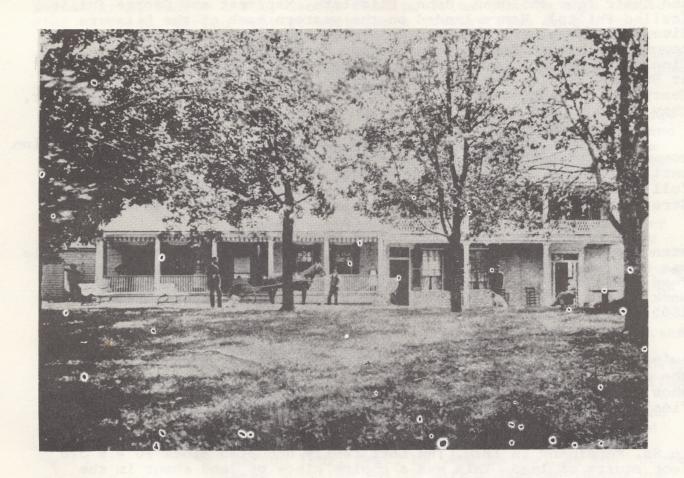
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Taille de Noyer

This photograph of Taille de Noyer was recently acquired by the Society and is believed to have been taken during the early part of 1900.

The Lott Family

by Walter A. Lott

Henry Lott was in the vanguard of his countrymen who left Germany during the Revolution of 1848. Accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth and their four children, John, Elizabeth, Margaret and George Philip (called Philip), Henry landed on the western bank of the Delaware River in Pennsylvania. They didn't stay in Pennsylvania, but with his countrymen headed for what was termed the German Triangle - Milwaukee, Cincinnati and St. Louis. Henry and his family settled in St. Louis at 9th and Biddle. The younger children attended St. Joseph's School. Henry and John obtained employment at the docks unloading boats. Later, they moved to 166 Biddle, a location closer to the boats.

Henry Lott and his son opened a feed store at 136 Carr - a location convenient to both their home and the docks. John tended the store until it became an established enterprise, and then both devoted full time to its operation. Philip worked as a cook at 130 N. 10th Street. Another son, Henry Lott was born on January 13, 1851.

The feed store was a successful venture and improved their standard of living. The community was mostly German and because of this was not very different from their fatherland. In 1860, they sold the feed store to Andrew Grener, and Henry and John returned to their work at the docks. Philip worked as a clerk in the feed store from 1865 through 1869.

John joined the Third Missouri volunteers in April, 1861. After helping save St. Louis with its important arsenal, they shared in the defeat at Wilson's Creek and lost most of their men. John was shot in the hip and left on the field for three days. When he was finally found, blood poison had developed and caused his death.

Henry and his family were part of a group of Germans who settled in St. Ferdinand in 1870. The Lott family occupied Block 20 - a 320 foot square of land. This was a choice piece of land about in the center of St. Ferdinand - located between St. Louis, Hyatt (present Florissant Rd.), St. Francois and Brown. The Beller family occupied blocks 7, 18 and 19. This family included Marcus and Mary and their children Philomena, Mary Theresa and George. Philip Lott married Mary Theresa in the early part of 1872. In addition to helping his father with the farm choces, Philip did harness work for his neighbors.

Philip's sister, Elizabeth married Henry Herman Bockrath, proprietor of a General Store on Main Street in Florissant. He later sold the business and moved to Jefferson City where he was associated in the manufacturing of shoes.

Margaret Lott married Andrew Grener, proprietor of the feed store.

During 1874, a son was born to Philip and Mary and was baptized John Henry Lott. On January 3, 1876, a second son was born and baptized Herman Harry Lott. A daughter, Elizabeth Mary was born on July 28, 1878. Another son, Andrew Henry Lott was born on October 26, 1883. Philip and his family returned to St. Louis; the two boys, John and Herman were enrolled in trade school - John studying jewelry engraving and Herman learning watch-making. The other children attended grade school. Another addition to the family arrived on September 2, 1887 - a son, George Philip. Twins born to this couple died at birth. Herman went to work for a jewelry firm in the hope of learning the business - his salary - 50¢ a week. Herman was 11 years old at this time. Henry was with another jewelry firm finishing his course in engraving. He promised his mother that he would see that the younger children would stay in school.

Elizabeth Lott (mother of Philip) died April 7, 1884 at the age of 75. Henry (her husband) whose hobby was reading, became blind and spent his remaining years with his daughter and son-in-law, Andrew Grener in St. Louis. He died May 13, 1886 at the age of 78, and was buried from Sacred Heart Church in Florissant. He and his wife are buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Philip's brother, Henry married Catherine Reller, the daughter of William Reller, a Florissant farmer, on January 24, 1882. Eight children were born to this union - Elizabeth, Herman, George, Margaret, Joseph, Francis, Christine and Mary. Two of these children, Margaret Lott Overy and Francis Bryan are still living and reside in Florissant,

When Philip Lott and his family left Florissant, he was promised a job with a furniture factory. He worked there until the company went bankrupt. While in Florissant, Philip did harness work in addition to farming. After the furniture factory closed, he was unable to find employment. Finally, he secured a position with a work clothes manufacturer. The work was done at home - basting work on pants and sewing of buttons. Large bundles of this clothing had to be picked up and delivered by way of the street car. This was difficult and Philip did not keep the job long. Next, he went to work at the docks unloading boats. The work supplied Philip with a limited income and some free time between boats. He began to visit with friends in the nearby saloon and spent money that was needed for bread for the table soon, "the wolf was at the door." Mary took in washing and the two older children, John and Herman, did a little begging - they found a cooperative restaurant at 7th and St. Charles who would fill their baskets with left-overs and their bucket with soup. On a Friday, Herman's boss agreed to pay him an extra dollar that Saturday. Herman was happy to take some of the pressure off of his mother with this raise -

but before the raise came, his mother died - Friday, September 14, 1892 at the age of 42. They were living at 1221 N. 13th Street at this time. Herman often reminisced that his mother never knew about his good fortune. Philip died September 6, 1894 at the age of 45. He was living at 1211 Biddle Street. John and Herman decided to keep the family together. John was 22 and Herman was 19 and both were working in the jewelry business. Elizabeth who was sixteen was still in school George and Andrew helped their older brothers and sister with the house-hold chores. At this time, they were living at 1729 N. 9th Street.

Marcus Beller died early in 1891. Records are unavailable concerning his wife's death, but it is believed that she died before Marcus. He left his property (block 19) to his oldest daughter, Philomena who married John S. Daake. He left blocks 7 and 18 to Mary Theresa and 40 acres at Cross Keys to his son George.

Herman Lott met Margaret Elizabeth Tackaberry at a church picnic. They were married in the spring of 1897 at St. Henry's Church, 27 47 Rutgo Street. Because of the installation of a new sidewalk and a recent rain, the area outside of the church was muddy and caused the bride to lose a shoe. The shoe, however, was recovered and the ceremony began. The bride's mother served a breakfast to the guests, and the next day the groom returned to work. The newlyweds had a budget of 75¢ to stretch from Wednesday to Saturday. The bride took over the household which was then at 2704 Dodier Street, and a ready-made family of seven. Larger quarters were needed so the family moved to 2421 N. 10th Street. On December 26, 1898, their first son, Walter Andrew was born. This was followed by the appearance of a second son, Herman John born on December 8, 1901. In 1902, the family purchased a home at 6721 Ridge Avenue in Wellston, Mo.

Herman's brother, Andrew was employed by a landscaper and helped with the landscaping for the St. Louis World's Fair in 1903. George was still in school, but upon finishing followed his brothers into the jewelry business. Later, he went to live with his sister who had married John Booth on October 12, 1898. This move left Herman with an extraction which he promptly rented to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes was a painter by trade and helped Herman with the mixing of paint and the painting of his house. A third son, Lester John was born to Herman and Margaret on March 17, 1905.

The Geiger Farm was being subdivided at this time and Herman was the first buyer. He bought a choice piece facing Carson Road - 200 x 400 ft. Herman sold the Ridge Avenue property and moved into the farm house adjacent to his newly purchased property while his new home was being built. Because of a severe winter, the two story home and two story barn were not finished until late summer of 1906. The total cost was \$1250.00

Herman and his three brothers purchased the jewelry business from Herman's old boss, Alfred Marshall in 1906. This included some benches and equipment that was left from the firm of Calme and Marshall who at one time were one of the largest jewelry manufacturers in St. Louis. After several moves they leased space on the third floor of the Equitable Building where they reamined for 43 years. The firm was known

as the Lott Brothers Jewelry Manufacturing Co. The brothers were well qualified for their work. Herman did the platinum and diamond work; George did the jobbing or new work; Andrew took care of the repair woll John handled the engraving. Herman made and patented the LS & H automated locking friendship link bracelet. It was manufactured and sold nationwide by a New York Manufacturer.

Herman and Margaret became the proud parents of a daughter, Margaret Marie on May 6, 1909.

In the spring of 1911, Herman and Margaret sold their home and purchased a new home at 643 Clark Avenue in Webster Groves. Their children attended the Tuxedo School on the corner of Marshall and Bompart.

Herman John married Marcella Summers. They adopted a daughter, Mary Jo.

Lester John married Evelyn Thompson and they had four children - Rita, Susan Theresa, Lois and John Lester. Lester suffered a fatal heart attack on May 11, 1953 at the age of 44.

Margaret Marie married Clifford Springett in 1928. A son, Walter John was born on February 12, 1933. In 1938, Clifford died, and later Margaret married Charles Joseph Sanzotera. A son, Robert Herman was born on December 26, 1939. Another son, Charles was born on January 2, 1945 and a daughter, Mary Margaret made her appearance on May 31, 1941. The youngest, Philip Dale was born on October 22, 194

John Henry, the oldest of the four Lott Brothers (sons of Philip and Mary Theresa) suffered a stroke and was forced to retire from the business. Herman took care of the customers at the store during the day and did his own work after the store closed. He left his home at 7 A.M. and seldom returned before 11 P.M. His family saw him only on Sundays and during the Christmas season not even then.

The youngest brother, George, suffered a fatal heart attack in the spring of 1932.

Herman's wife, Margaret Elizabeth died March 28, 1948. She was 69. Herman's brother Andrew suffered a fatal heart attack on December 8, 1953. Herman continued the business with the help of his oldest son. Through the years, Herman became one of the leading platinum and diamond men in the St. Louis area. At the age of 79, Herman was forced to move his business (the Equitable building was to be torn down) and settled in the Carolton Building at 6th and Olive. He continued there until his death on Sunday, October 19, 1958. A heart attack caused his death. The business was closed and the home he purchased in 1911 was sold.

Excerpts from the St. Louis Beacon

VALUABLE PROPERTY

To Rent, or for Sale - St. Louis, Missouri.

A spacious and exceedingly convenient Brewery, now in successful operation; buildings constructed of stone, and erected within the last four years; covering a space of 90 by 100 feet; having a good dwelling house attached to them; the cellars are large and convenient - one of them is 25 by 75 feet, excavated out of the solid rock, 18 feet below the surface.

There is a constant running stream under the premises, in which there is a Pump, affording immediate and full supplies of excellent water at all times. There are two Coppers, that contain fifty barrels; three large Coolers; three Vats to hold Porter; two Tuns, together with all the necessary apparatus calculated for an extensive business, all of which have been made within the last three years; the whole complete, with a spacious Malt-House, Grainery, Horse-Mill, Drying Kiln, etc. The country being well adapted to the growth of Barley, it can be had in great abundance; one farmer will contract to furnish three thousand bushels in the next season. The property is situated on Main street, in the most thriving part of the city.

Note - Large quantities of Beer and Porter are annually imported into this city at an expense equal to fifty per centum on first coat.

ALSO, An extensive Tan-Yard, situated in a populous part of the city, running on two streets, containing 130 by 160 feet. There are upwards of 40 Vats, etc. Bark Mills, two never failing Wells, sundry Houses, etc.

Further information respecting these establishments, may be obtained by addressing (post paid)

John Mullanphy

March 2, 1829

St. Louis, Mo.

- The Editors of the Cincinnati Advertiser, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh Gazette, Pittsburg, will insert the above advertisement in their respective papers, once a week for four months, and forward their accounts to this office for payment.

This advertisement appeared in the St. Louis Beacon for several months - then - the following story appeared on November 7, 1829 in the Beacon.

St. Louis - Wednesday morning, November 4, 1829.

The extensive and valuable Brewery belonging to Mr. John Mullanphy, in the upper end of this city, was burnt down night before last. There cannot be a doubt but that it was done by an incendiary.

Two weeks ago the attempt to burn it was made, but discovered in time to prevent the conflagration. The preparation of combustible material which was got and examined, showed great skill as well as care in carrying on such diabolical work. This is probably the first instance of house-burning by incendiaries in this city, and the enormity of the crime, its pernicious example, as well as destructive consequences, make it the duty of all good city men to do all in their power to detect and bring to punishment the wicked and fagitious perpetrator of the deed.

- A reward of One Thousand Dollars is offered by the Mayor for the apprehension and conviction of the incendiary.

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Monday afternoon, April 6, 1829 - The Beacon

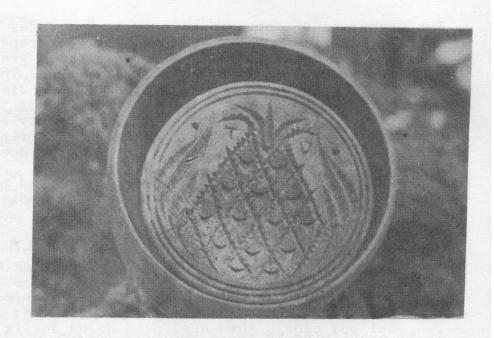
It is gratifying to those who have chosen St. Louis as a permanent location, to witness the wonderful rapidity of its improvement, and the astonishing rise of property within the last few years. Houses arose last year, in all directions, as if by the hand of magic; and yet, we have understood from the builders, that nearly twice the number have been contracted for, for the present. The value of property increases in proportion. To illustrate this, we need cite but one instance. A small corner lot, on Main-street, nearly opposite this office, was purchased about three years ago, for the inconsiderable sum of about a thousand dollars. A few days ago, its owner, Mr. John Mullanphy, refused to let it go for five thousand dollars, in cash down. Yet all this is but the inevitable consequence of a happy concurrence of circumstances. Situated on the rocky bank of one of the greatest rivers in the world, it is marked, by the hand of nature, as the place for a great city; and it is the only one within a vast region of fertile and healthy country.

Hitherto the emigration from other states, has been scattered at a distance around; the country every where presenting a most alluring aspect, particularly to the agriculturalist. But now, many of them are deserting their original settlements, and crowding in, in the neighborhood of this place, under the pleasing convictions that it will always afford a sure and good market for the surplus produce of the farm, and that their lands, instead of depreciating, will increase rapidly in value.

DID

YOU

KNOW ?



BUTTER MOLDS

Butter molds and stamps were used to add a little decoration to the butter placed on the tables of almost every 19th century home. After the butter was churned, it was pressed into molds, or shaped and then a design was pressed into the top of the butter with a stamp. In the early years butter stamps were hand carved and each family used their own unique stamp to identify the butter as a product of their farm.

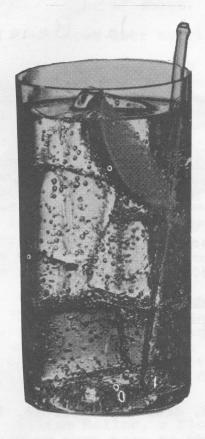
In the years immediately preceeding the Civil War, factory made molds were produced. These molds had a decoration pressed into the wood with the use of steam and pressure or the design was cut with a carving machine. Butter molds were made in a large varity of sizes, ranging from tiny individual pat sizes to a large two pound size. The most common shape is round, although molds were made in a hexagonal and an elliptical shape among others. The unusual shapes are rare.

A great variety of designs were used on the butter molds, and included stars, flowers, fruit, sheaves of wheat, initials, Pennsylvania Dutch designs, animals and any number of fanciful designs. The animals, particularly the cow and eagle are the most highly prized of the molds today.

Butter molds were usually made of hardwood, but some were made in glass and pottery. These molds are not easy to find today, as they were not widely produced, and they broke easily and many did not survive.

The use of butter molds was popular well into the 20th century, and so they are available to the collector in fair quanities.

SUMMER COOLERS



Fruit Daiquiri

3/2	c.	Light Rum
	c.	Crushed ice

3 large scoops lemon sherbert

One of the following:

4	Strawberries
½ c.	Pineapple chunks
10	Unpeeled Apricot halves
⅓ c.	Raspberries, fresh or frozen
₹c.	Blueberries
2	Pear halves

1 Peach

Blend on low speed and then high

Blend on low speed and then high speed until just smooth.

	Tropical cooles
1 c.	Crushed Pineapple, undrained
2c.	Mashed bananas
1 c.	Sugar
2 c.	Orange Juice
3 T.	Lemon juice
20	Maraschino Cherries, cut
	Dash of Salt
	Ginger ale

Tropical Cooler

Combine first seven ingredients; freeze. Cut into pieces and place in tall glasses. Cover with ginger ale, Serve with spoons and straws. Serves 4 - 6.

Mint Cooler

1 c.	Mixed mint leaves*		Orange - juice of
	Water	1	Lemon - juice of
	Sugar	1	Large bottle ginger ale.

Steep the mint in the water, boiling for 15 minutes. Strain, add the sugar and cool. Add the fruit juice, and ginger ale, serve over ice with a sprig of mint in each glass.

* Orange mint, apple mint, spearmint, Peppermint, etc.

Claret Cup

3 T.	Sugar Lemon, sliced	1	jigger each of brandy, marasching and Triple Sec.
_	Grated rind of 1 lemon	1 qt.	Sparkling Water, chilled
1 T.	Angostura bitters	2	Bottles red wine, chilled
1	Strip cucumber peel		Mint leaves.

Combine all ingredients except soda, mint and wine. Let stand for about one hour or longer and when ready to use, strain into a chilled punch bowl and add wine and soda. Garnish with mint leaves. Use a block of ice in punch bowl to keep chilled.

The Aubuchon Story

Jan Beuer

A sequel to the "Aubuchon Story" published in the Quarterly - January, 1969 and written by Mrs. Beuer.

The patronymic name of the Aubuchons is Pluchon which was changed to Aubuchon and Obuchon. (Note: I have been advised by a European resident that pluchon is a form of very soft material).

Jean Aubuchon dit L'Esperance, Merchant, son of Jean and Jeanne Gille of St. Jacques, parish of Dieppe. He was found murdered in his bed, 3 December 1685. He married Marguerite Seidelot, daughter of Louis Seidelot and Marie Grimoult.

Jean Aubuchon made a marriage contract with Marguerite Seidelot 19 September 1654 at Trois Revieres, but Marguerite wasn't yet 12 years old: The marriage was re-instated 12 April 1655.

Issue:

- 1) Mederic, bapt. 7 August 1660
- 2) Jean, bapt. 28 Sept. 1661 Trois Revieres, died September 18, 1687.
- 3) Joseph, bapt. 19 March 1664 married to Elizabeth Cusson 20 March, 1688
- 4) Jacques, bapt. 18 June 1666 married to Marie Philippe 11 Nov., 1687.
- 5) Gabriel, bapt. 13 June 1669 died 23 December 1670.
- 6) Marie, bapt. 18 January 1671.
- 7) Marguerite, bapt. 25 March 1673 married to Jean Cusson 22 Sept. 1689.
- 8) Anonymous
- 9) Marie Madeleine, bapt. 24 March 1677 married to Jacques Archambault 15 February 1694.
- 10) Elizabeth, bapt. 30 November 1678 died 31 December 1678.
- 11) Gabriel, bapt. 25 December, 1679.
- 12) Angelique, bapt. 21 September, 1681.
- 13) Marie Madeleine, bapt. 13 February 1684.
- 14) Anonymous, b and d 1 October 1685.

After the death of Jean Aubuchon, his widow Marguerite Seidelot married 2nd Pierre Lusseau at Montreal, Canada - 10 February 1687 - and had one son -

Pierre bapt. 19 August 1688.

Joseph Aubuchon married Elizabeth Cusson 20 March 1688.

Issue:

- 1) Joseph, bapt. 24 December 1688.
- 2) Marie Jeanne, bapt. 29 June 1690.
- 3) Marie Anne, bapt. 14 October 1692'.
- 4) Pierre, bapt. 26 June 1694.
- 5) Isabelle, bapt. 27 May 1696.
- 6) Jean Baptiste, bapt. 9 September 1698.
- 7) Marie Joseph, bapt. 13 August 1700 died 31 May 1703.
- 8) Elizabeth, bapt. 23 December 1701 died 23 May 1703.
- 9) Antoine, bapt.20 September 1703.
- 10) Pierre, bapt. 1712 at Kaskaskia, Ill.

Information taken from: Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes by L'Abbe Cyprien Tanguay - Volume I.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO -

Mildred Johnson and her trusty saw for cleaning up the back yard at Taille de Noyer -

Don Zykan of Zykan Brothers for donating his services to haul away the trash -

all our members and friends who serve as volunteer staffers -

Mrs. Harold Lisak and her committee for the most successful House Tour ever - and we are most grateful to all who so graciously opened their homes and gardens for our tour.

Special Events Reports

by

Mrs. Clarence W. Cherry

The Ladies Special Events Group of the Florissant Valley Historical Society, held its March Meeting in the Public Meeting Room of the North County Branch of Farm and Home Savings Association, 9601 New Halls Ferry Road - a spacious and attractive meeting room with excellent facilities to prepare luncheon.

Mrs. Clarence W. Cherry was Hostess, with Co-Hostesses: Mrs. Emory McDaniel, Mrs. Phil Sheridan and Misses Mary and Helen Krueger. A very representative "Group" membership and four guests were in attendance.

The Meeting opened with a Business Session, at which announcement was made that the feature of the April Meeting would be a visit to a "Russ David" radio Playhouse Show to be followed by a tour of the "Hickory Farms of Ohio" store in the Northland Shopping Center.

Following the Business Session and luncheon, the feature of the March Meeting was a presentation by two members of the Lee Wards Hobby Crafts Center, Florissant, who explained and demonstrated Art Neddlework and Hobby Crafts handwork articles, or creations, from materials and supplies available at this Store, which handwork creations would serve as attractive decorations in our homes, as well as suggestions for our Gift Shop and Fall Bazaar.

Our "Group" was encouraged and enthused by the very interesting and informative Lee Wards' presentation (in which the simplicity and ease of accomplishment of these artistic creations were emphasized) to explore the possibility of our individual capability to duplicate these attractive and delightful handwork creations, or articles.

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