

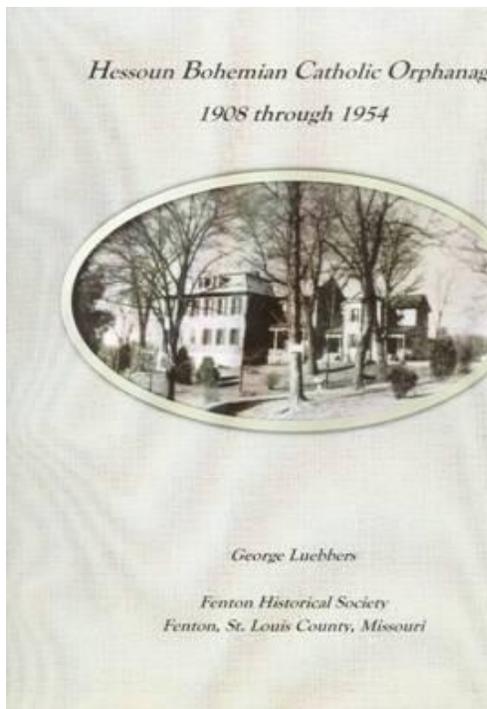
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WHERE THE PAST AND THE PRESENT MEET

## The Hessoun Bohemian Catholic Orphanage Book



A historical look at the Hessoun Bohemian Orphanage that once stood in Fenton Missouri, from 1908 until the time of their closure in 1954; including the 1970 fire.

**The museum has the books for sale for \$25.00** and can be shipped to you for an extra \$10.00. Either



*Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. ~Hal Borland*



***"Pass it on..... Fenton Historical Society is on the lookout for a quilt to raffle off at their Spring Luncheon."***

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### Czech Genealogical/Cultural Conference Update

Fenton Historical Society participated in the Vendor Room during the Genealogical/Cultural Conference at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel on October 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our vendor booth featured our newly released publication - Hessoun Bohemian Catholic Orphanage. George Luebbers, the author, was present at the booth throughout the weekend.

In addition, we had on display our FHS postcards, note cards. The book on Fenton Missouri was also for sale with those proceeds going to Fenton City Hall.

George put up a wonderful miniature Fenton historical display for conference goers to view.



### 2012 SPRING LUNCHEON



- ➔ **2012 ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON** will be held on Saturday, April 28th at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center.
- ➔ **LOOKING FOR A QUILT DONATION** for the Spring Luncheon for the Quilt Raffle.
- ➔ **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS for the Silent Auction Acquisition Committee** for the Spring Luncheon. The committee is just being formed and they will begin their work in gathering outstanding items.

For more information, call 636-326-0808



### THIRD ANNUAL BOOK FAIR UPDATE

The Book Fair was held on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Swantner House.

So many books – so many bargains. We had a wonderful turnout and a number of people went away with some real finds.

Thanks to all who donated and assisted in the set-up, selling books and the clean-up.



### Annual Christmas Open House Update

The open house was held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Swantner House.

The house was decorated for the holidays and our many visitors were treated to some local history and holiday treats.

Every Wednesday, there is a member present at the Swantner House for visitors. Come on by and see what is new at the museum.

***"A People without history  
Is Not redeemed from time,  
for history is a pattern  
Of timeless moments."***

--T. S. Eliot, Four Quartets, 1942  
(world famed poet, St. Louis resident)

### Fun Fenton Historical Fact

Due to its proximity to fertile land and the Meramec River, the Fenton area has been inhabited for over 1,000 years. The earliest proof of ancient dwellers was excavated from the "Fenton Mounds", two conical, earthen burial mounds located near the southwestern border of Fenton. Diagnostic pottery shards from the mounds indicate they date from the Mississippian times, A.D. 1050 - 1400.

To share a Fenton historical fact, please send to [nancy.confer@cenveo.com](mailto:nancy.confer@cenveo.com) to be included in the next newsletter.

### Tips for the Journey into Your Family's Past

Try searching through the St. Louis Genealogical Society web site: [www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org). The St. Louis Genealogical Society website contains hundreds of pages with the names of persons associated with the St. Louis area.

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