



Miller County Historical Society

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

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 11, 2021 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -The Miller County Historical Society annual membership meeting will be held at **1:00 on Sunday, April 11th** at the museum. We would love to have you attend. Refreshments will be served. If you're not a member but would like to join, please complete the form found on page four of this newsletter and mail it to the Museum. All Miller County Historical Society projects are the work of volunteers. All the artifacts at the Museum have been donated by those having an interest in preserving Miller County history. We sincerely appreciate your support!

MAY 15, 2021 - OPENING DAY - We will be opening for the 2021 season. Masks will be available but not mandatory and social distancing will be encouraged. Hours are 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The museum will be closed on Memorial Day and Labor Day. We would love to have you stop by to visit with volunteers, tour the exhibits, and check out the Thompson Audio/Video Center and the Reference Library. There is no admission fee, but donations are greatly appreciated. For those researching history or working on genealogy, Monday is the best day to visit. We will be open through October 9th. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Miller County Historical Society Officers and Board Members

President:	Bill Weidinger	Cindy Hart	Board Member
Vice President:	Jim Clark	Mike Wood	Board Member
Secretary:	Peggy Thompson	Gary Carrender	Board Member
Treasurer:	Betty Kallenbach	Charolette Graham	Board Member
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		Cathy DeGraffenreid	Board Member
		Joe Pryor	Board Member Emeritus

FINDING YOUR BIRTH FAMILY

When searching for your birth family look closely at records and letters in your adoptive family's home. Look for mentions of when or where you were born and adopted. Test your DNA and upload your DNA to multiple databases. This will enable you to find more possible matches.

Other than DNA and home sources, the most reliable set of records available are birth certificates filed with the state. Birth certificates provide the child's original name, name of the mother and sometimes the father, and the place and date of birth. Each state has its own laws about what records are available to the public, who may request those records and how to submit a record request. Some states have open records, meaning anyone can request them. Other states allow only documented family members to request records. In some states you may need a court order to obtain them. Missouri is among the states that offer limited access to adoption records. For the latest state-by-state information on adult adoptees' legal access to their birth records, see the American Adoption Congress at <www.americanadoptioncongress.org>.

Adoption registries are also a very useful resource. Some are operated by private agencies, some by volunteers, and some are operated by state governments. Some state organizations may only be able to give you nonidentifying information concerning the adoption case you are researching. Laws vary from state to state, but an adult (age 18 and over) can usually access nonidentifying information from the state by making a written request. Identifying information usually requires both parties' consent.

Nonidentifying information gives details about a case that does not include the parties' names. It may include date and place of the adoptee's birth, ages of the birth parents and the reason for the adoption..

Identifying information gives details that could lead to a positive identification of the adoptee, the birth parents, or other relatives. Examples of identifying information include names, addresses, and employment records.

THIS 'N THAT

- Missouri Death Certificates 1910 through 1970 are now online
<<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesmvc/deathcertificates#searchDB>>
- DNA Detectives Facebook group—<www.facebook.com/groups/DNADetectives>
- Interested in Andersonville? <<https://www.angelfire.com/ga2/Andersonvilleprison/index.html>>
- Check out the new Missouri Census Records & Tax Lists Database
<<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/census/Default.aspx>>

DOROTHY MAY SPEARMAN GREENE

Charolette Graham, Mary Johnson, William, Greene, Dorothy Spearman Greene

Dorothy Mae Spearman Greene, 96, passed away October 5, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dorothy was born to Fred Spearman and Eunice Hutsler Spearman on June 14, 1924, and was raised in Iberia. Her father was a farmer and also served as the Missouri State Representative from Miller County from 1925-1932 and 1937-1944. She had three sisters, Juanita Dake, Freddie Carroll and Betty Bruemmer. She attended Iberia High School and Iberia Academy. During WWII she supported the war effort working at the Sunflower Powder and Propellant plant in Kansas City with her sister Jaunita and first cousin, Thelma Wall Meredith.

She married William Greene who was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood near Waynesville during the war. After the war they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was a homemaker and childcare worker. They had three children, Mary Johnson, Steve Greene (Nancy) and William Greene (Sue). They had seven grand children and four great grandchildren. Upon William's death, she married Morrison Gillet who predeceased her.

In May 2017, Dorothy, her daughter Mary and son William traveled to the Miller County Museum and spent three hours touring the site with Charlotte Graham. We all, but especially Dorothy, enjoyed the visit immensely; reliving so many memories of her life in Miller County.

DONATIONS

Donations	Kent & Alice VanLanduyt, Phil & Susan Wright
In Memory of Clate & Sadie Condra	Larry Humphrey
In Memory of Maurice & Ruth Humphrey	Larry Humphrey
In Memory of Shirley Schaeffer	James Atkissen
In Memory of Phillip Thompson	James Atkissen
In Memory of Joe Appel	James Atkissen
Life Membership	Melinda Humphrey

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

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 membership—\$10
_____ Family membership—\$15
_____ Individual lifetime membership—\$50
_____ Institutional Sustaining Members—\$15 per organization

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