

**McDonald County Historical Society  
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Old Courthouse, Pineville, Missouri – 2006

## **McDonald County Historical Society**

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# Heritage & History of McDonald County

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## From the Vice President....

Some exciting activities have been going on with the McDonald County Historical Society. It has been gratifying to finally get things started down at the new Historical Society Museum. We recently had a couple of work days and made quite a bit of progress in a short amount of time. Just getting things started really makes a difference. There are a lot of people who were ready to get their hands dirty.

I think we all, including myself, can start to see a lot of ideas and possibilities with this museum. Just for example, there are plans to use one of the large rooms in the museum as a rotating or traveling exhibit. In other words, this room will be constantly changing.

We were very pleased to learn earlier this week that the United Way will be lending us the use of 12 - 14 volunteers on April 19<sup>th</sup> to help with painting, carpentry and other miscellaneous tasks needed in the museum. This is part of the United Way's Day of Caring taking place on April 19<sup>th</sup>. These people are employees of various companies who have been encouraged to take part in this community oriented event.

Never would I have envisioned the changes taking place so fast. McDonald County is one of the few Missouri counties that does not have some type of historical museum. We are long overdue!

Jenny

# EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 18th - McDonald County Senior Fair in Pineville - We will have a booth set up with a door prize of 2 Society Memberships.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Meeting  
Lynn Mosby – Ginger Blue Resort
- Museum Opening - Date to be Announced
- July 8<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Meeting  
Wellesley Brothers (Dennis & Ervin) - Growing Up in McDonald County
- September 9<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Historical Society Annual Meeting at the New Courthouse
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Meeting  
Place and Speaker To Be Announced
- December 9<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Christmas Party!

Other events will be scheduled and will be announced & advertised

**Please keep checking our website for updates!**  
[www.mcdonaldcohistory.org](http://www.mcdonaldcohistory.org)

# PAULINE CARNELL

March 23, 1905 - March 19, 2007



## BIOGRAPHY

Grace Pauline (Blankenship) Carnell age 101, of Jane, Missouri, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior at 3:41 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007 following a short illness.

Pauline began her journey on March 23, 1905 in McDonald County, Missouri, born to the late Arthur and Grace Polk-Blankenship. Her mother passed away when she was only three years of age, she went to live with her Aunt Princess Mae Blankenship Pritchard ~ spending her younger years in Kansas City, Missouri. Pauline began working at the age of 14 at the Klins Clothing Store in Kansas City.

She married Hiram Carnell on April 22, 1927 in Crawford County, Kansas and together they traveled by train to United States ~ from the Alaskan border to Mexico City.

Pauline & Hiram celebrated almost fifty years of marriage together before his passing. They both were used as extras in the infamous production of the Jesse James movie filmed here in McDonald County.

Pauline was a faithful active member of the Benton County and McDonald County Historical Societies and the Democrat party ~ for several decades wrote a regular column and original historical stories for the McDonald County Press; on her 100th birthday was given the first and only key to McDonald County as well as Missouri State House Resolution #1331 in honor of her birthday; received the citizen of the year award from the Anderson Lion's Club; was instrumental in establishing White Rock Fire Department, Public Rural Water System #1 at White Rock, Pea Ridge National Military Park in Benton County, Arkansas, Slinger Park in Pittsburg, Kansas, Noel Park in Noel, Missouri and the Town Hole Park in Anderson, Missouri. Pauline also volunteered for several organizations to include McDonald County Senior Center, White Rock Fire Department, Rural Water District 1, Simsberry Men's Club; she was also seen weekly riding on the OATS van to run errands, grocery shop and deliver her news article to the newspaper. Pauline faithfully supported many churches in McDonald County and attended several. She accepted the Lord as her Savior in her youth during a Billy Sunday Crusade in Kansas City. Pauline was a long time member of the Liberty Baptist Church in Kansas City. She touched many lives throughout her life and her presence will be greatly missed.

Pauline was one of the founders of the McDonald County Historical Society and held the office of president for over 13 years. While president, Pauline encouraged numerous people to document and publish our County's history. Pauline's favorite topic of discussion regarding her research of McDonald County was to report about her trip to Washington D. C. to document all of the past Post Offices of the County.

A celebration of Pauline's life was held on Friday ~ March 23, 2007 (her 102nd birthday) at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church ~ Jane, Missouri.



# SHERIFFS OF THE COUNTY

A project, one of many, is to collect information about past Sheriffs of the County. It's a fitting project as the building that is being renovated to house the County Museum was at one time the residence of past Sheriffs. This is a list of past County Sheriffs. If you have, or know of, any information or photographs about any of these officials, please contact us so we can include the information in our display at the museum.

## PAST County Sheriffs

Addison D. Flynn (Pineville Court)  
Absolem A. Hensley (Rutledge Court)  
William Henry  
W.C. Price  
John V. Hargrove  
Samuel Baker  
James H. Wimpey  
James H. Moffatt  
C. L. Fields  
J. C. Montgomery  
Elias M. Jarretto  
Joseph C. Seabourn  
John A. Fordover  
W. W. Bacon  
George T. Woolard  
John C. Kelley  
Richard Jarratt  
Joseph H. Edwards  
John W. Naramore  
Thomas J. Carnell  
William L. Martin  
L. R. Smith  
Jesse D. Slavens  
L. R. Smith  
D. C. Harmon  
R. L. Vansandt  
Floyd Bone  
Floyd Fine  
J. D. Slavens  
T. M. Epperson  
Jess C. Baker  
John J. Tennison  
Robert Yocum  
Earl L. Spears  
Clyde Gideon  
Lou Keeling  
Don Schlessman  
Robert Evenson  
Don Schlessman

## HONORARY MEMBERS

During the Society's January meeting three Honorary Members were accepted by unanimous vote of all members present. These members were Pauline Carnell, Zella Mae Collie, and Mary Laurie.

These women were all members of the Historical Society when it was initiated over 30 years ago.

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The proposal to amend the Constitution and Bylaws earlier this year was approved. This is significant for all of our out-of-town members because now you will have a voice in the voting processes of the Society. The amendment provides the ability for all members unable to physically attend the meetings to be allowed to vote via electronic mail or by proxy. This was included so that everyone can be more active in the Society, no matter the physical distance away.

## ESTABLISHING A COUNTY MUSEUM



The Society is currently focused on establishing a County Museum. So much history available in our County is lost with the passing of time on a daily basis. The county continues to grow by leaps and bounds. The State Line no longer looks the same. Driving from Pineville to Bella Vista, Arkansas, not so long ago was a beautiful Sunday afternoon drive. Now the road, near completion, is an interstate. Wal-Mart, while a definite asset for the County, has turned

the serene Sunday drive into another trip to town. With so many changes, time is overdue to preserve the history of our County so that future generations can walk into the Museum and step back in time to see the county as their ancestors once saw it.



We are so excited to see this project in the works. Those of you who receive email have been notified of the workday on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The United Way volunteered services of a dozen workers. All Star Pizza of Anderson, thanks to Toni, contributed lunch for the workers. Donations are continuing to come in as we print this Newsletter, two of which are from Grant & Jean Bird, Society members from California, and Clarence Billings, a member from Jefferson City. No doubt most all of you remember these

members when they were still in McDonald County. Thanks so much to all of you out-of-town members who help to support the work we are doing in the County.

We still need display cases, some tract lighting, and other one time purchases for the museum. We are waiting on several grant confirmations for which we have already applied. We have already received some display cases as donations.





We are planning an open house in a couple months and will be sending flyers out to all of you at that time. We have received tons of suggestions and the Museum Committee will be working to incorporate them.



Please, don't hesitate to send comments and suggestions. Watch the website for updates and announcements. We have included a page for the

museum on the website. The plan is to provide photographs of progress and displays for our out-of-town members as well as for those "surfers" who want to stop in and visit the site.



Work days at the Museum include more than physical labor....Keeping the laborers refreshed is just as important....  
There is a job for everyone!

<http://www.mcdonaldcohistory.org/museum.htm>

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**NOTE:** Please note, due to Mother's Day, the May meeting

date has been changed to 6th May 2007

**HAPPY MOTHER'S Day**