

**Welcome to
Greene County
Trivia**

When Was Greene County Founded?

January 2, 1833.

Its boundaries encompassed most of southwest Missouri, having previously been a part of Wayne County.

Its present boundaries were finalized in 1859 after Christian County was formed

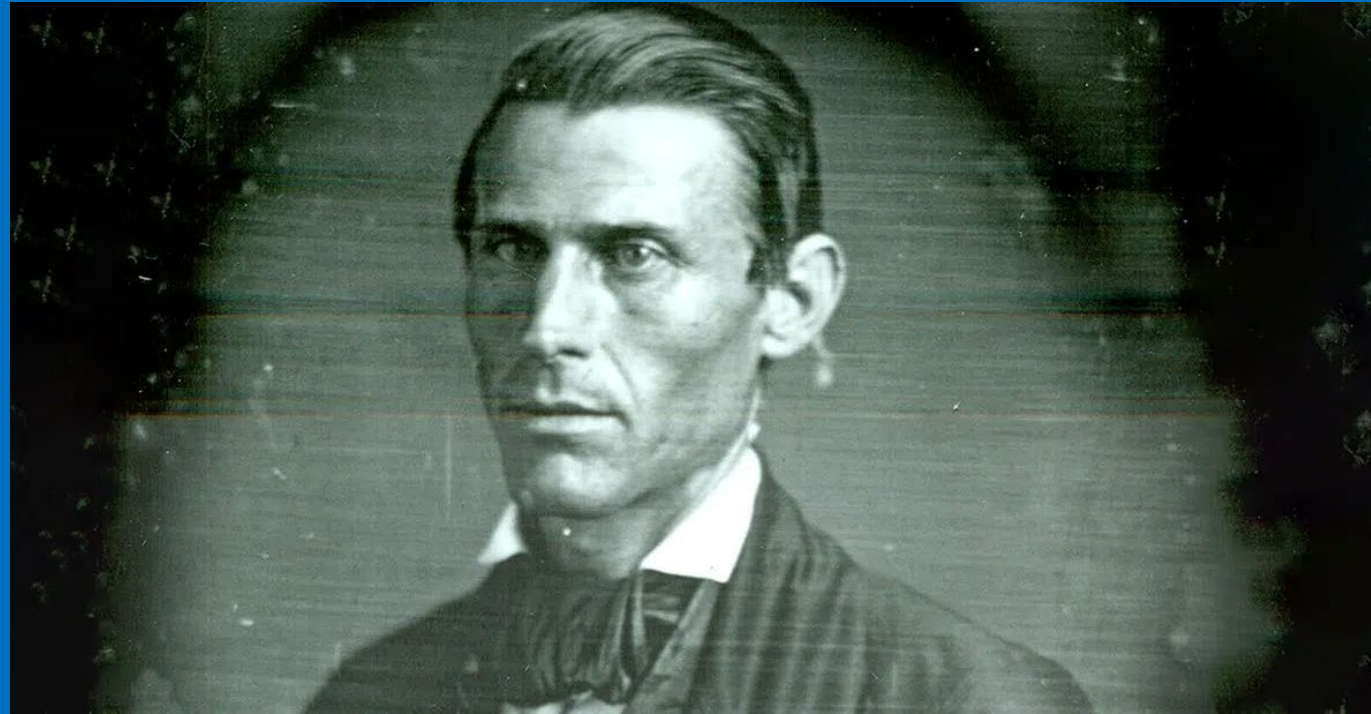
Who Was Greene County Named After?

Revolutionary War Soldier General Nathanael Greene



Where Was The First Courthouse
Located?

In log cabin owned by Springfield founder
John P. Campbell.



John P. Campbell

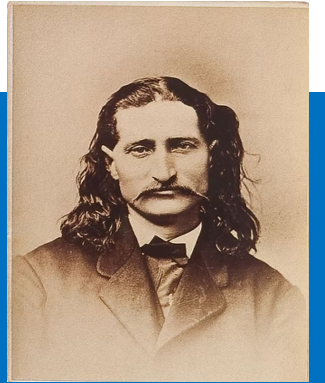
The Town Square Was Site Of?

Nation's First Quick Draw Duel – Which Took Place On July 21, 1865

Following a poker game in the Lyon House on South Street, Tutt claimed Hickok owed him money and took his pocket watch as collateral.

Tutt claimed he would wear it in public to show that Hickok didn't pay his debts.

The next day, from 75 yards away, Tutt fired a shot at Hickok, barely missing his head. Hickok fired back and killed Tutt with a bullet through the heart. The event made nationwide news.



J.B. "Wild Bill"
Hickok

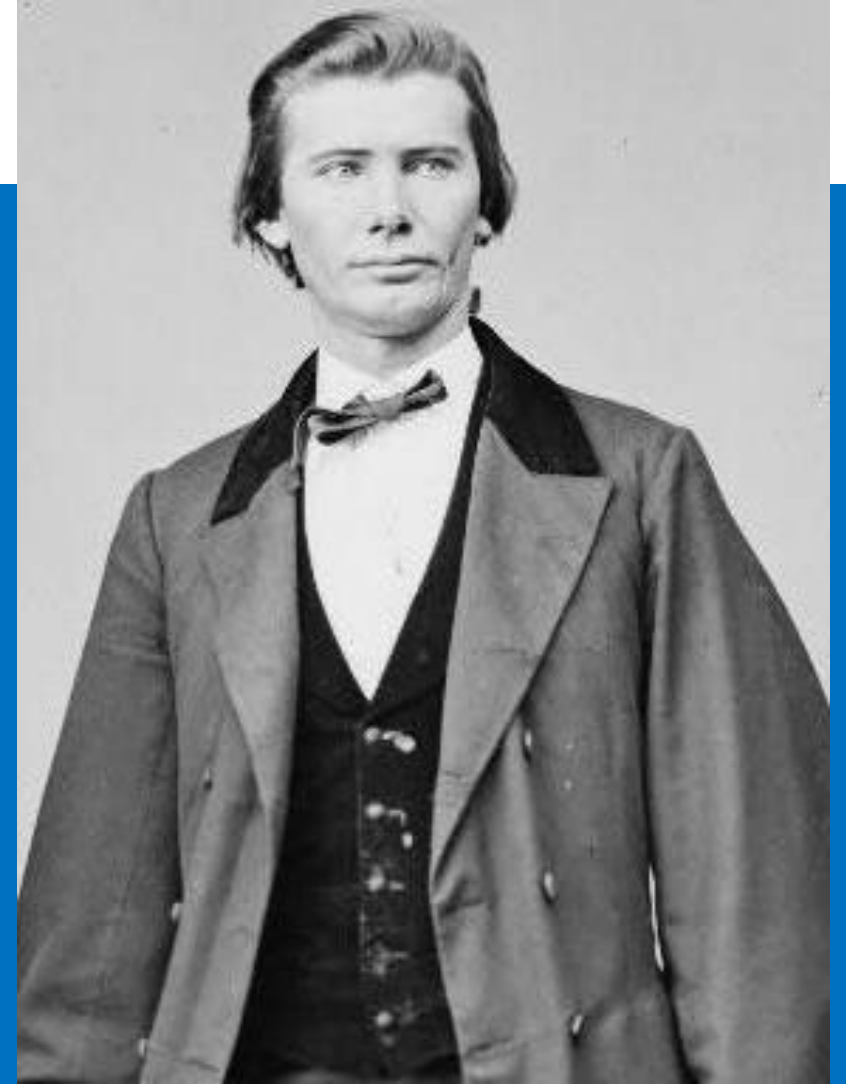


Davis K. Tutt

Who Was The Judge In The Manslaughter Trial Against Hickok? What Was The Verdict?

Sempronious H. Boyd (Pony Boyd)

After a three-day trial, the jury acquitted him of manslaughter.



Who Was The First Sheriff ?

Bonus point: Who was the First Female Sheriff?



John D. Shannon was appointed and commissioned the first sheriff in March 1833.

Bonus Answer: Helen Stewart, widow of Dan Stewart was appointed upon his death in 1895. She was also the first female sheriff in the United States

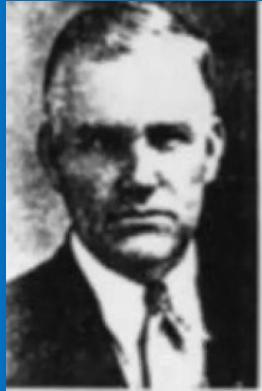
What happened in the Community of
Brookline, MO January 2, 1932?

Young Brothers Massacre

On Jan. 2, 1932, police raided a farm in search of outlaws: Harry and Jennings Young. Harry was wanted for the 1929 murder of Republic Marshal Mark Noe, and the brothers were wanted for operating a stolen auto ring.

A gunfight began, and in less than an hour, six of ten officers were killed, resulting in what would be known for decades as the worst massacre of law officers in the nation.

The brothers escaped, making their way to Houston, Texas, where three days after the massacre, they shot each other when police moved in to capture them.



Tony Oliver



Sid Meadows



Charles Houser



Wiley Mashburn



Marcell Hendrix



Ollie Crosswhite

GC Sheriff Marcell Hendrix was killed, along with Detective Wiley Mashburn, Deputy Ollie Crosswhite, Chief of Detectives Tony Oliver, Officer Charles Houser, and Detective Albert Meadows.

Springfield Has Been Known As?

"Queen City": Springfield has been known as the "Queen City of the Ozarks" since at least 1878.



Officially recognized as the birthplace of Route 66, it was in Springfield on April 30, 1926, that officials first proposed the name of the new Chicago-to-Los Angeles highway.

In What Year Did The First Railroad Arrive In Springfield? 1858, 1870 Or 1882?



1870

Atlantic & Pacific Railroad arrived on April 21, 1870. Because the train depot was built north of town, a brand-new community—North Springfield—sprang up beside the tracks while the original South Springfield remained the courthouse center.



In What Year Did Springfield And North
Springfield Unite? 1874, 1880 or 1887?

Bonus point: What was name of the street that separated North and South?

The Two Cities Became One In 1887

Bonus answer: The east-west street separating North and South – Division

Name One Of The Civil War Battles Fought In
Greene County

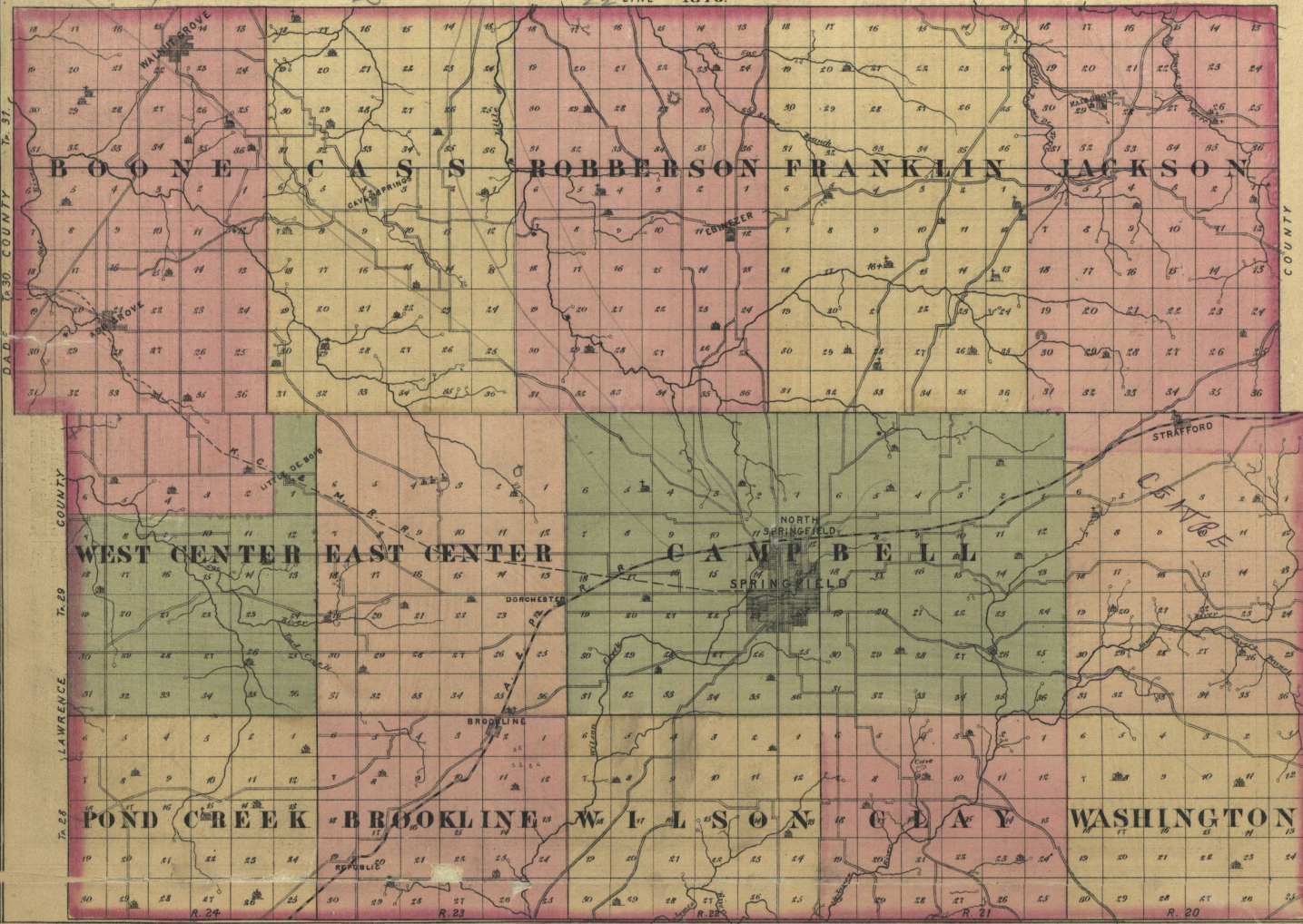
- Wilson's Creek (August 1861)
- Zagonyi's Charge (aka first Battle of Springfield) in October 1861
- Second Battle of Springfield (aka Battle of Springfield) in January 1863



What Was The First Township Established?

GREENE COUNTY

Showing an Outline of the County and its Subdivisions for Congressional and Civil T. P. S.
with the Locations of the Towns and Villages, Post Offices, Churches, School Houses, Streams, Wagon
Roads, Stage Roads, Proposed Rail Roads &c. &c.
PUBLISHED BY BRINK, MEDENDORGH & CO.
227 LINE 1876.



The first township formed in Greene County was Spring River, followed by Jackson Township.

Of the original townships formed, only Campbell and Jackson remain

What Was The First National Country Music Show On Television Broadcast By ABC From Springfield, MO From 1955 Until 1960?

The Ozark Jubilee

COAST-TO-COAST
FROM THE HEART
OF the OZARKS

Ozark Jubilee

Every
SATURDAY NIGHT
ON
ABC
Television Network



Singing . . . dancing . . . comedy . . . more Country-style fun than you've had since you were a kid! Make a visit to Ozark Jubilee a part of Your vacation in the Ozark Playground.

Now in its third year as "America's Favorite Saturday Night Postime," Ozark Jubilee was recently voted the nation's Best Country Music Show by 756 television critics, columnists and editors. And if you and your family have enjoyed the Jubilee there in your living room, we think you'll get a real thrill from seeing the show and its stars in person at the Jewell Theatre in Springfield.

To Order Tickets . . .
Send \$1 for each ticket, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to "Ozark Jubilee, Springfield, Mo." Order at least 4 weeks in advance.



The Jubilee's Host, Red Foley, And Young Singing Sensation Bobby Lord.



Jewell Theatre, Home of Ozark Jubilee-Scene of Greatest Saturday Night Fun in the Nation.



Pint-Sized Brenda Lee, A Red Foley Discovery, With Famed Foggy River Boys Quartet.

This weekly live stage show helped popularize country music drawing around 25 million viewers. Some of the famous names to star on the stage included Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee, Gene Autry, Porter Wagoner, Speedy Haworth, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Rex Allen and Minnie Pearl.

What Historical Event Happened In
Springfield In 1953?

Great Cobra Scare

Between August and October, 11
Venomous Indian Cobras were found and
killed by residents and police across the
city.



THIS WAS DISCOVERED IN 2001 BY
ROAD CREWS WORKING ON PROJECT?



Riverbluff Cave

Springfield Is The Only US Producer of this
Audio Item. Can You Name The Item and/or
Company?



The Cassette Tape

National Audio Company which opened in
1969



In What Year Did The Archives Open?

Bonus question: Who was the first archivist for Greene County?

February 1987

Bonus Answer: Del Bishop-a former Federal archivist - and then county clerk

Resources

- www.facebook.com/GreeneCountyMoArchives
- www.thelibrary.org/localhistory
- historymuseumonthesquare.org
- www.parkboard.org/263/Railroad-Historical-Museum
- www.springfieldmo.gov/1839/Wild-Bill-Hickoks-Shootout-on-the-Square
- <https://www.nps.gov/wicr/index.htm> _ Wilson's Creek National Battlefield
- <https://www.ozarksalive.com/stories/looking-back-ozark-jubilee>