

## **Jackson County Historical Society**

The Jackson County Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization located on the historic courthouse square in Independence, Missouri, celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary of incorporation in 2008.

Although the Society has roots dating back to 1909, it formally organized in 1940 and officially incorporated in 1958. Jackson County has a unique, rich history.

We are dedicated to the preservation and understanding of our heritage and to promoting the study, appreciation, and interpretation of local and regional history. Membership dues, gifts, donations, and grants primarily accomplish our operation. Gifts (including membership dues) are tax deductible. We offer a variety of products, services and programs at sites we own or operate:

- [1859 Jail, Marshal's Home & Museum](http://www.jchs.org/jail/museum.html) (www.jchs.org/jail/museum.html)
- [Archives, Research Library](http://www.jchs.org/archives/archives.html) (www.jchs.org/archives/archives.html)
- [Bookshop](http://store.jchs.org/) (http://store.jchs.org/)

**Just say, "YES"**  
(Join online at <http://store.jchs.org/>)

**I want to support the Jackson County Historical Society by becoming a member.**

Members receive the following benefits:

- FREE subscription to the "Jackson County Historical Society JOURNAL," a scholarly, informative periodical about Jackson County history published twice annually;
- FREE admission to 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home & Museum, Independence, Mo.;
- FREE admission to the John Wornall House Museum, Kansas City, Mo.;
- FREE admission to the JCHS Archives and Research Library, Independence, Mo.;
- FREE admission to the Truman Courtroom & Office, Independence, Mo. (currently closed for renovations);
- 10% discount on JCHS Bookshop and 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum Gift Shop purchases;
- Special invitations to Society events and functions;
- FREE subscription to the Society's monthly HistorE-Calendar

Membership categories range from \$25 and upwards, **depending on the level of support you wish to contribute.**

**A membership application is on the following page.**

## **Jackson County Historical Society MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Join the prestigious membership of the Jackson County Historical Society. Use our secure online membership registration service at <http://store.jchs.org/> **OR** print and return this page with dues to:

**Jackson County Historical Society  
P. O. Box 4241  
Independence, MO 64051-4241  
816.461.1897**

Annual membership good from the date you join. We will mail you a reminder as that date approaches. Choose your level of tax-deductible support:

Student/Educator/Veteran Senior	\$25.00
Individual	\$35.00
Family	\$50.00
Patron	\$75.00
Patron Family	\$100.00
1859 Guild Member	\$250.00
1859 Guild Supporter	\$500.00
1859 Guild Sponsor	\$1,000 +
1859 Guild Benefactor	\$2,500 +
1859 Guild Patron	\$5,000 +
1859 Guild Sustainer	\$10,000 +
1859 Guild Heritage Membership	\$20,000 +

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK payable to "JCHS," or VISA/MC/DISCOVER Card No:

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code (3 digits on back) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you in advance of your support of our mission!***

# **“Beyond membership, how can I/we be a part of the Jackson County Historical Society’s worthy and exciting mission?”**

## **Thank you for asking!**

Join the JCHS [1859 Guild](#), an enhanced membership level. Pledge this charitable contribution *annually*.

Give *gift memberships* as presents to friends, family, co-workers or colleagues, in lieu of “stuff” nobody really needs.

Encourage family, friends, acquaintances, business associates, social and country club members, and organizational colleagues to consider supporting JCHS as a way to “think globally and help locally.”

Visit our sites, attend our educational programs, and use our historical collections.

Volunteer at one of our sites.

Use your sphere of influence (that is, your varied connections) to leverage corporate or institutional ANNUAL gifts to JCHS. Increase visibility of the mission, products, programs and services of JCHS at every opportunity.

Serve on a Board committee, and make meaningful contributions to the agenda.

Think of *creative ways* that JCHS may continue to attract revenue and financial resources, while simultaneously educating the public about the products, programs and services underlying its mission.

Last, but not least, the final act pertinent to each and every one of us . . . consider a generous gift to the Jackson County Historical Society in your estate planning. “You can’t take it with you,” but you can leave a lasting legacy that will greatly benefit this worthy organization’s mission.