Rare Campbell Journal Comes to Light

A rare and important journal belonging to Robert Campbell was recently discovered and donated to the Museum.

The journal was donated by Edwina Smith. It is believed that the journal passed to Mrs. Smith in the 1930s through the law firm of Shepley, Kroeger, Fisse and Shepley—one of the many law offices involved in the resolution of the Campbell estate. Mrs. Smith’s nephew Karl Deibel donated a collection of more than 200 Campbell family letters to the Museum in 1999.

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Robert Campbell’s journal entry for April 21, 1826: “21st, Marched 12 miles, high hills approach the character of mountains. Advance near the river...at six miles a handsome fork contributes its water on the south side, the river becomes more crooked and the bottoms well wooded. Camped in a fine hallow after crossing bluffs 1 mile.” The map illustrates the described route. The camp site is denoted with a sideways letter V, as seen in the upper right portion of the drawing.
Lippmans Receive President’s Award

Zoe and Max Lippman were honored with the 2006 Campbell House Museum President’s Award on November 15.

The Lippmans are longtime friends and supporters of the Museum. Zoe served on the Museum Board of Directors for 12 years, from 1981 to 1993. Both Zoe and Max currently serve as honorary Board members.

Zoe and Max were involved in early fundraising efforts for the recent restoration. The Lippmans are also superb “friendraisers”—they were instrumental in coordinating the recent visit to Campbell House of the antique experts Leigh and Leslie Keno (see story on page 4).

Zoe’s father, Joseph Desloge, was an original donor to save the Campbell’s collection of furnishings in February 1941. Mr. Desloge also wrote one of the first histories of Lucas Place—“The Campbell House, The Last of Lucas Place.” Zoe’s sister, Anne Farrar Desloge, was also one of the models of Mrs. Campbell’s dresses at the May 1941 fundraiser and press event that were held to create support for the effort to start the Campbell House Museum (see story on back page).

In the 1980s Zoe and Max donated a 16mm color film of Anne Desloge, Grace Ashley Papin and other young ladies modeling Mrs. Campbell’s dresses at that May 1941 event.

The President’s Award is given annually by the Foundation’s officers to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the preservation of the Campbell House Museum and its mission.

This year’s award presentation was made at the annual 1851 Society dinner, which was held for the second year in a row at the Piper Palm House in Tower Grove Park.

Board Member Retirement

The Campbell House Foundation Board of Directors recently saw the retirement of member Betsy Vogt. Betsy joined the Board in 1999 and in her 7 years of service made important contributions as the Secretary and more recently as the chair of the collections committee, which had the enormous task of reinstalling the museum collection after the restoration. Betsy and her dedication and hard work will be greatly missed.

The members of the Board of the Campbell House Foundation serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. They donate countless hours, hard work and substantial resources in support of the Museum.
President’s Message
Jan Broderick • President, Campbell House Foundation

The Keno brothers were an absolute delight as they scoured the Campbell House (see story on page 4) remarking with awe on our many exceptional pieces. Board member Jackie Chambers escorted them through the second floor. She was joined by fellow board members Eileen Carr, Sam Clark, Fritz Clifford, Jane Gleason, Melissa Higgs, Zoe and Max Lippman, Dick Nangle, Tim Rohan, Carroll Stribling and Celeste Sprung in welcoming the antique gurus.

The new year will bring exciting national press coverage for the Museum. The January/February issue of Old House Interiors will have a feature spread showcasing the Museum and its recent restoration. And a story in the February edition Old House Journal will feature Campbell House in a story about plaster ceiling medallions.

Thank you to all who have made donations for the restoration of the entry hall pier mirror. A special thanks to Sam Clark for being the driving force behind the project and for helping us acquire a marble base for the portrait bust of Julius Caesar that will stand next to the restored mirror.

I can hardly get much room for my President’s Message these days. I hate to be so brief but there is so much more to say in the rest of this newsletter. Enjoy!

Donated Silver Pitcher Was a Campbell Wedding Gift in 1902

The Campbell House recently received the donation of a sterling silver pitcher that Hugh Campbell had given as a gift.

The pitcher was a wedding gift from Hugh to Christine Orrick and William Fordyce in 1902. Christine’s brother, Allen Cromwell Orrick, was Hugh Campbell’s attorney from 1897 to 1931. Allen Orrick’s father, John C. Orrick, also practiced law in St. Louis.

The pitcher dates from the 1870s, indicating that it may originally have been a piece of Campbell family silver.

The pitcher was donated by Elizabeth Russe Fordyce, Christine and William’s daughter-in-law, and can be seen on display in the Museum’s pantry.

Fence Project Honored

The Museum’s recently replaced 15th Street fence was honored with a Cityscape Award by the Downtown St. Louis Partnership (DSLP) at a ceremony on November 16.

DSLP President Jim Cloar noted that “while the house itself is an attraction in its own right, the garden area provides a welcome bit of green space that previously was hidden to the public. The new fence effectively opens the grounds to the neighborhood, resulting in an increase in attendance and a welcome gesture to the community.”

The fence was paid for by a grant from the St. Louis Development Company.

Cityscape awards “are presented for projects visible from the street level that enhance the visual environment of downtown St. Louis.”
Antique Experts Visit Museum

The Campbell collection and restored Museum garnered the attention of two renowned antique experts during the October 15 visit of Leigh and Leslie Keno.

The Kenos noted the “exuberance of the Rococo revival furnishings” of the Campbell parlor—paying special attention to the pair of gasoliers in “fine condition.”

The Kenos are regular appraisers on the TV program Antiques Roadshow, one of the most popular shows on PBS. The brothers also host their own antiques-themed PBS show called Find!

Even without TV, the Kenos would be famous in their field. Both are experts in American furniture—Leigh is an antiques dealer in New York and Leslie is an expert at the auction house Sotheby’s.

The Kenos were in St. Louis to host the event “Trash or Treasure” at the Saint Louis Science Center and visited Campbell House with the help of honorary Board members Zoe and Max Lippman.

NSDAR Plaque Dedication

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will dedicate a plaque marking Campbell House as a NSDAR historic site on March 8.

For more than a century, the members of the NSDAR have championed “historical preservation, promotion of education and encouragement of patriotic endeavor.”

The Museum’s plaque was sponsored by the Webster Groves Chapter of the NSDAR. Plaques are given by the NSDAR office of the Historian General.

Host Your Next Special Event at Campbell House

The Museum’s garden and restored 1870s gazebo are a unique place for weddings and other special events. A green oasis in the heart of downtown St. Louis, the garden is an inviting spot—perfect for events of all sizes.

Please call the Museum at 314-421-0325 to begin planning your next special event.
**Journal**  
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**Into the Mountains**
The small paper-covered journal records Robert’s first trip into the Rocky Mountains and notes the progress of his journey with short entries and maps. The journal would have been a valuable resource to future expeditions for finding the best route. The first dated entry is from March 28, 1826.

In November 1825, Robert left St. Louis as a clerk in the employ of General William Ashley and Jedediah Smith. Robert, Smith, 70 men and more than 150 pack animals travelled to a point about 150 miles west of the junction of the Kansas and Missouri rivers (site of present-day Kansas City) before winter weather forced them to take refuge at a Pawnee village.

After the weather broke the expedition met General Ashley near Grand Island in present-day Nebraska. Ashley had brought more men, mules and provisions from St. Louis.

Robert noted, “April 2nd (1826), arrived at 3:00 at Kansas village, General came to this place from the mouth of the Kansas, WSW about 150 miles distant. On the 4th April after supplying myself with corn and dry meat from the Indians we proceeded up Blue River, the north fork and camped after traveling about 10 miles.”

By about July 1, Campbell, Ashley and the other men rendezvoused with trappers and Indians at a place called Cache Valley (about 75 miles north of present-day Salt Lake City). At Cache Valley money and goods were traded for beaver pelts. Robert also met William Sublette at Cache Valley. Sublette would soon become Robert’s closest friend and business partner. This was the second of the renowned annual Rocky Mountain rendezvous.

The journal also records wage payments to members of the expedition including Albert Boone, grandson of Daniel Boone. Inventories of provisions and trade items such as beaver traps, sugar, tobacco, coffee, powder, lead, beads, knives and vermillion are also noted in the journal.

Robert’s journal offers an exciting and unique glimpse at one of the most dynamic episodes in American history.

**Read More**
The notebook has been completely digitized and is in the process of being transcribed for use by researchers and students of history. When the transcription is completed, it will be posted on the Campbell House website at <www.campbellhousemuseum.org>.

To read more about Robert’s involvement in the fur trade, visit the website. In the links section, you can read Robert’s own fascinating “Narrative” of his experience in the Rocky Mountains as a young man.
**Calendar of Events**

**Campbell House Museum • Tower Grove Park**  
*The Victorian Society • Lafayette Park Conservancy*

**FEBRUARY 4**  
*Friends of Tower Grove Park Lecture Series*  
“St. Louis, Chicago & the Quest for the West in the Era of Henry Shaw”, by UMSL professor Carlos Schwantes  
Tower Grove Park, Stupp Center  
3 p.m., FREE, please call 771-4424 for information

**FEBRUARY 13**  
*Tower Grove Park - St. Louis Symphony Chamber Concert Series*  
Tower Grove Park, Piper Palm House  
7:00 p.m., FREE (Doors opens at 6:30 p.m., Space is limited and seating is on a first come, first serve basis.)

**MARCH 4**  
*Friends of Tower Grove Park Lecture Series*  
“English and European precedents for Tower Grove Park”, by park director John Karel  
Tower Grove Park, Stupp Center  
3 p.m., FREE, please call 771-4424 for information

**MARCH 24**  
*Annual St. Louis Museum Store Association Garage Sale* (Featuring the Campbell House Museum Store)  
St. Louis Zoo, Living World Building  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call 421-0325 for more details.

**JUNE 9**  
*Campbell House Museum—Spring Members Party*  
3 to 7 p.m. at the Museum  
FREE, please call 421-0325 for reservations.

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**TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS**

*In Honor of Mr. Sam B. Clark*  
Joe and Eleanor Kuebel  
Rita and Noel Moss

*In Honor of Mrs. Jane P. Gleason*  
Gamma Phi Beta, St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

*In Honor of Mrs. Earl C. Lindburg*  
Mr. Donald H. Bergmann  
Mr. and Mrs. Jules L. Pass

*In Honor of Mr. Marvin E. Mueller*  
Julie and Andrew Mueller

*In Memory of Mr. Paul C. Schnoebelen, Jr.*  
Mr. Richard P. Nangle

*In Memory of Mrs. Karen Thames*  
Mrs. Francis J. Burns  
Mr. Richard P. Nangle  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. O’Connell

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**Welcome New Members**

Welcome to the following new members:  
Dede Farquhar  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Leer  
Vera Herter  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marquart  
Carol Kieninger  
Mr. and Mrs. William Schawacker  
John Nunley  
Gerald and Pamela Porter

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**CAMPBELL HOUSE MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS**

`Docents`
- Mrs. Shirley Berg  
- Mrs. Lynell Mueller  
- Rev. Bill Mungan, S.J.  
- Mrs. Kay O’Connell  
- Mrs. Helen Pogorzelski  
- Mrs. Kim Scherrer  
- Ms. Barbara Stadtmiller  
- Ms. Kathy Sullivan  
- Ms. Shirley Thorn  
- Mrs. Sally Tofe  
- Ms. Laura Watt

`Museum Store`
- Mrs. Mary Chapman  
- Ms. Teresa Johnson  
- Mrs. Rose Laux

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`Garden`
- Mrs. Pat Lehmann  
- Mrs. Jeanne Lindburg  
- Mrs. Adele McDavid  
- Mrs. Margaret Mackle  
- Mr. Joe O’Connell  
- Mrs. Mary Potter  
- Miss Betty-Mae Stienhans  
- Mrs. Mary Jo Thornburgh  
- Ms. Laura Watt

- Mr. and Mrs. Leo Krobath  
- Mrs. Mary Rich  
- Mrs. Margaret Saak
Pier Mirror Restoration Project Underway, Funds Still Needed

Thank you to Museum members and friends who have made donations for the restoration of the Campbell’s entry hall pier mirror.

Donations accounting for about 90 percent of this project’s budget have been collected. Donations are still needed to help complete the project and to cover installation costs.

To make a donation to this exciting project please use the form below.

Standing ten feet tall, this impressive mirror will dominate the entry hall as it did in the 19th Century. This project will restore the wood graining in addition to replacing missing pieces of ornament.

Restoration work is being completed by Jente Woodworking and Master Artisans—two expert shops that did much of the Museum’s recent interior restoration work.

Restoration work and installation of the mirror is set to be completed by the end of March 2007. The installation of the restored mirror will mark the first time it has hung in the hall since the Campbells lived in the house.

(above) The entry hall pier mirror awaiting restoration in storage.
(right) The pier mirror as it stood in the Campbell House front entry hall in about 1885.
(below) The mirror base.

Help Restore the Entry Hall Pier Mirror

I would like to support the Campbell House Museum restoration of the entry hall pier mirror. Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of: □ $1,000 □ $500 □ $100
□ $50 □ $25 □ $__

Name __________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State _______ Zip _____________
Telephone ____________________________

□ My employer has a matching gift program ____________________________
Please enclose matching gift form from you corporation.

Please send to the Campbell House Museum, 1508 Locust St., St. Louis, MO 63103
“Dresses worn by the late Mrs. Robert Campbell which were displayed at a luncheon opening a campaign to raise funds to buy and restore the old Campbell house as a memorial of the early Victorian period. Society women wearing the dresses are, from left: Miss Ann Kelly, Miss Ina Fleishel, Miss Irene Randolph, Miss Virginia Hinton Lewis, Mrs. Harry E. Papin (Grace Ashley) and Miss Anne Farrar Desloge.”