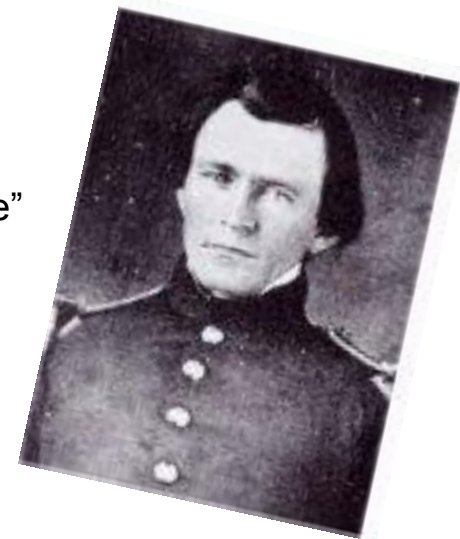
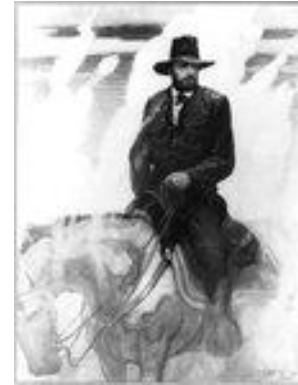


Ulysses S. Grant & Julia Dent

- 1848 Wedding gift from Col. Dent
 - Ulysses S. Grant and his new bride, Julia Dent, received 80 acres of Dent family land southwest of St. Louis (present day St. Paul's Cemetery)
- 1854 Grant resigned from the Army (before Civil War)
 - No longer had income from the army
 - Planned to support his family farming at Hardscrabble & White Haven
 - Commented to a friend “whoever hears of me in ten years will hear of a well-to-do old Missouri farmer” (Grants Auto Biography)
- 1855 Grant joined his bride in St. Louis
 - Started sawing and notching the logs that would be used to build a new home
 - Julia lamented that Grant chose a log cabin not “a neat frame house”
- 1856 Summer
 - Grant set stone foundation
 - Neighbors and slaves assisted in the house raising
 - Completed in 3 days
 - Grant completed himself
 - Shingling the roof
 - Laying the floors
 - Building the stairs



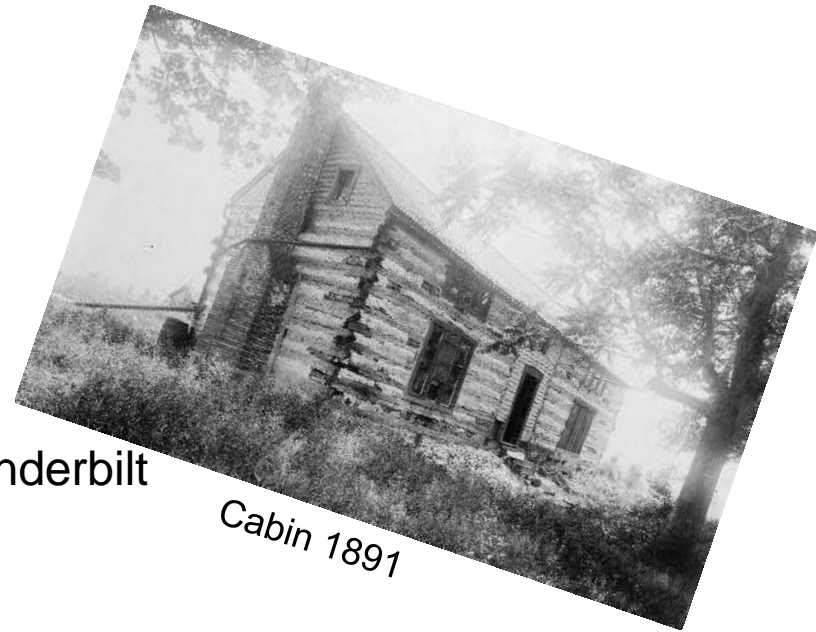
Julia's New Home - Hardscrabble



- 1856 September
 - Grants moved into Hardscrabble
- Cabin divided into four rooms
 - Two upstairs
 - Two downstairs
 - Hall running between them on both floors
- **Julia's comments** (The Personal Memoirs of Julia Dent Grant (Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant), pp. 78-79)
 - “My father most aggravatingly urged a log house, saying it would be warmer. So the great trees were felled and lay stripped of their boughs; then came the hewing which required much time and labor; then came the house-raising and a great luncheon. A neat frame house I am sure, could have been put up in half the time and at less expense. We went to this house before it was finished and lived in it scarcely three months.”
 - “So crude and homely I did not like it at all”
 - “I did not say so and got out all my pretty covers, baskets, books, etc”
 - “This little house looked so unattractive that we facetiously decided to call it Hardscrabble”
 - (meaning "yielding a bare or meager living with great labor or difficulty") because the cabin was so crude and homely
- Grants lived there only three months
- 1857 January
 - Moved back to Dent farm (White Haven) upon death of Julia's mother

Cabin named "Hardscrabble"

- 1859 Frederick Dent, acting for Grant,
 - Sold to Joseph White for \$7,200.00
- 1863 White unable to pay
 - Julia regained the land
 - Julia leased cabin
 - 1868 Grants regain farm after Mo Supreme Court battle won
- 1884 transferred ownership to William Vanderbilt of New York
 - Nearly 650 acres
 - Sold for \$150,000.00
- 1888 Luther H Conn purchases property
 - Retained the rights to sell the cabin separately
- 1889 sold to Henry J. Weber
 - 132 acres
- 1891 Conn sold cabin to Edward and Justin Joy, real estate developers
 - \$5,000.00
 - Disassembled the structure
 - Carefully numbered each log
 - Rebuilt in Old Orchard, part of nearby Webster Groves, MO



Cabin 1891

Hardscrabble Goes to the "Fair"

- 1903 sold to C. F. Blanke Coffee Co
 - \$8,000.00
- Dismantled and reconstructed at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair
 - Major public attraction
 - Opened on May 3
 - Located near the east wing of the Art Palace
 - 10¢ adult admission
 - Luncheon concession and coffee house



The top knife advertises "Blanke's Coffee -Faust Blend & Grant Cabin Tea." The bottom one reads "Blanke's Coffee - Faust Blend & Exposition Brand."

Grant's Cabin at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, MO 1904

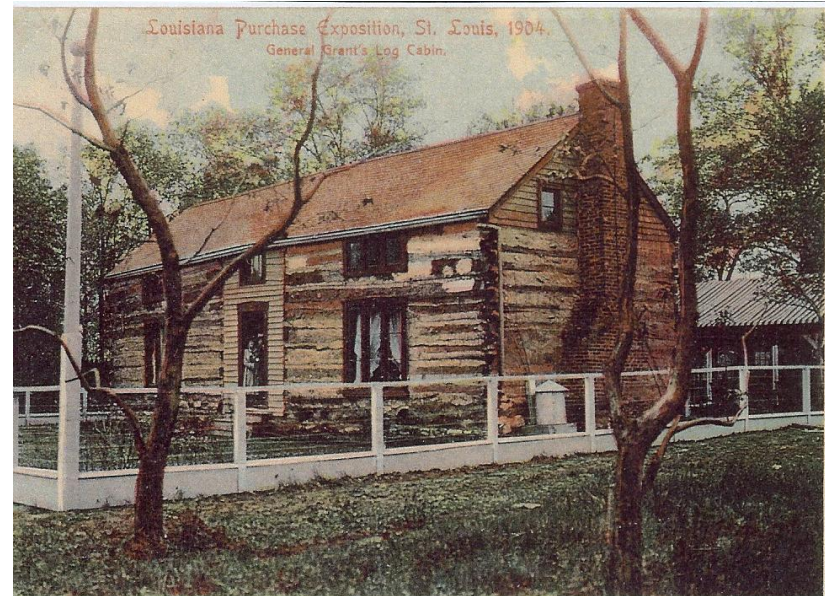


Photo – copy of post card owned by member Louise Drescher.

Did "Hardscrabble" remain in Forest Park?

- Intended to remain in Forest Park
 - Located near the east wing of the Art Palace
 - No agreement made with city authorities
 - Headed for demolition
- 1907 Cabin purchased by August Busch
 - Rebuilt on his estate of over 280 acres
 - Marker in St. Paul's Churchyard Cemetery at the original location of Grant's cabin
 - Placed by the Webster Groves Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Busch, August A., Sr., with grandchildren Adolphus Busch Orthwein and Jacqueline Jones (Hadley).



Hardscrabble
Photos taken 1940



Grant's Cabin Today

- 1977 Anheuser-Busch restored the cabin to its present condition.

