



# Miller County Historical Society

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## COMING EVENTS

**Saturday, March 23, 2024 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Join us for lunch (chili/hotdogs & dessert) \$5.00 per person, children five and under free. We will have a car show and craft demonstrations including forge, quilting, weaving, and rope making.

**Sunday, April 14, 2024 2:00 p.m.** General membership meeting and election of officers

**Saturday, May 18, 2024 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** Opening day of the summer season. We will be honoring long-time MCHS board member and officer, Jim Clark.

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

- ### THIS 'N THAT
- The National Archives and National Park Service have launched a project to transcribe pension and bounty-land warrant applications from Revolutionary War veterans. NARA's catalog can be found at <[catalog.archives.gov/id/300022](http://catalog.archives.gov/id/300022)>.
  - The David Rumsey Map Collection <[www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com)> can now be searched by place names or key words.
  - Check out <[www.cyndislist.com/queries](http://www.cyndislist.com/queries)> to find message boards related to your family surnames and places of residence.

### Miller County Historical Society Officers and Board Members

President:	Bill Weidinger	David Herron	Board Member
Vice President:	Connie Prather	Greg Keeth	Board Member
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Museum Director:	Karen Smith	Martha Tompson	Board Member
Endowment Chair Person:	Judy Pryor	Mike Wood	Board Member
		Connie Wyrick	Board Member

**BAUMHOER SCHOOL**

taken from HISTORY OF ST. ELIZABETH R-IV SCHOOLS PART I THE RURAL SCHOOLS

by Ray Doerhoff

The school was located near the center of section 11 which puts it near the center of the district. This was originally called the Red School and according to John Stuckenschneider it was also called the Polly Hill School. This building was located across the county road from the present Baumhoer School and a short distance away. According to Judge Jenkins History of Miller County, because some of the families kept wanting to attend the Charlestown (St. Elizabeth) School, the district was broken up in 1882 with sections 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11 joining the Charlestown District and the remaining sections annexed to the Jack Lawson (White) District. Then in 1896 the district was re-established and named the Baumhoer District, after Herman Baumhoer who owned the land surrounding the school site. This may have been when the new building was built in its present location. This schoolhouse is still in its original condition as it was abandoned when the high school district was formed, even though it was occupied as a residence for a few years by Sam May. It is now owned by Dale and Alan Doerhoff who have tried to preserve it in its original condition. Both the Big Tavern Creek and Wiemer Creek wind through the district, causing many problems for children who had to walk to school. Urban Kemna said he and his sister Ruth rowed a boat across the creek each day, even when there was high water. If it was frozen in the winter they walked across on the ice.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS FROM 1837 TO 1902

### PRESIDING JUDGES OF THE COUNTY COURT

John Francis, 1837-1838	William McComb, 1871-1872
Wilson Coats, 1838-1840	T.B. Doolittle, 1873-1874
John T. Davis, 1840-1843	John Bear, 1874-1876
Robert E. Simpson, 1843-1847	Hiram Reed, 1877-1878
David Reed, 1847-1850	W.R. Wright, 1879-1882
Thomas J. Marshall, 1850-1854	Joseph G. Lurton, 1883-1886
Robert E. Simpson, 1854-1856	Hiram Reed, 1887-1890
Samuel Allen, 1856-1862	Absalom Bear, 1891-1894
Emly Golden, 1863-1864	William M. Harrison, 1895-1898
Charles Tallman, 1864-1866	Joseph G. Lurton, 1899-1902
John Bear, 1867-1871	

### ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF THE COUNTY COURT

Stephen A. Blevans, 1837	Josiah Goodman, 1863-1864
Edmund Wilkes, 1837	Ludwell Bacon, 1864
John Francis, 1838-1842	William McCombs, 1867
John T. Davis, 1838-1840	Theodore B. Doolittle, 1869
David Musick, 1840	John Bear, 1871
Robert E. Simpson, 1840	T.D. Shelton, 1875
John T. Davis, 1842	John S. Jobe, 1879
Robert E. Simpson, 1842	Hiram Reed, 1879
David Reed, 1843-1846	Benjamin F. Cotten, 1881
Thomas J. Marshall, 1846-1850	Absalom Bear, 1881-1884
John W. Johnston, 1850	John J. Pitchford, 1883
David Reed, 1850	Isaiah Bunker, 1885
Emly Golden, 1851-1852	John A. Fisher, 1885
George A. Ross, 1854	E.G. Miller, 1887-1889
Joseph Johnston, 1854-1856	Manesseh Jones, 1887-1889
Samuel J. Jones, 1856-1860	A.M. Russell, 1889-1891-R
Emly Golden, 1858-1863	J.M. Hawkins, 1889-1891-R
Silas Capps, 1863	

### FIRST DISTRICT

E.G. Miller, 1891-1892-D  
 Jno. C. Morrison, 1893-1894-R  
 Jacob Cotten, 1895-1896-R  
 Jas. N. Dooley, 1897-1900-D

### SECOND DISTRICT

Manesseh Jones, 1891-1892-R  
 Nathaniel G. Thompson, 1893-1896-R  
 Thomas J. Atwell, 1897-1898-R  
 George W. Payne, 1899-1902-R

### CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND RECORDER OF DEEDS

J.P. Harrison, 1837-1838	T.B. Robinson, 1867-1879
William P. Dixon, 1838-1844	J.B. Clark, 1879-1887
John B. Harrison, 1845-1848	W.P. Freeman, 1887-1894-R
William P. Dixon, 1848-1856	James M. Bacon, 1895-1898-R
E.B. Farley, 1857-1863	Charles Clark-D was appointed to succeed
I.M. Goodrich, 1863-1867	James M. Bacon, who died.
	William M. Harrison, 1899-1906-R

### CLERKS OF THE COUNTY COURT

J.P. Harrison, 1837	I.M. Goodrich, 1863-1866
William P. Dixon, 1838-1844	T.B. Robinson, 1867-1878

**D O N A T I O N S**

Donations	Phil & Susan Wright, Elmer Brown, Anonymous
Life Memberships	Tanya Jackson, Jill Harrison Mergelkamp, Beth Keller Machon
In Memory of Helen McCan	Tracy Force
In Memory of Liene DeCrista Heiser	James Atkinson
In Memory of Patty Kinder Fehlig	Mark G. Fehlig
In Memory of Morgan Dean Pope	Judith Wydick, Bruce James
In Memory of Alan Pruitt	Jody Newman
In Honor of School of the Osage Class of 1955	Judith Wydick
In Honor of Jody Newman	Judith Wydick

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

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

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



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