

**REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
(Summer 2006)**

The Historical Society for the Western District of Missouri continued to position itself to launch a significant three to five year campaign, in the interest of raising approximately \$750,000 to build out a Learning Center and Museum in the Bell Room of the Charles E. Whittaker Courthouse in Kansas City. In that effort, the local chapter has undertaken the following steps:

1. It has opened a Fund for the receipt of contributions at the Greater Kansas City Charitable Foundation. One law firm has made a contribution of \$16,500 (out of a total pledge of \$25,000) and a member of the Society has made a \$1,000 contribution.
2. It has a professional fundraiser to offer guidance in how to frame and sell the retained project and how to undertake aggressive, sophisticated fundraising efforts in the community – particularly with foundations. If the local chapter is to be successful in reaching its stated goal, it will have to enlist more than law firm contributors. This individual fundraiser has contacts with foundation representatives.

As its fundraiser has made clear, the chapter has to have a viable, workable theme for its project if it is to succeed in raising the amounts it believes is needed to construct a first class structure. That will be the goal this year.