



Wildwood Historical Society

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A Message from the President

Hello Everyone. **There will not be a meeting in September.** Another disappointment, another month.

Whether we get to have anything before our December Open House will be determined soon by the Trustees. So far, the Trustees have not gotten together for a meeting either. The Good News-The Calendar for 2021 is almost finished. Advertising sales are nearly

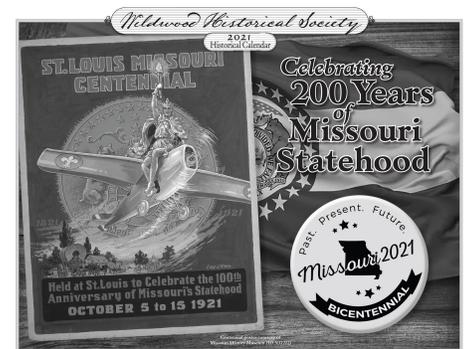
complete. More about that elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Just rest assured when we do get going again those speaker presentations we didn't get to have this year will all be rescheduled. I'm afraid I don't have much else to add. Just stay well so that when we do meet again, you will be there with us.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow
President

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2021 WHS Calendar

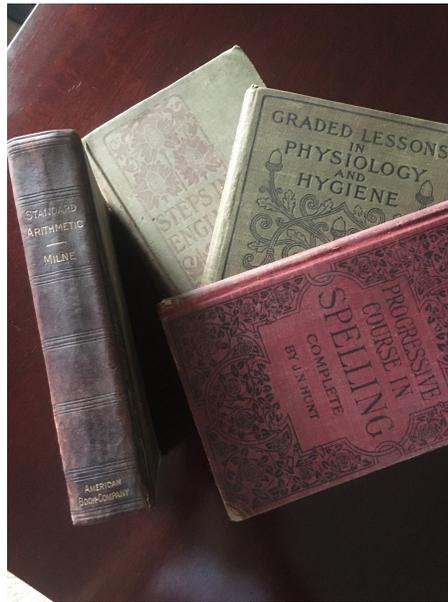
The 2021 WHS Calendar is just about ready to hit the streets! We sincerely hope you enjoy this calendar that celebrates the Bicentennial of the State of Missouri. Note the State of Missouri Bicentennial Seal on the above-shown cover of our calendar! The dedication, which will be on the inside of the front cover reads: "As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the City of Wildwood's incorporation, we look back at the rich history of our towns and people over the 200 years of Missouri's statehood. This calendar was researched during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of

our normal resources were not available during its composition. The finished work is a testament to the WHS staff's creativity in the face of immense obstacles. It's also a celebration of gratitude to our supporters who chose to continue to advertise with us during this unique time in world history."



A Special Donation Request

While WHS is not able to have in-person presentations, our volunteers are working on-site and we do have visitors by appointment. Given the conditions imposed on us due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, even though we don't have the foot traffic we normally do, our volunteers are continually cleaning to provide a safe environment for our volunteers and our guests. Our donation request is for paper towels. Donating a roll per family would be of great assistance, since the availability of paper towels is still problematic. The staff of WHS Museum thanks everyone in advance for your generosity.



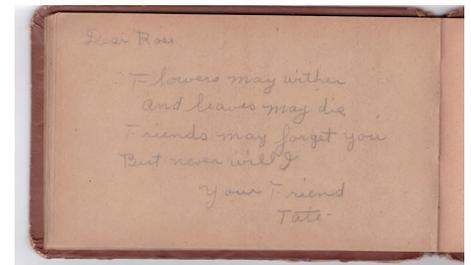
Wildwood Love Story



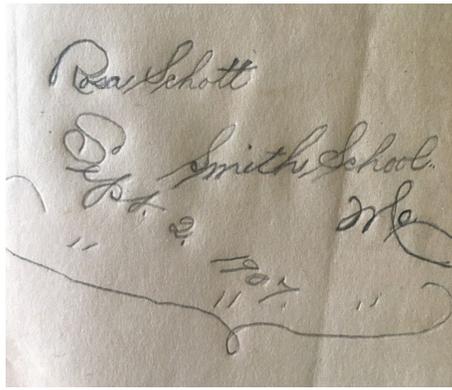
Rose "Rosa" Catherine Schott was born in 1894 to Robert Schott and Theresa Bernard Schott. Her home, pictured above, was in the southwestern quadrant of Pond and Rieger Roads. Rosa completed 8 grades of schooling at Smith School. A sample of her text books from her 7th and 8th grade years (1907 & 1908) are shown at the top of this story.



And as many school children had at the time, Rosa had an autograph book. One of the autographs of Rosa's 1905 book, when she was 11, is of special interest. Her friend, Theodore "Tate" Wardenburg, wrote a poem to her: "Dear Rose, Flowers may wither and leaves may die, Friends may forget you, but never will I." (signed) Your Friend, Tate. Tate attended Orrville School.



On August 20, 1913, Tate Wardenburg married Rosa Schott at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Orrville (now Wildwood). They were married 62 years.



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A Peek Into the Past



The Watchman and the Advocate county newspapers published news from towns in our area from the late 1800's thru the mid 1950's. The two became the Watchman-Advocate with the merger around 1903.

Editor's note: Articles copied in their original form.

1892.09.02-Kelpe, building: Contractor Henry Kesselring of Wild Horse has recently completed a new barn for John Sanford, remodelling the Wild Horse School house and a blacksmith shop for Wm. Wagoner at Kelpe P.O. He is now engaged in building a house for Mr. Wagoner located near the shop, which when completed will be an ornament to the neighborhood. Mr. Wagoner is a new resident of St. Louis County having emigrated from DeSoto, and will soon be in a position to attend to all work in his line.

1892.09.02-Melrose,
farming: Wheat threshes well
this year around Melrose.
Peaches are not plentiful, but a
No. 1 quality and bring a good
price, so says Mike Bouquet.

1892.09.02-Melrose,
wedding: Gustave Herrle,
aged 32 years, and Mrs. Alvina
Rosenbaum, aged 45 years,
visited St. Louis last week,
called upon Recorder Hobbs,
secured a marriage license and
then procured the services of a
minister to make them man
and wife. Upon reaching home
their neighbors last Saturday
evening formed a serenading
society and paid them a visit at
their house near Melrose. The
serenaders were invited in by

Mr. and Mrs. Herrle and made
merry the rest of the evening.

1892.09.09-Grover/Bonhomme,
wedding: Mr. John W.
Corless, son of Mr. and Mrs.
David Corless of Bonhomme,
and Miss Francis A. Eatherton,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Benjamin Eatherton of Grover,
were quietly wedded last
Sunday evening at the home of
the bride's parents. Rev.
England, pastor of Bethel
Church officiated. The wedding
was attended by relatives of the
family only and was quite a
sociable affair. The young folks
will remain residents of
Bonhomme and Mr. Corless
will follow the pursuit of
farming. They have the

congratulations of their many
friends including the
Watchman.

1892.09.09-Meramec Tp,
bicycle:
The St. Louis Cycling Clubs all
made runs in the county last
Sunday. The South Sides and
Cycling Club rode to Ballwin
Saturday night. Sunday the
South sides visited Melrose and
were entertained at dinner by
H.Y. Paffrath.

1892.09.09-St Louis
County, Property: Real
Estate Transfer: Louis C. Fick
and wife to Laurence Fick, 70
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