

unCommon Threads: Stories of Missouri Brides
Missouri History Museum
Exhibition Fact Sheet

DATES: June 17, 2007-September 28, 2007

DESCRIPTION: Beyond the workmanship of silk and lace, a wedding gown tells the story of the woman who wore it and the time in which she lived. Featuring garments, photographs and other treasures from the Missouri Historical Society's extensive collections, *unCommon Threads: Stories of Missouri Brides*, a new exhibition at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, explores 19th-and 20th-century fashion and matrimonial customs. Celebrating one of our society's most enduring rituals, the exhibition is guaranteed to get people talking about the meaning of weddings—past, present and future.

THEMES:

- Here Comes the Bride
- Fashioning St. Louis
- Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue
- What Exactly is a Trousseau?
- The Art of Giving

HIGHLIGHTS: The centerpiece of the exhibition will be bridal attire from the 1820s to the 1990s. The brides' stories exist against a backdrop that includes the fashion and bridal industries, rituals, traditions, fads and styles that define particular decades. The 6,000-square-foot exhibition will examine the common threads that link all brides.

ADMISSION: Free

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