

FROM THE COMMERCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

You have received the first issue of "The Commerce Historical Society Newsletter" free in the hopes you will enjoy it enough to join the society.

The Commerce Historical Society was formed to help preserve the history of Commerce, Missouri and to educate others as to Commerce's history and the families who have lived in and around Commerce, Missouri.

We would like you to submit any thing you would care to share with others on the people and stories you can remember. Maybe you or a relative once lived in or around Commerce, Missouri and photo's were taken. If you would care to share those photo's and memories with others ,please send them to us. We can return the photo's if you will send a stamped self addressed envelope with them. If you would like the photo's to stay in Commerce, the photo's will be kept at the Commerce Museum, in Commerce, Missouri.

The Commerce Historical Society has the exclusive right to dig and do research on the Gracey Pottery Site in Commerce and we would like to thank Jack C. High for mowing the site, free of charge, for us during the year of 1996. We have collected a lot of broken pieces of pottery and if you would like to help on the project please contact us. Our thanks goes to the St. Paul's United Methodist Church for placing all the pottery findings on loan at the Commerce Museum.

The newsletter will be issued bimonthly. The next issue will come out the first week in March, 1997.

To join the Commerce Historical Society, send your name, address and check or money order the us. Make your check payable to "The Commerce Historical Society" and send it to:

COMMERCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O.BOX 93  
COMMERCE, MISSOURI 63742-0093

Dues are; 1 year \$ 10.00 individual or family (same address)  
1 year \$ 15.00 sustaining membership  
LIFETIME \$100.00 individual/family same address  
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Inquiries may be submitted and will appear in two issues free to members. Nonmembers may submit inquiries at the cost of \$2.00 for each time you want your inquiry to appear. Please send your inquiry to:

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Our thanks goes to Jack and Dixie High who has the rolls of microfilm of the old newspapers, census reports and other books and thanks to them for sharing the historical items with us. The Missouri State Historical Society has the original newspapers and we would urge everyone who is not a member of the State Historical Society to join their society. Thanks to the Scott County Historical Society for their help in our endeavors.

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