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## **CELEBRATE MISSOURI'S RICH HERITAGE IN AN IMPECCABLE HISTORICAL TRIBUTE**

**MISSOURI, OCTOBER 2003** — A remarkable publication that is long overdue! *Missouri: Crossroads of the Nation* is an enticing look at the development and evolution of a state from its humble beginning to its still unfolding future. Within its vivid pages is a precise, yet lively historical account written by well-known historians Charles Phillips and Betty Burnett.

Readers are captivated with this spirited portrait of Missouri history as they take a pioneering journey and discover:

- The emergence of the major railroads, farming, circuses, fairs and a characteristic spirit of a state like no other.
- The important role Missouri played in the abolishment of slavery.
- The evolution of Missouri as a manufacturing, merchandising, trade and culture center, outstripped only by New York at the end of the Civil War.
- The historical figures that make Missouri what it is today—Meriwether Lewis, George Rogers Clark, Daniel Boone, Mark Twain, Dred Scott, James R. Wilkinson, Joseph Pulitzer, Scott Joplin, Thomas Hart Benton and more!

From early explorers to the development of rivers, railroads and recreation, Missouri is and continues to be a flourishing state birthing new businesses, musicians, writers, athletes, politicians, military men, engineers and entrepreneurs.

Hats off to Charles Phillips and Betty Burnett who write lovingly of the state, and also served as photo researchers. The impeccable display of photographs in brilliant color and black and white seem to compound the intensity of this highly distinguished work. One must personally experience *Missouri: Crossroads of the Nation* to truly appreciate its brilliance.

Ms. Betty Burnett will be signing copies and touring the state through the fall and winter months, speaking on the importance of learning about history, delighting audiences with her impeccable knowledge of Missouri, and will be available for media interviews.

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