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Dear Fellow Missourians:

You have in your hands a slice of Missouri history--the 66th Edition of the *Official Manual, State of Missouri*. Since 1878, Missourians have turned to the "Blue Book" to find the information they need about our state government, our history and our culture.

This year, we commemorate the pioneers and innovators who helped build the foundation of modern-day Missouri. One of those was the renowned inventor from southwest Missouri, George Washington Carver. He reminded his fellow citizens that, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving something behind."

Carver's attitude has inspired untold numbers of researchers, institutions and people throughout our state's history. From our immigrant ancestors who explored this land, to the trailblazers in research whose scientific discoveries helped change the world, our state has embraced bold ideas and daring ventures.

Missouri is, indeed, a land of new beginnings--a crossroads for agricultural and scientific advancement, as well as a sought after destination for immigrants and new Americans. Such a potent combination creates a dynamic environment where innovation can take root and thrive.

In commemorating Missouri visionaries, I want to remember two noble public servants we lost this year--former Senator Thomas F. Eagleton and former Lieutenant Governor Harriet Woods. Their combined years as elected officials totaled nearly a half century. Both will remain role models for coming generations of Missourians.

Dr. Albert Einstein once said, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."

This book is dedicated to Missouri's spirit of inquiry and exploration and with it our quest for a future that brightens all our lives.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Carnahan".

Robin Carnahan  
Secretary of State

# Missouri's Innovators of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

The 2007-2008 Missouri Blue Book is dedicated to Missouri's innovators of yesterday, today, and tomorrow and their contributions toward making the world a better place.

## YESTERDAY

Adventure . . . Discovery . . . Innovation. Missouri has long been recognized for its contributions to our nation's progress and development.

Our tradition began in earnest in 1804, when Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery set out from St. Charles to explore the new frontier. In time, other innovators and trailblazers would fill the pages of Missouri history. For example, George Washington Carver devised over 300 uses for the peanut and developed a crop rotation method that revolutionized agriculture. Astronomer Edwin Hubble classified galaxies and applied the laws of physics to explain the expansion of the universe. William Lear designed a number of aviation-related electronic devices, and worked to develop new materials for airplanes and an antipollution steam engine.

Missouri also gave the world such innovative thinkers as engineer Henry Shreve, who altered the design of the steamship so it could navigate shallow waters and created a boat to clear log jams and snares, and Robert Maurer, who helped design the first optical fiber for use in telecommunications. Luella Owen, a self-educated geologist and speleologist, did field work on unique geological features of the American West, and wrote *Cave Regions of the Ozarks and Black Hills*. James Ferguson did critical work on liquid crystal displays, which are essential parts of wrist watches, laptop computers, and television screens. Other innovators include

one-time University of Missouri assistant professor and Nobel Prize winner Barbara McClintock, whose discovery of mobile genetic elements, or "jumping genes," helped lay the foundation for modern genetics. Fellow Nobel Prize winner Jack Kilby was a co-inventor of the integrated circuit, which forms the basis of almost every electronic product used today.

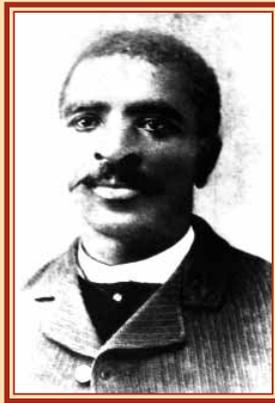
Thanks to their daring quests, Missouri and the world have benefited from better medicines, more plentiful food, and new communications and transport technologies.

## TODAY

In 2007, Missouri is still leading the way in scientific discovery. Individuals and groups across the state continue innovative research whether working alone, in universities, or in health science, biotechnology, and aeronautical companies. Today Missouri is a twenty-first century laboratory where leaders from the worlds of industry, agriculture, and technology come together to find

common ground.

Problem solvers are at work developing alternative energy sources and devising new ways to dispose of waste in order to help preserve resources and land for future generations. They are creating crops that can withstand pestilence and drought, helping in the global fight against hunger. Engineers are building components of America's space shuttles, airplanes, and satellites, eliminating obstacles to communication and bringing people together. Medical researchers are taking part in the mapping of the human genome and in scientific research that sheds new light on the causes of disease, laying the groundwork for finding tomorrow's lifesaving cures.



George Washington Carver  
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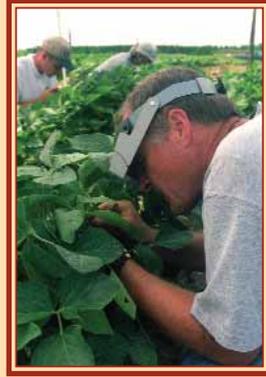
# TOMORROW

An even more expansive role is envisioned for Missouri as our young people catch the spirit of discovery. Partnerships between universities, school districts, private foundations, and companies are offering new and exciting opportunities to inspire and prepare young Missourians to make a difference through science and progress.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis administers Students and Teachers as Research Scientists, a six-week summer program that gives talented high school students and their teachers the opportunity to participate in research projects in the sciences. The program works to enhance knowledge and encourage careers in scientific research and discovery by pairing students and teachers with practicing research mentors.

The University of Missouri-Rolla is home to an American Society for Metals weeklong summer program, where dedicated high school seniors learn about material science, engineering, and careers in the engineering field. Washington University sponsors the Young Scientist Program, entirely run by student volunteers, which promotes science and scientific careers to high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds through exposure to research projects and mentoring by active scientists.

Northwest Missouri State University offers an accelerated, two-year residential school, the Missouri Academy of



Soybean Research  
University of Missouri-Columbia

Science, Mathematics, and Computing, for talented high school students. Students in this program live and work in a community of peers while pursuing college coursework and focusing on new advancements, technologies and solutions for tomorrow.

As George Washington Carver said, "Since new developments are the products of a creative mind, we must therefore stimulate and encourage that type of mind in every way possible."

In dedicating this year's Blue Book to Missouri's role in scientific progress, we pay tribute to those who have made our state a leader in innovation and discovery, as well as to those who continue this tradition.

Secretary of State



The Young Scientist Program  
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis

# Picture This: The Photography of Charles Elliot Gill

Laura Jolley

Charles Elliot Gill was one of the countless amateur photographers who emerged in the 1880s with the advent of more simplified cameras and manufactured glass plate negatives. No longer forced to drag their darkrooms and dangerous chemicals around with them, photographers could easily photograph places and events in their own communities that had never been captured on a negative before. Gill spent years documenting life in the Upper Ozarks with his 1906 SEROCO extended view camera and it is because of his love for photography and his strong sense of identity that we have this view into a rural lifestyle that in great part no longer exists.

Gill was born July 8, 1869, to staunch Methodists and educators, Joseph and Martha Gill. The Gill family settled at the head of the Meramec River in Dent County where they raised wheat and cattle. Joseph Gill was also a teacher, a county school commissioner, and a State Representative. Reading and music were encouraged in the large Gill family. Charles Gill took less to farming and more to self-education for most of his life. Charles read anything he could lay his hands on. His favorite past time seems to have been escaping into the fantasy world of *The Youth's Companion*, a popular national journal that encouraged writing, traveling, and hobbies of all kinds, including amateur photography.

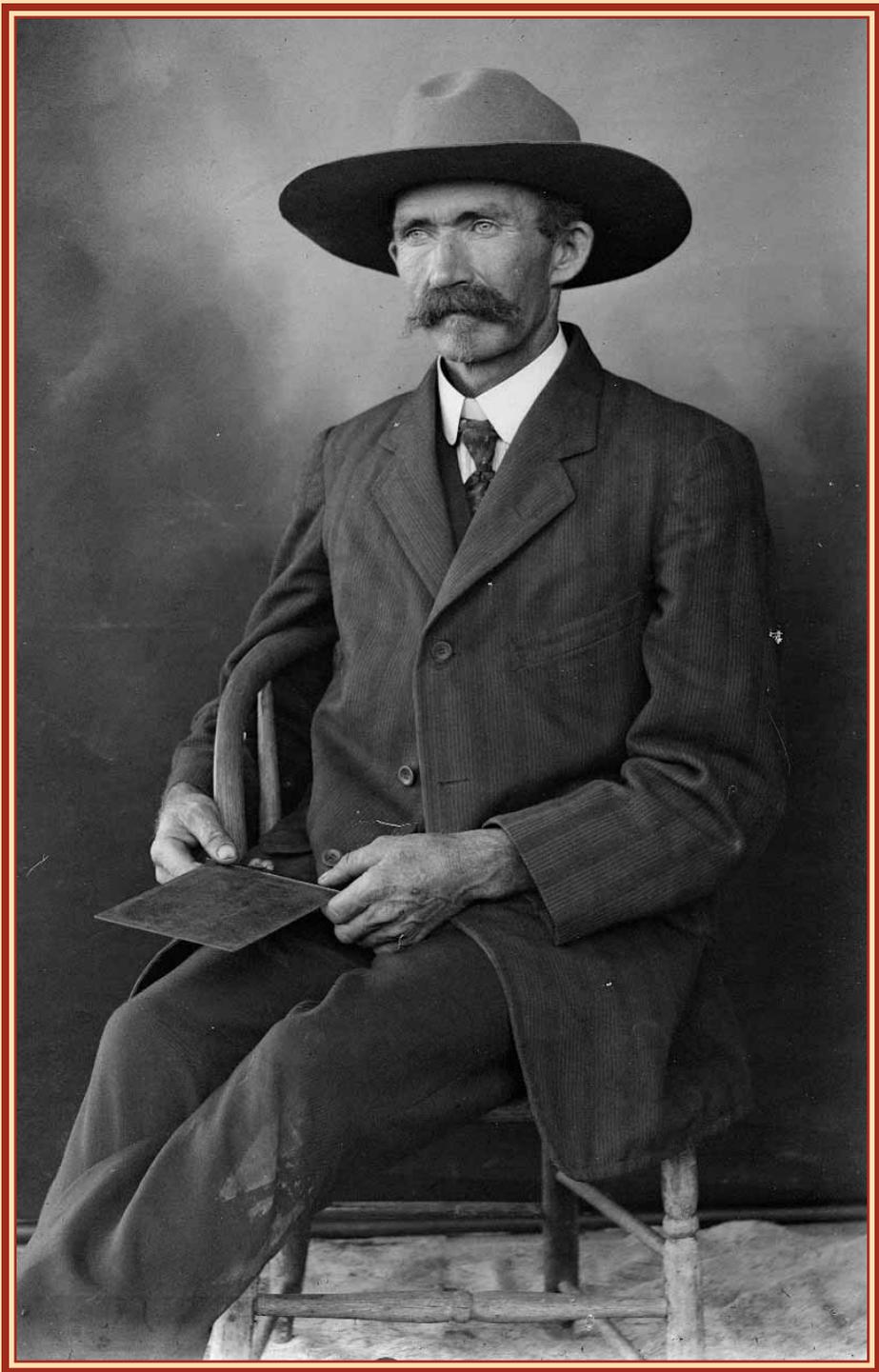
When Gill was 18 years old he received his first camera, but he did not actively begin documenting life in the Ozarks until 1910. Prior to this his main preoccupation was traveling. Although he admitted to great homesickness on his first trip West in 1895, he continued to break the monotony of farm life by traveling and making frequent trips to both coasts. While traveling, he supported himself with whatever jobs the local economies could provide. Gill

never learned to drive. He relied solely on the kindness of people and his value of hard work to get by. He made his last trip West in 1947, at the age of 78.

Despite his love of travel, Gill always returned home to Dent County and farm life. He was married briefly to Myrtle Hayes in 1917. The couple remained together long enough to have a son, Edward Addison Gill, in 1918. By 1921, however, Myrtle tired of her husband's roaming and the couple divorced. He never remarried. Instead, when not attending to the farm, he filled his life with reading, writing, and taking pictures. Although he was not a particularly successful farmer, Gill was raised to appreciate the self-sufficient rural lifestyle. The rituals of farming and rural community activities ordered Gill's life and became the focal point of what he chose to capture with his camera. His photographs are both documentary and artistic and help to illuminate the Ozarks experience.

For more than 30 years Gill used the same camera. He washed his glass plate negatives in a stream behind his house. He grew old in a time of immense change, although he was not particularly eager to embrace change himself. His photographs show how the Ozarks region was affected by the passing of time and how it simultaneously remained a simple and beautiful place.

Charles Elliot Gill finally sold the family farm in 1943 and moved to Salem, Missouri. He died on July 15, 1962, at the age of ninety-three. His son Ed Gill, who resides in Salem with his wife Eileen, donated his father's collection, consisting of 722 glass plate negatives and some original prints, to the Missouri State Archives.



Self-portrait of Charles Elliott Gill, c1910  
*Gill Photograph Collection*  
Missouri State Archives

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On behalf of Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, and myself, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and hope you enjoy the 2007-2008 *Official Manual*.



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