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**January 27, 2022 6:00 pm**

## Show and Tell

**Pioneer Center, 137 1/2 W. Walnut St, Troy**

Check your closets, your cabinets, your sheds and your garages. What interesting artifact do you have that you'd like to share? You are guaranteed to see something that will spark a memory from your youth, or make you think "What in the world was THAT used for?"

Join us for Show and Tell on January 26 at the Pioneer Center in Troy. Everyone is encouraged to bring a relic to present. After the Show and Tell, we will have refreshments and a brief business meeting.

## Happy 2022!

Thanks to our board members for meeting last week to make plans for the upcoming year. We have a great topic each month, but need to confirm some details before we list everything. Notice we aren't having a bbq this year. We had several topics/locations that need warmer weather, and attendance at the bbq has been declining. Maybe the bbq should be a bi-annual event?

The board also talked about an outreach goal for 2022. Still in the formative stages, we would like to host a class from each of the school districts in the county at the museum to exhibit local history. We hope to put together an interactive program – a lot more learning takes place when it's hands on! We will be talking about this at the next couple of meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

*Jason Midyette, President*

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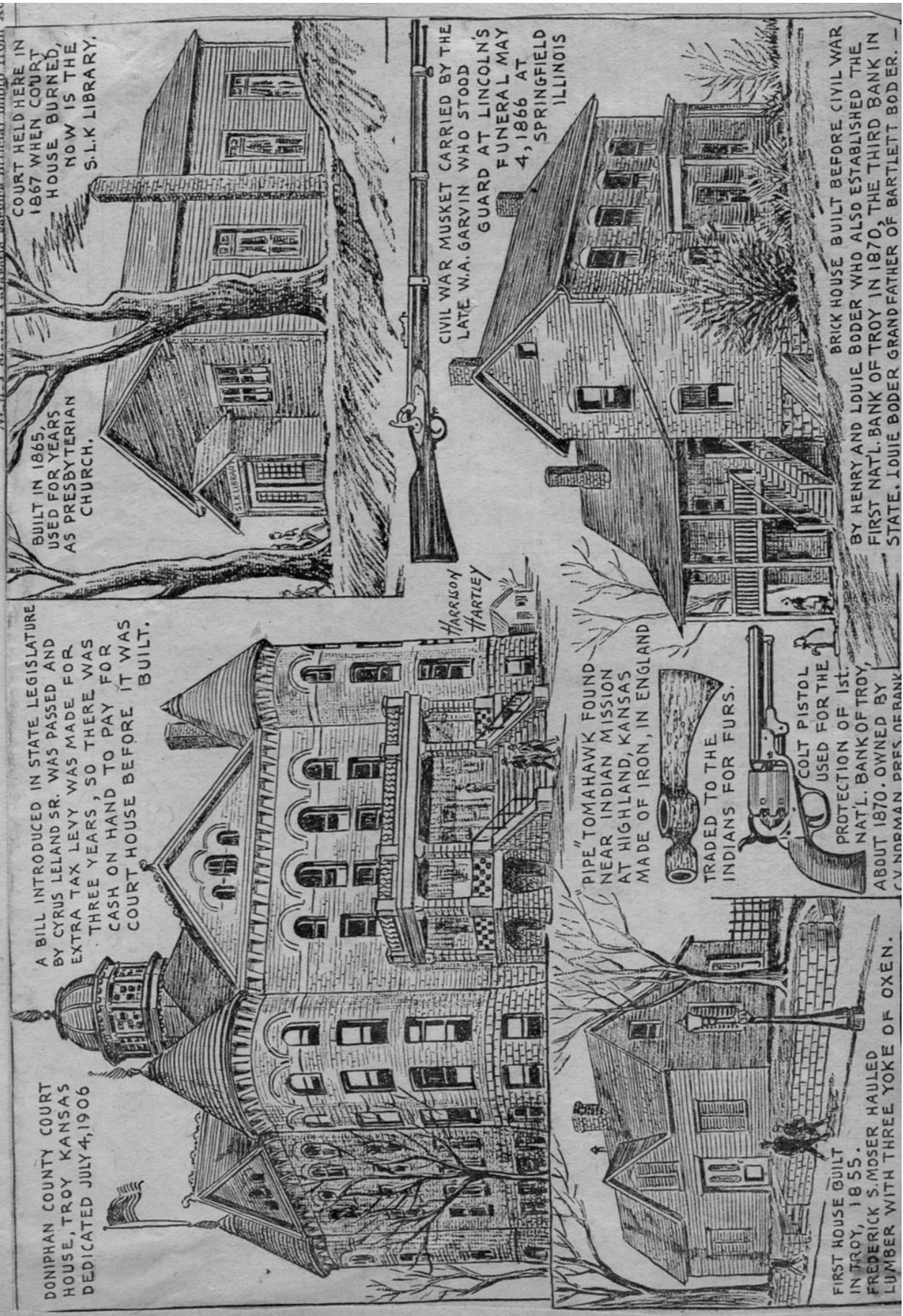
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DONIPHAN COUNTY COURT HOUSE, TROY KANSAS DEDICATED JULY 4, 1906

A BILL INTRODUCED IN STATE LEGISLATURE BY CYRUS LELAND SR. WAS PASSED AND EXTRA TAX LEVY WAS MADE FOR THREE YEARS, SO THERE WAS CASH ON HAND TO PAY FOR COURT HOUSE BEFORE IT WAS BUILT.

BUILT IN 1865, USED FOR YEARS AS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

COURT HELD HERE IN 1867 WHEN COURT HOUSE BURNED, NOW IS THE S.L.K. LIBRARY.

CIVIL WAR MUSKET CARRIED BY THE LATE W.A. GARVIN WHO STOOD GUARD AT LINCOLN'S FUNERAL MAY 4, 1866 AT SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

"PIPE" TOMAHAWK FOUND NEAR INDIAN MISSION AT HIGHLAND, KANSAS MADE OF IRON, IN ENGLAND TRADED TO THE INDIANS FOR FURS.

COLT PISTOL USED FOR THE PROTECTION OF 1ST. NAT'L. BANK OF TROY, ABOUT 1870. OWNED BY C.V. NORMAN PRES. OF BANK

FIRST HOUSE BUILT IN TROY, 1855. FREDERICK S. MODSER HAULED LUMBER WITH THREE YOKE OF OXEN.

BRICK HOUSE BUILT BEFORE CIVIL WAR BY HENRY AND LOUIE BODER WHO ALSO ESTABLISHED THE FIRST NAT'L. BANK OF TROY IN 1870, THE THIRD BANK IN STATE. LOUIE BODER GRANDFATHER OF BARTLETT BODER.

HARRISON HARTLEY

This illustration of historic buildings and artifacts of Troy was published in the Troy newspaper in the early 1940's. Drawn by Harrison Hartley, a nationally known artist and illustrator from St. Joseph, the illustration was saved in a scrapbook assembled by Mary Catherine Halling of Severance when she was in high school. While the Court House is still standing, one wonders if any of the other buildings or artifacts illustrated are still with us.

## BITS AND PIECES

Three brothers, Jacob, John and Lewis Zimmerman built a threshing machine at their home south west of Troy, in the early sixties. The machine was made up of the good parts of many old and worn out machines so well put together that it gave good satisfaction. The brothers threshed nearly all the grain in the neighborhood with this machine. In those days the capital of a corporation would have been required to purchase a new threshing outfit, but the patience and ingenuity of these men gave to the neighborhood a "separator" almost as good as new. The fact of the machine's being constructed of the bones of old machines gathered from all points of the compass did not worry the farmer, because the work done by it was quite satisfactory. The Doniphan county man has always been resourceful. Whatever he stood in need of he was bound to have. If he could not buy it, he made it, whether it were a threshing machine or a ten-penny nail.

Grace Bedell, the little girl who asked Abraham Lincoln to let his whiskers grow, grew up and was lost to public view until John Carrol Power, a Doniphan county man owning the "Bony" Wood place near Troy in 1868, discovered her at Delphos, Kansas. She was married to a Mr. Billings.

A Mr. Newton was cleaning out a ninety foot well on the Ab. Kent farm near Troy, in July, 1867. When he was about ten feet from the bottom the well caved in on him and held him fast. A great many people gathered around to dig out the supposed dead man. They worked about twenty five hours at the end of which time Mr. Newton was taken out conscious, and with the exception of a few bruises, sound and well.

On Monday afternoon, April 29, during the heavy rain which fell here, a terrible whirlwind, or tornado, passed over a narrow strip of country between this place and Wathena. The wind covered a track of not more than fifty or sixty feet in width, and its power was most fearful, and its effect destructive. The new frame house of a family named Doms living some three or four miles down the Wathena road, and a house near by belonging to a Mr. McClellan, were completely blown away. All the children of the Doms family were more or less injured though not seriously, but Mrs. Doms received injuries from which she died on the morning of May 3, 1872. - Troy Reporter.

October 6, 1881, a prominent citizen of Troy had a fine blooded boar at the Fair which for size and other good qualities, took several premiums. The animal was literally decked with blue ribbons from ears to tail. At the close of the Fair the owner started to drive his pork home, with a rope tied to his hind leg. Just as they got

on the bridge crossing the railroad, a freight train came thundering along underneath. The hog made frantic efforts to run, and the owner braced himself and held on, the rope wearing blisters on his hands. As the caboose passed from underneath the bridge, the hog gave a loud, "woosh," and leaped off, falling flat upon the hard track twenty feet below, and bursting himself like a rotten pumpkin. "O, God! there goes my hog," exclaimed the proprietor of the remains, as he gazed below, upon the shapeless mass of sausage meat, bristles, and blue ribbons. - Sol Miller.

Gray's Doniphan County history: A record of the happenings of half a hundred years. By P. L. (Patrick Leopoldo) Gray. Bendena, Kan.: The Roycroft Press, 1905. 3p. l. [11]-84, 166, [2] p. front., plates, ports. 24 cm.

## WHAT YOU MISSED . . .

Our last regular meeting was November 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bendena. Melissa Blanton and Wanda Olson educated us about the piano the church uses for services and some interesting piano facts. It was fun to



see instruments that others brought. Thanks to all who presented, and to Vanessa Blanton for bringing the piano to life with her talent.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 12, 2022

NOVEMBER 9 BALANCE	\$38,829.92
INCOME:	
Dues	55.00
Christmas party payments	205.00
Soup Supper	175.00
Donations	105.00
November interest	1.59
December interest	1.65
Income total:	\$543.24
EXPENDITURES:	
Highland Sr. Center use	50.00
Reimburse president for Xmas meal	286.30
Expenditures total:	\$336.30
JANUARY 12 BALANCE	\$39,036.86
CD #6519 (for Save Our Liberty Project	\$7584.72
CD #7175	\$6,841.8

## 2022 MEETINGS

*All meetings at 6:00 unless otherwise noted.*

**Presenters/topics/locations subject to change.**

**Jan 27** Show & Tell, Pioneer Center, Troy.

Refreshments Corky Smith.

**Feb 24** Black Immigration in Doniphan County by Todd Miller, Cheril McKay, and Corky Smith at Highland Senior Center. Refreshments Cheril McKay and Todd Miller.

**March 24** Doniphan County Poor Farm. Wathena Library. Refreshments Mary Johnson.

**April 28** *Not confirmed. Need volunteer for refreshments.*

**May 26** *Not confirmed.*

**June 23** Shepherders' Wagon with Larry Whitham and Val Engelken at Elwood Community Center. Refreshments Clifton Israel.

**July 28** White Cloud Projects by Deborah Bryant, White Cloud American Legion. Pot Luck "Picnic".  
**August 25** Doniphan Historic District by Bob and Kitty Nourie. Refreshments by Nouries.

**September 22** 4 "M"s of Doniphan County: Mystery, Murder, Malice, Mayhem by Cindy Hoverson at Jones-Symns Barn, 578 Highway 7, Bendena. Refreshments by Midyettes.

**October 27** Midway School History by Glendon Hartman. *Need volunteer for refreshments.*

**November 17** Who Welcomed Lincoln? by Larry Faulkner. Historical Society Museum. *Need volunteer for refreshments.*

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