

## Spalding Mugs

The Ralls County Historical Society hopes this mug will spark your memories of Spalding-- the school, the Indian artifacts, the store, Uncle Albert, Mr. Sam, the events and the people who were a part of the community. The society invites you to contribute to a memory book of Spalding. Presently, hotel items, furniture, Belle Johnson blue pictures, photos and newspaper articles are on display for present and future generations at the society's museum.

Please e-mail any recollections, short or long, to [spaldingsprings@yahoo.com](mailto:spaldingsprings@yahoo.com). The e-mails will be printed and placed in the book. Items for donation can be brought to the museum at 120 East Main Street, Perry, MO, 63462. Help is always needed for people identification in some of the wonderful old pictures.



Additional mugs are available through the society for \$10.00 per mug or two for \$18.00 plus shipping and handling. Contact the society at 573-565-2025 or through the yahoo mailbox.

- 1684: First notation of a trail near the springs on a map developed for French traders.
- 1790: Mathurin Bouvet established salt-making works at Bouvet's Lick.
- 1805: Salt from Bouvet's Lick sold for \$6.00 a bushel.
- 1805: Mathurin Bouvet killed by Fox and Sauk Indians, possibly, lead by Black Hawk.
- 1819: Land claims obtained by Aaron, Sr, Aaron, Jr, and Joseph Foreman and Edward Whaley.
- 1821: Missouri admitted to the United States as the 24<sup>th</sup> state.
- 1824: Pipe to extract salt water from the spring was sunk to approximately 300 feet.
- 1827: Salt River Baptist Church organized (closed 1848) on land donated by Daniel Boling.
- 1835: Salt from Trabue's Lick sold for less than a \$1.00 a bushel.
- 1850: Approximate time the first school was established as a subscription school.
- 1871: Salt Lick Baptist Church organized (dissolved 1986).
- 1881: Store operated by Sam Milliken, then, Lum Alexander, later, Early Gregory.
- 1883: Robert M. Spalding built a resort for the "healing waters".
- 1885: 3000 people attended the June opening day of the resort.
- 1885: Spalding Christian Church organized by Rev. Henry F. Davis.
- 1887: Second store built, George Hogan, proprietor then George Keller.
- 1887: Indian artifacts from Spalding were donated to the Smithsonian Institution.
- 1903: Albert Roland built the "big store".
- 1904: Hotel was noted in Missouri publication as an attraction for 1904 World's Fair attendees.
- 1910: Albert Roland consolidated two stores into A.M. Roland Mercantile Co.
- 1913: Salt Lick Baptist Church had 111 members.
- 1918: Oil exploration (derrick built and well sunk) began and ended in Ogle Hollow.
- 1927: Albert Roland bought the hotel and the grounds.
- 1930: Large dance hall was opened for country dances (closed in the 1950s).
- 1947: "Big Store" burned, store moved to a cottage near the hotel.
- 1965: Cottage store closed.
- 1975: Tornado destroyed buildings except Spalding School and two private homes.

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