



Miller County Historical Society

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CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

This year is full of re-enactments and remembrances marking the sesquicentennial of the Civil War or as some like to call it “The War Between the States.” The museum is privileged to be showcasing a traveling exhibit from the Missouri State Archives called:

Divided Loyalties: Civil War Documents

Covering 1000 sq. ft. of floor space, the exhibit begins with a look at pre-Civil War Missouri and ends with an examination of the challenges Missourians faced during the decade after the war’s end. The exhibit will be available free of charge until the end of August.



Divided Loyalties Exhibit at the Museum

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – SAT. JULY 14

Plan to join us on **Saturday, July 14, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** for Carl McDonald’s famous homemade ice-cream. Board members will supply cookies and cakes, as well as drinks for a donation of \$5.00 per person. It will be a great opportunity to view the Civil War Display set up in the lower level of the new building.

MILLER COUNTY VETERANS TRIBUTE



An emotional ceremony and dedication service held on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2012, acknowledged ‘The Soldier’ and paid tribute to those who have served from Miller County.

We are grateful to **The Jason Ash Memorial Foundation** for choosing the museum grounds for this monument. *It’s one more reason to visit this summer!*



Members of VFW Post 2442

Q U I L T R A F F L E

Elva Boyd Steen has once again donated one of her beautiful, hand-pieced and hand-quilted creations for our 2012 raffle. We are so grateful for her continued willingness to give up one of her 'treasures' for our benefit.

Raffle tickets for Elva's 2012 quilt are included, as well as a return envelope. All proceeds will go to the Miller County Historical Society.



N O T E W O R T H Y :

*The museum hosted a booth at the recent Miller County Soil and Water Conservation Fair. **Doris Martin Wiggins** and **Diane Brown Berkbigler** created a photo display of Miller County barns.

***Shawn Kober** of LakeTV Channel 24 produced a video interview of **Joe Pryor** and **Harold Flaughter** for distribution throughout the lake area.

***EBSCO Publishing**, Ipswich, MA, is adding Joe's weekly Progress Notes to its digital database.

***Eldon's 3rd Graders** toured the museum and cabins and were fascinated by the outhouse.

***Lillian Fogelman Thomas** and her two daughters from the Kansas City area donated her grandfather's toolbox filled with his handmade, antique tools for display in our barn area.

*A Buechter Bridge photo display was donated by **Joey and Tiffany Wright**.

*Over 100 descendants of the **John Williams, Jr.** family gathered at the museum over Memorial weekend. **Don Pemberton** shared his new book, 'The Williams Cemetery – A Brief History,' and made copies available for purchase in the museum's gift shop.

***Fred Meyer** donated a quilt made by his mother, **Margie Heldstab Melton**.

***Donna Shockley Carrender's** book on the history of School of the Osage sold out on publication.

***Connie Prather** donated four chairs from the Iberia Masonic Lodge #410, two of them dating back to 1872.



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Last quarter I introduced you to the officers of the Miller County Historical Society. With this edition, I would like to tell you about the other board members.

Gary Carrender is a retired teacher/historian/principal, currently on the staff of Columbia College in Lake Ozark. Gary's family has had a long association with the Rock Island Railroad and his father, Casey, and grandfather, Charles, told him many stories about the train line when it was in its heyday. Gary has strong ties to both the Eldon and Lake communities and is active helping his daughter and son-in law with their camp for at-risk kids. Gary's wife, Donna, preceded him as a member of the board.



H. Joe Pryor, M.D.
President

Jim Clark probably needs no introduction. He is a true historian regarding the story of our county and knows most of our residents due to his many years as postmaster at Tuscumbia. Jim is also a skilled carpenter and electrician and worked with Kenneth Wyrick during the construction of the new museum addition. He built the bell tower in front of the museum, refinished all the kitchen cabinetry and installed a new ceiling in that area as well as an end wall to offer more storage. He did the back breaking work to fix the drainage issue in the old building, which now ensures us a dry basement. He regularly checks on the building and grounds and quickly (and quietly) takes care of any necessary repairs. His wife, Nancy, is known for her delicious hazelnut cookies.

Harold Flaughner is our newest board member, hailing from Rocky Mount. He and his wife, Joy, have been part of the 'Monday group' of volunteers for the past year. A retired carpenter, Harold offers his skills to repair, install and/or maintain our exhibits in the museum. He is a historian by nature and a very valuable resource for questions regarding Miller County's history and early citizens. He is also very knowledgeable regarding antique farm tools and helps with identification in that area.

Greg Keeth is a busy Iberia farmer, raising turkeys and cattle on the family farm. He made regular trips to the museum during our construction phase in 2007-2008, often bringing artifacts to add to the displays. He recently did the hard work of moving the heavy tombstones of John and Mahala Williams to the museum front porch so they could be preserved after they were replaced with new monuments. Greg stages the children's tractor derby at our car show each year.

Connie Prather is a bundle of energy, volunteering wherever needed. She is particularly skilled at managing the kitchen during our public events, both in the planning and execution stages. She loves photography and has been helpful in capturing scenes around the county for our website. A former businesswoman in Iberia, Connie has devoted herself to public service; we are grateful she made time for the Miller County Historical Society.

Wanda Wright is last, but certainly not least. A retired Tuscumbia school teacher, she is known throughout the community for her cheerful spirit and encouraging manner. A longtime member of MCHS, she is a knowledgeable docent as well as a willing 'worker bee' when necessary. Recently, she was a consultant for the 'Glory Brigade' movie presentation at the museum since part of it was filmed on her family farm on the Osage River.

Thanks to all of our volunteers! We appreciate you!

CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMORIALS

To the Miller County Historical Society: John and Megan Pryor, Dale Phillips

To the MCHS Foundation, Inc.: Dorothy Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Clemens Haggerty, Gary and Donna Carrender, Joe and Judy Pryor, Carol Cummings and Bill Bassett, Roberta Jenkins

Memorial Designations:

In Honor of Helen Wall Peggy Hake, Joan Garrity

In Honor of Betty Lou Smith Peggy Hake

As always, we are grateful for your generosity and support. Thank you!

Our dues for 2012 remain the same. You can show your support for our organization and museum by filling out the application below and sending it, along with your payment, to: P.O. Box 57 Tuscumbia, MO 65082

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