

Book Notes

The Aerial Crossroads of America: St. Louis's Lambert Airport. By Daniel L. Rust (St. Louis: Missouri History Museum Press, 2017). 336 pp. Illustrations. Notes. Selected Bibliography. Index. \$35.00, cloth.

In 1920 Albert Bond Lambert, a wealthy St. Louis businessman, transformed farmland northwest of the city into a significant part of aviation history. Lambert's interest in flight led him to establish Kinloch Flying Field in 1910, but soon the need for a larger field became critical. He and the Aero Club of St. Louis, which he had also founded, leased 170 acres in Bridgeton, Missouri, and began building the field that eventually become Lambert–St. Louis International Airport. In this generously illustrated book, Daniel L. Rust chronicles the efforts of Lambert and his successors to establish the airfield, explains the field's role in the golden age of aviation, and describes the challenges faced by today's airport. He delves into the 1923 St. Louis International Air Races, which attracted a young pilot named Charles Lindbergh, who made his historic transatlantic flight four years later with the backing of Lambert and other St. Louis businessmen. The resulting aviation boom brought airplane manufacturers and airline companies such as Curtiss-Robertson, the Aviation Company (now American Airlines), and McDonnell Aircraft Corporation to St. Louis. In the years since then, Lambert Airport has fought to maintain its prominence as regulation,

corporate mergers, and the loss of major air carriers have taken their toll on the one of the country's most historically significant airports.

How to Speak Midwestern. By Edward McClelland (Cleveland: Belt Publishing, 2016). 148 pp. Glossary. Bibliography. \$16.95, paper.

Although the debate continues over whether Missouri is part of the South, the Midwest, or both, McClelland includes St. Louis in his informal study of the Midwest's linguistic peculiarities. From New York to Nebraska, he writes, there are three primary dialects: Inland North (Buffalo, New York, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin), Midland (south of Inland North from western Pennsylvania to Iowa), and North Central (Upper Michigan to Minnesota). The Inland North, characterized by a "flat, nasal" way of speaking, became widespread after northern Ohio scholar John S. Kenyon's work influenced James F. Bender, the author of the *NBC Handbook of Pronunciation*. Newscasters across the industry adopted these guidelines, and voices such as that of CBS correspondent and news anchor Edward R. Murrow popularized this dialect. St. Louis, according to McClelland, is a "linguistic island" because although it should be Midland, its ties to Chicago push it to be predominantly Inland North. McClelland is careful to note that he only touches upon the way that whites speak, as African Americans in the Midwest created their own vernacular due to being segre-

gated geographically, socially, and economically. A glossary of terms highlights the unique phrases and pronunciations of each region.

The Texas Frontier and the Butterfield Overland Mail, 1858–1861. By Glen Sample Ely (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2016). xii + 428 pp. Illustrations. Notes. Bibliography. Index. \$34.95, cloth.

The rapid expansion of the western United States in the 1840s led to a demand for overland mail service. In response to the US Post Office Department's call for bids, John W. Butterfield and his business partners proposed an overland stage route from Missouri to California. The first Butterfield Overland Mail Company stagecoach left Tipton, Missouri, on September 16, 1858, and arrived in San Francisco twenty-three days later on October 9. As this book makes clear, it was not a journey without risk. The 740-mile stretch of the Butterfield Trail that crossed Texas was particularly treacherous. Lawlessness, hostile Comanches and Apaches, and rugged terrain presented challenges for both travelers and the company that are recounted in vivid, scholarly detail. As Ely demonstrates, the overland mail service, in conjunction with US Army outposts scattered along the Texas frontier, stimulated economic growth and settlement. Both federal entities also helped cement ties between settlers and the federal government back east, demonstrating how federal efforts shaped the western frontier. The Butterfield Overland Mail was discontinued in March 1861 in anticipation of the coming Civil War, but in its short existence the service made a significant contribution to the development of the United States.

The Lynching of Thomas Rose of Lincoln County, Missouri in Quincy, Illinois. Compiled by Thomas Ray Rose (Columbia, MO: Thomas Ray Rose, 2015). 318 pp. Illustrations. Index. \$25.00, paper.

The author spent twenty years researching the story of his relative, Captain Thomas Benton Rose, a Confederate guerrilla from Lincoln County, Missouri. Although Robert E.

Lee famously surrendered on April 9, 1865, at Appomattox Court House in Virginia, the war did not suddenly come to an end on that date in the West. Depredations by bushwhackers continued into the summer. In May 1865, Rose, riding with a gang of guerrillas, was shot and captured during an incursion into Adams County, Illinois. An angry mob, upset that a prominent citizen had been killed during the affray, lynched Rose. A writer for a local newspaper suggested that many members of the mob were former Union soldiers who had experienced "unequal warfare with the guerrillas" and possibly believed the county's Democratic officials would not punish Rose and his accomplices. This account examines Union provost marshal papers, newspaper accounts, and family lore to offer a new look at the volatile time in which the war came to an end.

Missouri Memories (1934–1947). By Thomas H. Olbricht (Eugene, OR: Resource Publications, 2016). xvi + 158 pp. Illustrations. Bibliography. Index. \$19.98, paper.

Olbricht, a professor emeritus of religion at Pepperdine University, recounts his life growing up in Thayer, Missouri, during the 1930s and 1940s. His family came to the southern Missouri Ozarks after his German-born grandfather left the windswept plains of Nebraska in search of a more favorable climate. Much of the book focuses on his family's experiences during the Great Depression, with Olbricht acknowledging that his family fared better than most due to his father's longtime frugality. Olbricht meticulously describes the Church of Christ that he joined, local entertainment, the impact of New Deal programs, childhood recreation, and how life changed with the coming of World War II. His memoir challenges the stereotype of the Ozarks as a region insulated from the outside world.

Jefferson County, Missouri: History and Families. By the Jefferson County Genealogical Society (Morley, MO: Acclaim Press). 336 pp. Illustrations. Notes. Index. \$65.00, cloth.

This history of Jefferson County, which was founded in 1818 as Missouri neared statehood,

offers vignettes of towns and cities as well as profiles of local businesses, churches, and civil organizations. A discussion of the area's influx of settlers across the nineteenth century gives special attention to Czech immigrants, who first arrived in the 1850s. The book thoughtfully provides statistics regarding the number of staff, type of equipment, and area covered for the county's law enforcement and emergency services, which may prove useful to future historians. Darker subjects, such as several ghastly crimes, receive attention as well; the county's history includes Bertha Gifford, thought to be one of the first documented

female serial killers, who hailed from Morse Hill. More reputable former residents include Moses Austin, who established the town of Herculaneum in 1808 before spearheading the Anglo-American settlement of Texas; Irma Rombauer, the author of *The Joy of Cooking*, who frequently spent time at her cabin outside of Antonia; and radio personality Paul Harvey, who owned a cattle ranch near Imperial. Missouri governors Daniel Dunklin, Thomas C. Fletcher, and Jay Nixon all resided in Jefferson County as well. Submitted family histories and photographs round out the rest of the book.