

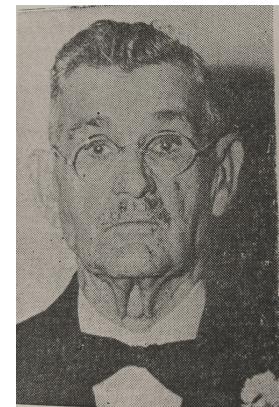
Redman House, 1885 - 401 St. Francis St.



Bartholomew Cousins built a one room cabin on this site around 1848 which still exists within a downstairs bedroom of the larger four-room house constructed by T. McCollugh in 1885. In 1895 a second story was added by W.G. Bragg, Jr., who was involved in real estate and merchantile with the Tatum Brothers. He added the tower and stained glass windows typical of a Queen Anne style house. Built of gum and cypress, the house is believed to have more native lumber than any other in the city.

C. C. (Charles Clinton) Redman, Sr., a decendent of a pioneer Dunklin County family purchased the house in 1914 and his daughter Thelma lived there until her death in 1994.

Mr. Redman was first an educator. In 1900 he began managing 12,000 acres owned by Senator William Hunter near Hollywood. In 1907 he became county collector and in 1914 was elected presiding judge and did much to remove area swampland, supervising the construction of several levees. He led the movement that resulted in building Highway 84 between Kennett and Hayti. In the 1930s he was among the leaders that created the Kennett municipal power plant.



*C.C. Redman, Sr.
b. 1869 - d. 1958*

Sources: History of Southeast Missouri, Robert Sidney Douglass, 1912; History of Dunklin County, Mo., Mary Smythe-Davis, 1895; Dunklin County Historical Society; Dunklin Daily Democrat, Twice-A-Week Democrat. Sketches by KHS Art Club, 1982. Scan the QR code for more information on Kennett's history.

