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BACKGROUND OVERVIEW
ON THE
WORK AND PROGRESS
OF THE
ROUNTREE HISTORIC PARK ASSOCIATION
1988-1993

- * The Rountree Historic Park Association incorporated in October, 1988, as a Missouri General Not-For-Profit Corporation. The purposes for which the Corporation were formed as set forth in its amended certificate of incorporation and Association bylaws are to "restore, preserve, maintain and develop the Joseph Rountree Farmstead as a historic park."
- * Through the initiative of its board of directors in early 1989, the Association sought, and successively secured, at no cost, 1 1/2 acres of the original Joseph Rountree Farmstead. The land, which includes the historic Rountree Family Cemetery, was given to the Association by Lawson Weaver, a local real estate businessman. The land is located between the Springfield Workshop, Inc. and H.D. Lee Company, Inc. plant facilities in the 2800 block of W. Bennett Street in Springfield. The donated value of the land was approximately \$14,000.
- * In 1991, the Association obtained office space at the Westside Community Betterment Association at 2719 W. Walnut Street in Springfield that is approximately ten (10) blocks from the proposed park site. The use of the office space includes access to computer equipment; copier; file cabinet storage; and telephone--all of which is being provided by Westside at no cost to the Association.
- * The board of directors of the Association has actively sought, contacted and visited with approximately 30 Rountree descendants in different parts of the country. From them, significant genealogical information; photographs; letters; diary copies; memorabilia; and a detailed description of Rountree Farmstead life in the 1800's has been collected, compiled, and computerized. A number of these items are currently on loan to The History Museum of Springfield-Greene County at the old City Hall Building, including the 200-year-old Joseph Rountree school handbell. The Museum currently has a number of these items on display in a special room in which the Rountree, Campbell and Fulbright families are recognized as the founding families of Springfield.
- * Since 1990, approximately \$3,500 has been contributed to the Association by the Rountree family for the work in developing the Rountree Historic Park. Five (5) Rountree descendants serve on the board of directors of the Association, including our current president, Barbara Kemm.

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- * The Association has encouraged and hosted a number of visits of Rountree descendants from California, Virginia, Florida, Massachusetts, Kansas, and Missouri. Many of these descendants did not know each other or their family heritage until the Association brought them together. A reunion of Rountree descendants will be held in Springfield when Rountree Historic Park is dedicated and turned over to the Springfield Park Board with whom we are working closely.
- * At the request of the Springfield Park Board, more than 40 thorn trees have been removed from the park property by board members and volunteers because of the potential liability concerns that they pose. In doing so, it will allow some of the nicer black walnut, Kentucky coffee bean and other types of trees on the property to grow to maturity. The Springfield Park Board has assisted the Association in hauling away the trees that have been cut down.
- * In 1991, a ground radar survey was conducted at the historic Rountree Family Cemetery on the park site to determine the orientation of the graves, how many people are buried there, and to search for missing gravestone markers buried below the surface. A similar but different ground resistivity survey was conducted by the SMSU Geosciences Department in the fall of 1990. The combined cost of both surveys was \$900 which was paid for by several board members of the Association. These efforts will aid the Association in the restoration of the historic cemetery.
- * In 1991, the Association worked with the Drury College School of Architecture to develop a site plan for Rountree Historic Park. After the site plan was completed and approved by the Association, the School of Architecture prepared cost estimates for developing the park site and built a conceptual scale model showing what the park would look like. The scale model has been displayed a number of times in the community. The cost to build the scale model was paid for by a board member.
- * In the summer of 1992, the Association provided an educational opportunity for area schoolchildren in having an archaeological field school at the park site in cooperation with the Springfield Public Schools and the SMSU Center for Archaeological Research. Nineteen students participated in the 2-week class in which archaeology, history and music were taught and enjoyed.
- * In the fall of 1992, restoration of the 4' limestone wall around the historic Rountree Family Cemetery was begun. Approximately 40' of the wall has been completed. Contributions from the Rountree family have been used to begin this work.
- * In March of 1993, the Internal Revenue Service approved 501(c)(3) tax exemption status for the Association that will enable us to actively seek grants and other forms of contributions to assist in the development of Rountree Historic Park. With this approval and with the support of the Springfield Park Board . . . *the Association is on the move to develop Rountree Historic Park as the city's first historic park!*



ROUNTREE HISTORIC PARK ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

June 1, 1993

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Home Phone Number</u>	<u>Office Phone Number</u>
ARNOLD, Paul	900 S. Pickwick (04)	869-6043	831-3000
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CORBETT, Denton	1132 S.Kings (07)	869-6276	--
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JONES, Craig	1106 Linwood Circle (07)	864-7586	862-1745
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KEMM, Steve	1717 N. Yulan (03)	864-7415	--
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ROUNTREE, Don & Barbara	703 Kennedy Willard, MO 65781	742-3588	--
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YELTON, Jeff (Honorary)	222 E. Montclair (07)	889-7938	836-5363

Rountree Historic Park Association



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Yes, I would like to become a charter member of the Rountree Historic Park Association. . . and give a "helping hand" to the Rountree Historic Park Project!

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ () _____

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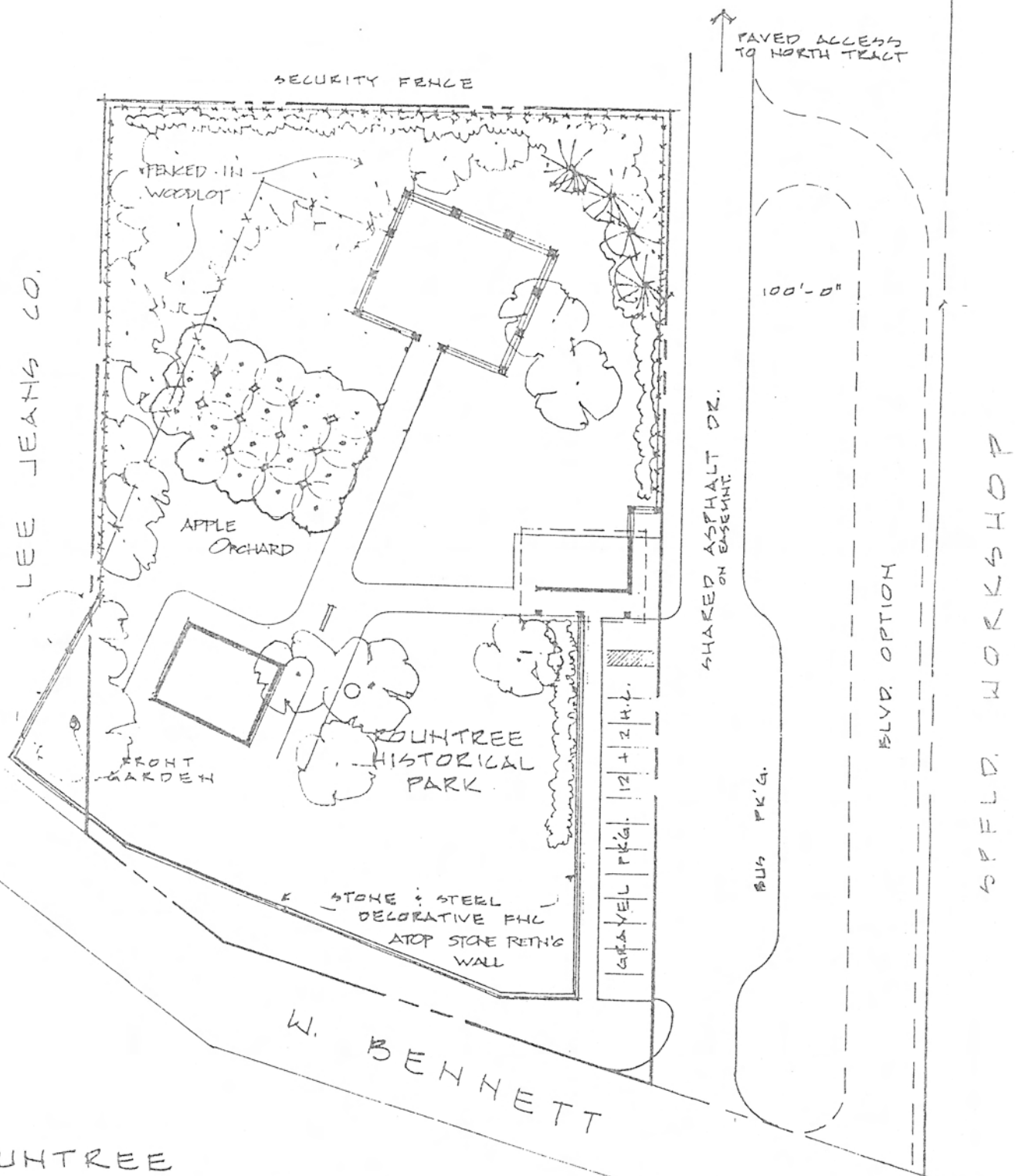
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____ Justice of the Peace \$3,000
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____ Doctor \$2,000
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____ Blacksmith \$500
____ Clerk \$250
____ Apprentice \$100
____ Farmer \$50
____ Farm Hand \$25

- ☐ Payment in full enclosed.
- ☐ First payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Pledge to be paid over _____ years beginning _____.
- ☐ Please send me reminder notices at the following times : _____
- ☐ I would like to automatically renew my pledge for the following years:
_____ 1992 _____ 1993 _____ 1994 _____ Until I discontinue
- ☐ I would like for my gift to be used for the following designated or general purpose (s): _____
- ☐ I am a descendant of _____.
- ☐ I have family history and related information that I would be pleased to share with the Rountree Historic Association.
- ☐ My family and I would be interested in attending a family reunion in Springfield.

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR GIFT AND MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

ROUNTREE HISTORIC PARK ASSOCIATION
2719 W. WALNUT
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI 65802

YOUR TELEPHONE CALLS AND VISITS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



ROUNTREE HISTORICAL PARK

AUGUST 6, 1991 SCALE 1" = 40'
REVISED: 8.19.91

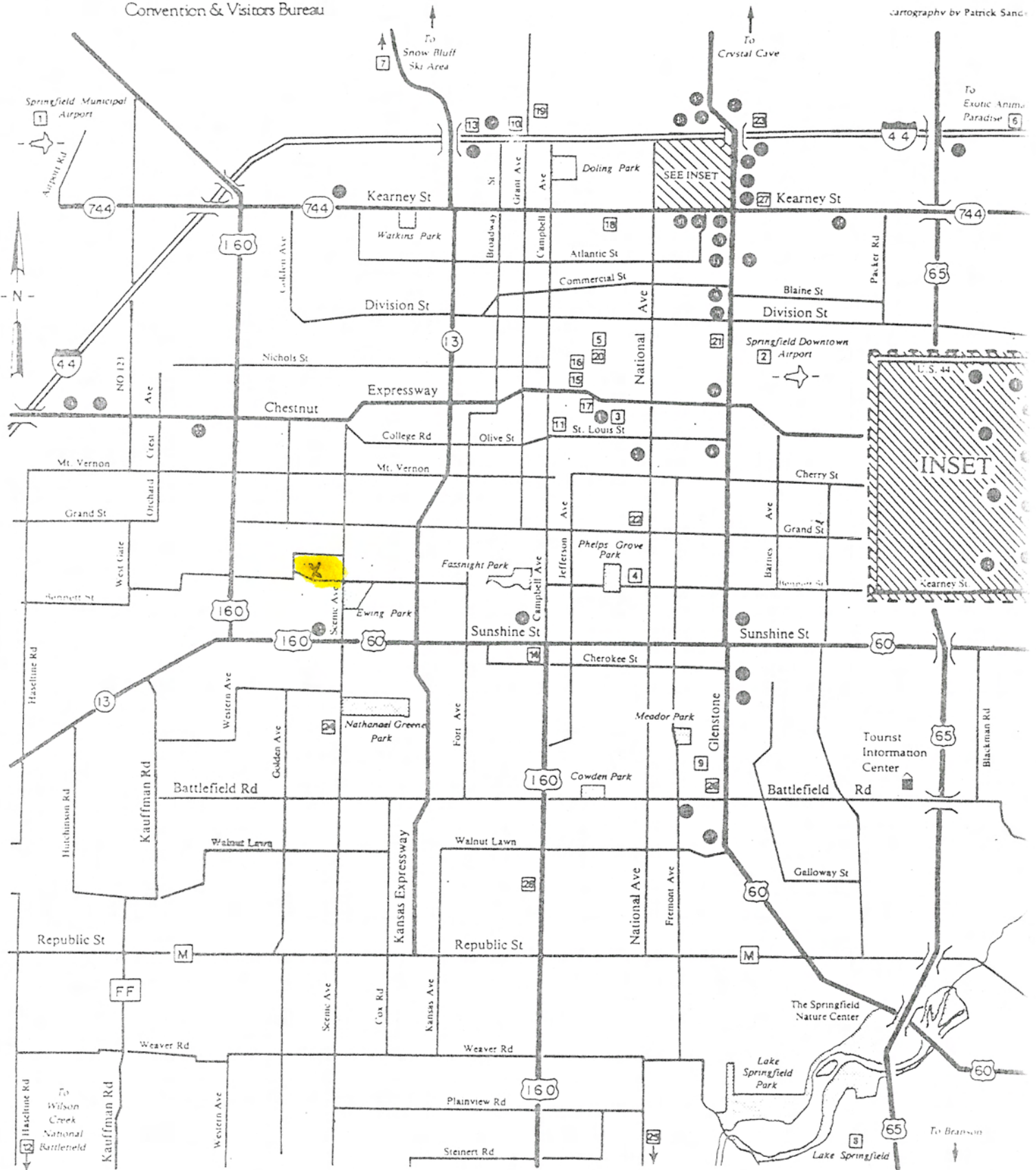
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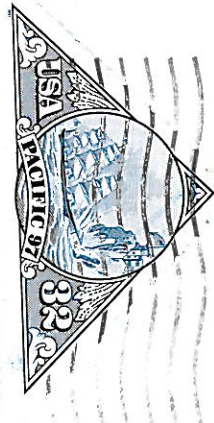




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2744 S. Wallis Smith
Springfield, Missouri 65804

June 1, 1997

Dear Rountree descendant,

The Rountree Historic Park Association board of directors has suggested that the descendants be polled for an opinion on the placing of four old Cannefax family headstones in the Rountree Cemetery.

The stones are those of Radford W. Cannefax (ca 1775-1843), his wife Anna, and two of their sons, Joseph (1797-1866), and Chesley (1808-1877). Radford, Anna, Chesley, and another son and daughter came to the area in 1831, settling in the section next to Joseph Rountree on the west. Joseph Cannefax and his family came in 1838.

The stones are now in the possession of Ernie Roberts who lives on part of the land of Chesley Cannefax who lived where his father did earlier. They were leaning up against a shed, when he bought the property 25 years ago. A neighbor told Mr. Roberts that the stones were brought onto the place long ago when "they moved the house there." One of our board members, Craig Jones, is a Cannefax descendant and he has tried to find funeral records but has been unable to do so.

Every once in a while a relative will ask to see the stones and photograph them. Mr. Roberts is planning to sell part of the land for a housing development, or possibly all of it, and wants to protect the stones in a cemetery. I told him that we could not guarantee the safety of the markers as it is not any safer in the Rountree Cemetery than at any other one in the city, and he realizes that. If we accept them, we will devise some small marker with an explanation that these are displaced stones of Joseph Rountree's neighbors and the gravesites are unknown. There are already several, perhaps more than 10, people buried in Rountree Cemetery for whom we have not figured out any family connection. For those people, we will probably have one marker carved, with such vital statistics as we can get from old records, and list them in chronological order of their burials. At least we know the Cannefax family were neighbors.

The Rountree Cemetery is over 3/4 restored, most of the little apple trees made it through the winter, and we are planning to put in a brick walk from the cemetery to the house with funds from our CDBG grant. We will use the funds to buy the materials and the walk will be built by volunteers. We ran into considerable red tape as far as the parking lot was concerned, and the money we were granted was only a drop in the bucket as far as the amount needed to meet government regulations. We have the permit for a gravel drive already, so that is the way to go, and let the City build the parking lot when we turn it over to them. We are also planning a fund-raiser sale of bricks with a person's name laser-cut into it. More about that later.

Please let me know how you feel about the Cannefax headstones.

Patsy
Patsy D. Corbett, president
RHPA



August 18, 1997

2744 S. Wallis Smith
Springfield, Missouri 65804

Dear Rountree descendant,

The answers to our question of giving a home in the Rountree Cemetery to the Cannefax headstones were overwhelmingly favorable so that will be taken care of before we turn the Park over to the City.

The big news is that the cemetery wall restoration stone work was finished at the end of July and looks beautiful! We do hope to put in a double gate and are still looking into it at this point.

Enclosed you will find an order form for personalized bricks to be placed in Rountree Historic Park in an old-fashioned brick path as mentioned in our last letter.

There are spaces for ordering three bricks. If you wish to order additional bricks, either photocopy the form or attach a sheet with the information for each additional brick printed clearly in block letters and note the number ordered in the space provided.

Sincerely,

ROUNTREE HISTORIC PARK ASSOCIATION

Patsy

Patsy D. Corbett, president

ROUNTREE HISTORIC PARK ASSOCIATION

PERSONALIZED BRICKS

We are holding a sale of personalized paving bricks to raise money to benefit our on-going development of a 2-acre portion of the 1830s farmstead of Joseph Rountree and his family. The Rountrees were one of the very early families settling in Springfield and Joseph was the first schoolteacher. The Park will be turned over to the City and integrated into the Springfield parks system. Enclosed is a *Progress Report* on the project.

For a \$50 donation, your name, or the name of someone you wish to honor, will be inscribed upon a paving brick and placed in an old-fashioned brick path in Rountree Historic Park. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help the project in this way, please fill in the order below, make your check out to Rountree Historic Park Association (or RHPA), and mail to:
 Patsy D. Corbett, 2744 S. Wallis Smith, Springfield, MO 65804.

NAME _____ Number ordered _____
 ADDRESS _____ Amount Enc. \$ _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PERSONALIZED PAVING BRICK - \$50 each

Please print name you wish to have on the personalized brick in block letters in the spaces below. Inscription is limited to no more than 14 characters per line, including spaces or hyphens, and no more than three lines. For orders of more than three bricks, print further instructions clearly on a separate sheet of paper.

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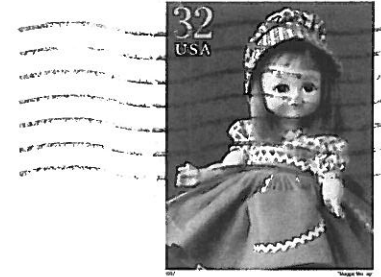
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ROUNTREE HISTORIC PARK UPDATE

July 13, 1998

Enclosures:

1. A newspaper notice of Gabrella Rountree's death on February 18, 1998.
2. A copy of the newspaper article about Archaeology at the Park.
3. A copy of the description of materials and prices for replication of headstones.

In November, 1997, Lawson Weaver donated a little over 2 acres more of Joseph Rountree's original 160 acres (making the Park 4 1/4 acres). It includes a 100 foot strip to the east and a block of about 300' x 300' on the north. We have moved our wild-plot corner into the northeast corner of the new part. There are still ground hogs, deer, rabbits, and other little creatures making their homes in the environs.

We have made inquiries about replication of Nancy's, Joseph's, and Allen J.'s headstones at a couple of monument companies. Both suggested that we not do an exact replication of the very thin slab of marble of the originals because of the easy breakage of that type of marker by vandals. They both suggested that we use a granite instead, which because of its greater density, would provide better resistance to mold and algae growth, vandalism, and retain the readability of the inscription long past that of marble. The century-old McClelland monument is extremely difficult to read while Lucius and Rebecca's granite one, only a few years later, looks almost new.

The board agreed that the replacement headstones should be four inches thick instead of two but decided that we would like to go ahead with the marble. It costs a little more but is more authentic for 1848 to 1874 headstones. We are investigating a fairly new chemical application for the marble that is being used on some statues and also limestone buildings to protect the surface and halt the crumbling.

The University Archaeological Field School at the Park discovered after publication of the newspaper article that the rubble-filled hole pictured was a basement(?) / storm-cellar(?) with a hard-packed dirt floor 155 cm deep from ground level, (about 5 feet) a lime and sand mortared limestone wall and an outside entrance which had been bricked-up, no earlier than an 1897 Indian-head cent was left or lost in it (at a depth of 103 cm). The pipe to the 11' deep cistern ran across the top of the rubble. We had never heard of a nineteenth century basement or storm cellar before. It was not completely excavated due to time constraints so the size was not determined. The twentieth century storm cellar northwest of the house proved to have 6 steps down into the ground and appeared to have had the concrete top bulldozed into it. We are leaving the top step exposed and will have a rail fence around it with an interpretive sign. Nothing of interest was in the cistern which was probably filled in the late 30s. It was filled back in with most of the rubble which came out except for the pieces of limestone which can be used for further building. The cistern rim will be left exposed with a rail fence around it and an interpretive sign also.

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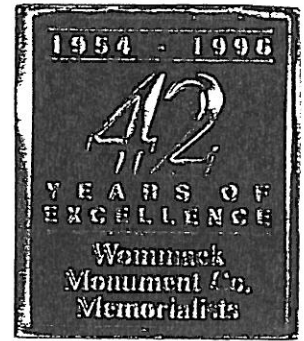
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Monument Company

February 2, 1998

Ms. Patsy Corbett
Mr. Paul Arnold
Rountree Cemetery Assn.
2744 S. Wallis Smith
Springfield, MO 65804



Dear Patsy and Paul,

Thank you so much for having visited with me the other day regarding the restoration of memorials at the Rountree Cemetery in Springfield. Following is a summary of your thoughts and ours toward completion of this commendable project:

Color: A) *American Black* granite...select #1 grade...from Pennsylvania. This dense, black with white veil granite is highly recommended for its stain resistance, outstanding natural contrast and extremely low long-term maintenance. B) *Royal White* granite...select #1 grade....from Georgia. This lovely grey-white granite offers excellent natural contrast and low to moderate long-term maintenance. C) *Georgia Cherokee* marble...select #1 grade...from Georgia. The crystalline white with blue veined marble is an excellent choice in marbles due to its interlocking crystals. Although much softer and, as a result, not as everlasting as granite, this marble is more resistant to penetrating stains than other marbles and can be cleaned very effectively when soiled. I do not professionally recommend the use of marble in circumstances such as this due to the much shorter service life.

Size & Finish: Replacement tablet and base for Nancy Rountree - tablet: 1-2x0-4x3-1 (14" x 4" x 37") - All-smooth with straight top and ends; base: 1-8x0-10x0-6 (20" x 10" x 6") Granite...smooth top and natural rustic (rough) sides, marble...all-smooth. Replacement tablet and base for Joseph Rountree and Allen Rountree - tablet as above except 3-2 (38") tall with a one and one-half inch oval top. Base as above.

Footstones for Nancy, Joseph and Allen: 0-8x0-4x1-0 (8" x 4" x 12") All-smooth with straight top and ends.

Replacement sub-base for McClelland obelisk: 1-2x1-2x0-4 (14" x 14" x 4") All-smooth Cherokee marble.

Lettering & Design: As we had discussed earlier, we are pleased to offer you the choice of either 1) duplication of the existing design (as much as we can determine) and lettering, or 2) we would provide a custom drawing illustrating lettering and design that would be similar in appearance to the originals.

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quality concrete foundations and will include, where needed, heavy stainless-steel dowel pins with industrial epoxies and commercial sealing compounds. In addition, any marble provided or reinstalled will be sealed with a quality stone impregnator to retard the accumulation of algae, moss, etc.

Completion time: Please allow two to three months from receipt of order.

Warranty: All material and workmanship will be fully protected by a comprehensive *written* guarantee. We are proud to offer the strongest protection in the industry.

Price: Complete installed price.....

<i>Nancy's, Joseph's & Allen's monu- ment</i>	A-1	Regular price...\$913.00	Your price...\$593.00
	A-2	Regular price...\$871.00	Your price...\$567.00
	B-1	Regular price...\$797.00	Your price...\$519.00
	B-2	Regular price...\$755.00	Your price...\$491.00
	C-1	Regular price...\$977.00	Your price...\$635.00
	C-2	Regular price...\$935.00	Your price...\$608.00

For extended concrete foundation on above (approx. 4" all around), please add \$20.00 each to your price; for granite foundation cover, 28" x 18" x 4", providing approx. 4" of solid granite permanent protection around above, please add \$71. each to above. Please note that the granite base used for (A) will be the Royal White

<i>Footstones for above:</i>	A-1	Regular price...\$169.00	Your price...\$109.00
	B-1	Regular price...\$149.00	Your price...\$ 97.00
	C-1	Regular price...\$149.00	Your price...\$ 97.00

For extended concrete foundation on above (approx. 4" all around), please add \$12.00 each to your price. Above footstones may be installed flush with the ground or upright.

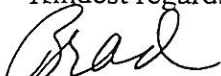
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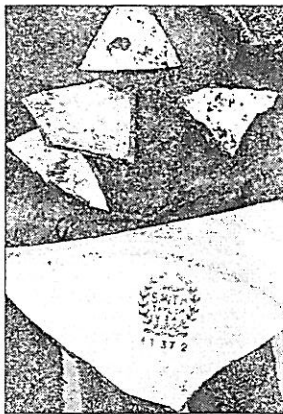
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For extended concrete foundation on above (approx. 4" all around), please add \$23.00 to your price. For granite foundation cover, 26" x 26" x 4", providing approx. 4" of solid granite permanent protection around above, please add \$98.00 to your price. Granite foundation covers used throughout are Royal White granite.

Thanks so much, Patsy and Paul, for having given us this privilege of serving you. Rest assured that we would do our very best to please you. We look forward to beginning this outstanding project for you!

Kindest regards,





Christina Dicken / News-Leader

Pieces of ceramic found by SMS students in a cistern may help them learn about Ozarks history.

An archaeology class excavates at the old Rountree estate to uncover city history.

By Lisa Wingo
News-Leader

Sifting through chunks of brown earth this week, Quincy Caldwell marveled at the bounty before her. A sliver of glass. A piece of bone. A fragment of smooth ceramic.

Trash, perhaps, to the average treasure seeker. But for Caldwell, 23, and the rest of her archaeology class,



Thomas

these remnants are clues that eventually could reveal a story. For five weeks, the Field School in Historical Archaeology at Southwest Missouri State University has dug through the former homestead of Joseph Rountree, the patriarch of one of Springfield's founding families. They will continue through next week and will open the site to the public Tuesday.

The purpose of the excavation has been to learn more about Rountree's life, as well as daily life for the average Ozarker during the 19th century.

So by digging and deciphering what might be a piece of glassware, dinnerware or animal remains, class members hope to be able to interpret their findings for generations to come.

"The idea behind doing this is that everyday common folk didn't leave much of a written record," said Brian Thomas, research archaeologist at the Center for

SMS students dig up a 'story of the past'



Christina Dicken / News-Leader

SMS students Barbie Martin (left) and Mark Johnson excavate a portion of the Rountree Historic Park. The group from the SMS Field School in Historical Archaeology has been digging there for five weeks.

Digging for Springfield's past



Want to go?

- What: Open house at Rountree Historic Park
- When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday
- Where: 2901 W. Bennett St. (west of Scenic Avenue)

Chris Mostyn / News-Leader

Archaeological Research at SMS.

"We can use what we find to understand people's everyday behavior. It's another line of evidence used to tell the story of the past."

That story has become increasingly important to the Rountree Historic Park Association. The not-for-profit group formed in 1988 to pre-

serve the site of the original homestead in southwest Springfield.

The organization plans to use the field school's findings to help interpret history for visitors to the site. In a few years, after the association's preservation efforts conclude, the group expects to turn the four acres over to the Springfield-

Greene County Parks Department.

"The point is to make it a city park, but before we turn it over, we wanted to learn as much about it as possible," said Patsy Corbett, president of the association. "We were just hoping we would find the outline of what appears to be foundations and footing stones. We hoped to find sequences of additions to the house or if it, indeed, had anything to do with the house Joseph Rountree built."

Using diaries from the Rountree family, members of the field school had also hoped to find the location of a slave cabin and a slave burial site.

To their dismay, their findings have admittedly been less than what they had wished for. Vandalism, neglect and bulldozing of some areas throughout the years has, to some degree, thwarted excavation efforts.

But students did find evidence of a 19th century-home foundation.

"We were able to tell that much

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Dig/ Glass bottles, tools among finds

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because of the sand and lime mortar they used instead of concrete," Thomas said.

The class also found a cistern nearly eight feet deep. However, when they discovered plastic at the bottom, they deemed it contaminated.

Students were particularly excited about a stone pathway they unearthed, which, presumably, once led from the Rountree home.

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— Brian Thomas
research archaeologist, Center for
Archaeological Research at SMS

For students like Barbie Martin, 18, of Mountain View, the dig has provided a practical taste of how grueling archaeological digs can be. "It's fun — kind of like playing in the mud."

But many of the students plan to use their newly acquired field experience to apply for paid excavations after they graduate.

Caldwell is one of those students. Though she plans to pursue American Indian sites in

locales such as Oklahoma, she sees historical value in the Rountree dig — regardless of the yield.

"It seems like nobody knows about this place — I know I had no idea," she said. "Yeah, this is a lot of hard work. But I think it's worth it. I'm helping people understand my hometown's history."

Each small fragment will be tagged and checked through various manufacturers' books to identify them.

SMS student Marlina Stuart looks for artifacts at a site in Rountree Historic Park in west Springfield, the original homestead of the Rountree family.

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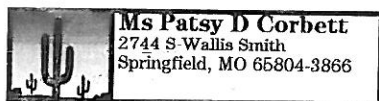


**Gabriella 'Gay' Nichols
Rountree, 80**

Miss Gabriella "Gay" Nichols Rountree, Springfield, died at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday in Balanced Care Springfield East.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Agnes Chapel with burial in Maple Park Cemetery under direction of Herman Lohmeyer Funeral Home.

Friends may call at their convenience from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.



Postage



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Judge spoke to ROBERTS, warning him not to follow him further, and with HENDRICKS, again turned to walk off. ROBERTS, who usually carried a heavy knife (which he had used on more than one occasion in personal difficulties) placed his hand in his bosom, as if for his knife, and still followed. YANCEY, observing this, turned upon him, drawing a large pistol and fired. He then drew the second pistol and was in the act of firing again, when HENDRICKS knocked the weapon upwards, and the ball was sent into the air. ROBERTS exclaimed, "Don't shoot again, I am a dead man now," and fell.

The Circuit Court was in session at the time. (Judge Foster P. WRIGHT, now practicing law in Sedalia, being then on the bench) and Judge YANCEY at once surrendered himself, was tried and acquitted of criminality.

So ended this, one of the many singular painful and fatal altercations which have happened here. We do not doubt, that however deeply the death of ROBERTS grieved his relatives and friends; the grief of none of them was deeper or more lasting than that of the man who slew him.

YANCEY was chosen Colonel of the Militia of this District in 1838, and afterwards became Major General of the same - an important and dignified office in people's eyes - before war had familiarized us all with military dignitaries and operations of more serious character than the old time "muster." In 1841, he was appointed Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit; reappointed in 1847; and the office becoming elective in 1851, he was chosen by the people then, and again in 1857, thus holding this high and responsible position for sixteen consecutive years, and up to his death, which occurred in the winter of '57. He was an active and zealous member of the Masonic Fraternity and died a Royal Arch Mason.

February 5, 1867

Joseph BURDEN, long a prominent citizen of Greene county, was born on the Cumberland River, in Tennessee, in 1796; married a lady from Georgia and moved into this county in the fall of 1833. He settled on a farm which John FULBRIGHT had opened up, where the Berry Hospital is now. In 1841, he built the house on Boonville Street just north of the square, where Gen. N.R. SMITH'S widow now resides, and there for about twelve years kept a boarding house. He then built the hotel now kept by Henry MATLOCK in the extreme north of town.

In 1856, he bought what was known as the "Campbell Reserve"--that is, the lot reserved by John P. CAMPBELL for himself, in the original fifty acres granted to the county for the town site, upon which the first house in Springfield was originally built by Campbell in 1830. It is situated next west of Major McELHANY'S residence. It was a double log house with a hall between the two wings. It has since been weather-boarded, for the purpose of modernizing and enlarging it.

In this house Joseph BURDEN died in January last. His widow and five children survive him. He held various local offices during his long life, and was regarded with much respect by his fellow citizens of all classes.

Father Joseph ROUNTREE, the patriarch of an exceedingly numerous and very highly respected family in this county was born April 14th, 1782 in the State of North Carolina--the State which next to Tennessee gave the most pioneers to Southwest Missouri.

2. William Rufus ROBERTSON b 4 Aug 1826 Lincoln Co TN, d 4 Sep 1910, bur Antioch m 28 Nov 1843 (1) Mary Selina AUSTIN, m 20 Mar 1877 (2) Mollie ALEXANDER
3. John M. ROBERTSON b 10 Oct 1823 Lincoln Co TN, d 22 Dec 1873, bur Antioch m 11 June 1851 Susan A. BLACKMAN
4. Polly Ann ROBERTSON b 17 Nov 1830 Lincoln Co TN, d 31 Oct 1844, bur Antioch
5. James Crawford ROBERTSON b 30 Jan 1833 Lincoln Co TN, d July 1925, bur TX m (1) Mary COILMORE, m (2) Martha BOUCHER
6. Elizabeth Jane ROBERTSON b 23 Aug 1835 near Hartville MO, d 16 Jan 1930, bur Antioch, m 17 Jan 1855 John Wm. McQUIGG
7. Leonidas Adolphus ROBERTSON b 5 Jan 1837 Greene Co, d 23 Aug 1909, bur Antioch, m 6 Jan 1859 (1) Mary Eliza BLACKMAN, m 18 Oct 1887 (2) Mrs. Mary E. (THORNTON) QUISENBERRY

ROUNTREE

For biographical information on this, one of Springfield's first families, see OZAR'KIN', Vol. 1:1, p. 12, and this issue, p. 50. Genealogical data contributed by LeMerle W. COCHRAN of Strafford, MO and Edith and Mary MOORE of Springfield, all descendants of Joseph ROUNTREE.

Joseph ROUNTREE b 14 Apr 1782 Orange Co NC, d 25 Dec 1874 Greene Co MO, s/o Thomas and Eva (STURGESS) ROUNTREE, m 24 Aug 1806 Casswell Co NC Nancy NICHOLS b 6 Nov 1782 Persons Co NC, d 31 Jan 1857 Greene Co, d/o Micajah and Elizabeth NICHOLS

Children:

1. Louisa ROUNTREE, b 16 Aug 1803 Orange Co NC, d 10 June 1809
2. Junius Meredith ROUNTREE, 1810-1888 (see later entry)
3. Zenas Marion ROUNTREE, 1812-1890 (see later entry)
4. Lucius Amadas ROUNTREE, 1814-1906 (see later entry)
5. Louisa Amanda ROUNTREE, b 31 Aug 1816 Orange Co NC, d 16 Mar 1886, m 17 Jun 1832 Rev. James Harvey SLAVENS
6. Caroline Faith ROUNTREE, b 13 Dec 1818 Orange Co NC d infancy
7. Marzavan Jerome ROUNTREE, 1820-1900 (see later entry)
8. Almus Linneus ROUNTREE, 1822-1891 (see later entry)
9. Allen Jones ROUNTREE, b 25 Dec 1824, Shelby Co TN, d 8 July 1848, unmarried
10. Almarinda Caroline ROUNTREE b 9 July 1829 Shelby Co TN, d Oct 1872, m 1845 William MASSEY

Junius Meredith ROUNTREE b 20 Mar 1810 Orange Co NC, d 25 Oct 1888 Greene Co MO bur Maple Park, s/o Joseph and Nancy (NICHOLS) ROUNTREE, m 7 Aug 1831 Greene Co (1) Martha Jane MILLER, b 1 Jan 1814 TN, d 3 Nov 1871 Greene Co, d/o Joseph H. and Maria (CAMPBELL) MILLER; m Feb 1873 Greene Co (2) Mrs. Rachel F. (ROGERS) BREEDLOVE, b 1845 TN, d 13 May 1917 Greene Co, d/o Rubin and (COSBY) ROGERS

Children (wife #1) (all b. Greene Co):

1. Mary Wilson ROUNTREE 1832-1862, m John ELLISON
2. Ophelia Virginia ROUNTREE 1834-1867 m John B. PERKINS
3. Sarah Joanna ROUNTREE 1835-1861 m Patrick GOOCH
4. Naomi Eugenia ROUNTREE 1838- ? m GRAY
5. Lafayette Marshall ROUNTREE 1840- ? m Diana
6. Ann Elizabeth ROUNTREE 1842- ? m Capt. George T. BEALL
7. Nancy Matilda Polk ROUNTREE 1844 - ? m J. Newton WILLIAMS
8. Martha Jane ROUNTREE 1848 - ? m Joseph E. WINFIELD
9. Louisa Amanda M. ROUNTREE 1849 - ? m James C. McCALL
10. John Jones ROUNTREE 1851-1871 not married
11. Franklin Pierce ROUNTREE 1855-? not married

CAMPBELL (continued)

John CAMPBELL, b. 26 Feb. 1768 PA, d. 14 June 1816 (killed in boat exp
way to New Orleans) s/o Robert and Eliza (HUNTLEY?) CAMPBELL, m. 3 May
Mecklenburg Co., NC Matilda Golden POLK, b. 5 Dec. 1770, Mecklenburg
d. 20 Sept. 1853 Greene Co., Mo., d/o Ezekiel and Maria (WILSON) POLK.
G. (POLK) CAMPBELL M. (2) 1 Dec. 1821 Philip H. JENKINS

Children:

1. Maria Wilson CAMPBELL b. 1795 Mecklenburg Co., NC (m. Joseph H. MILLER
see later entry)
2. Robert Bruce CAMPBELL, b. 5 July 1797 Mecklenburg Co., N.C., d. 1 Dec
Maury Co., TN, m. Maury Co. TN, Elizabeth POLK (9 children)
3. Eliza Eugenia CAMPBELL b. 24 May 1800 Mecklenburg Co., NC, d. 27-Jul
Maury Co., TN m. 8 Jan. 1819 Maury Co., TN, Independence ALEXANDER
dren)
4. Ezekiel Madison CAMPBELL, s/o John and Matilda (POLK) CAMPBELL, b. 2
1802, Mecklenburg Co., NC, d. 20 Sept. 1874 Polk Co., Mo., m. 6 Jan.
Maury Co., TN. Rebecca Patton ADKINS, b. 18 Feb. 1800 Burke Co., NC
1876, Polk Co., MO., d/o William and Jane (PATTON) ADKINS. Both Eze
Rebecca bur. Hazelwood Cemetery, Springfield 10 children, most of t
Polk Co., Mo. residents
5. John Polk CAMPBELL b. 29 Mar. 1804 - Mecklenburg Co., NC (see later
6. William St. Clair CAMPBELL, s/o John and Matilda (POLK) CAMPBELL, b
1808 Maury Co., TN, d. 24 July 1852 near Humboldt River, NV enroute
ornia. m. 20 Feb. 1826 Maury Co., TN (1) Mildren Ann BLACKMAN, d/o
BLACKMAN, d. 1846/47 Polk Co., Mo. m. 7 Jan. 1848 (2) Sarah S. NICH
6 children, most of them Polk Co., Mo. residents
7. Matilda Golden CAMPBELL, b. 14 Apr. 1809 Maury Co., TN m. Stephen B
(see later entry)
8. Junius Tennessee CAMPBELL, b. 24 June 1812, Maury Co., TN (see late
9. Caroline Huntley CAMPBELL, b. 14 Apr. 1814, Maury Co., TN. m. —HAR
(no children)
10. Samuel Polk CAMPBELL, b. 4 May 1816 d. 8 July 1835 of cholera, Gree
Mo., unmarried

Joseph Harmon MILLER, b. 1793/4 VA d. Greene Co., Mo., m. Feb. 1811 Ma
TN (1) Maria Wilson CAMPBELL, d/o John and Matilda (POLK) CAMPBELL, m.

21 Oct. 1822 Mary ROUNTREE

Children of Joseph & Maria (CAMPBELL) MILLER

1. Amanda Matilda MILLER, b. 1811/12 Maury Co., TN bur. Miller Cemetery
Greene Co., Mo. m. 28 Jan. 1829 Maury Co. TN Benjamin J. GOODRIDGE
4 Sept. 1834 Greene Co., Mo. (1 son John R. GOODRIDGE)
2. Martha J. MILLER, b. 1814 Maury Co. TN m. 7 Aug. 1831 Greene Co.,
Junius ROUNTREE, b. 1810/11 (12 children)
3. John Harmon MILLER, b. 19 Feb. 1816 Maury Co., TN d. 16 Jan. 1892 N
Mo. m. 13 July 1843 Greene Co., Mo., Pamela Margaret BLAKEY
4. Eliza Mary MILLER, b. 1817/18 Maury Co. TN m. 22 June, 1834 Greene
John W. BALL (moved to Calif. 1858)
5. (male) MILLER, b. 1819/20 Maury Co., TN, died young

John Polk CAMPBELL, s/o John and Matilda (POLK) CAMPBELL, b. 29 Mar. 180
Mecklenburg Co., NC, d. 28 May 1852 Tahlequah, Indian Territory. m. 28
Maury Co., TN Louisa Terrill CHEAIRS, b. 1810 Maury Co. TN, d. 29 May 1
Co., Mo., d/o Nathaniel and Sarah (RUSH) CHEAIRS. Both John and Matilda
Hazelwood Cemetery, Springfield.

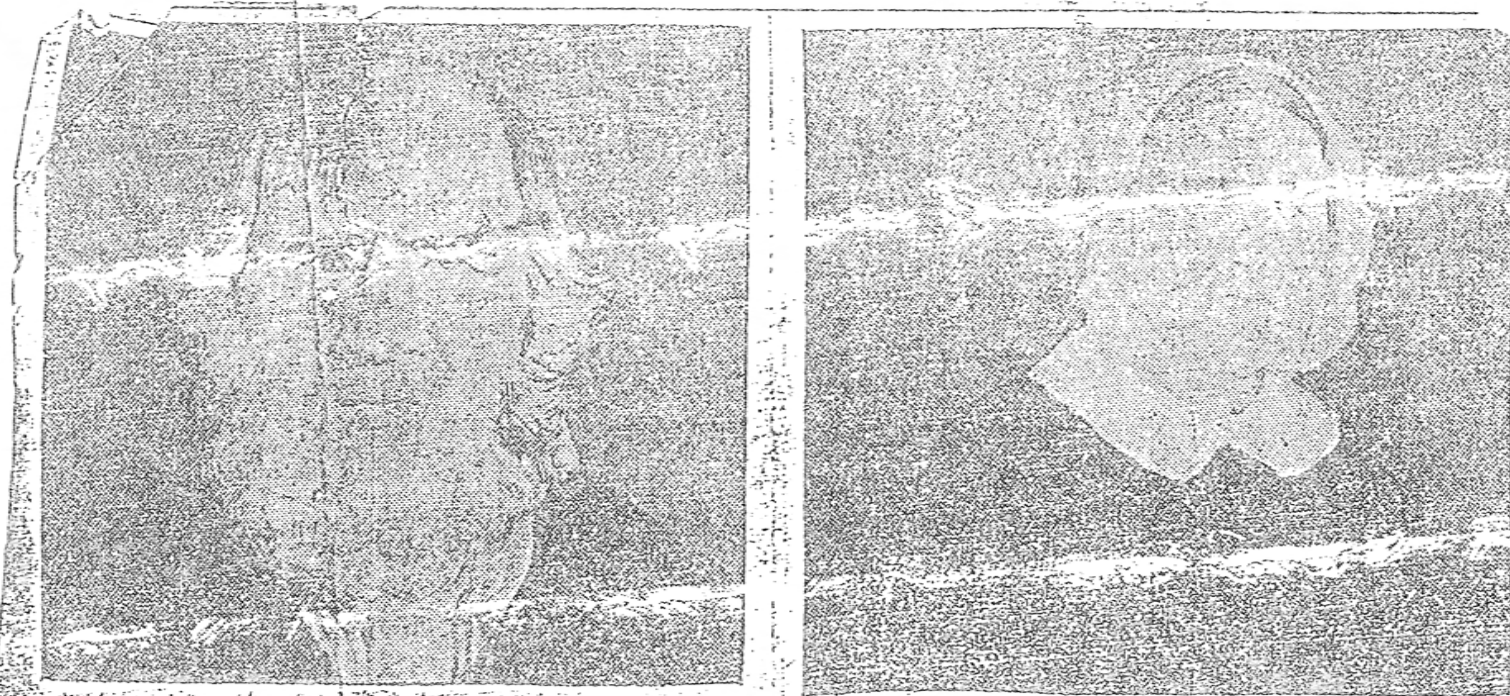
fornia. Mr. Rothwell is a member of the Masonic Order, is a Knight Templar, a member of Tancred Commandery No. 25, of Moberly, and belongs to Ararat Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, at Kansas City, Missouri. He is also a member of a number of other orders, in which he has held positions of prominence. In politics he has always affiliated with the Democratic party.

Round Table, The.—This club, one of the most delightful and useful of the social clubs of St. Louis, was organized June 10, 1882, at Porcher's, on Ninth and Olive Streets, the intention being to bring into relations the younger representative men in the principal lines of business. To furnish opportunity for carrying out these objects, the members dine together six times each year and "enjoy a free interchange of opinion on subjects connected with social, intellectual and business progress." The dinners of the Round Table are elegant affairs, and the variety of interests and professions represented lend a characteristic vivacity and freshness to the proceedings. The post-prandial discussions are introduced by essays prepared by persons of national or local eminence selected by the executive committee. These discussions embrace a wide range of subjects of current interest, social, scientific, artistic and commercial. There are sixty-five names on the roll of membership; all men of prominence in their respective businesses or professions.

→ **Rountree, Joseph**, a Greene County pioneer, was born April 14, 1782, in North Carolina. He married Miss Nancy Nichols, with whom, in 1819, he removed to Maury County, Tennessee, where he made a farm, and also taught school. In December, 1830, he journeyed with his family to Greene County, Missouri, using a six-horse wagon, a two-horse wagon and a cart drawn by two oxen, for the transportation of his wife, seven sons and two daughters, and their household effects. The distance was about 500 miles, and was traveled in about thirty days; but the party were delayed for two weeks on account of ice in the Mississippi River. January 16, 1831, Mr. Rountree made his location and began the building of his cabin, and on this site he passed the remainder of his days.

He was deeply interested in education, and was teacher of the first school on the site of Springfield; in later days he exerted his influence and contributed liberally of his means toward the establishment of such schools and academies as were necessitated by the increasing population. He took an active part in the organization of the county, and at various times served as justice of the peace and county judge. He was a man of strong character and the highest integrity; he and his wife were noted for their hospitality, and were honored by all who knew them. In 1865, when well advanced in years, he was the victim of a dastardly assault by a soldier, who wounded him in the shoulder with a revolver bullet, and made repeated attempts to shoot him through the head. His life was only saved by the inefficiency of the weapon and the arrival of a rescuing party. He suffered for a long time, but finally recovered. His assailant was tried by court-martial and sent to the penitentiary for ten years. Mr. Rountree lived to the age of ninety-three years, his wife dying some years before him. In February, 1900, two of his sons were yet living at Springfield; Captain Lucius A., aged eighty-six years, served with distinction during the Civil War, and afterward against hostile Indians; Marzavan Jerome, aged eighty years, was then occupying the position of city treasurer; he had previously served as mayor, justice of the peace and county judge.

Rowell, Clinton, lawyer, was born in Concord, Essex County, Vermont, November 12, 1838. He completed his scholastic education at Dartmouth College, and soon after leaving college came west, and, after reading law in Bloomington, Illinois, was admitted to the bar of that city. In 1866 he became a member of the St. Louis bar and began his professional career with David D. Fisher. He later became head of the firm of Rowell & Ferriss, Franklin Ferriss being his partner, among the ablest of Western law firms. A member of the Mercantile Club and Merchants' Exchange, he has kept in touch with the great business interests of the city, with the general trend of development, and the most intelligent sentiment of the people concerning matters of public import and importance. In 1893 he was sent to Washington as one of the representatives of



FIRST SCHOOL TEACHER in Springfield was Joseph Rountree, shown above, with the picture of his wife beside his. The Rountrees came to Springfield in 1830, when it was still "a mean little town": in the wilderness, with only a few cabins housing the first comers who had arrived only the preceding year. In a little log house, with a mud-and-stick chimney, Joseph Rountree gathered the children of his pioneer neighbors about him for the first school. Originals of the above pictures belong to Mrs. W. D. Fulbright, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rountree. Pictures of Springfield's first settlers are very rare today, and these are exceptionally valuable. The above photographs are nearly a hundred years old.

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and was also a teacher for some time. From 1875 to 1879 he was traveling salesman for H. D. Benson, dealing in musical instruments, etc. Upon the first of January, 1880, commenced trade with Jacob Strauss & Co., wholesale saddlery, etc., St. Louis, and so far has done well. Mr. Rountree belongs to one of the most respected of the pioneer families, and deserves the success with which he has met.

WM. JONES ROUNTREE.

This gentleman is the son of Almus L. and Delina (Mitchell) Rountree, and was born October 17th, 1838, on the farm now owned by Z. M. Rountree, near Springfield, Missouri. He was reared by his grandfather upon the farm, and was educated at the public school of Springfield. At the age of seventeen he accepted a clerkship in the store of Massey, McAdams & Co., of Springfield, where he remained until March, 1865, when he enlisted in company F, 14th Missouri volunteers, U. S. A. He was mustered out at Leavenworth, Kansas, the same year, and returned to Springfield, where he attended school until 1867. He then engaged with Massey, McAdams & Co., and sold goods for them for eighteen months. In the fall of 1869 he went to California, and returned in 1870 and took a position as clerk in the St. Louis and San Francisco freight and ticket office, where he continued until 1873. In the spring of 1874 he went to Texas, and was chief clerk on the Houston and Texas railroad. He was next appointed agent at Calveras, Texas, where he remained until 1876. He returned to Springfield in the fall of that year, but soon afterwards went to Joplin, Missouri, where he sold groceries for nine months, when he returned to this city and took the position of conductor on the popular Gulf railroad. Mr. Rountree is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. T. and Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. He was married September 15th, 1876, to Miss Fannie E. Massey. They have three children, viz.: Frank M., John F. and Etta. The Rountrees are some of Greene's earliest and best settlers.

NEWTON M. ROUNTREE.

Mr. Rountree is the son of Z. M. and Elizabeth (Massey) Rountree, and was born Nov. 5th, 1838, on his father's farm three miles northeast of Springfield, Missouri. He was educated in the county, and in 1859 entered the store of Massey & McAdams, as clerk, and in 1864 became a partner in the house and so remained until 1869. From 1869 to 1871 he was of the firm of Keet, Massey & Co., and when the firm reorganized in 1871, it became Keet, Rountree & Co., and so continues. Mr. Rountree was married in 1867 to Miss Grabella, daughter of Hon. Charles Haden, of this county. Their marriage is blest with three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Rountree is a member of the Christian church. They are both of the pioneer families of the county, and none are more honorable or more highly respected in Greene county.

JOHN G. RUSSELL.

Mr. Russell is the son of James and Lucy (Bent) Russell, and was born in St. Louis county, Missouri, Nov. 6, 1830. He was educated at St. Louis and at Yale college, but was called home by the death of his father before he completed the college course. He held several minor positions in St. Louis, and in 1863 became one of the firm of Park, Russell & Co., or Oak Hill Fire Brick Co., and so remained until 1875. He came to Springfield in the fall of 1879, and since 1880 has been one of the proprietors of the Queen City Mills. Mr. Russell was married Nov. 8, 1853, to Miss Pauline Parker, of St. Louis, formerly of Rochepot, Boone county, Missouri. They have had nine children, six girls and three boys, five girls and one boy living. Mr. Russell is a member of the Knights of Honor, and he and his wife are members of the Calvary Presbyterian church. His father died in St. Louis county, in 1857, and had been for many years a judge of the county court. He was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and emigrated to Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, in 1825, and moved from there to St. Louis county. Mr. Russell's mother died in 1870.

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