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Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 27, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.: Ice Cream Social All you can eat homemade ice cream and cookies. Tickets will be available at the door, \$5. for adults, children age six and under free. We look forward to having you join us.

Live music will be provided by Out On A Limb.

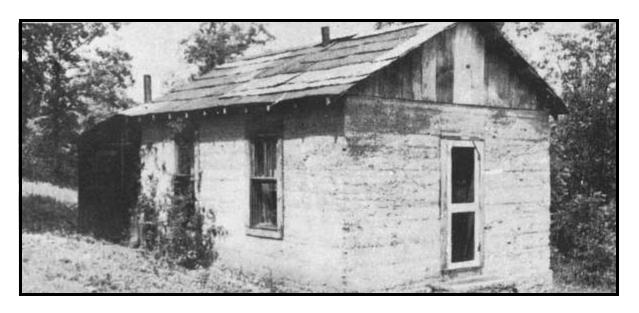
It has been a busy summer so far with a number of visitors each week. If you have not yet been to the museum, please stop by and see us. Admission is free! If you are researching your family's history, Monday is the best day to visit. Resources available in our research library include Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, printed family history books and files, obituaries, marriage records, guardianship records, and probate records, We also have resource books for other counties and states, books by Peggy Smith Hake, and the complete genealogical research materials compiled by Janet Steen and Barbara Pemberton. We welcome your research requests. Our email address is <millercountymuseum@att.net>. Email is checked daily.

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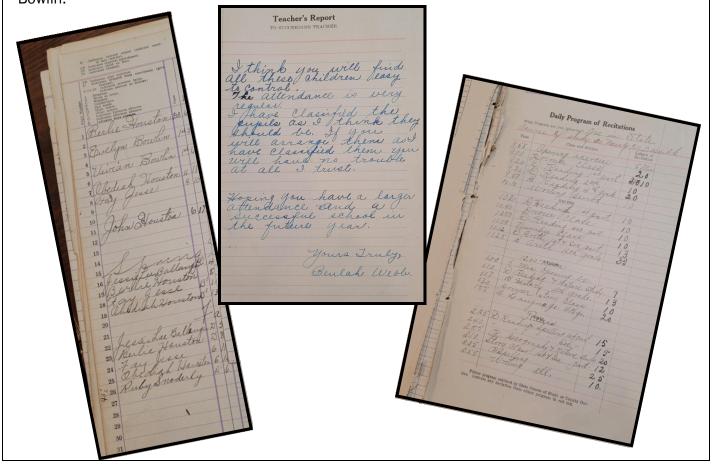
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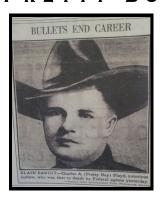


The Bowlin Grade School, located 200 yards north of the present day School of the Osage football field was replaced by New Bowlin in 1933. In 1936 School of the Osage was built replacing New Bowlin.



CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD AKA "PRETTY BOY"







A recent donation of Beard and Hendricks family history revealed that "Pretty Boy Floyd" spent quite a bit of time visiting in Miller County. He would come to visit his girlfriend, Beulah Mary Beard/Baird, daughter of Lewis/Louis Beard and Zella Carty Beard. Beulah and her sister Rose became very involved with Pretty Boy and his life of crime. The first news item discovered tying him to Miller County stated that Mrs. Zella Golden and her children, Mrs. Beulah Floyd (widow of Chas. "Pretty Boy" Floyd) and Louis drove out from Kansas City to visit Mrs. Martha Beard, Clarence Beard and family and Frank Beard. While here they visited the grave of Louis Beard, father of Mrs. Floyd and Louis, Jr., in the Tuscumbia cemetery.

Charles Arthur Floyd was born February 3, 1904 in Georgia. After his birth the family moved to a small farming community in Oklahoma. The family was dirt poor. In an attempt to help keep themselves fed they became involved in the bootlegging business.

In 1921 Floyd married 16 year old Ruby Hargrove. Money was scarce and he left home and travelled north looking for harvest work. There was no work to be found. He eventually gave up looking for work and bought his first gun. At the age of 18 he committed his first crime, robbing a post office of \$350 in pennies. He took the train to St. Louis where he robbed a Kroger store of about \$16,000. When local police searched his house they found some of the money still in its wrapper. For this crime he was sentenced to five years in the Jefferson City Penitentiary. While he was incarcerated his wife divorced him and gave birth to their son, Jack Dempsey Floyd. He was released from prison after three years and vowed never to be locked up again.

The first person he killed was police officer Ralph Castner who stopped him from robbing a Bowling Green, Ohio bank on April 16, 1931. He was accompanied by William Miller, known as "Billy the Killer", Beulah and her sister Rose. A clerk in a store recognized them and alerted the police who arrived as the group was walking down the street. As they ordered the group to stop, Floyd and Miller opened fire. Castner was killed, Chief Carl Galliher dropped to the ground, killing Miller and injuring Beulah, 21. Rose Baird/Beard, 23 was captured but Floyd escaped in a car.

In March of 1931, brothers William and Wallace Ash were lured to a remote area on a Wyandotte County, Kansas road and murdered, the police believed, by Miller and Floyd. Authorities asked Bowling Green, Ohio police to question closely two sisters whom they captured after slaying one of their male companions in a gunfight. One of the women was identified a Mrs. Rose Ash, widow of Wallace Ash. Police believe she lured the brothers to the lonely spot along the abandoned road where they were murdered. Police said the brothers had given them information against Willis Miller, slain by the Bowling Green police, and Charles Arthur Floyd who escaped. Officers believed the theory that Miller and Floyd killed the Ash brothers partly in revenge because they had informed upon them and partly because they were rivals for the love of Mrs. Ash, and her Sister, Beulah Baird/Beard.

On October 22, 1934, things came to a fatal end for Floyd. Pretty Boy was shot and killed by police in East Liverpool, Ohio.

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