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THE STORY OF

# ROLLA

MISSOURI

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C O N C L U S I O N

THIS, OUR STORY OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, HAS NOW COME TO AN END.

It is now July 4, 1974. The work was begun on January 7, 1967 - so it has taken Seven Years and, lacking three days, an additional six months of highly professional time for the two of us - Clair and Bonita Mann - to do the job.

In the process, our first concern was the necessary research and assembly of facts. For this purpose, we assembled and tabulated the facts on 12,000 3x5 inch library index cards - plus the contents of some 500 manila filing envelopes of 9½ x 12 inch size. In actual time spent and recorded, the cards cost us \$40.00 per hundred. The envelopes were valued at \$2.00 each. These items sum up to \$5,800.00.

To produce the typewritten text, it was first necessary to compose an original "SCRIPT" ( we call it Copy "A"), on which additions or changes could be made, and from which the final THREE copies were made - the original MASTER COPY ( Copy No. 1) - the Sub-Master Copy ( Carbon copy ) designated as "Copy No. 2 .. and Copy No. 3, on transparent tracing paper, suitable for re-copying by diazo, blue print, or Xerox methods.

The ORIGINAL SCRIPT ( Copy "A"), made up from the library index cards and the manila envelope files, cost us, in recorded time, some TWO DOLLARS per page. The other three copies ( Nos. 1-2-3 ) cost some \$1.00 each - a total of FIVE DOLLARS PER PAGE. This, for the 1060 pages of finished text, amounts to \$5,300.00

Any project such as this should include charges for room rent, utility service, and materials used. A charge of \$20.00 per month is low, for the rooms and utilities used on the project. For 7½ years at that rate ( \$240 per year ) totals \$1,800.00.

Typewriter service, paper, ribbons, and carbon paper used total not less than \$100.00. Combining the four items, we have a total as follows:

Cards, Envelopes, Research .....	\$5,800.00
Writing Script and Text .....	5,300.00
Rental and Utilities .....	1,800.00
Materials used .....	100.00
Grand Total ....	\$13,000.00

For doing this work, we have received absolutely no outside financial help or compensation. It has been wholly a work of love, for the good of the town in which we have lived these past 54 years.

A Few Comments On The Work.- There are those who might wish we had followed customary listing of sources - as footnotes. WE POSITIVELY DECIDED NOT TO DO THIS. Two of our former books, so produced, made it easy for others, using the footnotes, to make and print plagiarized copies. That should NOT happen again! In the main, our materials are positively accurate, as our reference cards show. We shall NOT publicize the cards.

In too many instances, we were obliged to omit dates ( as for church pastors), or other important data - because of lack of time to accululate, or non-availability. Other workers may be able to supply the lacking data.

Our subdivision of TEXT into the FOURTEEN periods or "chapters" ( 1 to 14 ) was adopted as a means of writing up some of the periods before previous ones were completed. Some sequence of events determined the division points between periods.

We fully realize that the work is more of an "encyclopedia" than a casual reader's book. Our hope is that we may be able to produce a "condensed" edition suitable for press printing and distribution.

With these comments, we now say -- " May you read - and in doing so, learn something about Rolla you did not know before. May you become prouder of your town because of the story unfolded. To all concerned, we say "Adieu" - and may God bless you all."

Clair V. Mann and Bonita H. Mann, authors.