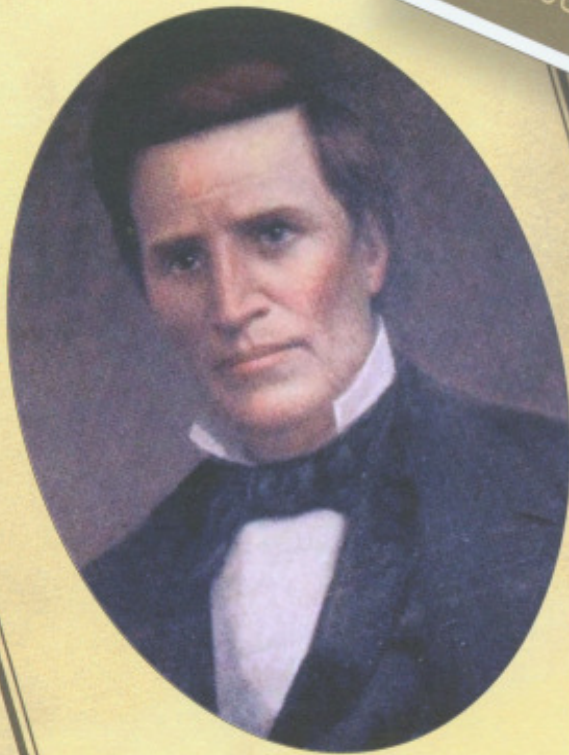


Commemoration

of the 200th Birthday of
An American and Missouri Hero
July 9, 1808 - July 9, 2008



My dear General,
I understand it is
the wish of the Missouri Volunteers
to take the cannon captured
from them to their State, when they
return; to which I have no objection,
and will thank you to communicate
this to Mr Doniphan
if he is not left Sallibio for
some days, & permit him to
bring down the cannon
with him -
With respect & esteem
Your friend
J. Taylor
Sallibio

Alexander
William Doniphan

July 9, 2008 -- 7:00 p.m.

John Gano Memorial Chapel

William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri

Alexander W. Doniphan

Community Service Award

The Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award is given based upon the outstanding characteristics of Alexander Doniphan in the following areas: Education, Jurisprudence, Statesmanship, Patriotism in Defense of Country, and Success in Business. This award is co-sponsored by the Liberty Missouri Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and The Clay County Millennium Historical Board. It recognizes a person in the community who exemplifies these characteristics. Since the award's 2003 inception, past recipients include Judge R. Kenneth Elliott, John and Mary Pritchard, Mr. John A. Dillingham, and Mrs. Juarenne Hester.

The 2008 Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award recipient is Raymond Brock, Jr. Mr. Brock (Ray) was born in Kansas City and has been a resident of Liberty since 1937. He attended William Jewell College earning an A.B. degree in economics. He served in the United States Navy from 1952-1954.

Joining Charles F. Curry Real Estate Co. in 1954, Brock was named President in 1977. He purchased the Curry Family interests and became owner of Curry Investment Co., Charles F. Curry Real Estate Co., and Curry Association Management in December 1980. He has remained chairman since 2000.



Raymond Brock, Jr.

Raymond Brock has been honored for his contributions to the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, William T. Kemper Foundation, Commerce Bank Foundation, Metropolitan Kansas City Board of Realtors, Salvation Army Advisory Board Kansas City Division, Clay County Parks and Recreation Board, Liberty Hospital Foundation, Clay County Economic Development Council, and many other civic organizations. He has also received the William F. Yates Medallion for Distinguished Civic Service.

He and his wife, Linnea, are parents of four daughters - Carol, Amy, Ellen and Lisa. The Brocks have 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A modern day pioneer, Mr. Brock commented, "I am surprised, appreciative, and flattered to have my name even remotely associated with this great man--a real hero in Clay County, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and my alma mater William Jewell College."

Honors and Accomplishments of Alexander W. Doniphan

The Hall of Famous Missourians Dedication — Alexander W. Doniphan was selected for inclusion in this elite group by Missouri House Speaker, Rod Jetton. Doniphan's bust, designed by noted sculptress, Sabra Tull Meyer, will take its place among some 30 others which occupy the third floor of the rotunda in the State Capitol. Doniphan joins other famous Missourians including former Governor and U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, President Harry S Truman, cartoonist Walt Disney, Buck O'Neal, Lamar Hunt, and Joyce C. Hall.

William Jewell College Hall of Fame — Doniphan is among honored founders, educators and philanthropists. He joined with Major Alvin Lightburne and others ("The Lightburne Society") as founders of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, nearly 159 years ago. The college is well known for its long history in liberal arts education.

The first Clay County School Commissioner — As a leader in education, Doniphan's name appears as trustee of a number of early schools in Missouri.

Ft. Leavenworth Hall of Fame (U.S. Army), Bell Hall — Alexander Doniphan is one of nine distinguished pre-Civil War honorees. Other honorees date from WWI through post WWII including LGA Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Colin L. Powell, and Gen. William C. Westmoreland. An American hero, Doniphan was the Brigade Commander in the Missouri State Militia, traveling more than 6,000 miles within 12 months. It was during this time (1846-1847) he fought three important battles—Brazito, Sacramento, and El Paso—conquering the states of Mexico and Chihuahua.

A Missouri legislator of the Whig Party — Elected to represent Clay County in 1836, 1840, and 1854, Doniphan was instrumental in organizing Caldwell and Daviess counties.

Washington Peace Conference — Doniphan was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln as a delegate to the conference in 1861.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — In 1838, as a Brigadier General of the Missouri State Militia, he refused a direct order to execute Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the Church. That action saved Smith's life and those of other church leaders. Today the Church has grown to more than 13 million members worldwide.



Alexander W. Doniphan

Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award

John Gano Memorial Chapel
William Jewell College
7:00 p.m., July 9, 2008

Welcome and Introductions	Tony Sarver, Co-chair, Alexander W. Doniphan Award Selection Committee
Presentation of Colors	Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard
National Anthem	Phil Schaefer, Assistant Professor of Music, William Jewell College
Pledge of Allegiance	Alexander Doniphan Elementary School Students
Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Missouri	Karen Robinson, Regent, Alexander Doniphan Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
<p><i>“I pledge allegiance also to the State of Missouri and to the ideals for which it stands. United with other states for the benefit of all, we march forward to a greater America.”</i></p>	
Invocation	Rev. David Culver, Senior Minister, Liberty Christian Church
Welcome	Dr. David L. Sallee, President, William Jewell College
“The Bicentennial Celebration”	John A. Dillingham, Chairman, Clay County Millennium Historical Board

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Past Recipients of the Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award



**Alexander W. Doniphan
Community Service
Award**

2002—Judge R. Kenneth Elliott. The Judge’s dedication to youth as Circuit Court Judge of Clay County, 1958-1991; service to country as a Brigadier General in the JAG Corps of the U.S. Air Force; passion for history; vision for the future; love for people; and commitment to justice are all part of his character.

2003—John and Mary Pritchard. Founders of Habitat for Humanity in Kansas City; leaders in their church, educational community, numerous charitable organizations and community activities exemplified their commitment to service of others.

2005—John A. Dillingham. Leading citizen, decorated soldier, friend of education, businessman and economic developer, civic leader, philanthropist, historian, and vision are traits of this “mover and shaker” of the status quo.

2007—Juarenne Hester. Teacher extraordinaire, advocate for education and the arts, community leader, city council member, chair and/or co-chair of numerous service organizations, and church leader all reflect her great love for people and desire to serve.

and Hall of Famous Missourians Dedication

Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award

Introduction of Raymond R. Brock 2008 Award Recipient	Detlef G. Lehnardt, President, Liberty Missouri Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Presentation of Award	Detlef Lehnardt and John Dillingham
Response	Raymond R. Brock

Hall of Famous Missourians Dedication of Alexander W. Doniphan Bust

“Alexander Doniphan -- Community, State and National Service”	Dr. Christian Sizemore, Past President, William Jewell College
“Alexander Doniphan-- Service to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints”	Maury Schooff, Area Authority Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
“Alexander Doniphan March”	Dr. Calvin C. Permenter, Professor of Music, William Jewell College
Presentation and Unveiling	Hon. Rod Jetton, Speaker, Missouri House of Representatives
Benediction	Elder Gerald Tedrow, Director Liberty Historic Jail Site
Retirement of Colors	Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard

Reception: Gano Assembly Room

Hall of Famous Missourians Dedication

The Hall of Famous Missourians honors individuals who have been recognized for outstanding achievement or notoriety contributing to the Show-Me State. The hall houses a collection of bronze busts depicting these Missourians and plaques describing their accomplishments and history. More than 30 busts occupy the third floor rotunda of the state capitol. Honorees are selected by the current Speaker of the Missouri House.

Alexander William Doniphan has been selected by Speaker of the Missouri House, The Honorable Rod Jetton, to be inducted into this distinguished group of individuals. Mr. Jetton will perform the unveiling and dedicate the bronze bust of Doniphan.

Sabra Tull Meyer, a sculptress who has worked in bronze for more than 30 years, was commissioned to design the Doniphan bust. Her work may be found in numerous public locations and private collections across the nation. She is a native Missourian with a Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from the University of Missouri. She is listed in the archives of The National Museum of Women in the Arts.



**Alexander W. Doniphan
bust for the Hall of
Famous Missourians**

Biography of Alexander W. Doniphan

Statesman and Christian gentleman, Alexander William Doniphan was born near Maysville in Mason County, Kentucky, on July 9, 1808, and died in Richmond, Ray County, Missouri, on August 8, 1887, at the age of 79.

Descending from Revolutionary War ancestry, Doniphan graduated from Augusta College in Kentucky in 1827 at age 19. After studying law in 1829, he was admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio and Kentucky. In 1830 he relocated to Lafayette County, Missouri, where he began his practice of law. Within a few years, he traveled to Liberty, Clay County, where he became known as a fearless orator in the courts of law.



In 1837 he married Elizabeth Jane Thornton, a daughter of Col. John Thornton, one of the county's first settlers. During his residence of 30 years, he held his place as a leading citizen giving the best of his abilities to Clay County's development.

A founder of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, Doniphan was a strong supporter of many educational endeavors. His name appears as a trustee of a number of early schools. In 1853, he became the first Clay County School Commissioner.

In December of 1836 while serving as a Missouri state legislator, Doniphan organized Caldwell and Daviess counties as a home for the Mormons. Two years later, Brigadier General Doniphan was ordered by General Lucas of the State Militia to execute Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He flatly refused the direct order stating that, "It is cold-blooded murder." His disobedience could have led to his own court martial. That refusal saved the lives of Joseph Smith and other church leaders who were with him.



*Jewell Hall on the
campus of William
Jewell College dates
back to 1852*

Biography (continued)

During his legal and military career, he sought to use the power of government to remake society into something better. He was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln to serve as a delegate to the Washington Peace Conference in 1861. In 1862 he moved to St. Louis where he worked as a lawyer with the Missouri Claims Commission seeking pensions for refugees during the Civil War.

Doniphan led one of the most famous military expeditions in American history to Old Mexico in 1846-1847. He organized a mounted regiment of Missouri volunteers that formed part of Stephen W. Kearny's force in his march on Santa Fe. Doniphan was left in command in New Mexico where he subdued and made peace with the Navajo. Pushing through one successful engagement after another, covering some 3,600 miles through adverse circumstances, he was commended by Zachary Taylor at Monterrey.



Doniphan and his men returned to St. Louis, where a lavish reception was held for him and his Missouri Volunteers recognizing their display of nationalism and patriotism. Later in his life he relocated to Richmond, Ray County, Missouri, where he practiced law until his death. He is buried in Liberty, Missouri, beside his wife and two sons.

Alexander Doniphan has imprinted qualities of Christ-like compassion, his love for education, extension of social justice, and remarkable patriotism into our hearts that can be seen throughout Clay County leadership today.



Liberty Jail where the Prophet Joseph Smith was imprisoned from December 1, 1838 through April 6, 1839

Alexander W. Doniphan Bicentennial Celebration

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