Papers have been filed with the Missouri Secretary of State and it is official. The HCJ Foundation is now registered with the state and ready to get down to business.

This past summer the HCJ Board of Directors approved Articles of Incorporation and recommended By-Laws for the new foundation. That gave HCJ officers Steve Veile and Lois Heldenbrand the green light to file the necessary paperwork and to begin selection of the Foundation’s first board of trustees.

The incorporation papers specify that the board of trustees must include an attorney, a certified public accountant and a banker. All trustees must be HCJ members. “Our goal is to have a board of trustees that is competent and that will be good stewards of the money that is donated to the Foundation,” said Veile. “It is vitally important to us that the trustees be people of integrity who have good business sense, as well as an appreciation for historic preservation.” Voting members of the board of trustees will include: Mark Johnson, Lyle Rosburg, Stephen Stark, Kenneth Winn, Barbara Fitzgerald, Cathy Bordner, Heldenbrand and Veile. Ex-officio members of the board will be HCJ officers Laura Ward, Debbie Goldammer and Mary Ann Hall.

The first meeting of the board of trustees will be in January. The board is then expected to apply to the IRS for 501(c)(3) tax status allowing it to accept contributions as a tax exempt non-profit organization in order to provide tax benefits to donors.

What's to Become of the Old Cole County Jail?

The completion of the new Cole County Jail is projected for October 2010. In the meantime our Cole County Commissioners will decide the fate of the old jail located at the northwest corner of the Cole County Courthouse. The Romanesque Revival Courthouse was built in 1894 with the jail added in 1936 in the same architectural style. The second floor originally served as a residence for the jailer. In 1972 the Courthouse, Jail and Sheriff’s House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As to the fate of the old jail, Sheriff Greg White said, “Ultimately that decision rests with the Cole County Commission. The office of Sheriff still needs a detention area for the court’s operation. My hope is the lower level be reconfigured internally for a good holding area.” He added, “It is a beautiful old facility, particularly when you include the old Sheriff’s residence.” Stay tuned to this one, folks!
Member Financial Support Makes HCJ Effective

We have spent much of this year trying to improve the economic well-being of the Historic City of Jefferson. For more than 25 years our programs and activities have been bolstered by the many volunteers who make these events happen. Without people like you who volunteer their time and effort for the good of the organization, we wouldn’t have an organization. But the reality of life is that even organizations like HCJ must have significant financial resources if we are to be effective. Membership dues give us a nice base of support. But, we can only move to “the next level” as an organization if we can attract additional financial resources.

So, this year we established the Thomas Lawson Price Society. It is a unique group of members who have stepped forward and made a commitment to contribute $1,000 to HCJ over a five year period. A pledge drive was held earlier this year and 12 HCJ members became charter members of the TLP Society almost immediately. It was a great start and with the charter year about to close, we anticipate additional TLP members coming on board by December 31.

The HCJ board of directors has been looking at short term funding options, and long term, as well. It was recognized that a vehicle was needed to encourage planned giving to support the organization. And so, the HCJ Foundation was born. Through the Foundation, individuals who support our mission can leave bequests, make memorial contributions honoring a loved one, or donate money or property. There will be tax benefits for the donors and additional resources for HCJ to enhance our educational programming and to encourage historic preservation in our community.

If you would like to become a charter member of the TLP Society or if you would like to donate to the HCJ Foundation, please feel free to contact me for more information. Your support would mean much to HCJ and to our preservation efforts. You can reach me at 635-8667 or by e-mail at steveveile@mchsi.com.
Last Call for Charter Membership In TLP Society

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of the Thomas Lawson Price Society, now is a good time to do so. Members who join the Society by December 31 of this year will still be considered charter members of the new group. There are a few “perks” associated with membership.

Charter members will have their names engraved on a plaque that will be on display at the HCJ annual meeting and will hang in a prominent place in the HCJ office. (You are right—there is no HCJ office yet. But, if we get enough people to join the TLP Society, maybe someday there will be?) Special educational and social events are held for TLP Society members throughout the year. But most of all, members have the satisfaction of knowing they have helped the Historic City of Jefferson become an even stronger and more effective organization.

All you need to do to join the TLP Society is to make a pledge of a $1,000 contribution to HCJ, payable in installments over a five year period. A down payment of at least $200 is required with your application for TLP Society membership. You will be billed for the balance due each year until your pledge is fulfilled. Of course, if you prefer to pay in full up-front, nobody will complain.

To apply, or for more information, contact Steve Veile at 635-8667 or steveveile@mchsi.com

Wallendorf Log Cabin Program Big Success

Historian Mark Schreiber provided a fascinating program on the impact of the Civil War on Jefferson City and on Missouri as part of a tour of the Wallendorf Log Cabin on Sunday, Oct. 4. Nearly 100 people took the tour.

The 160 year old cabin, now located on property behind the Missouri Farm Bureau building, was opened up to HCJ members by the Farm Bureau for touring and historic interpretation. It was relocated from the W. Edgewood/179 area to save it from demolition. Legend has it that Civil War General Sterling Price stayed at this cabin.

We are grateful to the Missouri Farm Bureau for its hospitality, which included providing refreshments for guests in an auditorium in the Farm Bureau building.

Historian Mark Schreiber (above) tells visitors about the civil war and General Sterling Price who apparently stayed at the Wallendorf log cabin.

Below, Docent Cathy Rutledge tells visitors about the living area of the 160 year old log cabin.
Located on the first lot south of Prison Brews, 319 Ash Street was the HCJ recipient of the August Golden Hammer award and for good reason. Owner Debbie Brown has renovated this and 317 Ash. She also owns and renovated the Prison Brews building. This is spurring an impressive revitalization of the neighborhood that had become an eyesore.

The houses were in a state of decay after decades of neglect. "I can walk into a property and see things we could do here; even as junky as they are when you start," Ms. Brown says of her vision for the properties. Inside 319 is a restored pocket door and an original pearl-tile fireplace. In back is a charming carriage house and a two-story deck was added.
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Outside the Walls—Part II

What was the community like that lived outside the MSP Walls?

This is second of a two-part series on the neighborhood outside the walls of the old Missouri State Penitentiary on Capitol Ave. The first part was published in our February 2009 newsletter.

As one travels up East Capitol Ave. from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) towards the State Capitol, one finds large and extravagant homes. Robert Dallmeyer lives in one of these homes and is the fourth generation of his family to live in Jefferson City. Mr. Dallmeyer’s grandfather resided at 600 East Capitol Ave. and was in the banking business. Mr. Dallmeyer remembered several families that lived on East Capitol Ave. On the 600 block he listed the Dix family on the northwest corner of Lafayette and East Capitol Ave. This family had six children and operated a nursery. Mr. Houchin and his family lived at 611 East Capitol Ave. Among other things he operated a business on the prison grounds and made an unsuccessful run for governor as a democratic candidate. The Carsons lived at 606 East Capitol Ave. and owned a brickyard. This house had a very interesting feature. In the garage was a turntable for a car. Mr. Carson would drive his car into the garage, front first. He would then operate the turntable that the car was parked on, and turn the car until the front was facing out.

During various times in its history, the neighborhood outside the prison was a neighborhood with a community spirit. The late Dr. Henry Guhelman described his years growing up in the area. Dr. Guhelman was born in 1917 and lived at 211 Cherry St. There were several families on Cherry St. and in the surrounding area with children. He described this area as a middle class neighborhood, where everyone knew each other and got along.

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went around the top of the tower, and whistled, to show that he was awake, and ok. Then the guard at the next tower would do the same, and so on around the prison wall. These ladies remembered playing tennis on the tennis court behind the Superintendent of Prison’s House, at 700 East Capitol Ave. Warden Nash and his second wife lived next door to the Stewarts at 722 East Capitol Ave. Prisoners worked as trustees at Warden Nash’s house, and took care of their children. One of the trustees always kept bows in the hair of the Warden’s small daughter.

This neighborhood was safe. Billie would go to an evening movie and take the last bus back, getting to the last stop at Whaley’s Drug Store at Lafayette and McCarty Streets, at midnight. She would then walk two blocks home, and think nothing of it. Billie and Imogene did not recall many escapes. Although one time a prisoner did escape. Billie was at a friend’s house on McCarty. Law enforcement officers searched door to door for the escapee. They asked to search her friend’s house, and Billie’s friend said sure, but she did not think the prisoner was there.

**Billie Dawson and Imogene Stewart** stated everything was close by. Within walking distance one had Whaley’s Drug Store, Krogers and Schulte’s IGA Grocery.

The night of the prison riot, in September 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were walking home from a movie. They got home to find the street lined with patrol cars.

Former resident, **Alice Henson** stated that the prison did not affect the neighborhood. Alice and her husband Don lived in an apartment at 728 East Capitol Ave. from August 1963 to July 1965. She remembered waving at the guards. She does not remember noises or sirens from the prison. This neighborhood was very convenient. She could shop locally at Schulte’s, there was a corner gas station run by Mr. Heller, and they could go to the show on High St., and she could walk downtown.

**Eileen Bowman** and her husband, the late Ron Bowman lived at 718 East Capitol Ave. for two years in the early 1970s. Eileen loved the house and the neighborhood. It was within walking distance of everything. In addition to the grocery store that was close by, Jefferson City Bakery was at the corner of McCarty and Lafayette. Eileen would walk with her young daughter to the library for story hour. For the most part the Bowmans did not think anything of the prison, although Ron was bothered by the whistling of the guards every 15 minutes. Trustees worked for the warden next door. Eileen remembered one particular trustee who loved cars, and always talked about cars.

Today, with businesses like O’Donoghue’s Steak and Seafood Restaurant and Prison Brews as well as a new business on the northwest corner of Ash and High, more people are enjoying Jefferson City’s eastside, outside the walls. This area is considered as an area with great potential. Hopefully it will again be considered one of Jefferson City’s highlights.
Christmas Tea  
Reception for members of the Thomas Lawson Price Society.  
For information, or to join the TLP Society call 635-8667.  

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