clair Co. in 1860. He married Mary WAIT in St. Clair Co. on 5 Dec 1860. As a farmer, he enlisted in the Civil War and was mustered in as a Private in the 22nd IL Inf. Co. D. at Caseyville, IL on 11 July 1861. He was wounded at the Battle of Belmont, MO on 7 Nov 1861 and died from those wounds at Cairo, IL on 16 Nov 1861 at the age 30 years, 7 months and 2 days. He is the only veteran buried in Rock Spring Cemetery that died from battle wounds.

His tombstone, in Row 5, says "Brother thou art gone to rest. Thine is an early tomb, but Jesus summoned thee away. Thy Saviour called thee home." Tombstone by O. Schuchard, Belleville.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses and Military & Marriage Records.

Obit: "Horace SIMMONS. We regret to learn that this gentleman has died of the wounds received at the battle of Belmont. He was a citizen of O'Fallon, and highly esteemed for his manly virtues. He bore himself as a good soldier in the battle, and died as becomes the brave."

Source: Belleville Weekly Democrat, 23 Nov 1861.

SIMMONS, Lois, nee PEACH, was born in Vermont on 23 Jan 1807. She married Levi SIMMONS on 29 Nov 1824 in Randolph County, IL. They lived next door to the EHLy family in Centerville in the 1850 census. Children at home were Levi, Jr., 22, and his new wife Lavina, 18, George, 19, William, 16, Francis, 12, Mary, 10, Jane, 7, and Horace, 5, all born in Illinois. They moved to the O'Fallon area in the 1850's. In the 1880 census, she lived in O'Fallon Township with her widower son-in-law, Samuel C. SMILEY, and was housekeeper for him and the 4 children still living at home – Ernst, 15, Charles, 13, Josie, 9, and Jane, 9 months. They had a farm laborer, Lenard WOLPENEGER, and Amelia PECK was a servant in the house. Lois died on 24 Apr 1892 at age 85. Her tombstone and a L S footstone are in Row 4.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses, IL databases.

SIMMONS, Martha S., a daughter of Luther and Nancy (nee CROZIER) SIMMONS, was born on 16 Aug 1848, in Randolph County, IL. She is included with her parents and siblings in the 1850 census for Randolph Co. She died on her 15th birthday, 16 Aug 1863. Her tombstone, in Row 4, has been repaired in 2 places.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses and Bridges' history.

SIMMONS, Mary, daughter of William and Sarah (nee PEACH) SIMMONS, was born in Newbury, Orange Co., Vermont on 23 Feb 1803, according to the tombstone. The History of Newbury, VT, says she was born on 4 Feb 1803. She married William SIMMONS on 6 Jan 1826 in Randolph County. Their children were Horace, Amanda, Malvina and Arrena. In the 1870 census in O'Fallon, T2NR7W, Mary was 67 and keeping house for W. R. and Mary Fanny DARROW and their children. Mary died on 15 Jul 1878 in O'Fallon Township at the age of 75. She shares her Row 5 tombstone with William.

Sources: Censuses, Bridges' history and tombstone.

SIMMONS, Mary R., a daughter of Luther and Nancy (CROZIER) SIMMONS, was born about Oct 1839, and is shown in the 1850 census in Randolph Co. By the 1880 census, she was 40 and lived in St. Clair County, O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W, IL, with sister and brother-in-law, Henry & Sarah COOK, and their sons: Henry, Sevi [sic], and Robert; Mary "helps in house." The census was taken less than eight weeks before her death. She died on 1 Aug 1880, age 40 years, 9 months, 21 days. Her tombstone and M R S footstone are in Row 4.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses.

SIMMONS, Olive, a daughter of William and Rebecca Jane (nee OWINGS) SIMMONS, died on 24 Sep 1875, about 2 days before her first birthday, aged 11 months, 28 days. Her tombstone, in Row 3, says "God called for one too pure for earth, And our Olive went away." She also has an O S footstone.

Sources: Tombstone, Bridges' history.

SIMMONS, Sallie May, daughter of William and Rebecca Jane (nee OWINGS) SIMMONS, died on 17 Oct 1873 at the age of 4 months, 17 days. She shares her tombstone in Row 3 with Willie.

Sources: Tombstone and Illinois Marriages.

SIMMONS, William was born on 27 Jun 1805 in Maine, son of Levi SIMMONS and Unknown. He married Mary PEACH on 6 Jan 1826 in Randolph County, IL. In the 1850 census for Brewerville Township, T4SR8W, Randolph County, IL, William was a 45 year old farmer owning land valued at \$2,000; wife Mary was, 47, Horace, 19, Amanda, 11, Melvina, 12, Irene, 5 and Avillina MURY, was 17 and a farmer. William died on 30 Dec 1868 at the age of 63 years, 5 months and 3 days. His tombstone, in Row 5, says "Asleep in Jesus peaceful rest, Whose waking is supremely blest. No tear, no woe shall dim that hour, That manifests the Saviour's powers." He has a W S footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Census.

SIMMONS, Willie, son of William and Rebecca Jane (OWINGS) SIMMONS, died on 7 Mar 1872 at the age of 11 days. His worn tombstone in Row 3 says "So fades the lovely blooming flower, Frail smiling solace of an hour, So soon our transient comforts fly, And pleasure only blooms to die."

His parents lived in Kansas City, MO for the 1920 census. William, the father, had been born in March 1834 in Illinois, Rebecca Jane, the mother, had been born in October 1837 in Illinois. They had been married 37 years. She had borne five children of which four were living, but the respondent probably didn't count the three babies buried here. William died before 1928. Rebecca Jane, a widow, died on 7 Apr 1928 at age 90 years, 5 months and 25 days. She died at her son Harry's home in Kansas City, MO where she had lived for about 20 years. She was a daughter of Britton OWINGS who was born in Virginia. Her cause of death was a stroke and cerebral hemorrhage plus extreme old age. She is buried in Mt. Washington Cemetery in Jackson County, MO.

Sources: Tombstone, Illinois Marriages and Missouri Death Certificate.

*SMITH, A. C. Andrew Clark, son of Samuel G and Orinda (nee BANKSON) SMITH, was born about 1842 in Clinton County, IL. In 1850, he lived in Tete Des Morts, Jackson Co., IA, with his father, stepmother and extended family. Andrew resided on his father's farm in O'Fallon, IL, while attending school in 1860. He enlisted Company G, 32nd Infantry Regiment Illinois on 7 Sep 1861 in Company G, 32nd Infantry Regiment IL. At that time, he was a 20-year-old, single farmer standing 5' 4.5" tall with light hair and gray eyes and a light complexion. Andrew was discharged for wounds on Company G, 32nd Infantry Regiment Illinois 6 May 1864 by order of General Blair. He married Addie DILLIE on 8 Jul 1867 in Carroll County, IL. The family returned to the local area since daughter Gertie died here in 1868. This family does not appear in the 1870 O'Fallon Twp Census.

Andrew died on 2 Apr 1879, his government headstone is in Row 10. It was supplied by Sheldon & Sons, West Rutland, VT (contracted on 21 Aug 1888). The Civil War Index states the headstone was to be delivered to College Hill Cemetery in Lebanon, IL, but there is no record of Andrew being buried there. He enlisted from Lebanon in 1861, and that may account for the error.

Sources: Censuses, IL Civil War databases, and Internet databases.

SMITH, Addie, nee DILLIE, was born about 1845 in IA. She was listed in the 1860 census for Van Buren, Jackson Co., IA, as a 15-year-old servant for farmer John PRIER and family. She married Andrew C. SMITH on 8 Jul 1867 in Carroll County, IL. She died on 17 Jun 1873, a month after the birth of her son, John F. SMITH, and a month before he died. She was 27 years, 6 months and 24 days old. Her tombstone in Row 10 has been repaired. She has an A S footstone.

Sources: Censuses, IL databases.

SMITH, Gertie, daughter of A. C. and Addie (nee DILLIE) SMITH, died on 29 Jul 1868, aged 3 months. Her tombstone and G S footstone are in Row 10.

Source: Tombstone.

SMITH, John F., son of Andrew and Addie (nee DILLIE) SMITH, was born on 15 May 1873. He died on 17 Jul 1873, age 2 months and 2 days, which was a month after his mother died. His tombstone and J F S footstone are in Row 10.

Sources: Tombstone and Internet.

*SMITH, John F., son of Samuel G. and Orinda (BANKSON) SMITH, was born on 20 Aug 1837 in Clinton County, IL. He is listed in the 1840 Clinton County Census with his father, mother, and sisters on the family farm. In the 1850 census, he lived with his father, stepmother, and extended family in Tete Des Mort, Jackson Co., IA. In 1860, John was the proprietor of the ferry in Spruce Creek, Tete Des Morts Township, Jackson Co., IA; his father was the ferryman in 1850. John F. died on 26 Dec 1864 at age of 24 in the Rock Spring area. His tombstone, in Row 10, says: "Brother, Thou art gone to rest, Thine was an early tomb. But Jesus summoned thee away, Thy Savior called thee home." He also has a J F S footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Censuses.

SMITH, Martha L., nee MORDS, was born on 14 Feb 1853. She married Samuel on 4 Feb 1892 in St. Clair County. In 1900, Martha lived with Samuel and daughter Vesta on his farm in O'Fallon, St. Clair Co., IL. In 1910, Martha and Vesta lived on St. Louis Road, O'Fallon, St. Clair Co., IL; Martha was widowed and Vesta attended school. Martha remarried on 19 Sep 1911 in Clinton County, IL, to Horace EVANS, who was elected City Marshall for O'Fallon, IL, in 1905. The double stone was probably engraved when Samuel died. There is no death date for Martha on the stone, and "witchers" confirm there is no body buried here. She died 16 Jul 1919 in Wamac, Washington Co., IL, and is buried in Centralia, Marion Co., IL.

Sources: Tombstone, Census, IL databases and OHS FTM file.

SMITH, Mary Ann, nee FERRELL, was born in Missouri in 1820. She married Samuel G. SMITH on 22 Sep 1854 in St. Clair Co., IL. She resided on the O'Fallon, IL, family farm with her husband Samuel, their son Chester, and her stepchildren in 1860. In 1870, Samuel and Mary Ann and family lived on a farm in Shiloh (listed as SCHMIDT, S. T. and Maria). In 1880, Samuel, Mary Ann, two sons and two grandsons lived on the O'Fallon farm. Mary Ann died on 13 Dec 1889 at the age of 69 years, 2 months, 25 days. Her tombstone in Row 11 says "Absent but not forgotten." She has an M A S footstone.

Sources: Tombstone, Census, and IL databases.

SMITH, Samuel Gilpin was born on 30 Aug 1809 in Delaware. He was the fifth of the 11 children born to John and Gertrude (nee GILPIN) SMITH of Wilmington, DE. In 1819, Samuel's father brought the family to IL and settled in Clinton County. Samuel is one of the males listed in the 1820 and 1830 US Censuses for his father's households in the county. Samuel married Orinda BANKSON, daughter of Col. Andrew and Elizabeth (nee MOORE) BANKSON, on 19 Feb 1835, in Clinton Co. Between 1836 – 1838, Samuel purchased 200 acres of land in Clinton Co. In 1840, Samuel and Orinda resided on the family farm in Clinton Co. with son John F and daughters Mary and Gertrude. One of the males that lived with the family was probably Vincent SMITH, Samuel's older brother. Also living in Clinton Co. in 1840, was the William BANKSON family. Margaret (nee SMITH) BANKSON is Samuel's sister.

During the next 10 years, the SMITH and BANKSON families moved to IA. Samuel's wife Orinda, who was born on 15 Mar 1815 in St. Clair Co., IL, died on 17 Apr 1848, while in IA. On 22 May 1849, Samuel married Mary Ann PECK in Jackson County, IA. Mary Ann was born on 18 Sep 1820 near St Louis, MO, the daughter

of Rev. John Mason and Sarah (nee PAYNE) PECK, later of Rock Spring, St. Clair Co., IL.

During 1850, Samuel was a ferryman in Tete Des Morts, Jackson County, IA. He was 39 and was responsible for several family members. Besides Mary Ann who had given birth to son Oscar during the year, there were his other children: Mary, 14, John, 13, Gertrude, 11, Andrew, 9, George, 7, and William, 5; in addition to his sister Margaret BANKSTON [sic], her children Abigail, Elizabeth, and John and Vincent SMITH, his brother. Before the end of 1854, it is assumed that Mary Ann (PECK) SMITH died in IA or IL.

On the family's return to St. Clair County, Samuel married Mary Ann FERRELL on 22 Sep 1854 in St. Clair County, IL. The 1860 census lists Samuel and Mary Ann living in O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W, St. Clair County, IL, Post Office: O'Fallon. The family included Andrew, George W. and William, who attended school during the year, plus Oscar, Dewitt Clinton, Sarah A., and baby Chester P.

In 1870, the family lived in Shiloh Township, T1NR7W, St. Clair Co., IL. Post Office: Shiloh. The census lists Samuel as S T SCHMIDT, 60, farmer, 20,000 land, \$6,000 personal property. Maria [sic] kept house with their domestic servant Lidia FRESER, while Wilky [sic] (William), Samuel (probably grandson), and Dewitt Clinton Smith farm the land and Chester attends school.

In 1880, Samuel, Mary Ann and the family were again in O'Fallon Township on a farm with their two sons Clinton Dewitt Smith and Chester Smith, two grandsons Charles and Samuel G Smith, plus Sep SAMBO, laborer, and Mary SEITZ household help. Mary Ann died on 13 Dec 1889 and is buried at Rock Spring Cemetery.

On 4 Feb 1892, Samuel married Mrs. Martha L. MORDS in St. Clair County, IL. In 1900, Samuel, age 90, and Martha, age 47, lived on the family farm in O'Fallon Township with their 5-year daughter Vesta E., plus boarder Frank MONDS and servant Della CONROY (age 17, born Oct 1882 in IL). That census says that Martha was born in Feb 1853 and had had seven children of which four were still living.

Samuel Gilpin SMITH died on 2 Apr 1907, aged 97 years. His tombstone is in Row 11. The stone is double sized with Martha E.'s name already engraved, but she remarried and is buried elsewhere. He has an S S footstone.

Sources: Ancestry.com Census, Land Purchase, Marriage databases,
One World Tree, & Clinton County webpage.

“Almost Ninety-Eight”

“Samuel SMITH, perhaps the oldest inhabitant of the county, died at his Rock Spring home Tuesday, aged 97 years and 8 months. He had lived on the farm where he passed away for almost 50 years.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the home to the Rock Spring Cemetery. Rev. R. MORRIS conducted the services.

He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters. Those who attended the funeral were his sons George, Oscar, Chester of Chicago, and William (Bid) his wife, son and two daughters and Clinton of Lincoln, Ill.

Others present were O. F. EVANS, son H. D. EVANS and Mrs. Chas. EASLY of Salem, Misses BOSCHIA of St. Louis, and Rev. Elva EVANS and son of IA.”

Source: O'Fallon Progress 5 Apr 1907.

SMITH, Sarah Ann, daughter of Samuel G. and Mary Ann SMITH, was born on 9 Aug 1854 in IA. Sarah is listed in the 1860 census living with her father, stepmother and siblings on the family farm in O'Fallon, St. Clair Co., IL. She died on 23 Nov 1865, age 11. Her tombstone, in Row 10, says “Dear as thou wert and justly dear, We will not weep for thee. One thought shalt check the starting, It is that thou art free.” She also has an S A S footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Census database.

SMITH, Vincent G. was born about 1803 in Delaware to John and Gertrude (nee GILPIN) SMITH. He was the third of 11 children born to the couple while in Wilmington, DE. Vincent traveled with the family in 1819 to Illinois. He is numbered among the males in John SMITH's household in the 1820 and 1830 US Censuses in

Clinton County, IL, and, again, in the 1840 Clinton County Census of his brother Samuel G, SMITH's family as one of the males between 30-40 years. In 1850, he is a laborer listed as part of Samuel's extended family in Tete Des Mort, Jackson Co., IA. He died on 11 Oct 1863, aged about 60 years. His tombstone and V G S are in Row 10.

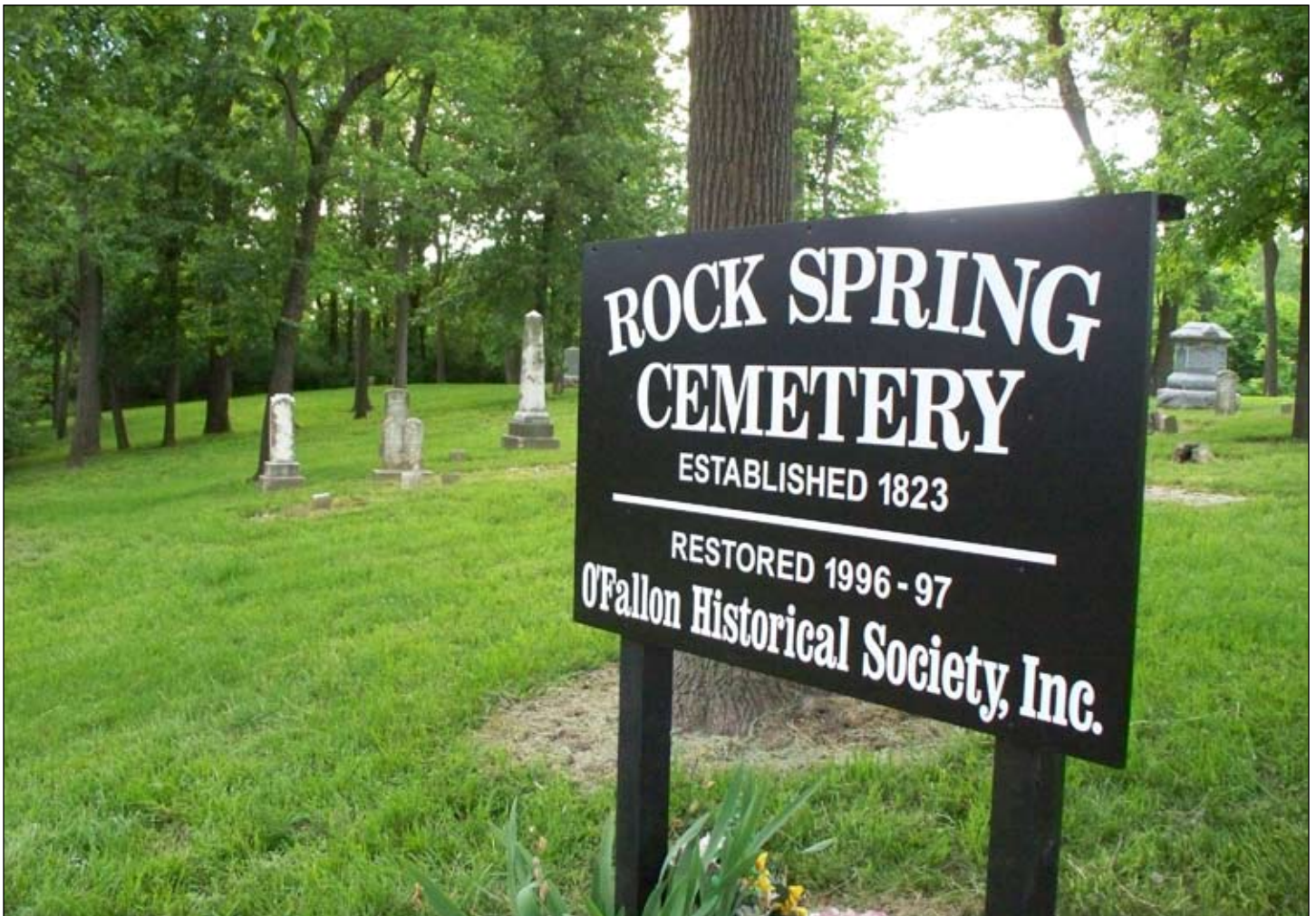
Source: Ancestry One World Tree, Census databases, Clinton County webpage.

TRAUTWEIN, Hatty A., daughter of Herman R. & Emma (nee RUNKWITZ) TRAUTWEIN, was born on 15 Oct 1883, in O'Fallon Township, St. Clair Co., IL, and died on 13 Jul 1884, aged almost nine months. Her tombstone is in Row 4.

Sources: Tombstone and 1880 Census.

WEIL, Dorothea was born on 12 Apr 1859, a daughter of John Philip & Charlotte (nee RUNKWITZ) TRAUTWEIN. The family lived in Mascoutah, St. Clair, IL, in 1860. J P was a notary public and Charlotte kept house with daughters, Mathilda and Theodora/Dorothea, at home, while son Herman attended school. Charlotte was widowed in 1861 and later married August LOMMER. Dorothea married William WEIL on 8 Mar 1877 in St. Clair Co., IL. (Illinois marriage database says William WEIL and Theodora TRAUTWINE). In 1880, Dorothea and William lived with their daughter Annee on a farm in O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W. Dorothea is also the aunt to Herman's daughter, Hatty A TRAUTWEIN. Dorothea died on 25 Sep 1884, aged 24 years, 5 months. Her tombstone, in Row 2, written in German, says "Here rests in God" and has a worn verse. She has a D W footstone.

Sources: 1892 Portrait and Biographical Record, Tombstone and Censuses.



Name That...Thing? Part 2

In the second part of highly popular back page quiz, this is part two of figuring out what these things are and what you use them for.

Although you can find all these items in the museum, the photos were taken before the redesign of the museum began. Which means even your editor doesn't know where they are now.



A



B

*A. a carbide lamp, used on
a coal miner's hat. B. Wood
pipe from old wood water tank;
C. telegraph key; D. paint
scraper; E. electric theonoid,
put it around your waist and
generated was supposed to
have a therapeutic effect if it
didn't electrocute you first;
F. surveyor's compass used to
survey village of O'Fallon in
1854.*



F



E



C



D