

THE COMMERCE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGY SOCIETY

REPORT FOR YEAR 1998

We started the year with \$1,837.50 in the perpetual cemetery fund and had donations of \$696.00 for a balance of \$2,533.50. Mr. and Mrs. Jack High Sr. donated gravel for the road to the cemetery and Mrs. Jack High Sr. donated the money to have the downed trees removed from the first part of the cemetery (the trees down because of the tornado in 1998). We can only use the interest from the cemetery fund for maintenance and the interest on the amount does not give very much to work with. We hope to build the fund up to \$5,000.00 before we start using the interest. The Historic Preservation Group at the SEMO University has donated time to help in the clean up of the cemetery. The Sons of the Union Veterans Civil War has donated time to help with the clean up of the cemetery. We hope to start cleaning on the next part of the cemetery this spring. If you are interested in donating a couple of hours for cleaning the cemetery let us know.

The dues are \$10.00 per year and it costs us \$9.12 a year to print and mail the news letters. We get them printed for 3 cents a page which comes to \$4.32 a year, mailing is 77 cents per issue (it was 78 cents before the postage rate increase) which comes to \$4.62 per year and the envelopes are 3 cents apiece or 18 cents per year. We do hand deliver newsletters to the people who are living close by and that saves on the postage. We use that money to donate news letters to schools, libraries, and newspapers so that more people can have access to our news letter and the information in them. If you would like to help by giving a gift subscription to a library or school let us know. You can also donate your newsletters to the schools and libraries when you are done with them. When we get more members we can get a reduced rate on the mailing fees so we are going to keep getting the information out about our newsletter and work to increase our membership.

OUR GOALS FOR 1999

We are sponsoring the Civil War Encampment April 24 & 25, 1999. We hope to have a dedication of a Civil War Veteran's headstone. It was ordered months ago but has not come in yet. There will be a fashion show and it will be a living history week end. The R. V. campground will be open for those who want to stay there in their camper's or 5th wheel's, you can call them at 573-264-2275 and leave a message.

We will sponsor the Crowley's Ridge Pre 1790 living history week end on October 9 & 10, 1999. This is a weekend full of interesting people to learn from. They have lots of things to show you how to do and you can buy things from them if you want to.

GOING'S ON IN COMMERCE 1999

July 4— The city will put on a fire woks display with money donated by the people of the area.

September — The Third annual FLOODFEST will be going on September 17, 18, & 19, with bands playing on the banks of the Mississippi River the evenings of September 17 & 18, 1999. A 5,000 gallon fish tank displays fish from the Mississippi River. The event is sponsored by ad's sold for the Floodfest booklet which includes pages to color, games to play, crossword puzzles, etc. The Floodfest committee would like to remind people to support the business's that make the Floodfest possible by the ad's they place.

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