

## Membership Application

Please enroll me in the Friends of the Pharis Farm. I want to be a part of the restoration, preservation and promotion of this historic site.

### Membership Levels

- Individual \$ 25
- Family \$ 50
- Supporting member \$ 75
- Benefactor \$100
- Partnership/Corporation \$250
- Other (memorial/honor) \$\_\_\_\_

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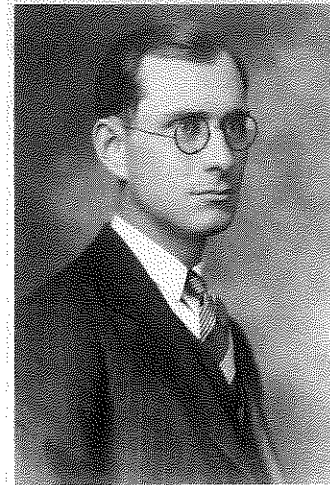
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send this form with your payment to  
Friends of the Pharis Farm  
P.O. Box 1454  
Liberty, MO 64069  
Or visit our website and pay online  
[www.pharisfarm.org](http://www.pharisfarm.org)

## Donald Pharis' Dream

As an educator, Donald Pharis taught vocational agriculture in Harrisonville, & Richmond, Missouri.



In 1927 he purchased a 160 acre farm in rural Clay County and gave up teaching to farm full time.

As a farmer he continued to teach about the importance of soil and water conservation. He was the first farmer in Clay County to terrace his fields. He was a founding member of the Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District and assisted farmers throughout the Midwest.

Mr. Pharis was active in FFA and 4H. He often loaned his animals for 4H projects. In the 1970s and 80s Donald and his wife, Laura welcomed students to their farm and taught them about historical and modern farming practices, the importance of soil and water conservation, and pioneer life. His wish was that the farm, home and cabin be used to educate children.

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*People are trapped in history,  
and history is trapped in them.*

*~ James Baldwin,  
Notes of a Native Son*

# Historic Pharis Farm

1927 Donald Pharis, a vocational agriculture teacher, and his wife Helen purchased the 160 acre farm and home.

1934 Mr. and Mrs. Pharis began restoring the home.

1945 Donald and Helen adopted their son, Charles Fox Pharis II.

1957 Helen Pharis passed.

1958 Donald married Laura West.

1965 Mr. Pharis disassembled and moved a log cabin built in 1821 from neighboring Ray County to his property.

1970 Donald and Laura filled the log cabin with antique tools, farming equipment and items from everyday pioneer life. They then welcomed school children for field trips.

1992 Mr. Pharis passed and bequeathed his home and land to Clay County.

2002 Clay County commissioners accepted Mr. Pharis' gift.

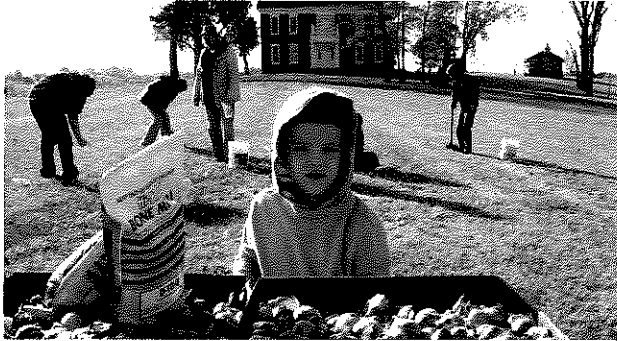
2005 The Friends of the Pharis Farm formed.



Bluegrass Jam



Family Fun Day



Daffodil planting

Historic Pharis Farm  
20611 EE Highway  
Liberty, MO 64068  
PharisFarm.org

# Friends of the Pharis Farm

A not-for-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Donald C. Pharis Historic Farm by preserving and demonstrating all aspects of farm life in the early 1900s for future generations.

*"A generation which ignores  
history has no past and no  
future." - Robert Heinlein*

**"Why Should I Become  
a Friend?"**

As a member of the Friends of the Pharis Farm, you will be part of a community oriented team, creating awareness about the Pharis Farm and educating the public about Mr. Pharis' vision of sustainability and agriculture.