

**Revision 1 Insert for Old Jamestown Across the Ages
June 2018 -- Corrections and Additions**

Page numbers are original pages - All information has been added to Revision 1 of the book.

Corrections

Index page numbers were corrected. Web site links were checked and corrected or omitted if necessary.

Photo 5-3 Rev. John Clark's certification of the 1831 marriage of Joseph Patterson and Mary Veale James. See Veale/Vaile in Chapter 8. (Page 64) [Caption was incorrect in original book.]

The Emancipation Proclamation, January 1863, only freed slaves in states that officially seceded from the union, which did not include Missouri. Slavery was abolished completely in the U.S. by the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which took effect in December 1865. Missouri slaves were freed on January 11, 1865, immediately following a vote at a state constitutional convention. ©St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "A Look Back - The day that Missouri finally freed its slaves," Tim O'Neil, January 11, 2018 (Pages 112 and 188)

Additions – recently discovered information or current developments

On September 15, 1809, Farquar McKensie and his wife Sabina sold the whole grant property (Survey No. 103, 400 arpens, 340 acres) to Morris James. (Page 36)

From sign at Fort Belle Fontaine: "In early America mills powered by water or wind were the most advanced form of power and appeared in every frontier settlement. Mills were used to grind grain, saw wood, tan hides, weave fabric and make paper. The waterwheel was the main source of power for communities...." (Page 52)

From Michael Rosenkötter in April 2017 e-mail to Peggy Kruse: "John Rosenkoetter, married to Amanda Krueger, died in a car crash on October 24, 1926." (Page 62) – *Note: Michael Rosenkötter is author of "From Westphalia into the World" and lives in Germany. He sent this information after reading the Old Jamestown book just after it was published.*

From the Diary of Edward Bates, January 23, 1866: "Recd. From Robt. A. Walton his check in Benoist, for \$2000, on a/c of my interest in the Florissant farm, lately sold to Reuben Musick." (Page 67)

Isaac Francis and his family were slaves of Reuben Musick. After slaves were freed in Missouri, they were given a parcel of land by Reuben's wife, Lydia Carrico Musick, which was part of land she inherited from her father, Vincent Carrico, near Cold Water Creek and Old Halls Ferry. Isaac's son Mike was later part of the group of former slaves who purchased land for the New Coldwater Burying Ground near that same location. Isaac and his wife remained servants/friends of Reuben Musick until his death in 1871. A descendant of Isaac and Mike Francis said the family had always heard that the master's wife had given the family land after the slaves were set free but she only recently learned the name of the slave owner after contacting Cindy Winkler and then Peggy Kruse. (Pages 70, 112 and 188)



Photo 6-14 Henry Herman and Mary Schlueter who rented the house in Photo 6-11 from the late 1880's to 1915 (Page 82)

Regarding theories on the name of Shoveltown for Old Halls Ferry and Hwy 67: Someone else has said there was a business at Old Halls Ferry and Hwy 67, which used shovels. That, too, is a possibility that could be consistent with the two others. (Page 111)

Brothers Lambert and Harry Behlmann served during the Korean War. Lambert's wife, Alma Moellering, and Harry's wife, Barbara Moellering, were sisters who grew up not far from the brothers. After their military service, they worked for the family construction business and then started Florissant Dairy Store on Lindbergh and Charbonier Road. The business grew to four stores, Iggy's Frozen Yogurt outlets.



Harry and Barbara, Lambert and Alma Behlmann

© St. Louis Post-Dispatch, From Florissant to Fairbanks and back: A story of American service, Tony Messenger column, May 26, 2018 (Pages 128 and 134)

©St. Louis Post-Dispatch, July 10, 1953, “Oil-Hungry Speculators Swarm About Farmers to Seek Leases.” “Oil men and land speculators were swarming over north St. Louis county today in a race to buy mineral rights from farmers in the region around Sinks road, where ‘some oil saturation’ was discovered this week.... Groups of oil men and farmers have been dropping in several times a day to watch the Laclede Gas Co. drilling operation on Earl Lange’s farm, where the traces of oil were first found.... Yesterday afternoon Ernest Jones, who owns 56 acres right across Sinks road from Lange’s farm, returned after an all-day absence. He was immediately besieged by six oil men....” (Pages 141 and 149)



EARL LANGE, on whose St. Louis county farm oil was struck in a gas storage drilling operation, shown in front of the drilling rig with his family. From left are: SUSAN, 11 years old; MARY, 15, MELVIN, 10, and MRS. LANGE.



EARL LANGE, ON WHOSE FARM IN NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY OIL WAS FIRST STRUCK.

(Earl Lange Family -Page 116)
 @St. Louis Post-Dispatch,
 Oil Strikes Sinks Road, July 8, 1953



HERMAN NIEHAUS, OWNER OF WELL ON OLD JAMESTOWN ROAD NEAR SINKS ROAD, DISCUSSES ITS POSSIBILITIES WITH R. P. WILBUR, DRILLER, AND W. H. REYNOLDS, TOOL DRESSER.



MR. AND MRS. ERNEST JONES . . . THEY PLAN TO USE THEIR OIL MONEY TO BUILD THEMSELVES A REAL HOME. JONES IS A PART-TIME FARMER AND HAULS TRASH FOR A GROCERY.

1953 Oil Well Property Owners - Lange, Niehaus, Jones

©St. Louis Post-Dispatch, October 11, 1953, Offers for Mineral Rights to Owners

In a January 2018 e-mail to Peggy Kruse, Wesley Fordyce, Joseph Desloge, Sr.'s, grandson, said that as a teenager, he worked for Mel Gerling hoeing soybeans on the Champ Farm, which was a 300-acre field. He "walked every inch of that field with a hoe in a crew for \$1.25 per hour, we'd sweep through it in a swath a dozen rows wide, two rows per worker." Most of that land became the Barrington Downs subdivision of 800+ homes in the late 1980's. (Page 142)

Cold Water Creek June 2018 update: (Page 144)

Three documentary films addressed the situation at Coldwater Creek and other nuclear waste issues in the St. Louis area. "Atomic Homefront" on HBO and "The First Secret City" and "The Other Side of the Fence" both on amazon.

In June 2018, ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) issued for public comment a "draft report evaluating community exposure to radiological contaminants in sediment, water, or soil while playing or living near Coldwater Creek." The first key finding in the draft report was that "Radiological contamination in and around Coldwater Creek, prior to remediation activities, could have increased the risk of some types of cancer in people who played or lived there." The report is available at www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/coldwater_creek/

As reported in the UMSL Daily October 27, 2017, "Unassuming but vibrant Paul Artspace, founded by UMSL professor, draws residents from St. Louis and around the world" -- University of Missouri-St. Louis faculty member Mike Behle founded the retreat for artists, writers and curators at property owned by his family (Behle Material) for nearly 40 years. Behle is an assistant teaching professor and associate chair in the Department of Art and Design at UMSL. "Artists from as far away as Colombia have taken advantage of the residency program while also lending their insights to UMSL art students and faculty through class visits and gallery talks...."(Page 151)

Fox Lake Center, 3801 Vaile Avenue, is a retail strip center on the northeast corner of Vaile and New Halls Ferry. It is adjacent to the Fox Lake subdivision. The center is on 4.12 acres and has a total of 27,078 square feet for shops and businesses. Not part of the center is a Walgreens on the south side of Vaile. (should have been included in list of businesses, page 154)

By 2018, St. Louis County owned all Jamestown Mall property and solicited bids for its use. As reported in the ©St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "Logistics Center planned for Jamestown Mall site, county officials say," May 17, 2018, Jeremy Kohler -- "The former shopping mall in north St. Louis County will be redeveloped into a logistics center by the same developer behind massive warehouse projects elsewhere in north St. Louis County, county economic development officials said Thursday. Kansas City-based NorthPoint Logistics was the only company that responded to the county's request for proposals to redevelop the dilapidated indoor mall, said Sheila Sweeney, chief executive officer of the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership.... Sweeney said NorthPoint had agreed to pay the St. Louis County Port Authority \$2.5 million for Jamestown Mall, and planned to abate any hazardous waste and demolish the mall at its own expense." (Page 154)

Effective 2018, elementary school organization changed in parts of the St. Louis Archdiocese. The effect for St. Norbert (now All Saints Catholic Academy) is described on the web site: All Saints Catholic Academy is now enrolling for the 2018-19 school year. This new partnership school model is part of the Renaissance in Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. St. Ferdinand, St. Norbert, and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parishes along with the Catholic Education Office are working together to continue to bring quality academic programs and faith formation for students in preschool through 8th grade at each of the three parishes. <http://www.allsaintsacademystl.org/> (Page 157)

Subdivisions located in Old Jamestown include: Jamestown Farms, Sacre Coeur, Sacre Coeur Estates, Williamsburg Manor, Barrington Downs, Herman Farm, Jost Farm, Lexington Farms, North Fork, Riverside, Jamestown Acres, Jamestown Forest, Parc Argonne, Behlmann Farm, Argonne Estates, Misty Hollow, Afshari, Talisman, Fleur De Bois, Fleur De Lis, Bradford Green, Eagle Estates, and Castlereagh. Subdivision names added for Revision 1. (Page 160)

Updated Data: According to the St. Louis Business Journal's August 2017 list of 25 "Wealthiest St. Louis Area Zip codes" No. 18 Old Jamestown had approximately 19,000 residents in 7100 households. Homes had an average value of \$217,222, and median household income was \$80,251. (Page 160)

In May 2018, Brent Furrow, an airline pilot who lives in the Old Jamestown area, found information about the early airmail service from St. Louis to Chicago, a route that Charles Lindbergh often flew. Beacon lights along the way guided the pilots. The light in Florissant was a Type B beacon, which was a 24" light with a power station at the base of the tower and manned by a caretaker. Using the latitude/longitude coordinates, Brent determined that the location would be on what is now Rue De Renard in Parc Argonne. (added to Ralph Wehmer memory of Lindbergh flying over Brown School playground, Page 189)