



Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead Collection (R0951)

Collection Number: R0951

Collection Title: Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead Collection

Dates: 1984, 2003

Creator: Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead Committee

Abstract: The Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead Collection contains a First annual Nathan Boone Rendezvous booklet from 1984 and a souvenir booklet for the Twentieth Annual Nathan Boone Homestead Days Festival, held in September 2003 at Ash Grove in Greene County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The collection was purchased by the University of Missouri from De Kelly on September 7, 2004 (Accession No. RA1064). An addition was transferred from the WHMC - Rolla Reference Collection in May 2020.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead Collection can be found in the following collections:

Lyman Copeland Draper, Nathan Boone Interview (C1212)

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Historical Note:

Nathan Boone, the youngest son of Daniel Boone, began acquiring land near present-day Ash Grove in 1834. Nathan, with his wife Olive moved to Greene County in 1837 from their home in St. Charles. The couple along with several of their children and their slaves homesteaded the land building a double-pen log cabin.

After Nathan and Olive's deaths in the 1850s the homestead was passed through the family. In 1991, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources acquired the property. Today his log home is a Missouri State Historic Site, the Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead State Historic Site, and includes 370 acres of the original homestead, the family and slave cemeteries, and remnants of outbuildings. Since 1984, the Nathan Boone Homestead Committee has sponsored a festival to commemorate the area's most famous pioneer resident.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a First annual Nathan Boone Rendezvous booklet from 1984 and a souvenir booklet for the Twentieth Annual Nathan Boone Homestead Days Festival, held in September 2003 at Ash Grove in Greene County, Missouri. Folder 1 contains a program from the first Rendezvous put on by the committee and citizens of Ash Grove with an intent to preserve the history of the site and the family that lived there.

Folder 2 contains a 36-page booklet with articles about Boone and his times, including an inventory of his personal estate and a list of the enslaved persons he owned at the time of his death in 1856. There is also an article about William Berry and his descendants. Berry was a freeborn man of color who came to Ash Grove in 1872 and married Caroline Boone, who had been born into slavery on the Boone homestead. There are also snapshots of present-day Ash Grove and advertisements for many area businesses.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Nathan Boone Rendezvous program, 1984
	f. 2	Nathan Boone Homestead Days Festival program, 2003

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Ash Grove (Mo.)	1-2	Yes
Berry family	2	
Berry, Mamie White, 1889-1967	2	Yes
Berry, William	2	

Index Term	Folder	Image
Bills, Carole	2	
Boone, Nathan, 1781-1856	1-2	Yes
Boone, Olive Van Bibber, 1783-1858	1-2	Yes
Clair, Tom	2	
Festivals--Missouri	1-2	
Green County (Mo.)	1-2	
Miller, Ginnie	2	
Miller, Tom	2	
Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead State Historic Site (Ash Grove, Mo.)	1-2	Yes
Nathan Boone Homestead Committee	2	
Richendollar, Debbie	2	
Runyon, Judy	2	
Thee, Jess	2	