

# THE CALLAWAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE INFORMATION GUIDE



On behalf of all our Elected Officials and staff, we would like to welcome you to The Callaway County Courthouse. We hope this information pack will bring some new facts into your day. If we can be of any service, please stop in and ask. We truly hope you enjoy your visit here in the Kingdom of Callaway.

**Presiding Commission, Gary Jungermann**  
**Easter District Commission, Randall L. Kleindienst**  
**Western District Commissioner, Roger Fischer**  
**Public Administrator, D. Karen Digh-Allen**  
**Prosecuting Attorney, Benjamin Miller**  
**Recorder, Christine Kleindienst**  
**County Clerk, Ronda Miller**  
**Circuit Clerk, Megan Morse**  
**Collector, Sarah Gladman**  
**Auditor, Rylee Page**  
**Treasurer, Debbie Zerr**  
**Assessor, Jody Paschal**  
**Sheriff, Clay Chism**

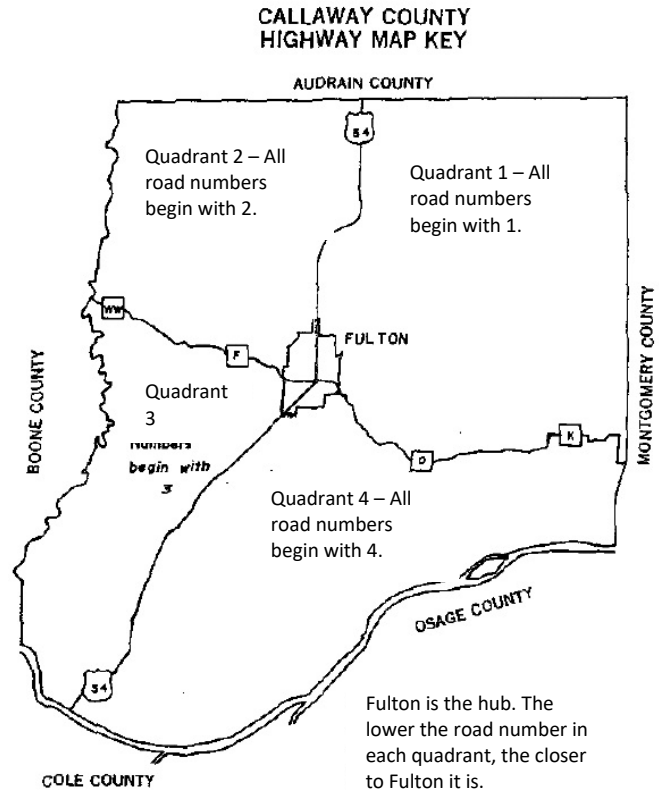
# Callaway County Offices

Callaway County Courthouse  
 10 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Fulton, MO 65251

Callaway County Sheriff's Office  
 1201 State Road O  
 Fulton, MO 65251

Callaway County Health Department  
 4950 County Road 304  
 Fulton, MO 65251

Callaway County Road & Bridge  
 5901 County Road 302  
 Fulton, MO 65251



Assessor's	573.642.0768
Auditor	573.642.0727
Circuit Clerk	573.642.0780
Collector	573.642.0747
Commissioners	573.642.0737
County Clerk	573.642.0730
Health Department	573.642.6881
Human Resources	573.642.0750
Juvenile Office	573.642.7992
Prosecuting Attorney	573.642.0714
Public Administrator	573.642.0720
Recorder	573.642.0787
Road & Bridge	573.642.0740
Sheriff's Office	573.642.7291
Treasurer	573.642.0770

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT CALLAWAY COUNTY

<b>People:</b>	<b><u>Callaway County</u></b>	<b><u>State of MO</u></b>
Population, 2014 Estimate:	44,750	6,063,589
Population, 2013 Estimate:	44,535	6,044,917
Population, 2010 Estimate:	44,332	5,988,927
Persons under 18 years, 2013:	21.8%	23.1%
Persons 65 years and over, 2013:	13.8%	15.0%
Female persons, 2013	48.9%	51.0%

White	92.3%	83.7%
Black or African American	4.5%	11.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%	0.5%
Asian	0.6%	1.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.9%	20.0%
Hispanic or Latino	1.8%	3.9%
White, not Hispanic or Latino	90.8%	80.4%

\*\* The above category is based on 2013 data

Living in same house 1 year and over	83.7%	83.8%
Foreign born persons	1.6%	3.9%
High school graduate or higher of persons' age 25+	86.0%	87.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher of persons' age 25+	21.1%	26.2%
Veterans	3,710	479,828
Mean travel time to work (min.) of workers age 16+	21.3	23.1
Housing units, 2014	18,522	2,735,742
Homeownership rate	76.1%	68.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	124,500	137,000
Households	16,584	2,360,131
Persons per household	2.45	2.47
Median household income	47,964	47,380
Persons below poverty level	13.0%	15.5%

\*\* The above category (unless otherwise stated) is based on 2009-2013 data

### **Geography:**

Land area in square miles	834.58	68,741.85
Persons per square mile	53.1	87.1

\*\* The above category is based on 2010 data

### **Business:**

Private nonfarm establishments	745	1,502,901
Private nonfarm employment	11,788	23,553,361
Nonemployer establishments	2,263	393,292
Total number of firms, 2007	2,811	501,064

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## COUNTY INTRODUCTION

Callaway County is a county located in the U.S. State of Missouri. As of the 2010 U.S. Census, the county's population was 44,332. Its county seat is Fulton. The county was organized November 25, 1820, and named for Captain James Callaway, grandson of Daniel Boone. Callaway County is also referred to as "The Kingdom of Callaway" after an incident in which residents confronted Union troops during the U.S. Civil War.

### **Geography:**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 847 square miles, of which 835 square miles is land and 13 square miles (1.5%) is water.

Callaway County lies on the border of transition between prairie and rugged Ozarks. The northern part of the county is relatively flat and devoid of large tracts of forests. The southern border of the county is the Missouri River, and the area is heavily forested over large hills and valleys.

### **Adjacent Counties:**

- Audrain County (North)
- Montgomery County (East)
- Osage County (South)
- Cole County (Southwest)
- Boone County (West)
- Gasconade County (Southeast)

### **Major Highways:**

- I-70 – Interstate 70
- US 40 U.S. – Route 40
- US 54 U.S. – Route 54
- US 63 U.S. – Route 63
- MO-94 – Route 94

### **National Protected Areas:**

- Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- Mark Twain National Forest

## **CALLAWAY COUNTY BECOMES “THE KINGDOM”**

Early in October of 1861, six hundred (600) Federal troops began converging at Wellsville, Montgomery County, Missouri, on Callaway County’s Northeast Border. Their mission was to subdue “Rebel Callaway”. The lawyer and former State Representative, Jefferson F. Jones, with the help of many subordinates, quickly gathered the troops to defend the county from the Federal invasion.

The troops congregated at Brown’s Spring, in North Central Callaway County to train and prepare. Equipped, with mostly shotguns and small caliber hunting rifles, they did what they could to present the appearance of a well-trained army spoiling for a fight. They went as far as to paint logs black and hide them in the brush with wagon wheels to give the appearance of artillery.

After receiving reports from Union spies on the activities in Callaway County, the Federal Commander postponed his invasion. Afraid that his troops would be annihilated, he waited for reinforcements to arrive.

Meanwhile, Colonel Jeff Jones sent an envoy with a letter to the Federal Commander. Though the envoy’s primary mission was to apprise Jones of the status of the Federal troops, the letter stated that Jones’s force was formed in self-defense and that if the Federal Army would not invade Callaway County, nor molest or arrest any of its citizens, Jones would disband his army.

The Federal Commander, General John B. Henderson, agreed to the terms rather than risk a loss in battle to this “well trained and armed” force of men. In essence, he allowed Callaway County to negotiate a treaty as a sovereign state with the Federal Government. This treaty recognized our independence and granted Callaway its own right to govern itself.

Callaway County became “The Kingdom of Callaway” in October of 1861. After the war was over “The Kingdom” still refused to be reconstructed and be governed by outside forces. The right of the people was still supreme law. We are proud that we had faced adversity, had stood strong against it, and had won our right to be who we wanted to be.

## THE KINGDOM OF CALLAWAY FLAG



- The royal purple background represents the royalty of the County
- The two blue bars represent the battles of Moore's Mill and Overton's Run
- The center of the flag being an outline of the County on a white background with a golden crown represents the fact that the County is a Kingdom
- The five jewels on the crown represent the five major rivers in the County → Missouri, Auxvasse, Middle, Cedar, and Town Creek
- The crown having a red lining represents the precious blood shed by the citizens of the County during the War Between the States
- The nine stars represent the townships in 1891 → Bourbon, Cedar, Cote Sans Dessein, Liberty, Nine Mile Prairie, Round Prairie, and St. Aubert. The center star represents Fulton.

The Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society was made the official custodian of the flag.

It was signed into resolution on October 18, 1961, by:

A.T. West, Sr. → Presiding Judge

E.E. Hord → Judge of the Eastern District

Howard Davis → Judge of the Western District





## WHAT THE IMAGES ON THE MURAL REPRESENT

1. Osage Indian. This tribe was native to this area.
2. Captain James Callaway, for whom this county was named. He was a grandson of Daniel Boone, and was killed in a battle with the Indians on Loutre River, in Montgomery County on March 7, 1815.
3. Daniel Boone, famous frontiersman. He established the Boone's Lick Trail about 1801. This old road ran along Fourth Street, just South of the Courthouse, crossed Priest Field in to the present Old Columbia Road, and went on West to the Salt Springs North of the present town of Boonville.
4. Colonel Jefferson Jones. He commanded the Army of Callaway in October, 1861.
5. General John B. Henderson. He commanded a small portion of the Federal Army in Missouri in October, 1861. He is the one that entered into the treaty with the Federal Army making Callaway County the "Kingdom of Callaway".
6. An aide to General Henderson.
7. Reverend W.W. Robertson. He was the founder of both Westminster College and the Fulton Female Academy. He was the Pastor at Fulton Presbyterian Church for forty years, as well as a great educator and theologian.
8. Sir Winston Churchill. He delivered the prophetic "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College on March 5, 1946.
9. George Washington Carver. He was a great scientist and benefactor for mankind. He dedicated Carver School here in 1937 and while here gathered hedge apples for experimental purposes. He also discovered multiple uses for peanuts and soybeans.
10. Cave northwest of Portland which was inhabited by prehistoric people.
11. French fur traders with the Osage Indians.
12. The burning of Fort Cote Sans Dessein in 1811.
13. The Battle of Loutre River. Captain James Callaway is buried on a hill nearby at the junction of Loutre River and Dry Fork Creek in Montgomery County.
14. Osage Indians hunting buffalo.
15. Lewis and Clark expedition going up the Missouri River in May, 1804. Their return in 1806 was followed by a great influx of settlers into this region.
16. Wagon trains going West.
17. Battle of Moore's Mill, fought July 28, 1862, one-half mile south of Calwood. Colonel Joseph Porter was the Confederate commander with about 300 troops. General Odon Guitar was the Federal commander with about 1,000 troops and two pieces of artillery. The battle was indecisive.
18. Frank and Jesse James. They were noted guerrilla who are believed to have been in Callaway County a number of times.
19. House where the treaty between Colonel Jones and General Henderson was signed.
20. Jefferson Davis, ex-president of the Southern Confederacy, speaking at the Callaway County Fair in September, 1875. Around 10,000 people were said to be there.
21. Early agriculture.
22. The first railroad in Callaway County was the Chicago and Alton, built from Mexico to Cedar City in 1872.
23. Clay and coal mining.
24. Hay wagons.
25. Missouri mule.
26. Fine livestock in the county.
27. Rex McDonald. The greatest five-gaited saddle horse in the world. Foaled north of Stephens.
28. Strip mining in Callaway County.
29. Industry in the County.
30. The School for the Deaf, the State Hospital, and William Woods University, all showing the same Victorian architecture.
31. Church of St. Mary Aldermanbury, restored by Sir Christopher Wren in 1677 following the Great Fire of London, partially destroyed by bombs in WWII, moved to the Westminster Campus. Work was completed in 1969.
32. A modern fisherman, B.G. Tutt, father of the artist of this mural.
33. The stump is a symbol of the destruction of natural resources of the county.

\*\* The mural was painted by Professor George Tutt, Head of the Art Department at William Woods. This took over a year to complete. The time sequence of the pictures move left to right. Judge Hugh P. Williamson acted as advisor on matters of history. The canvas used was made in Belgium and cost \$140.00.



## THE CALLAWAY COUNTY COURTHOUSES

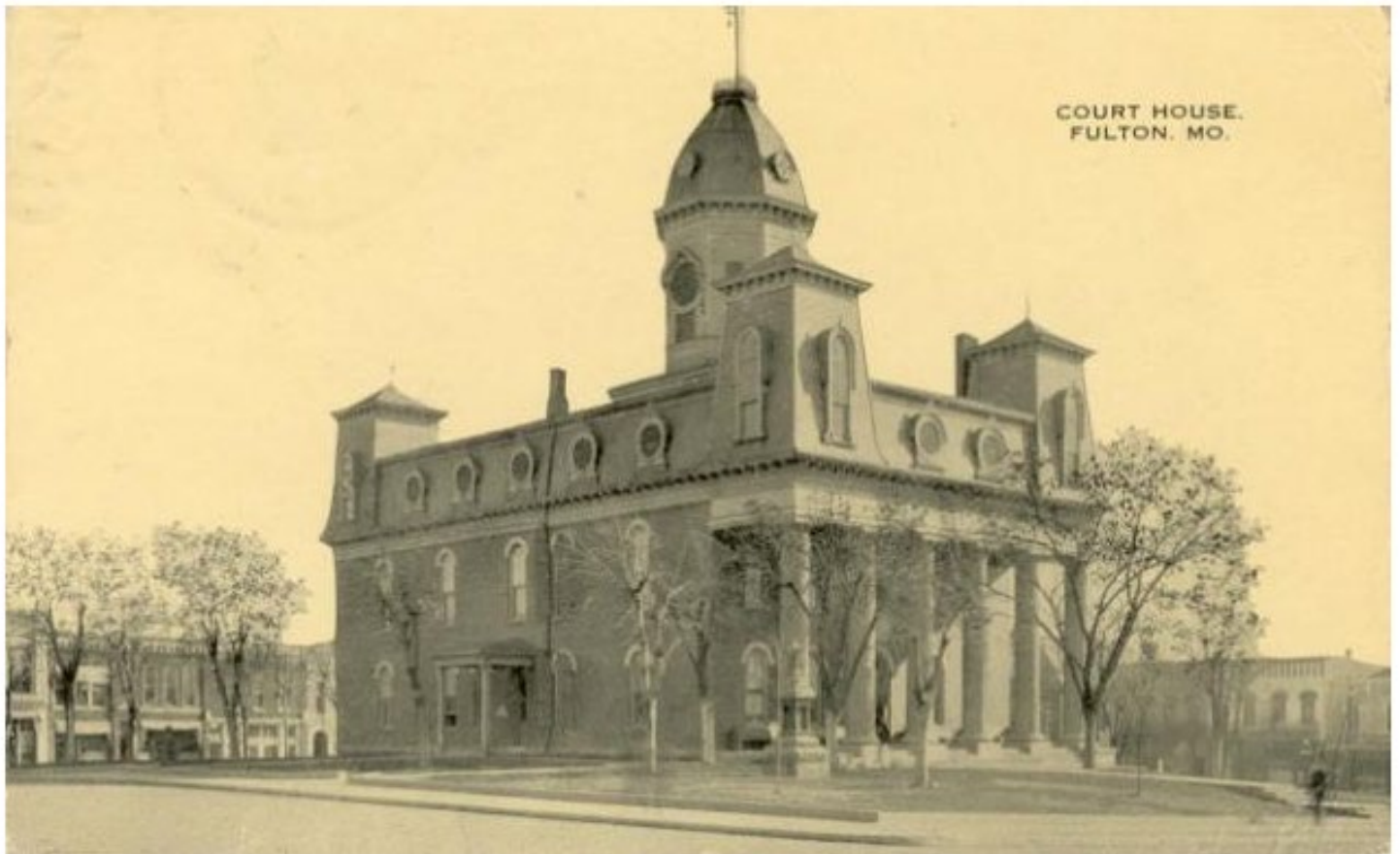
Callaway County's Courthouses have grown from a small, private dwelling house in 1821 to the present modernly equipped structure that can be seen today.

### The First Courthouse:

The first session of a Callaway County Court was held in February of 1821 in Elizabeth. According to Riley & Stingley P.C., a law firm located in Fulton, "After meeting for days, this commission formally issued its report, founding the county seat of Elizabeth – A town where no one ever lived, where only one building was ever erected, and whose location is no longer even known. Yet, before the town of Elizabeth literally fell off the map, its history changed the story of Callaway County for good." The County Courts continued to meet at the private home in Elizabeth until 1825 when the county seat was moved to Fulton.

With the change of county seat to Fulton, the county erected a log building in 1825 to be the new Courthouse.

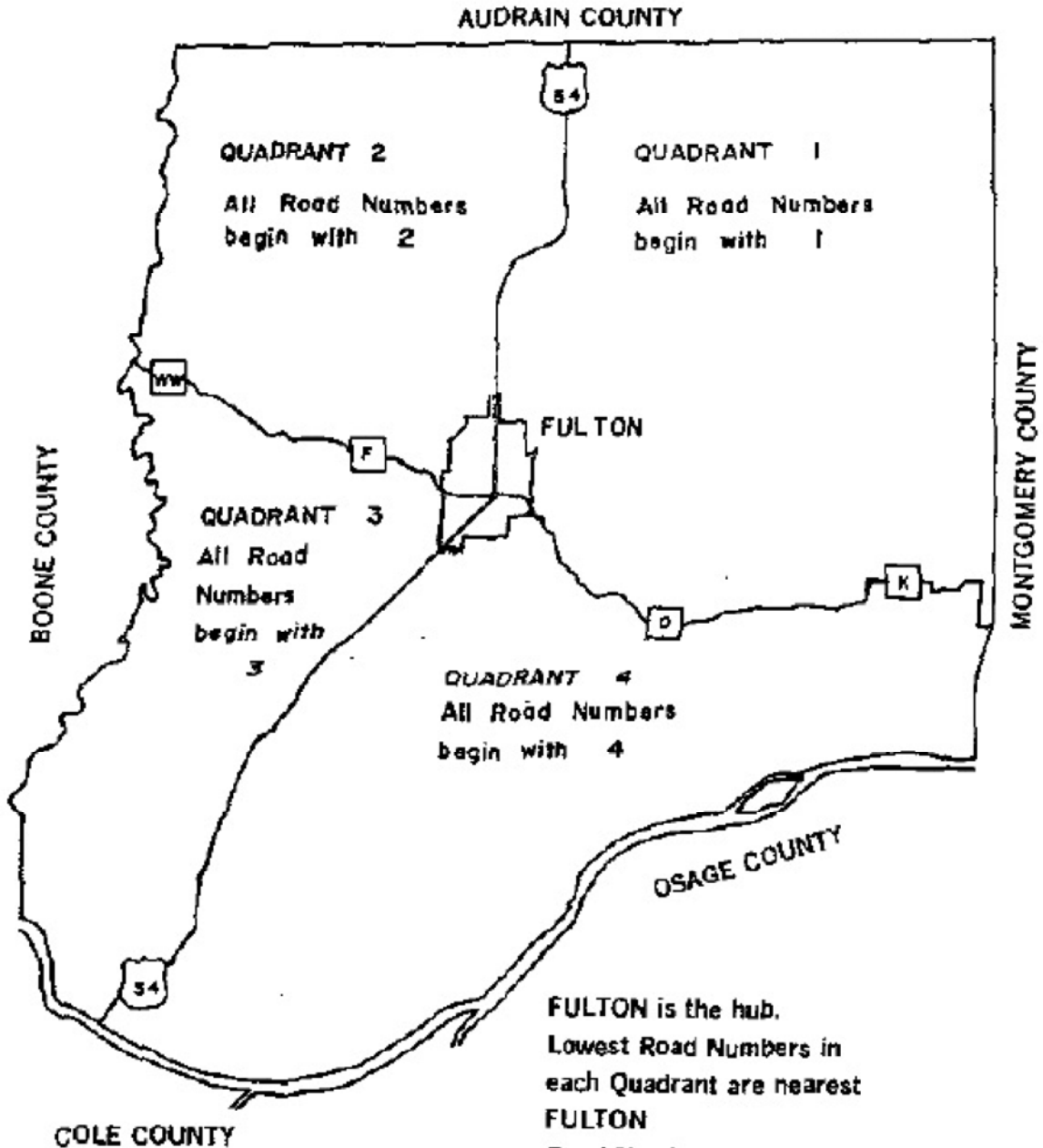
A third Courthouse, made of brick this time, was built in 1856. This building was razed to make way for a new structure.



Fulton, Built 1856, Arch- Solomon Jenkins, Contr- Alfred Moore, Remodeled 1885, Arch- M. F. Bell, Contr- W. A. Gregory

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# CALLAWAY COUNTY HIGHWAY MAP KEY



FULTON is the hub.  
Lowest Road Numbers in  
each Quadrant are nearest  
FULTON  
Road Numbers are on  
Township Maps

## **FOR FIELD TRIPS**

### **What is voting?**

Voting is a way for a group of people to make a decision. Family members can cast votes for a favorite meal, favorite book or favorite weekend activity. We as a County vote for our Sheriff and other Elected Officials. In School Districts, people vote for the members of a school board.

### **Who can vote?**

When our country began, the Founding Fathers wrote our constitution describing how we would govern ourselves. It said people should vote, but didn't say who could vote. They left that choice up to each state to decide! That created problems.

In the past some people weren't allowed to vote because of the amount of money they had, or if they were a woman, and even because of their race.

But after years and years, great changes have been made that made for one law that says anyone who is a citizen of the united states and 18 years or older, can vote.

### **Why should people vote?**

It's a very important way to make your voice heard. Even though most anyone over 18 can vote, about half of the people who can, do vote. They are making the choices for EVERYONE.

### **Be Kind**

One thing to remember about voting...is people are very excited to have their say. We may not have all the same views about who should be president but we can still be kind. We can have a disagreement and still be kind to other people in this world. That's part of life...and part of the voting process.

### **Let's Vote!**

ARE YOU A DOG PERSON OR A CAT PERSON?

Dogs:

Cats: