

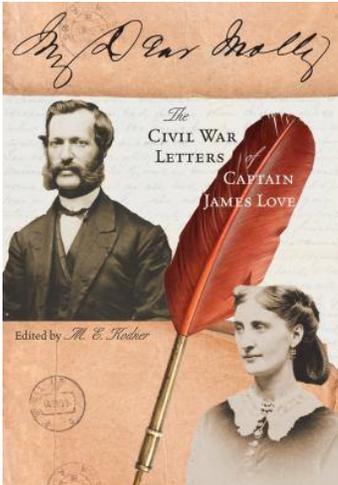


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Vision: The Kirkwood Historical Society will preserve and share the history of the Kirkwood area and be a source of community pride marked by vibrant membership and civic engagement.

Mission: The Kirkwood Historical Society fosters an active appreciation for preserving the history of the Kirkwood area and its relevance to the present and future.



FRIENDS OF THE KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SPEAKER SERIES

February Program

**MY DEAR MOLLY: THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF
CAPTAIN JAMES LOVE**

Presented by

Molly Kodner

Monday, February 3rd, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Mudd's Grove

302 W. Argonne, Kirkwood MO 63122

The Missouri History Museum archives are bursting with collections that provide firsthand accounts of both historic and everyday moments, but when archivist M. E. Kodner came across the James Love letters, she knew she had discovered something extraordinary. *My Dear Molly* consists of the 166 letters that St. Louisan James Love wrote to his fiancée, Eliza Mary “Molly” Wilson, during his Civil War service. The letters discuss the war, including activities in Missouri, battles, Love’s life as a soldier, and his time in a Confederate prison, in addition to detailing the love story of James and Molly. Spanning the entire Civil War period, the letters give a full account of both the ongoing conflict and the many different aspects of Love’s life, making *My Dear Molly* a unique contribution to our literature of the time period. *My Dear Molly* is a remarkable, riveting volume that will add much to our knowledge of the Civil War period—its battles and conflicts as well as the experiences of ordinary Americans like James and Molly.

This is surely a program you will not want to miss.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION – The Kirkwood Historical Society recently received a Memorial Contribution in honor of Joan Laciny from Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Garrison. An acknowledgement has been sent. Thank you for your Memorial Contribution.



Mudd’s Grove, home to the Kirkwood Historical Society, is a three story brick Victorian style home built in 1859 by John Hoffman a local architect and builder. It is located at 302 W. Argonne Drive (at Harrison) two blocks west of the historic train station in Kirkwood, Mo. 63122. The home is open to the public for tours on Thursdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM February through December. The home is closed during the month of January. The Harlan Gould Memorial Library is open year

round on Thursdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM until 4:00 pm.

TODAY'S HUMOR: An optimist is a man who buys a bottle of hair restorer from a bald headed barber.



MEMBERSHIP IN THE KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

When you join or renew your membership in the Kirkwood Historical Society at Mudd's Grove, you are helping to advance the mission of preserving the history of the Kirkwood area and its relevance to the present and the future.

[Join or renew now.](#) (click the link, it's a secure connection.)

OR
Download the **[Membership Form](#)** and mail with check (payable to Kirkwood Historical Society) or your Credit Card information.

Mail the form to: Kirkwood Historical - Society - PO Box 220602 - Kirkwood, MO 63122; 314-965-5151.

Levels of Membership

Historian Membership – \$35 - Family Membership – \$75 - Kirkwood Membership – \$125 - Henry T. Mudd Membership – \$250 - George Dana Membership – \$500 - Wm Bodley Lane Membership – \$1000 - Lifetime Membership – \$2,500 Includes recognition on a special Lifetime Member plaque located at Mudd's Grove.

Century Membership - Is complimentary if over 70 and age + years as member = 100

Benefits of Membership include:

- Quarterly issues of the red covered "*Kirkwood Historical Review*" featuring articles and pictures concerning the history of Kirkwood and surrounding areas.
- Our annual Strawberry Festival with picnic space, entertainment and plenty of strawberries and ice cream – fun for the whole family.
- Monthly "KHS Friends" meetings that feature noteworthy speakers. They are scheduled on the first Monday of most months and are open to all members and guests.
- Quarterly members' meetings that feature a speaker on a subject of historical interest.
- Throughout the year The Kirkwood Historical Society has exhibits, presentations and events pertaining to the community's development.
- The opportunity to rent Mudd's Grove at the member's rate for a meeting, party, wedding or other event.
- Use of the Kirkwood Historical Society Library for the research needs of our community.
- A special place to donate and preserve books, papers, photos, and other items on Missouri and Kirkwood history for the future.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE – If you enjoy meeting, greeting and inter-acting with wonderful people then we have an opportunity for you. Mudd's Grove has a need for additional docents. Docents greet and provide public tours for our guests who visit Mudd's Grove. A small commitment of 3 hours once a month (or more, if you wish) is all that is required. Training is provided. For more information or to sign up please send an email to: John F. Crowley, Docent Coordinator, at: kxn896@hotmail.com. Please indicate best time to contact you.

