

Coldwater School, 15875 New Halls Ferry Rd. near Florissant, c. 1859



Coldwater School was built after the founding and building of the Coldwater Church, which was built on land which belonged to the pioneer John Patterson and his son, Elisha. The trustees of the school included Elisha Patterson and the ferry owner Edward Hall. It was closed in 1954, after Coldwater was transferred to the new Hazelwood School District. Due to the efforts of the Heritage Foundation, today Coldwater School is open as a museum.

Joseph Hyatt House, 2625 Shackelford Rd., near Florissant, c. 1860



This Greek Revival house stands on part of what was once the 180 acre farm of Joseph L. Hyatt which he acquired from his father Frederick Hyatt in 1860. The property is part of the St. Ferdinand Common that was set aside by the Spanish colonial government for homestead farms. It was divided in the French style into long, narrow fields running northwest from Coldwater Creek to the Missouri River. Residents of Florissant were granted these farms. Frederick Hyatt acquired about 360 acres here and was one of the more colorful early figures in St. Louis County. He was married five times, twice to members of the neighboring Hume family. After his death the property was divided between his two sons James S. and Joseph. Joseph Hyatt continued living on this property until his death in 1896 at which time the farm was divided by his surviving children.