

HomeTown Heroes

General Sterling Price

Lawyer and planter who served as the 11th Governor of Missouri. Served as a United States Army Brigadier General in the Mexican-American War and a Confederate Army Major General in the American Civil War.

General Maxwell Taylor

United States Army four star general and diplomat during the mid-twentieth century. Served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1962-1964.

Cal Hubbard

Professional football player and later an umpire in major league baseball. Credited as an inventor of the football position of linebacker. Is the only man honored in both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Baseball Hall of Fame.

Time to Eat

The Cafe



118 E. Jackson Street

Open Sun. 6am to 2pm, Mon. thru Sat. 6am to 8pm

Mel's Place



200 W. Jackson Street • 660-288-3803

Open 10:30am to 2pm

PAST TO PRESENT

Although officially organized in 1833, the town of Keytesville has its roots in the small village known as "Old Chariton." Sitting on the banks of the Chariton and Missouri Rivers, for many years this village served as the center for county business. Repeated river flooding necessitated a location on higher ground. In 1830, Englishman James Keyte, a Methodist preacher and entrepreneur, purchased a large parcel of land. Some two years later he donated fifty acres of it to Chariton County, for the purpose of establishing a centralized seat of county government. James Keyte constructed the first home in Keytesville, as well as the first business—which doubled for some time as the post office. He also constructed a water mill near his home on Mussel Fork Creek. In 1842 Isaac Redding opened Keytesville's first hotel.

One of the first constructions in the new town was the county courthouse, a brick building which stood until the Civil War, when Confederate raiders burned it in 1864. After the end of the war, a second courthouse was built and served the county until 1973, when it too burned beyond repair. By the 1890s, Keytesville had grown to include two newspapers, two banks, two hotels, a distillery, restaurants, and several merchants. With the Wabash Railroad line over a mile outside of town, transporting goods became an issue, so in 1889 Hugo Bartz and J.J. Moore led construction efforts for a streetcar line that would offer transport for both cargo and people between the town and the rail depot.

Over time, the community of Keytesville has decreased. However, the community retains a strong farming tradition, as well as supporting several local businesses, restaurants, a school, and tourist attractions.

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www.keytesvillemo.com

KEYTESVILLE

County Seat of Chariton County



Within Price Park, the General Sterling Price monument stands ready to greet all of Keytesville's visitors. The bronze statue was dedicated to the memory of General Price in 1915 by the people of Chariton County and the State of Missouri.

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General Sterling Price Museum



Established in 1964 by the Friends of Keytesville, the museum features an array of artifacts and memorabilia. Visitors can learn about General Sterling Price in the Civil War, as well as view period exhibits showcasing furniture and artifacts from Keytesville's past.

Open May 15th to October 15th • Monday--Friday, 2pm to 5pm
412 W. Bridge Street • 660-288-3204

Log Cabin



This hewn log house was constructed from logs salvaged from two early Keytesville residences. The Friends of Keytesville received a gift of logs from a house owned by Ernest Bentley, Sr., and acquired additional logs from the Jack Dameron house, some of which date from 1840. The 16x16 ft. single-pen structure with loft includes a lean-to and porch. Building methods were kept as authentic as possible. While visiting the log cabin, be sure to stop and explore the Friends of Keytesville Rock Garden, which includes informative plaques as well as beautiful flowers and plants.

Corner of W. Finnell Drive & N. Park Street

Keytesville Presbyterian Church



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this Classic-Revival style building dates from 1853. Its vestibule with 45-foot steeple tower and semi-octagonal gabled extension in the east wall were added in 1900. The church no longer holds regular services, but is open by appointment. Call Friends of Keytesville President Janet Weaver at 660-288-3425 to schedule a visit.

Corner of Hill Street & N. Park Street

Maxwell Taylor Park



Owned by the city of Keytesville, the Maxwell Taylor Park is named for General Taylor, who was born in Keytesville. The park includes a monument in Taylor's honor, picnic areas, a playground, and a pond stocked with fish.

Accessible from Vandiver Drive, N. Ash Street,
and N. Water Street

Keytesville Cemetery



Located at the northwest corner of town, the cemetery reflects the town's history. Just inside the gates stands the Hill-Redding Plot, which includes a monument for young Willie Hill, son of Elizabeth and William, who died at the age of 15. A statue of the boy, fashioned in part from his death mask, stands atop the monument.

N. Mulberry Street

Potawatomi Trail of Death Marker



Located in Price Park, the marker sits as a somber reminder of the forced removal of over 800 members of the Potawatomi nation from Indiana to Kansas in 1838. Over the two month journey, the Potawatomi Indians camped for two nights in Keytesville in late October 1838.

Corner of W. Bridge Street & N. Park Street

Sterling Price Days Festival
2nd Weekend in September