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Area men uncover pottery plants, former town

Four area men, Edison Shrum, David Dickey, Bill Foulk and Mike Brock have added two unrecorded pottery making plants and a former town location to the petroglyph site and pottery of Charles Koch.

Both plants are thought to date back to before the Civil War. The men say they were operated by Burkhart Juengling and S.D. Smith. Juengling's plant was located about a mile south of Scott City near the Homer McKinley farm with its dump site just to the east of the McKinley home.

Shrum said that a deed file in the Recorder's Office at Benton dated February 9, 1854, shows that Jengling deeded his property to Henry Stair, with the exception of the clay bank to use as pottery during his

lifetime. Shrum says he thinks that means that Juengling was aging and was selling off his unwanted farm property. The size of the dump, according to Shrum, suggests that Juengling continued to make pottery for several years after selling off his farm property. The pottery was a light gray, yellow and red stoneware.

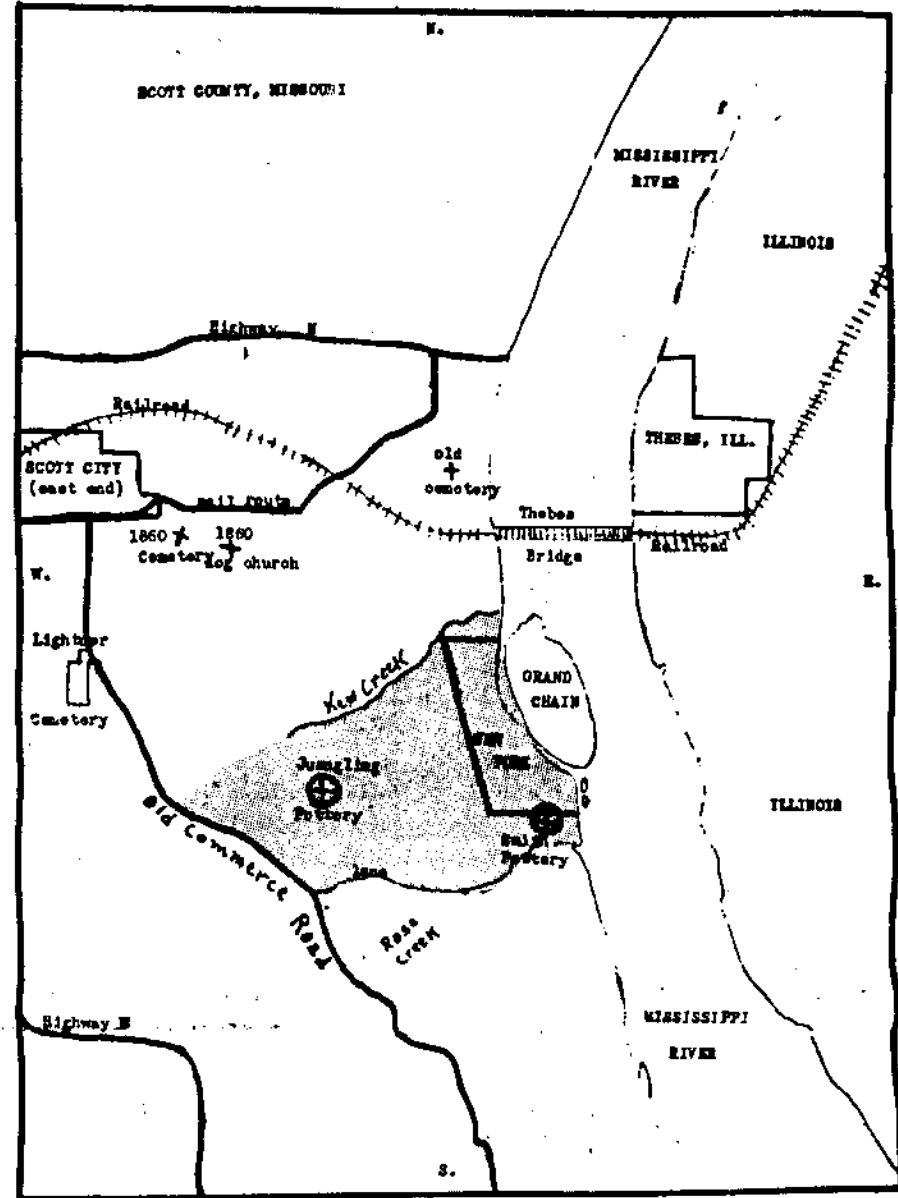
The second pottery plant operated by S.D. Smith was less than a mile east of the Juengling pottery, about two miles from Scott City.

The Smith pottery ceased production around the time of the Civil War. About 1881 Gottlieb Rose built a house on the Smith Pottery site, and later residents of the house said they did not know that a pottery plant had been located there

years earlier.

It is thought that another site may have been located near the Smith and Jengling potteries. In 1834 William Gracey had a pottery in Commerce and he also owned two tracts of land. Shrum said he thinks that Commerce pottery may have really been New York Pottery. Most of the deeds and other records involving New York were lost although many tracts of that land were transferred in the 1860's. They were all located along the Mississippi River near the Smith site.

Shrum said most of the information was gathered while researching county records. Charles Koch, an area potter died in 1879.



This map shows the newly discovered pottery plants. The Juengling pottery plant was discovered only a little over a mile southeast of what is now Scott City, and the S.D. Smith pottery plant was discovered only three-quarters of a mile due east from the Juengling plant, or almost two miles from Scott City. Also shown on the map is the location of the previously forgotten settlement of Scott County's New York, which is thought to have been settled around 1859. The map also shows various other historical sites in the Scott County area.

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Commerce news

The Commerce Baptist Church will hold its annual Homecoming this Sunday, Oct. 4, with a basket dinner at noon. Lew Rhodes and the Masters IV will furnish music at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jackman of Cape Girardeau have purchased the trailer home of the Roy LeDures. They are their baby daughter, Brandi, will move here this week.

Mrs. L.T. Cox and son, Ricky Clay, accompanied by Miss Lori Boston of Blodgett went to Hayti Sunday and attended the funeral of Rick's uncle, Ronnie Mobley.

Mrs. Brenda Hanners was among those who attended a Hair Styling Show, held at the Ramada Inn at Cape on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy LeDure entertained at their home Saturday afternoon with a party for their daughter, Libby Jo's ninth birthday. Children present were Michelle Lawless of Benton, Leigh Ann Urhahn, Penny Held, Stephanie LeDure and Brock Hanners. Lanna LeDure and Rhonda Medlin assisted the children in games and pony rides. Mrs. Glenda Wright was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sparks of Poteau, Okla. visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dodson and father, Floyd Sparks from Tuesday until Friday last week. Additional supper guests at the Dodson home on Wed-

nesday were Mrs. Bill Gibbar and daughters of Scott City and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brazel and sons.

Miss Deborah Reed and Mark Gayer of St. Louis spent the weekend at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wanda Reed.

Rev. Dean Hency, Mrs. Harold Moore and Mrs. George Hopper attended the 105th annual session of the Charleston Baptist Association at the First Baptist Church in Charleston on Tuesday.

The Commerce Better Community Club met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Herman Hitt. Other members present were Lois LeDure, Alice Foster, Joy Jean Simmons, June Medlin, Bernice Wise, Brenda Hanners, Mamie LeDure, and Pearl Granneman. During the business session the club voted to donate some wire for the baseball diamond in the city park.

Mrs. Helen McVay had as guests on Saturday her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Rash of Elizabethtown, Ill.

Mrs. Bob Foster and Robin and Steve attended a birthday party in Shady Grove Park at Scott City Saturday for her nephew, 2-year-old Brandon Madderra.

Nearly 150 people attended the Old Timer's Reunion Picnic in the City Square on Sunday. Mrs. Floy Porter of Cape Girardeau was recognized as the oldest woman present and Letcher Bom of Benton was the oldest man. Some of those from out-of-

state attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Young of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edmonds of Flora, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Laster of Wolf Lake, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lawson of Burkesville, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rasberry of New Concord, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. James Nimmo of Benton, Ky. and Mr. and Mrs. Tilly (Jessie Caldwell) of Indianapolis, Ind. Others coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cannon of Jefferson City, Mrs. Gladys Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Omer W. Clark and family, Miss Julia Bondurant, Mrs. Estelle Ellis and Richard Calhoun of St. Louis. Some other towns represented were Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Scott City, Sikeston, Blodgett, Bloomfield, and Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hopper visited Mrs. Ruth Gage at Sikeston Manor in Sikeston on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hanners and Mark and Brock and Mrs. Maude Hanners were at the Ronnie Long home in Scopus on Saturday night to help Mr. Long celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Shirlene Winch and children of Illmo Route were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Foster and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glaus attended a reunion for members of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. William LeGrand on Sunday. It was held at the American Legion Hall in Benton and approximately 100 persons were present.

Mrs. Ben Knight was taken by ambulance to a Cape Girardeau hospital on

Monday.

Visitors during the week of Mr. and Mrs. George Hopper were Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Andrews of Delta, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kirsch of Benton, Harland Davis of St. Louis and Mrs. Jane Davis of Cape.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Medlin and Mike and Rhonda of Commerce, Leeman Medlin Jr. of St. Louis and Miss Rhonda Wilson of Jackson were among those who were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Garner at Advance.