

FIRST FLOOR EXHIBITS

1. **LUMBERING**—Photographic Display of early lumbering activities in the area
2. **MINING**—This Exhibit Depicts Various Areas and Mining Artifacts uncovered in field trips to old mining sites
3. **FLORA**—Exhibit Portrays the Flora of Franklin County: Ingredients from which cures were manufactured and some Commercial Products are also shown. Approximately 50% of the pharmaceuticals shown are derived from natural sources
4. **PHARMACEUTICAL**—Featuring many Medicines and Pharmaceutical Apparatus housed in Cabinets from the Old "Ward Store"
5. **ANTIQUÉ TOY STORE**—Display of Toys enjoyed by children from 1850's-1960's.
6. **FIRES OF ST. CLAIR**—Pictorial Display of some of the Major Fires of St. Clair
7. **ST. CLAIR CA. 1917**—Detailed 4' x 8' Diorama of St. Clair before the fires of 1917. Each building was duplicated from old photographs obtained from local residents
8. **"OUTLOOK" DISPLAY**—Pictorial Display of St. Clair's Resort Hotel Ca. 1908-1928
9. **HEARST DISPLAY**—Exhibit features high-lights of the life of George and Phoebe Apperson Hearst—famous early residents of this area
10. **MOSELLE**—A pictorial representation of the now defunct town that once rivaled St. Clair in size
11. **POST OFFICE DISPLAY**—A walk-in display featuring a postal counter from the Gray Summit Post Office as well as artifacts from the St. Clair Post Office
12. **ODD FELLOWS DISPLAY**—An exhibit of artifacts from the St. Clair Odd Fellows who served the community for over 100 years. When they disbanded they donated this building for Museum
13. **STANTON, MISSOURI**— Photographic display of Stanton, Mo.--Ca. 1919
14. **"ROUTE 66"**—A large map of the Highway in Franklin County with over 90 pictures of business establishments from Pacific, Mo. to Sullivan, Mo. Also, original signs, maps and memorabilia are displayed

15. **GENERAL STORE**—

Display is typical of a General Store Ca. 1915—about 40% the size of many stores in that era. Artifacts from now defunct local businesses, including display cases, store signs, shelves, cash register, packaging and can labels authentic for this period. Photographs of interiors of local stores of that era

SECOND FLOOR EXHIBITS

16. **BANKING DISPLAY**—

Articles of interest from local banks: A Deposit table from the old "Bank of St. Clair", Original stool from "Farmers & Merchants" Bank, Old checks and deposit slips from various local banks

17. **INTERNATIONAL SHOE COMPANY-**

A display of shoes, tools and photographs from the largest employer in St. Clair from 1922-1982

18. **LAUNDRY EXHIBIT**

Features irons and washing machines of by-gone years.

19. **KITCHEN CA. 1928**

A full size kitchen displaying items that were in vogue during that era

20. **VICTORIAN PARLOR CA. 1910**

Depicts full size living room of genteel society of the era

21. **VICTORIAN SECRETS**

Large display of Victorian undergarments from 1880-1910

22. **VICTORIAN ADVERTISING**

Exhibit of colorful advertising items on household products of the 1890's and advertising from businesses of the period

23. **SCHOOLS**—Exhibit features pictures and location of various schools in the area and items used.

24. **DOCTOR'S OFFICE**—A walk-in display featuring instruments and medicines used by the medical profession in our area

25. **INDIAN ARTIFACTS**—

A collection of points, tools and other items used by local area Indians

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DIRECTIONS TO:

280 Hibbard Street, St. Clair, MO 63077

From Highway 44 - Exit 240

Turn South on Hwy 47
(towards McDonald's) about 1/4 mile

Straight at stop light
(about 200 feet Main Street curves to right

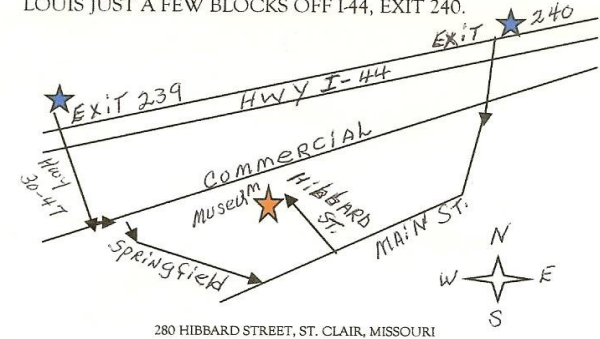
Continue on Main Street about 1 mile

Right on Hibbard Street
(directly before crossing RR tracks)

1 block to Museum on left

2 Story white building with black shutters
Parking on lower side of building

ST. CLAIR, MO. IS APPROX. 45 MINUTES WEST FROM ST. LOUIS JUST A FEW BLOCKS OFF I44, EXIT 240.



GROUP AND PRIVATE TOURS AVAILABLE

Call and schedule yours today.

MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of each month

6:30 p.m. at St. Clair Fire Station

Stay informed with us on Face book. Search for "St. Clair Historical Museum" and become a fan!

ST CLAIR "A STEP BACK IN TIME"

The earliest settlers in the area were Frenchmen seeking lead, iron, copper, gold and silver around 1720. However, it was not until a hundred years later that mining took on a larger commercial aspect with the opening of the lead and tiff mines at Virginia Mines in 1832 and , the iron and lead mining activities at Moselle and Anaconda in the 1840's. Mining was one of the mainstays in the area until the 1930's.

St. Clair was established as a town in 1843 under the name Traveler's Repose. It was established as a way stop on the stage road from St. Louis to Springfield. It had a hotel and a post office. In 1859 when the Southwest Branch of the Pacific Railroad arrived the name was changed to St. Clair-in honor of a civil engineer who worked for the railroad. The arrival of the railroad caused the town to grow as it provided a means for shipping products of the area to St. Louis, i.e. lead, iron ore, tiff, lumber, livestock, poultry, and grain which were the economic backbone of the community.

As the mining and lumbering industries began to play out in the 1920's and 1930's, the area got a fresh boost with the building of International Shoe Company in 1922. From 1920 to 1930 the population increased from 410 to 1453- one out of three worked in the shoe factory. Transportation to St. Louis expanded with the opening of Highways 30 and 66 (now I-44) and St. Clair became a resort for residents in St. Louis. With the decline and final demise of International Shoe Company in 1982, more and more inhabitants began to commute to St. Louis to gain employment. St. Clair might be best described today as a rural bedroom community of the metropolitan area. However, the concentrated effort by the City to attract industry may bring a change in the future. There are now over 17 major industries and approximately 350 retail establishments. While the population of the city is around 4300, there are about 15,000 people living in the school district.

The St. Clair area is rich in uncapped history. The purpose of the establishment of the museum in 1989 was to help the people to become aware and appreciate their historical heritage and, to provide a repository of historical information to aid future scholars.

The St. Clair Historical Museum is a
Not-for-Profit Organization

We accept and appreciate your tax deductible donations.

Make a Difference...Become a Member

(form below).

Corporate Membership...\$55 Family Membership....\$30

Individual Membership...\$20 Student Membership ..\$10

(2009 prices)

Make a Difference...Volunteer (form below).

We need help with one time and ongoing maintenance, yard care, cleaning, volunteering during open hours, website upkeep, gathering oral histories, caring for items, planning special events,.... You name it, we can use your expertise and availability. Be out front or in the quiet background. Volunteer as an individual, family or get a group together and lend a hand. As a not-for-profit volunteer organization, we can use you. Please consider helping today.

Membership Type _____

I am considering Volunteering, please contact me

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Mail to: PO Box 137
Saint Clair, MO 63077



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You are invited to take "a step back in time" while visiting The St. Clair Historical Museum. This wonderful local treasure portrays the heritage and history of St. Clair, Missouri and the surrounding area.



Museum Hours
Saturday & Sunday
1p.m. to 4 p.m.
(March 1—Dec 14)
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