

“Remembering Cape Girardeau” Panel Discussions 2005 Nov-2006 Mar

Extent: 4 DVDs

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Abstract: DVD copies of live panel discussions sponsored by the Greater Cape Girardeau Historical Association, Inc., in conjunction with the Bicentennial Celebration for the City of Cape Girardeau, featuring long-time Cape Girardeau residents and writers reflecting on people, places, events, and significant changes in the community over its history.

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Provenance: The Panel discussions were sponsored by the Greater Cape Girardeau Historical Association, Inc. and were produced by the Southeast Missouri State University Department of Communications.

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Restrictions: Requires use of a DVD player

Historical Note

In the 1730's, a Frenchman named Jean Baptiste Girardot, for whom Cape Girardeau is named, established a trading post on the west bank of the Mississippi River. However, Girardot was a trader, not a settler, and by the middle 1700's Girardot had moved on. In 1793, the Spanish Government gave Frenchman Louis Lorimier a land grant to establish another trading post near the river, a few miles south of the site previously established by Girardot. Early in 1806, the town of Cape Girardeau was laid out in lots. A petition for incorporation was presented in 1808. Population expansion at first was slow; however, the age of steamboats allowed easy movement of manufactured goods on the river, which expedited growth. When the railroads were completed, it is said that the city's population doubled in just a few months.

Scope and Content Note

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The dates for the panel discussions are as follows: Disc 1: November 5, 2005, Disc 2: November 13, 2005, Disc 3: March 5, 2006 and Disc 4: March 29, 2006. The panelists include: Dr. Dan Cotner, Alton Bray, Louise Duncan, Mary Frances Kinder, Joseph J. Russell, Dr. Joel Rhodes, Dr. Bob White, Dr. George Suggs, Morley Swingle, Dr. Frank Nickell, Anthony “Tony” Dohogne, Norma Kies Blattner, Nickell are moderators.

Scope and Content Note (continued)

Disc 4 features studio interviews with some of the panelists.

Disc 1 (2005 November 5) RT: 01:25:52;

Disc 2 (2005 November 13) RT: 01:38:11;

Disc 3 (2006 March 5) RT: 01:06:03;

Disc 4 (2006 March 29) RT: 01:07:07.

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