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1961 Ozark Breakaway:
The Year McDonald County
Seceded From Missouri

"*With his up close and personal view of the 'secession' movement, no one is more qualified than Noel native Dwight Pogue to chronicle the most entertaining event in the history of McDonald County, Missouri. In '1961 Ozark Breakaway' you'll get to know the colorful characters behind the creation of 'McDonald Territory' and the story of a twentieth century Ozarks revolt that made headlines around the nation.*" Brooks Blevins, Noel Boyd Professor of Ozark Studies at Missouri State University.

"What a remarkable book. I could hardly put it down, honestly. A well-told story of a small Missouri community in 1961 that was 'not going to 'shut up and sit down.' Pogue's telling of this community's mock call to arms against a 'Tyranny of Omission' by the State, is fascinating. And, in a way, quite timely. Had I had such well-told history lessons in school, maybe I wouldn't have failed American History. Twice." Barry Moser, author, illustrator and American Book Award winner.

1961 Ozark Breakaway: The Year McDonald County Seceded From Missouri

By Dwight W. Pogue

On April 12, 1961, exactly one hundred years after the start of the Civil War, McDonald County (named after Revolutionary War Hero Pvt. Alexancer B. McDonald) submitted legal papers on the floor of the Missouri Senate at the State House to secede from Missouri and form a fifty first state of the union to be comprised of McDonald County Missouri, Benton County Arkansas and Delaware County Oklahoma. The news spread literally overnight to become a national sensation with international exposure. Even the Kennedy Administration took notice when it informed popular *The Ozark Mountaineer* magazine, "in the interest of national security to withdraw support and thus prevent the separation movement from becoming nationwide in scope and unmanageable."

Learn the documented story behind this extraordinary event. For the first time in sixty years this factual story is told by one of the few remaining players, when the author was sixteen years old in 1961 and owing to his family's weekly newspaper found himself an active participant with a front row seat before, during and after the secession.

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Three Mobile Patrol Guards scout the perimeter of the McDonald Territory Land Rush, April 30, 1961.