



# Miller County Historical Society

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

## A GOOD FRIEND IS GONE

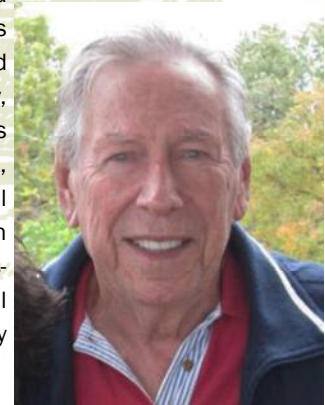
We lost a good friend on June 3, when Waldo Sherril Steen passed away at Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas. Sherril was born in Iberia February 19, 1936 the son of Waldo and Eula (Poppewell) Steen. He married Alice Faye Pemberton in 1953 and together they raised two sons and a daughter, Douglas, Darrel and Dana.

Sherril and his wife, Alice, have been long-time, stalwart supporters of the Miller County Historical Society and made the trip here from Texas several times a year to attend our events. He always purchased a large block of raffle tickets each year for Alice, hoping to win one of Aunt Elva's beautiful quilts.

In 2010 Alice and Sherril donated significant seed money to establish the MCHS Foundation, a 501c (3), with the primary purpose to support the work of the Miller County Historical Society. The objective of the Foundation is to provide members and

friends of the Society with a means to make gifts which will continue to support the Society's mission in perpetuity. Sherril selected a strong board of professional advisors and personally managed the investment of these funds. His vision and commitment has encouraged others to donate to this fund, and through Sherril's wise oversight, our nest egg has continued to grow. His son, Doug, will be managing this resource for us in the future.

Sherril served as President of the Williams Cemetery Association for a number of years and he was buried there on Saturday, June 8. He was kind, warm, strong, insightful and generous with his time and assets. We will all miss him very much.



## NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Our annual potluck luncheon and election of officers and board members was held Sunday, April 21. The nominating committee, comprised of Connie Prather, Betty Kallenbach and Karen Smith presented the following slate of candidates for consideration: Board members Barbara Lupardus and Bill Weidinger for a first term, Gary Carrender and Greg Keeth for a second term. Officers presented for consideration were President, Carl McDonald; Vice President, Jim Clark; Secretary, Catherine Ponder; and Treasurer, Betty Kallenbach. No nominations were made from the floor and all candidates were elected by a unanimous vote. Catherine Ponder has since resigned as secretary and Diane Knutson has been appointed to fill that position.

## THANK YOU JOE AND JUDY!

During our annual open house on Saturday, May 18th, our out-going president, Joe Pryor, was presented a plaque in appreciation for his countless hours of work and devotion to our organization. It goes without saying that his wife Judy has also devoted many hours to our organization. She is currently serving as secretary/treasurer of the Miller County Historical Society Foundation. Words simply cannot express how grateful we are for your dedicated service and support, Joe and Judy!



Carl McDonald, Joe Pryor, Judy Pryor

## THANK YOU ELVA...AGAIN!

Once again, Elva Steen has generously given us another of her beautiful quilts for our raffle fundraiser, a Dresden Plate pattern in shades of blue.

Tickets will be sold throughout the season (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) and the winning ticket will be drawn at our chili dinner and old car show in October. For your convenience, six tickets are enclosed with this newsletter. Please fill them out and return them to us along with your payment. If you would like additional tickets, let us know. They will be available throughout the summer at the museum.



## COMING EVENTS

<i>July 20 2013</i>	<i>Ice Cream Social</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>October 19, 2013</i>	<i>Chili Supper</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>Vintage car display</i>	
	<i>Drawing for quilt</i>	



In the early part of the 1900s a number of mercantile stores operated in Iberia. They sold candy, groceries, shoes, suits, work clothes, ribbons, bolts of cloth, sewing needs, saddles, buggy whips, caskets...everything but fresh meat, eggs and dairy products which most homes raised for themselves. These businesses were not only a source to supply the necessities of daily life, but they also served as a social hub of the community. In good weather, men would sit outside the store to chat and watch the world go by. During inclement weather, folks would gather around the heating stove inside the store to visit.

The stores did business under the names of the various owners...Farnham, Mace, Davidson, Ramsey, Marchant, Adams & Casey just to name a few. One such establishment was the Grady and Porter Store, located in downtown Iberia at the intersection of St. Louis and Main Streets. Leo Porter and Walter Grady were partners in the business.

Recently, Greg Keeth became the proud owner of an original sign that hung over the storefront. When his wife, Pam, wouldn't let him hang it in their living room, he generously donated it to us. This unique item now hangs on the front of our general store in the museum. It looks wonderful! Thank you Greg...and Pam!

#### T H I S ' N T H A T

- We were pleased to once again host the third grade classes from Eldon for their annual field trip.
- Also visiting in May was the kindergarten class from Kings Kid Academy of Lake Ozark.
- The Williams Cemetery Association held their annual meeting at the museum on Saturday, May 25, with a pot luck dinner. There were about 75 people in attendance.
- While the museum was closed for the winter we finished indexing the probate files and sent the last batch to Missouri State Archives to be microfilmed. We also spent some time refreshing up some of the displays and creating a few new ones. We hope you enjoy them!

## CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; MEMORIALS

To the MCHS Foundation, Inc.:	Theodore & Melanie Windels, Douglas Steen, Lyle Hensley, William Weidinger, Harold and Gail Strange, Joe and Judy Pryor
To the Miller County Historical Society:	Mary Catherine Thelen, John and Megan Pryor
In Memory of Sylvia Long:	Gloria Irwin
In Memory of Don Smith:	Nancy Sphar, Mildred Gray
In Memory of Waldo Sherril Steen:	Joe and Judy Pryor
In Honor of C.D. Snodgrass and Albert R. Hague:	Melva Snodgrass Hagan

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

*Please fill in the form and mark your membership choice below*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual membershipô \$10  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Family membershipô \$15  
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