



Miller County Historical Society

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Museum hours are
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

Plan to join us on Saturday July, 19, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for homemade ice-cream and cookies, as well as drinks for a donation of \$5.00 per person. Tickets for children ten and under are free. We will also be holding a 50-50 raffle. Tickets will be \$1 each or six for \$5. You need not be present to win.

VISITORS

A recent visitor at the museum was Cheryl Harness, author of historical children's books, and winner of the 2014 Missouri Humanities Award. Her work focuses on both American and Missouri history. She was in town for a presentation at the Tuscumbia School.



Lysha Thompson, Matthew Stockwell, Olivia Diefenbach, Cheryl Harness, Dustin Bax, Kyle Tallant; Front, Isabelle Sears, Caleb Martonfi



Also visiting was a large group of members of the Lake St. Louis Historical Society. What a fun group!

And The Eldon third graders visited in May.

Miller County Historical Society Officers and Board Members

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2014 QUILT RAFFLE

Once again we wish to thank Elva Steen for donating a quilt for our annual raffle. This lovely quilt is hand-quilted and will be given away at our fall chili supper. Tickets, on sale now, are \$1 each or six for \$5.

If you receive your newsletter via USPS, tickets are enclosed. If you receive your newsletter via e-mail, tickets are attached.



OLD MEDICAL TERMS

Bronze John	Is yellow fever; an acute infectious disease caused by a virus which gets into the body through the bite of an infected mosquito
Brown Tail Rash	An irritating rash on the skin caused by the hairs of the brown-tail moth
Childbed Fever	An old term for infection of the uterus secondary to childbirth; blood poisoning during pregnancy
Consumption	An old term for tuberculosis of the lungs
Costiveness	Constipation
Dropsy	An unnatural collection of fluid in any cavity of the body
Egyptian Chlorosis	Hookworm
Fits	A convulsion; a seizure
Gravel	"Sand" in the kidneys which is sometimes passed in the urine. It is composed of minute particles of kidney stones.
Grippe	Influenza; an upper respiratory infection with fever, running nose, sore throat, cough, headache, aches & pains in the whole body.
Lumbago	Lower rheumatic back pain
Milk Crust	Small red, itchy pimples on the face or scalp of infants which burst & exude sticky fluid forming a yellow crust.
Milk Leg	Phlebitis or inflammation in the leg beginning two to seven weeks after giving birth.
Mortification	The complete death of a part of the body.
Osmidrosis	Body odor

M O L A S S E S P R E S S

A recent donation to our museum was a molasses press. It is believed that this press was once owned by the Schlesinger family. It has been restored by Kenny Wyrick.



The Sorghum Grinder

by Lois E. Edwards King

East of our house by the creek branch was our sugar cane patch. Each spring it would be planted and grew to great height by the end of summer. In the fall of the year, several men with a mill press would show up to press the sweet sorghum from the sugar cane. The mill was a large tub into which the cane was hand fed. Horses were hooked up to long poles that extended from the tub and would slowly turn the press like a carnival merry-go-round. A pan under the tub caught the drippings which were emptied into a large vat over an open fire. The contents of the vat needed constant stirring in order that the sugary sorghum not stick and burn. At the end of this process, the extracted sorghum molasses would be dripped into jars or cans for storage and would provide us with sweetener throughout the winter and until the next fall. Gingersnap cookies and gingerbread made with the molasses are a few of the delicious baked goods I remember the most. One year there was such a good crop that Mom had a surplus in her pantry which she sold in order to buy my sister, Ruth, a new watch. The odor of the sweet molasses floated all the way up the hill and smelled so good when I came home from school. There is nothing better than homemade bread with butter and molasses for an after school snack.

T H I S ' N T H A T

- We are currently looking for pictures of veterans of the Korean War and the Vietnam War. If you have any pictures to share, please contact us. We are needing original photos of good quality that we can scan.
- <http://www.thefacesofmargraten.com/> is a project to collect as many photos as possible of the soldiers buried/ memorialized at the American War Cemetery and Memorial Netherlands in Margraten. If you have photos of anyone buried there, please contact them at the website above.
- Many states lacked clear regulations for birth records until the late 19th or early 20th century. Earliest statewide registration began in 1841 in Massachusetts. The latest statewide registration began in New Mexico in 1920.
- Missouri Digital Heritage has digitized land records available to search at www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/land.asp

D O N A T I O N S

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John & Megan Pryor; Roberta Jenkins, Gary Flaugher, Bob
Bross, Sr.

In Memory of Waldo Steen

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Life Memberships

Greg McDonald, Naomi Cox, Bob Bross, Sr.

Many thanks to our donors to the Miller County Historical Society!

Missouri Birth and Death Records

The first provision for state-wide registration of births and deaths was enacted July 1, 1883, when the State Board of Health was created for the supervision of those registrations. The county clerks were made registration officers in their respective counties. These records can be found in the clerks' offices of the county courthouses. A portion of these records are on microfilm at the Missouri State Archives. The law concerning birth and death registration was repealed in 1893 and no births or deaths were registered until 1910.

Annual memberships are renewable in January of each calendar year. You can show your support for our organization and museum by filling out the application below and sending it, along with your payment, to the address shown.

Miller County Historical Society
Membership Registration

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