

Enshrinement of FFA ✓  
Time Capsule

50 Golden Years  
1928-1978

Sanborn Field  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
August 10, 1979  
10:00 a.m.

## The FFA Time Capsule

The 50th Annual Convention of the Missouri Association of FFA was held at the University of Missouri-Columbia in the Hearnes Multipurpose Building, April 20-21, 1978. Approximately 7,000 FFA members, parents, and guests participated in the various activities. During the third session, 25 of the early State Officers, American Farmers, and National Officers were awarded the Golden Anniversary State Farmer Degree. This group included three of the first State Officers elected in 1928. Golden Anniversary activities were conducted during the 1978-79 school year by the State Association and various chapters. The celebration came to a close during the 51st Convention, April 19-20, 1979, with the preparation and dedication of a time capsule containing packets from various chapters and the State Association. Plans were made at that time to bury the capsule in Sanborn Field on the University campus and for the capsule to be opened during the 75th Convention in 2003.

This activity would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the following friends of the FFA: Dr. Kenneth Larson, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture; Dr. George C. Smith, Acting Dean, College of Agriculture; Ray McClure, Counseling Coordinator, College of Agriculture; Dr. William Upchurch, Associate Professor of Agronomy, College of Agriculture; Dr. Richard Lee, Agricultural Editor, University of Missouri; and Charles Zaring, Parker Funeral Home.

## PROGRAM

- Master of Ceremonies ..... David Pearce  
*State FFA President, 1978-79*  
Warrensburg
- Invocation ..... Scott Watson  
*State FFA President, 1979-80*  
Gallatin
- Welcome ..... Dr. James C. Olson  
*President*  
*University of Missouri-Columbia*
- Greetings ..... B.W. Robinson  
*Assistant Commissioner, Career & Adult Education*  
*Department of Elementary & Secondary Education*  
Jefferson City
- “FFA’s First Golden Fifty Years” ..... Kelly Grant  
*National FFA Secretary*  
Morrisville  
—Carl M. Humphrey  
*Past State FFA Advisor*  
Jefferson City
- FFA Looks to the Future ..... Scott Watson  
—Larry Case  
*State FFA Advisor*  
Jefferson City
- Placing Items in Capsule ..... John Williams  
*FFA 1st Vice President, 1978-79*  
Alton  
—Roger Gardner  
*State FFA Secretary, 1979-80*  
Harrisonville  
—Dr. George C. Smith  
*Acting Dean, College of Agriculture*  
*University of Missouri-Columbia*
- Enshrinement of Time Capsule ..... David Pearce
- Benediction ..... Gene Corman  
*FFA 1st Vice President, 1979-80*  
Willow Springs



## **Sanborn Field**

Sanborn Field, established in 1888 on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia, is the oldest agricultural experiment field west of the Mississippi. This field was planned and inaugurated by Dr. J.W. Sanborn, Dean of the Missouri College of Agriculture from 1882-1889. Sanborn Field and Soil Erosion Plots were designated a Registered National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, in 1965.