

the Civil War.

1854

Otter Creek post office was maintained from 1854-1889. James Farrell was the first postmaster. When the railroad was built, Otter Creek became a station and in 1873 was described as having “three stores, two hotels, one sawmill, and a population of 250.” After the decline of the lumber industry, the village became extinct.

1854

Greenwood Valley post office was established in 1854 and maintained until 1873 in Mill Spring Township. Two valleys, Kelo and Webb, make up Greenwood Valley. The first school in the county was believed to have been built here. The name is thought to be descriptive, but it could be for the Greenwood family who were early settlers in the area.

1857

Smith Daffron of Georgia purchased 320 acres on McKenzie Creek two miles north of Danielsville. Included on this land, now known as Lon Sanders Canyon, was an unfinished water mill, which he completed and operated. After his death, his son William Daffron operated the mill

1857, Feb. 17

Wayne County lost a strip of land, including Des Arc and Vulcan, to Iron County.

1861, Feb. 28-March 22

State convention to determine Missouri’s status and actions in the Civil War met in Jefferson City. It transferred to St. Louis and held additional sessions starting July 22, 1861, Oct. 10, 1861, and June 2, 1862.

1861

A federal post was established at Patterson. Patterson’s strategic location at the “Cross Roads” made it the ideal location to monitor Confederate movement from the south.

1861, May 2

Governor C.F. Jackson called the legislature into session and it set up the State Guard to maintain order.

1861, May 10

Captain Nathaniel Lyon’s capture of Camp Jackson in St. Louis was the first overt act of the Civil War in Missouri.

1861, Aug. 2-31

General William Hardee had the headquarters of his Union Army at Green-



Pictured above is Frank Ward’s store in the Turkey Creek area before they moved it. It sat next door to Roy Ward’s house. Frank’s daughter Elora is in the yard with her wagon and tricycle. Pictured below, crews move Frank Ward’s store. It moved down the road.



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