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Title	The Carthage, Missouri Collection
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Dates	1861-1972
Collection Size	.4 linear feet
Creator	Unknown
Scope and Content	A collection of newspaper articles and photographs covering aspects of history of Carthage, Missouri including the Battle of Carthage (1861), early downtown to the 1960s, transportation, fire and police departments, government, and schools.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University.
Languages	English
Historical Note	Carthage, Missouri was platted in 1842 when it was chosen as the county seat for Jasper County, formed in 1841. By the Civil War, the town had 500 residents and many businesses. It, like many areas in Missouri, was divided over the issue of slavery and on July 5, 1861 Union troops, led by Frank Sigel, and Confederate troops, led by Claiborne F. Jackson and Sterling Price, fought in the Battle of Carthage. Frank Sigel and his 1000 troops encamped in Carthage which Governor Jackson discovered and sent 4000 troops down to deal with. Starting ten miles north of Carthage, the battle ended with Sigel's retreat in the town square and a victory for the Confederacy. Following the war, the population grew and in 1872, the Missouri Western Railroad arrived. A foundry, factories, and other businesses were founded with help from the nearby mines and quarries adding to the town's wealth. Residents began building Victorian-style homes and the Carthage Court House was built between 1894 and 1895 of stone from the quarries. Ward L. Schrantz of the <i>Carthage Press</i> was interested in Carthage and Jasper County history and wrote <i>Jasper County, Missouri, In the Civil War</i> and many articles in the newspaper.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in December 2019

Content Description

This collection is primary sources and is divided into the following series:

1. Battle of Carthage
2. Wagons, Trolleys, and Railroads
3. Business - Downtown
4. Fire and Police Department
5. Government and School
6. Miscellaneous

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Battle of Carthage – News Clippings

“Razing of a Carthage landmark...,” razing of former street department buildings December 6, 1954

“Scenic Snow is Soon Slosh,” February 14, 1966

Negatives of buildings and other scenes

Commemoration of Battle of Carthage, June 30, 1861-July 4, 1861:

- Negatives of route photos taken, June 16, 1964-July 3, 1964
- Photograph and negative of road
- “103 Years Ago Men Faced Death in Streets of Cartage,” July 3, 1964 with same photos as the negatives
- “Painful day in Carthage... Eyewitnesses leave different views of Battle of Carthage,” *Carthage Press*, July 3, 1971
- “Civil War Ordnance Items from Fort Sill on Display,” June 28, 1961
- “For His Beliefs... A Carthaginian Stood Firm in the Face of Danger 105 Years Ago,” July 5, 1966
- “50 Entries for Civil War Style Show 7 P.M. Friday,” June 28, 1961
- “Program for 5-Day Commemoration of Battle of Carthage June 5, 1861,” *Carthage Press*, June 28, 1961
- “Vietnam-like war erupted in 1861... Carnage in Carthage,” July 3, 1970
- “113 Years Ago Today... Men Who Fell At Carthage Memorialized in Stone,” *Carthage Press*, July 5, 1974
- “Setting the record straight... Truth of battle here more colorful than fiction,” *Carthage Press*, July 3, 1972
- Negative and Photo, Engraved Stone: Line of Battle, July 5, 1861, No. 2
- “Decorate Marker,” May 30, 1972, decorating Civil War markers for Memorial Day
- “First Annual Historic Pilgrimage,” June 28, 1961
- Photo, The brick Jasper County, July 3, 1976

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- Brigadier General Marcus Bell and Vice Admiral Thomas Selby Combs, World War stories

“Battle of Carthage July 5... Carthage Torn by War in 1861,” *Carthage Press*, July 5, 1980

“Civil War Ordnance Items” and “Civil War Field Gun,” June 28, 1961

Carthage and Jasper County History, Col. Ward L. Schrantz’s Notebook envelope (empty)

“Know Your Missouri Cities,” *Carthage Evening Press*, by Ward L. Schrantz

Collage of newspaper articles

“Battle Above Clouds Won by Insubordinate Yankees”

“This was the Civil War: Dividing Army at Chattanooga, Historians Puzzled by Bragg”

“Essay on County History”

Series 2: Wagons/Trolley/Railroad - Photographs

Horses and coaches

Making of trolley track by Richard McMurtry

Trolleys by Morgan Heights sub-station and passing point, 3 miles west of Carthage

William J. Bryant in automobile at Missouri Pacific Station, July 10, 1907

Carthage Railway Co. Stables

Commercial Hotel, now the Elk Hotel, bus

Horses pulling sprinkler wagon

Sprinkler wagon laying the dust

JA Salyer, driver, on horse and buggy, 1902-1903

Horses and buggies next to billiard hall

Geo Babcock and his Hedrick, named from Peter Hedrick the inventor

“Dinkey” car that would run from squares to railway stations

Railway crossing scene of Southwest Missouri Electric Railway

Early-day picture depicting rail and street car competition

Geo Babcock and his four-horse bus

E. Knell Ambulance

Missouri Pacific “Pollywog,” first motor car in passenger service, 1907, picture of last trip

Series 3: Business, Downtown - Photographs

Frisco Transportation Company trailer, Lyon Street, November 1964

High view of downtown looking at Snyder Building and Big Smith Work Clothes

Center Building with Murray-Duncan Drugs and Jaffe’s Footwear

Street corner with Goodwill and Steward’s Studio and Camera Shop

Street corner with Reynold’s Appliances, Gray Krummel Drugs, and Davis Paints

Business front, 5 and 10 Scotts to Eaker & Lemser Shoes

Street view of Scotts

High view of Goodyear and J.C. Penney

South Side of Square, Carthage, Mo. Postcard

Photos of flood

Demolished building

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Photo looking down street by Carl Taylor
River during dry period, 1952
Calhoun-Putnam Lumber Co.
Street corner/four-way intersection with College Pharmacy, Lee's, and Gaylor's Jewelry
Carthage Square, December 1963
Street view of Goodwill
J. C. Penney and Karbe
Northwest corner, Carthage Square, January 21, 1958
Southside, January 21, 1958
Southside of Carthage Square, December 27, 1965
Road heading north out of Carthage
Carthage Square facing Lee's News and Murray-Duncan Drugs
Carthage Scenes, Northwest Corner of Howard and 4th, February 1964
Remains of cracker and candy factory after fire, August 17, 1884, on corner of Main and Eldorado
Carthage Scenes, faded photo of business front, late 1800s or early 1900s
Southside Square, 1800s
People filled street
Southside Square 1879
People lined up in front of store
E. Knell with horse drawn hearse
Spilt photo of 1800s street
Havens Boarding, Lyon and 3rd, 1899
No--- Livery with Jim and Bill Brown at 5th and Howard
Tw--- Harness and Carriage Co.
Carthage Grocery Co., 1892
B. E. Thomas Lumber Co.
The Fair, Ross Measnet, 1890

Series 4: Fire and Police Departments - Photographs

First motor hose car, 1913
Group of men from Spanish-American War
In the Time of Chief Shipps, 6 men by big door
Line of seven men in uniform
Chief Matthews
Carthage First Uniformed Fire Department
Fire Department with carriages and trailer

Series 5: Government and School - Photographs

Laying of Cornerstone of Jasper County Court House, Carthage, August 21, 1894
T. B. Hobbs Recorder, Office, 1903
Recorder's Office, 1903
Public Library (Carnegie library)
Carthage Courthouse

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Photo of engraved stone – site of first County Court and Circuit Court of Jasper County sessions
Carthage High School Class of 1891
Graduating Class of 1885

Series 6: Miscellaneous - Photographs

Fountain in park south of library
Dirt road by houses
Taylor Park Pioneer Gasoline
Oak Street Bridge, Mid-January 1958
Grand Avenue, February 14, 1966
Maple Street, January 21, 1958
Men next to building
Large home
Jasper County Alms House, Carthage, Mo. Postcard
Man scraping ice off car, February 1, 1966
Victorian home
January 1964, Howard Street, 300 block
January 1964, 4th and Lincoln
West side of Grant at 4th across from Drake Hotel, January 1964
Robert Morehouse, April 18, 1962 or 1982
Man with machine
Bell