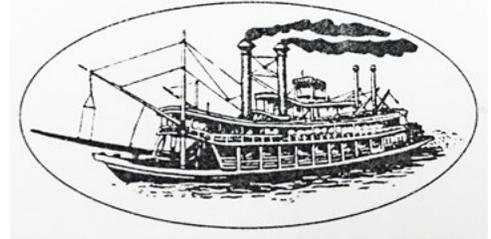


Friends



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Induction ceremony report will be in fall issue of *Friends*.

Payne, Caldwell selected for Hall of Fame

The second Rocheport Hall of Fame event is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2019, at the Rocheport Community Hall. Two leaders from the community's past will be inducted, bringing to four the number so honored.

In accordance with nomination procedures, one person from the first hundred years of Rocheport history, and one person from more recent times will be inducted.

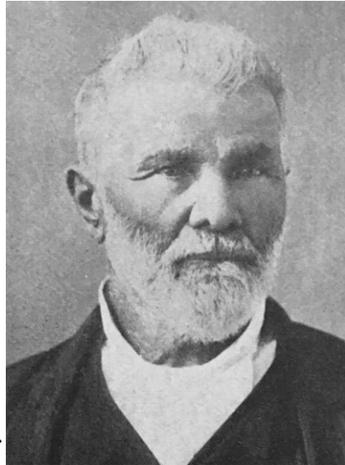
Moses U. Payne has been selected as the early-history inductee; **Dorothy Caldwell** was selected from a list of nominees from the community as the more recent inductee.

Payne, nicknamed "Boone County's Millionaire Minister," arrived in the county in 1828 and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, J.N. Payne. He also was a Methodist minister. He went to New Orleans from 1850 to 1858, and with the impending Civil War, he returned to Missouri and began purchasing land in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

Payne is best remembered locally for his home on Roby Farm Road just south of I-70, which is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. He accumulated great wealth, and was very philanthropic in the areas of the church and education. He is responsible for the survival of several colleges, including Central Methodist University in Fayette.

Payne moved to Iowa during the Civil War, taking his slaves with him, freeing them and retaining them as employees. He died in 1895 and was buried in the Rocheport Cemetery. His family later moved his body to Nebraska City.

Dorothy J. Caldwell is the more recent inductee for 2019.



She was a long-time resident of Rocheport, having been a founder of the present Rocheport Museum, which is named in her honor, and a founding member of the Friends of Rocheport Society. She died July 10, 1997.

Deeply interested in the community's history, Dorothy prepared the application which

resulted in the entire community being placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. She was responsible for the purchase and saving of several historic homes in Rocheport. She also served as chairwoman of Rocheport's planning and zoning commission for 13 years.

She worked many years for the State Historical Society, retiring October 1, 1972. She served as research associate from 1955 to 1957, director of the Missouri Historic Sites Survey from 1957 to 1963, was assistant editor of the Missouri Historical Review from 1964 until her retirement in 1967. She also spoke on behalf of the Society to numerous local historical societies and service organizations.

Following graduation from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville, she married classmate Weldon Perry Shofstall in 1926. They moved to Columbia, where Weldon earned a PhD. from the University of Missouri and became dean of Administration at Stephens College. Dorothy went on to earn three degrees from the University, including a Masters in Journalism. She later married Joseph Conrad Caldwell in 1950.

A new feature of this year's event is a ragtime piano concert at the Methodist Church on Saturday, May 18. See page 3 for flyer and tickets information..

Rocheport Trivia Quiz

1. Who was Rocheport's first postmaster?
2. Who opened Rocheport's first regular tavern?
3. Who first owned the land site of Rocheport?
4. When was Rocheport laid out as a town?
5. What is another name for Moniteau Creek?
6. What distinguished visitors stopped in Rocheport in 1804?
7. What was the first name intended for the town?
8. When did the first steamboat land in Rocheport?
9. What was the most popular beverage in early Rocheport?
10. What event placed Rocheport in the middle of the 1840 presidential election?

11. Epidemics hit Rocheport in 1833, 1849 and 1852. What was the disease?
12. What Civil War bushwhacker called Rocheport "our capital"?
13. What Civil War colonel became the area's leading tobacco processor in Rocheport following the Civil War?
14. Did Rocheport have a newspaper.
15. Who was Rocheport's first merchant? 16. Who established Rocheport's first ferry across the Missouri River.
17. What group formed in 1967 to celebrate and report on Rocheport's history?

Answers on Page 4.

Woods, Chandler, were inaugural inductees to Hall of Fame in 2018

The Rocheport Hall of Fame was created by the Friends of Rocheport Society in 2018 as another means of increasing knowledge of the community's history, and to honor those who created and nurtured it.

Nominations for the honor are welcome from the community at large with selection of the inductees made by the FOR Board of Directors. After the initial inductions, plans are to induct one member from the 1800s and one member from the 1900s to the present.

Born in Rocheport, Missouri, in 1864, **Charles Quarles Chandler II** moved to Elk City, Kansas, in 1883 to begin a career in banking that would span more than a half century. When he died in Wichita in 1943, he was one of the wealthiest men in Kansas, and he left a legacy of a family of bankers who currently operate banks of their own and whose influence extends throughout the state.

Many people may be familiar with INTRUST Bank, but what may come as a surprise is the story of this successful banking family had its beginning in Rocheport.

Charles Quarles' grandfather migrated from Virginia to Missouri in 1836, and his father was a prominent physician in Rocheport, who died when his son was 12 years old.

It was here that his uncle, Dr. William Woods, took young Charles under his wing, teaching him the banking business at his Rocheport Savings Bank. After his skills developed, Charles was sent to Elk City, Kansas, to assess the banking opportunities in the south central Kansas community. He continued buying interests in banks in other communities in south central and southwestern Kansas and northwestern Oklahoma. His reputation soon extended throughout the Kansas banking community, and his colleagues elected him president of the Kansas Bankers Association in 1900. Chandler arranged the purchase of the Kansas National Bank of Wichita with the assistance of Dr. W. S. Woods (his uncle), and others, all related to each other.

Despite his phenomenal career in banking, Charles

retained his interest in Rocheport.

In 1928, he rescued the 1860 Baptist Church building, funding its refurbishing into what is now the Community Hall, in honor of his parents.

William Stone Woods was born in Columbia, Mo., on Nov. 1, 1840, the son of James Harris Woods and Martha Jane Stone. One of five children, he was orphaned at an early age and was raised by his grandparents.

William Woods graduated from the University of Missouri in 1861 and obtained a medical education at St. Louis Medical College and at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He practiced medicine in Middle Grove and Paris, Mo. He began a general merchandising business in Paris in 1867. He used the profits from this merchandising venture to establish the Rocheport Savings Bank in 1869.

Dr. Woods moved from Rocheport to Kansas City in 1881, where he became a partner in a wholesale dry goods business and also became president of the Kansas City Savings Association, which he reorganized into the Bank of Commerce in 1882. In 1900, he joined with nephew C.Q. Chandler, II, in purchasing Kansas National Bank in Wichita (which changed its name in 1919 to the "First National Bank in Wichita").

Dr. Woods had served as a surrogate father to his nephew, Mr. Chandler, whose father had died in 1875.

William Woods and his wife took an interest in the Female Orphans School of the Christian Church of Missouri, located at Camden Point, north of Kansas City. The school was established in 1870 for the orphaned daughters of Civil War veterans, and in 1890, after a devastating fire, the struggling school moved to Fulton, Mo. Facing closure due to its heavy debt load, Dr Woods paid off all its mortgages, and the trustees changed the name of the school to "William Woods College."

William Stone Woods died on July 5, 1917, at the Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs, Mo. He left an estate estimated to be worth \$5 million, approximately 10 percent of which went to William Woods College.

Don't miss this!



Limited
Seating.

Friends of Rocheport Society presents its
2019 Hall of Fame Concert
America's Favorite Ragtime Pianist

Bob Milne

Saturday, May 18 -- 3:00 p.m.
Rocheport United Methodist Church

Admission: \$20

Reception at Community Hall following the concert

Hall of Fame Inductions

Sunday, May 19 -- 2:30 p.m. at Community Hall

Bob Milne Concert Tickets

Available at:
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Rocheport General Store
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To order:
By Mail:
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3906 Grace Ellen Dr.,
Columbia, MO 65202
By Email:
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Check payable to:
Friends of Rocheport

The Friends of Rocheport Museum is the Society's primary presence in the community. A committee is meeting to determine ways to improve the displays and make the museum more appealing to visitors from the Katy Trail, the community, and the general public.

Open on weekends from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., from May through October, the museum contains a treasure trove of historical artifacts, documents, and photographs, many permanent possessions, some on permanent loan from residents, past and present. Put a visit to the museum on your bucket list for this summer.

The museum is seeking volunteers to welcome visitors Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., May through October. If you would like to help, please leave your name at the museum or email Rocheport@aol.com.



Answers to Rocheport trivia Quiz.

1. Cary Peebles in 1832.
2. Jesse B. Dale in 1833, on Moniteau St.
3. The U.S. government deeded the land to David Gray in 1822. It was sold several times before becoming a town.
4. December 15, 1832.
5. Creek of the Great Spirit.
6. Lewis and Clark
7. Rockport. A French missionary insisted it be changed to Rocheport.
8. 1819, at the mouth of the Moniteau Creek, to pick up wood.
9. Whiskey, made locally.
10. The national Whig Convention, on the bluff overlooking the town.

11. Asiatic cholera, with dozens of deaths.
12. Bloody Bill Anderson.
13. Col Robert A. Caskie, from 1870 to 1884.
14. Yes, three of them – Times in 1868-69; Enterprise in 1872-73; Commercial in 1879 -beyond 1882.
15. A man named Barlow, 1830, in a log house on Moniteau St.
16. John Gray, 1819.
17. The Friends of Rocheport Society operates the Rocheport Museum from May through October, and has created a Rocheport Hall of Fame to honor our early leaders.

You are welcome to join us.

Friends of Rocheport Society

2019 Membership Form

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