

# *A Walk Through Time*

A living history “time line” event

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## Monthly news letter

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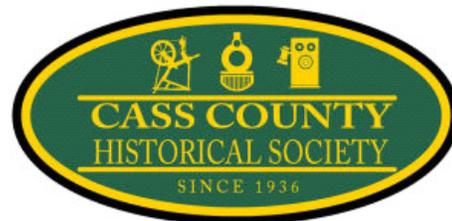
July 24-25, 2021

*Where:*

Plattsmouth, NE

*Co Sponsored by:*

Cass County Historical  
Society and the Rock Hill  
Windmill Event Center



I would really like to have some outside input to this news letter. If you have some thoughts you would like to share please send them to me and I would be honored to share them with our readers.

On a personal note, I just want to say that working with the members of the Cass County Historical society and the folks at Rock Hill event center has been a wonderful experience for me, and we should remember that The Nebraska City Missouri River Basin, Lewis and Clark center and the folks with The Mouth of the Platte chapter of the Trail heritage foundation are good friends and as we support their activities, they support ours. I look forward to as many years as I have left continuing with these relationships.

Your editor:

Butch Bouvier

< Never make a promise lightly and always keep it >

## Updates

\*We have a handshake deal with an up and coming student writer to attend the event, conduct interviews, and write a comprehensive article about it. Her name is **Shelby Sims** and she is currently studying journalism at Indiana State University. She has had two previous internships writing articles and is eager to gain more experience in her field of work. A complete bio with pictures will be in a future newsletter. Just where and how we will use this article is still up in the air. If any of you have an idea just how to get her article published, please do not hesitate to share your ideas, just send them to me at [keelboat@longlines.com](mailto:keelboat@longlines.com).

\* We are looking into getting this entire event documented in video and edited into an exciting film about living history events and their impact on education. Currently we are exploring a couple of different options. The Nebraska Educational Service Unit (ESU) is on that list as is Nebraska public TV. Another option would be to locate someone with top notch video, interviewing, story writing and film editing skills to do it. I will keep you updated on this. Once again, if you have any contacts or ideas please send them along so I can explore them.

\* Del Hervey, his bride Glenda and I have been working on a tri-fold brochure to help promote this event. Since Glenda along with my bride Catherine, is one of key proof readers on the news letter I asked Glenda if she would be interested in helping us develop some of our promotional concepts. More on all this later.

\* Fundraising is moving along, albeit at a snails pace. Del and I have some ideas and we will keep you in the loop.

### *Speaking of fund raising*

\* We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for their generous donation in support of this event.

**Paul and Susan Rice**  
**Douglas Schema**  
**Donald Shippy**

I also want to give a shout out to **Margo Prentis** for her continued help with updates on these efforts.

< Give every endeavor your very best effort, and even if you fail you can hold your head high>

< The Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic was built be professionals>

## Larry McElroy

Larry lives in Lyons, NE. He and his wife Karolyn have two sons and two grandchildren. Larry joined the group; “Friends of Discovery” in 1999 and before long, he and Karolyn were deeply involved in the group’s activities. These activities were that of an Iowa State Park friends group, centered at Lewis and Clark State park in Onawa, Iowa. Karolyn served as treasurer for the group for many years. Both these folks work with their local emergency response teams in their community and are valued members of the Lyons, NE family. Larry and his wife are kind of like my bride Catherine and I, just good friends, happily married forever, and they are a team and refer to themselves as such. They are strong active members of their community and just nice folks to know!

In 2001 I along with another Friends group member, Mike Butler, cooked up this idea of building another Lewis and Clark boat and taking it down the river doing educational programs. Many in the group helped build the boat including the McElroys. When we hit the river, Karolyn fell in with the ground crew and Larry became a valued member of the boat crew. Both pulled their weight and then some and we all were the better for having them with us.

Larry’s skill sets cover a rather long time period in our history. Because of this, I am thinking that he would fit best in our eclectic parallel and complimentary area. Our main “Time Line Event” will be distinct from era to era so folks who have skill sets that cover a wide time span will demonstrate and educate in the parallel event area.

Larry has participated in many Mountain Man rendezvous. He likes dressing in period correct clothing, setting a full camp, Dutch oven cooking, black powder demos, tomahawk and knife throwing demos, fire starting and trap setting.

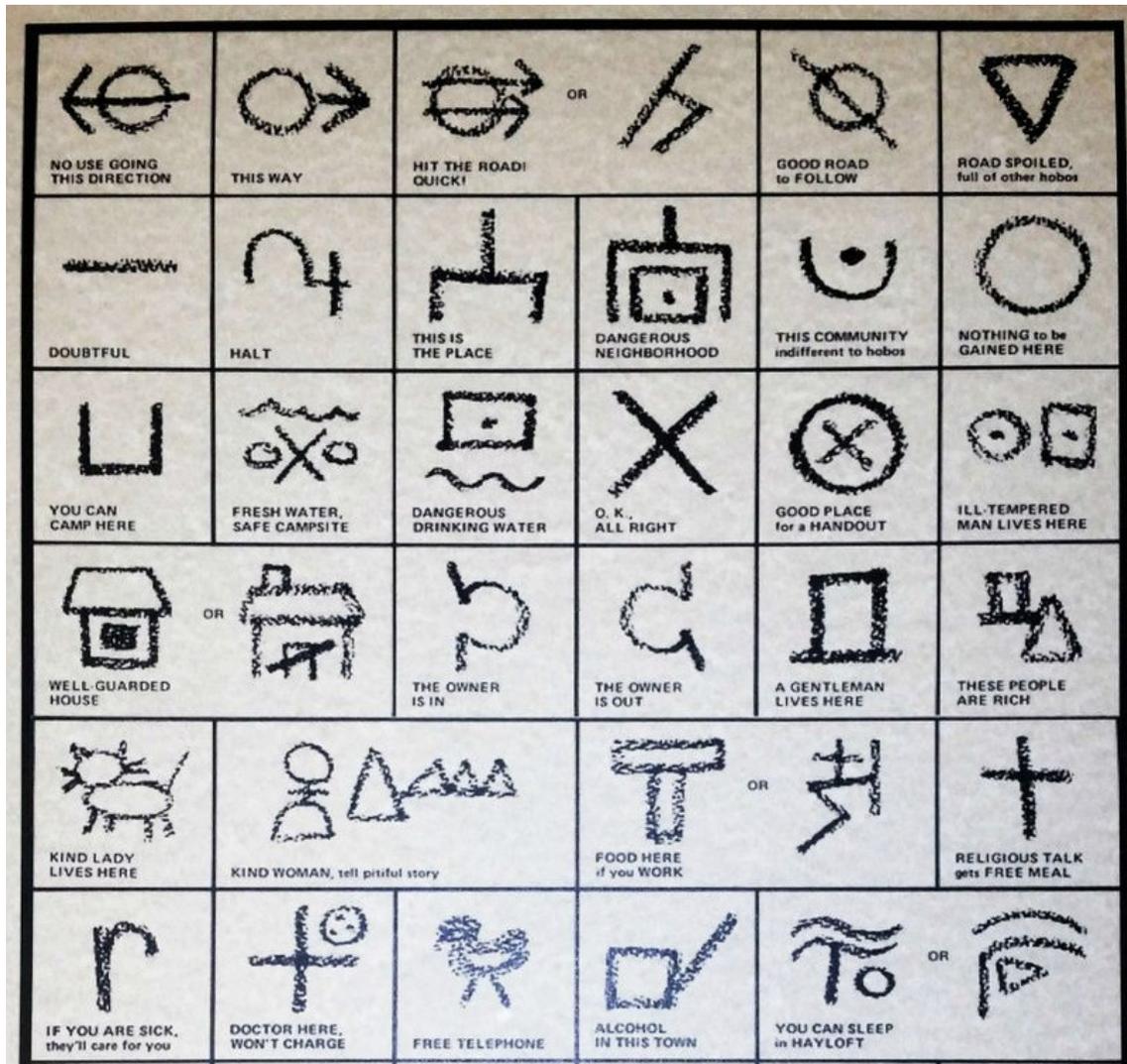
As with several other staff participants, Larry will be outside the time line as the early skills he has cover many years and most of the time line eras. Also he will offer one on one experiences with visitors with no time restrictions which can be inherent to a walking time line. His many years of experience working with folks and his ability to explain what he is doing as well as the possibility to practice your hand at it will make his area a favorite. We are tickled to have him!



In the interest of continuing with our theme of sharing American History with our friends I offer this for your enjoyment:

During the great depression back in the 20's and 30's this nation had a tough time of it but we prevailed. Many interesting stories came of this time and the steps our citizens took to survive. This little tid bit pertains to the folks that "rode the rails" or Hobos as they were called back then. My Father told me as a youth about all the little camp fires along the bluffs just north of the rail road yards in Council Bluffs. These were hobo camps and at the base of the bluffs they were within 30m feet of the railroad tracks. As the old steam engines would leave the yards for the main line they would be going very slow as they picked up speed. This gave the hobos a perfect timing to "hop a rail" for a free ride to the next town which just may offer some sort of opportunity for them. This area has bike trails on it today and is still called Hobo Run.

As they traveled from town to town they were not always welcome and they developed a code of sorts which they would put at strategic places for others to follow. For your enjoyment her is that code.



<Make a plan, follow the plan, work diligently and success will be yours>

# OUR SPECIAL REQUEST PAGE

I have decided to use social media and e-mails to advertise this event. We will of course do some written advertising and press releases but in this day and age I can reach more folks electronically, if you will help me. If you receive this news letter in a pdf file on your computer, would you please take a moment and hit the forward button and share it with your contacts and anyone else who you think might be interested? If you are viewing it on Face book, please share it.

Thank you so very much!

***SPECIAL NOTE:** This event is in Coordination with the Cass County Historical Society which is a 501c3 not for profit corporation*

## NOW, IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA JINGLE IN YOUR POCKET

In order to make this event happen on the scale we want it to we will need to raise our proposed \$5,000.00 budget by July 24, 2021. As of December 1, 2020 I have calculated that we will need to take in \$165.00 per week to meet this goal. I know this is an attainable goal. Your donations are tax deductible and will help us educate a lot of folks, young and old on how this country was settled between 1804 and 1860. Please help us if you can.

Please make your check payable to:  
Please notate it for the  
Then mail it to them at:

**Cass County Historical Society\**  
**“Time line Event”**  
646 Main Street  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Thank you for your support!

### *Winston Churchill Quotes*

“The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.”

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“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

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“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, it’s also what it takes to sit down and listen.”