

## Information Sheet

**R**      **McCormick, Cyrus T.**  
**31**      **“The Missouri Indian Trails,” n.d.**  
            **25 pages, typescript.**

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This is a photocopy of a paper, which describes Indian trails and the earliest roads in Missouri, with an emphasis on the southeastern portion of the state.

John P. Skaggs, president of the Madison County Historical Society, loaned “The Missouri Indian Trails” for copying to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla. The paper was in the collection of the late Dr. W. Harry Barron of Fredericktown, Missouri.

The date of the typescript is unknown. The paper is based upon secondary sources and on field investigations by the author. Cyrus T. McCormick began work as a professional surveyor in 1878. He was county surveyor of Madison County and an engineer for the Missouri Highway Department from 1913 to 1923. During this period McCormick traveled extensively throughout southeastern Missouri. He made observations and gathered data from residents of the area which “... was handed down to them by their forefathers along a traditional line as to the location of the old Indian trails ... through this part of the country.”

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