



# Miller County Historical Society

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**A N N U A L M E M B E R S H I P & P O T L U C K**

Our annual membership meeting and pot luck dinner will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2014, in the lower level of the museum. Please bring a covered dish and plan to join us for this spring event.

We will also be conducting our annual election of officers. The slate of officers to be presented by the nominating committee for election includes: Carl McDonald, president; Jim Clark, vice-president; Diane Knutson, secretary; Betty Kallenbach, treasurer; Carl Kemna, board member. Nominations from the floor will also be welcome.

The quilt for our annual fall raffle will be on display. Once again, this beautiful quilt was made and donated by Elva Steen. Thank you Elva!

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Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. mid-May through mid-October.

Check out our reference library! Doris Wiggins and Nancy Thompson have been hard at work arranging our reference library so that it is more "user-friendly". We hope you will like the improvements.



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**Miller County Historical Society Officers and Board Members**

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| President:       | Carl McDonald    | Connie Prather   | Board Member          |
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## P E M B E R T O N   R E S E A R C H

We are excited about the addition of Barbara Jones Pemberton's large volume of genealogy material to our research library. Thanks to her family for their generosity!

Barbara Jones married Don Pemberton in 1945 and they had four children, Andy, Nancy, Mary Ann and Donald David, Jr. As her children graduated from college and left home, she became interested in genealogy and for over twenty-five years did extensive research on both her and her husband's ancestors. She was a member of the DAR and DAC and collaborated with correspondents from coast to coast.

Besides researching the Pemberton and Jones families, she did extensive investigation into the Williams, Wall, Golden, Graham, Price, Pridemore, and Witt families as well as numerous other Miller County names. Barbara's research is thorough and she has meticulously documented her references.

Late last fall, her children inquired about placing Barbara's life's work in our library. We were delighted. In September G.R. Keeth, Doris (Martin) Wiggins and Nancy (Arnold) Thompson journeyed to Cape Girardeau and returned with three file cabinets full of papers. It has been a full winter's project, but everything pertaining to Miller County has been placed in 42 binders with other reference material and correspondence available in file cabinets.



Barbara Jones Pemberton

We believe Barbara would be pleased to know her information will be shared by other Miller County researchers for a very long time. Thank you, Barbara, for all your hard work!

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## O L D   M E D I C A L   T E R M S

<b>Ague</b>	Fever; malaria fever
<b>Air Swelling</b>	Distention of the abdomen, due to the presence of gas or air in the intestines
<b>Apoplexy</b>	Hemorrhage into the brain; a stroke
<b>Ascites</b>	Dropsy of the belly; an abnormal accumulation of fluid in the stomach
<b>Barber's Itch</b>	Ring worm of the beard
<b>Blue Disease</b>	Commonly known as cyanosis; a bluish color over the whole body due to poor circulation and insufficient oxygen in the bloodstream; usually fatal

## F A M I L Y   R E U N I O N

A Family reunion is in the planning stages for the descendants of the **Melton, Luttrell, Clements, Dipley, Bilyeu, Stapp/Steppe** and **Farmer** families. All of these families lived, at one time, in the south and central areas of Missouri. If your family tree includes one of these branches, PLEASE consider coming. The reunion will be held in the summer of 2014.

For more information and details please contact Gwen Luttrell Dobson 913-341-1186 or [kcgwen@everestkc.net](mailto:kcgwen@everestkc.net)

C E L E B R I T Y V I S I T O R

We were honored to host a special celebrity visitor at the museum in January - New York actress Cynthia Nixon.

She is the great-granddaughter of former Iberia resident Ben Williams and recalls childhood visits with her mother to the Williams farm between Iberia and Brumley. She remembers the Williams slave cabin before it was moved to our museum from the farm and was being used to store potatoes.

Cynthia was a financial contributor to our recent fund drive for renovation of the museum and this is the first opportunity she has had to see the extensive changes we've made.

Traveling with her was her wife, Christine Marioni and niece, Caroline Nixon. It was exciting for us to share our Miller County history with Cynthia and her family members.



Caroline Nixon, Cynthia Nixon, Nancy Thompson, Christine Marioni

Ms. Nixon was born in New York City, the daughter of Anne Knoll, an actress from Chicago, IL and Walter E. Nixon, an award-winning broadcast journalist. Both of her parents have roots in central Missouri.

A versatile artist, Cynthia is an Emmy, Grammy and Tony Award winner who has been acting professionally since childhood. Her credits are too numerous to mention, but she is probably best known for her role as Miranda Hobbes in the popular HBO series "Sex and the City".

Cynthia was in the area filming an episode of the family history television series, "Who Do You Think You Are" which is scheduled to be aired in September on The Learning Channel. Her story has some surprise twists and promises to be very entertaining.

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T H I S ' N T H A T

- We are pleased to once again host the Eldon third graders on their annual field trip on Monday, May 5, 2014
- 1963 Missouri death certificates are now online at <<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp#onlinedb>>
- An archive of LIFE Magazine photos can be accessed at <<http://images.google.com/hosted/life>>
- The museum will open for the season on Saturday, May 17, 2014. We would love to have you visit! Admission is FREE.
- Research requests can be submitted to by e-mail to [millercountymuseum@att.net](mailto:millercountymuseum@att.net). We will do our best to assist you in your search!

DONATIONS

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

In Memory of Lewis Wall:	Iberia United Methodist Church
Miller County Historical Society:	John & Megan Pryor, Joe & Judy Pryor, Jody Newman Phil & Sue Wright, John M. Fields

Thank a Veteran

Pulaski County USA is the first Purple Heart County in Missouri. Each day, year round, they will be uploading photos of Veterans to their blog at <www.veteranthanks.blogspot.com>. Submitted veterans photos will be searchable by last name or branch of service.

E-mail your photo of your uniformed United States veteran, any branch of service, any era of service, any geographic location to laurah@pulaskicountyusa.com

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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  
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