



# Ferguson Has a History Museum

Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation and become a member.

The internet may be taking over a lot of the way we get out news – however – newspapers are not a thing of the past – consider the fact that you are reading this sentence in a newspaper – the *Ferguson Neighborhood News*. This is only the latest in a number of Ferguson-local newspapers. The Ferguson Historical Society has a large collection of back issues for most of Ferguson’s historic newspapers. These papers are a rich supply of Ferguson social news, governmental news, and advertisements. It is great to look through these old papers (very gently as old, yellowed, newsprint is fragile). Especially interesting are the old ads – giving unbelievable prices for items in the past. Take a look at the Goddard ad to the right.

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St Louis has a long history of Newspapers. The first was the *Missouri Gazette* which began in 1808 and lasted until 1922. There have been at least 55 newspapers since that first in 1808. Many have been in English, but in the 1800’s there were numerous German, Jewish and even French papers. If you are approaching 100, you may remember the *St. Louis Star* (1908-1932) or the *St. Louis Times* (1895-1932), or the *St. Louis Star-Times* (1885-1951). Younger people might remember the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* (1875-1986) – a Republican paper. We still have the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (1879-today) which is considered a Democrat paper. But these are not Ferguson-only papers, so we will now look at Ferguson.

We don’t really know how many Ferguson newspapers there have been. The earliest dated newspaper we have is from 1922 – the *Town Talk* (1922-1960). We have quite a number of back issues – but the early years are pretty limited.

LIBRARY **The Town Talk**

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5 Cents Each Single Copy      Ferguson, St. Louis County, Missouri      Subscriptions \$2.00 Per Year

The second oldest paper we have is the *Ferguson News Digest* (1947 only). Like many of these local papers, they focused on Ferguson, but included nearby cities.

# FERGUSON NEWS-DIGEST

MAILED to Every Home in the Ferguson, Berkeley and Florissant Areas

VOLUME 1, NUMBER 18

FERGUSON, MISSOURI

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Thursday, January 23

Following in age is the *Public News*. (1952 only). It looks like it aimed more at Berkeley – but did include Ferguson news.

# PUBLIC NEWS

VOL. 6, NO. 9

BERKELEY, MO., THURS., MAY 13, 1954

6th Year

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The *Ferguson Herald* (1955-1964) is next. We have a representative collection over the years). Also from this mid-century date we have numerous editions of the *Ferguson Reporter* (1960-61).

# FERGUSON REPORTER

Formerly *The Town Talk*

Including News Coverage for **Berkeley • Cool Valley • Dellwood • Normandy**

to Each  
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FERGUSON, MISSOURI

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1961

Subscription  
\$2.00 per year

WINNER OF SEVEN STATE-WIDE NEWSPAPER AWARDS, 1961

# THE REPORTER

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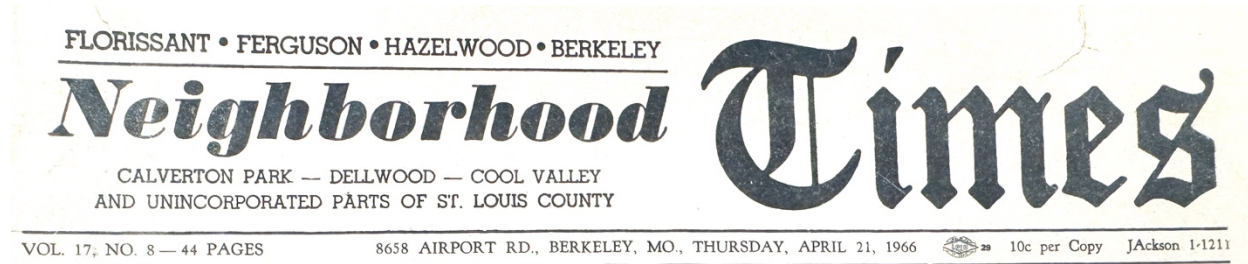
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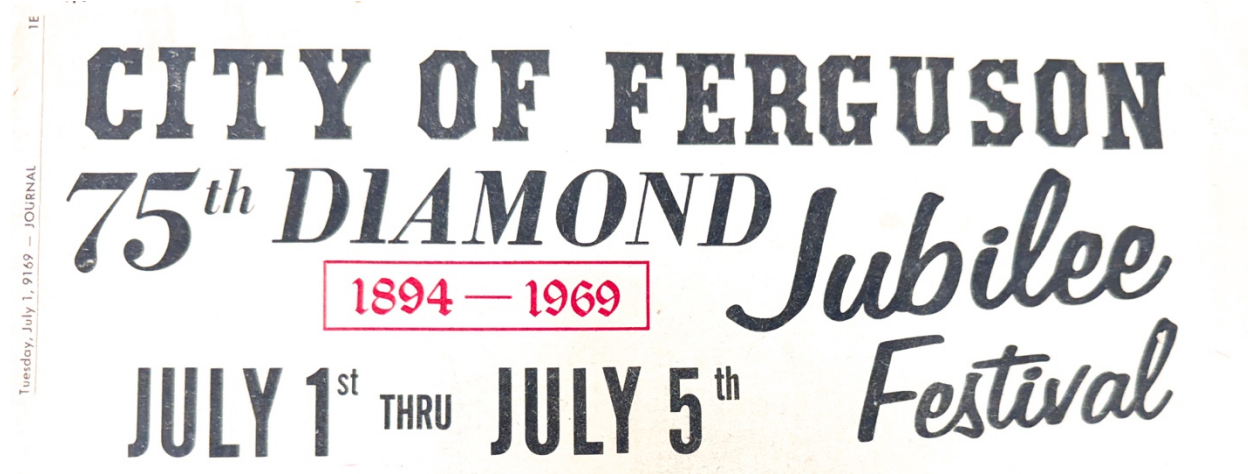
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While the *Ferguson Reporter* lasted one year, it appears to have transformed into *The Reporter* (1961-62)– a newspaper which appears to focus mainly on Florissant, but included Ferguson and a lot of North County. Both papers were published and edited by the same people. We appear to have all issues)

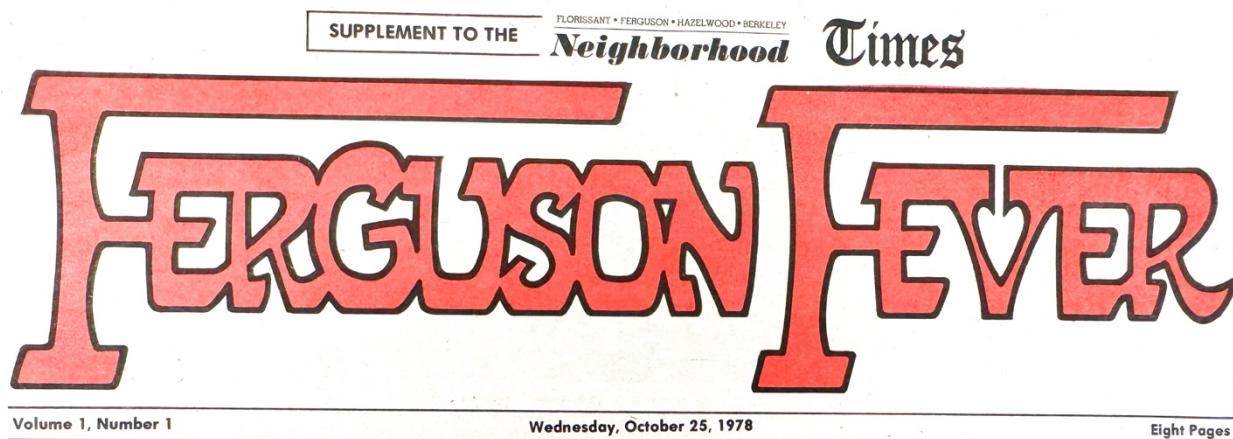
Next came the *Spirit of Ferguson* (1962-1965). The History House has quite a number of issues. The *Neighborhood Times* (1966-1981) came next. We have quite a number of these issues over the years.



The Journal (1969 only) is next. We have very few copies.



*Ferguson Fever* (1978-79), was actually a supplement of the *Neighborhood Times*, but did prove to be more colorful.



So far all of the above papers were printed on Broadsheet or tabloid stock. Broadsheet is the size of major newspapers (or the size they used to be). Tabloid is the smaller size (11 x 17) which most local papers now use to print. Tabloid is the size of the newspaper you are using right now.

The Ferguson Free Press (1981-82) was printed on standard paper (8.5 x 11). Since it lasted only a year we have a number of issues available.



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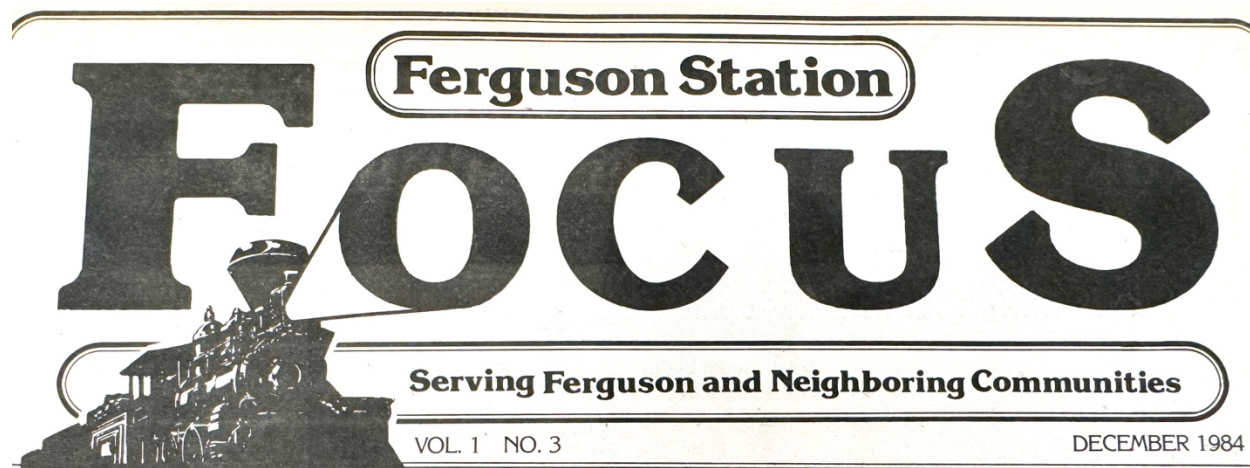
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The Ferguson Station FOCUS (1984-1999) is a local newspaper many Ferguson residents will remember as it survived up to the end of the last century. We have many copies of this newspaper.



Another local newspaper many residents will remember is the *Ferguson Times* (1999-2019). As with other newer papers, we have a large number of issues available for research.

Finally, we have the newspaper you are holding in your hands – The *Ferguson Neighborhood News* (2021-TODAY).

We are thankful for the Ferguson Newspaper Group who publish this paper – often at their own cost. The Ferguson Historical Society encourages the readers of our articles to support the *Ferguson Neighborhood News* by advertising and encouraging the City of Ferguson to contribute city news and support. Our local newspapers are a valuable source of information about our city, our social life, and articles aimed at and about Ferguson.

**Membership in the Ferguson Historical Society is open to anyone –** membership levels range from \$20.00 to \$50.00 a year. If you are interested in joining or have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact Jerry Benner at [fjbenner@mindspring.com](mailto:fjbenner@mindspring.com).

You are also welcome to visit the History Museum at 1064 Smith (behind the Community Center) by e-mailing the above address. Note: we will need to schedule a date for you, so ask well in advance

***“The Ferguson Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Ferguson Missouri. Membership is open to all sharing our interest.”***