

## Museum Hours

Monday to Saturday . . . 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday . . . 1 pm to 5 pm

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas  
and New Years Day

Admission is free.

(Donations are accepted)

## Glore Psychiatric Museum



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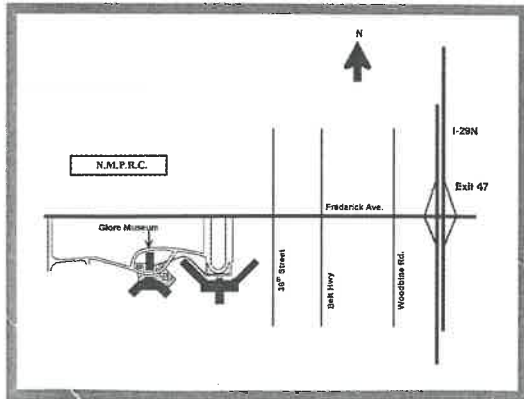
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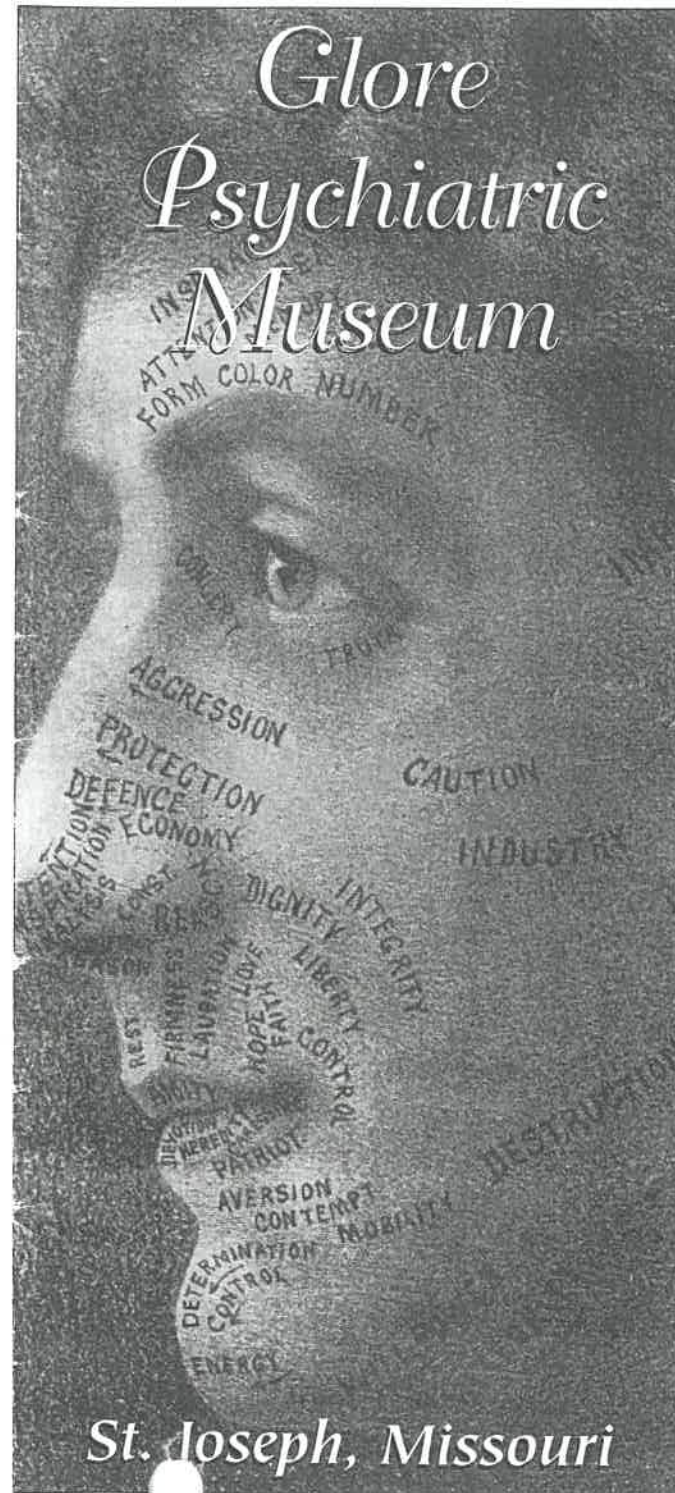
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St. Joseph, Missouri

## George Glore Founded Museum in 1967

The Glore Psychiatric Museum is named for its founder George Glore, who spent most of his 41-year career with the Missouri Department of Mental Health nurturing its collections into arguably the largest and best single exhibition explaining the evolution of mental health care in the United States.

George has worked tirelessly to acquire hundreds of documents and unique artifacts representing a variety of treatment approaches in the hope that future generations might learn from the experiences of those who have suffered one of the many forms of mental illness. His ultimate goal is to reduce the stigma associated with psychiatric treatment for our patients, their families and communities.

His pioneering work has been recognized nationally and internationally, and has been the subject of numerous articles, reviews and documentaries.

George retired in 1996, but remains active with the Museum as an advisor and informational source.



George Glore

## State Lunatic Asylum No.2 Opened November, 1874

In November, 1874, 'State Lunatic Asylum #2' opened with its first 25 patients on recently purchased land east of the city. Dr. George C. Catlett, the hospital's first Superintendent explained in his dedication remarks that this hospital was dedicated "to the noble work of reviving hope in the human heart, and dispelling the portentous clouds that penetrate the intellects of minds diseased."

Demand caused rapid growth. The original 275 beds filled quickly. An additional 120 beds were added, and then another 350. Relatives who could no longer provide for their special needs admitted most patients.

Original building  
dedicated  
November 9, 1874



A devastating fire in 1879 only temporarily slowed that growth. When the hospital reopened in 1880, it became a sanctuary for the special people society didn't want. By the early 1950s, the patient population had grown to nearly 3,000.

Throughout this 125-year history, the facility has undergone a series of treatment and cultural changes. The



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most recent change evolved as the facility prepared to move into a new building located across the street from its original campus.

Ground was broken for the new Northwest Missouri Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center in August, 1994, and the building was occupied in July, 1997. The new campus is designed for 108 intermediate and long term adult beds. An additional ward with 12 youth beds is located at Woodson children's unit.