



Treasuring the Past
Embracing the Present
Envisioning the Future

The Barry County
Museum
is located south of
Cassville
on Highway 112

HOURS
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday—Saturday
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday

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BARRY COUNTY REFLECTIONS

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Historic chain donated to museum

On May 21, 2008 Senator Emory Melton donated the brass surveyor's chain used to lay out the first lots in Cassville to the museum. The chain is now proudly displayed as a permanent exhibit.

The story on the surveyor's chain, a narrative provided by Senator Melton reads:

The Cassville original townsite, which consisted of 142 lots, was laid out under the supervision of Levi H. Arnold and the plat was filed on June 30, 1845 and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds.

This chain which was used to lay out Cassville later fell into the hands of J.W. Boon, born in Virginia June 17, 1830, who came to Cassville in 1860, just prior to the beginning of the Civil War.

He was in Cassville when Gov. Clabe Jackson and the members of the Missouri General Assembly came to Cassville, October 31 to November 7, 1861 (Cassville



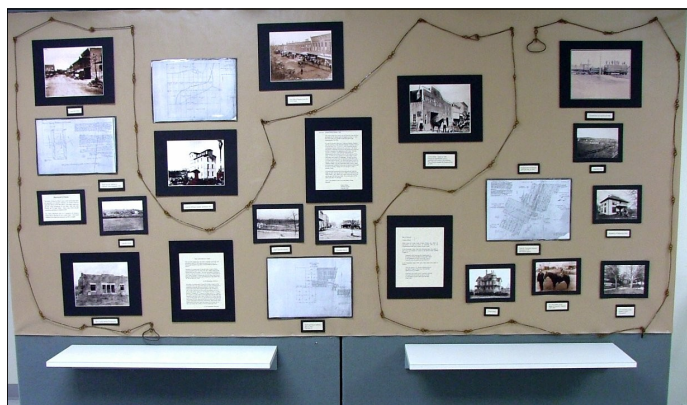
Senator Emory Melton donating the surveyor's chain to museum employee Cherry Bailey

was the Confederate Capitol of Missouri for one week) and attempted to attend the sessions but the doorkeeper would not let him in because of his adherence to the Union. He was elected a member of the Missouri State House of Representatives from Barry County in 1862 and he served two terms. In 1874 he was one of the County Judges with Judge John Carney and D.B.

Burlinger. He was county surveyor and Justice of the Peace in Flat Creek Township until he became so feeble and was unable to care for himself and then sold his farm and journeyed to the home of Addimore Miller, 1 1/2 miles south of town, where he constructed a building for his own use and there lived until he died Tuesday, January 24, 1912, age 81 years, 7 months, 6 days.

He farmed and continued his surveying activities until his death, at which time the surveyor's chain was retained by the Miller family. Mrs. Miller was a sister of the late John Erwin, and she gave him the brass chain. He, in turn, gave me the chain over 50 years ago.

Now, I'm pleased to pass it on to the Barry County Museum.



The chain displayed with pictures and plat maps of early Cassville

Cross Hollows School - Rural School District #40

Cross Hollows School, Rural School District 40, is located northeast of Cassville, between Cassville and Jenkins. According to Fran Bolton, co-coordinator of the rural school project, Cross Hollows was named because the hollows crossed at that location.

As shown in the top photo, the original structure was a log building. However, in 1913 a different structure is pictured.

In addition to the photographs shown, the rural school project has photos dating from the early 1930's through 1963 as well as many enumeration and annual school reports. All records from 1913 to 1937 are missing from the rural school project files. Anyone having records or photographs from those years is asked to please consider sharing them.

Rural schools were plentiful in the days when transportation was limited. As roadways improved and automobiles became more common, school consolidations came about until in 1966 there were only 12 rural school districts still gathering. According to the late Charles Vaughan, who was appointed Superintendent of Schools in 1965, schools with less than 12 students were consolidated. Cross Hollows school was consolidated into the Cassville district in 1965.

The Cross Hollows School is just one of 112 rural Barry County schools currently being researched by the Rural School Project. Fran Bolton and Penny Bailey meet Wednesdays from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Barry County Museum.

If you have photographs, information, memories or anecdotes about any rural school please contact them at the Barry County Museum (417) 847-1640.



This picture of Cross Hollows school is of unknown date, and we do not have any of the students identified. Note the building is an old log structure. Some of the boys in the front row have tacks on their shoes to help while walking in snow or mud. Many of the children would wrap gunny sacks around their legs and shoes for warmth and traction. The slate held by the young girl in the second row reads Cross Hollows School R.S. Cozad Tr. Fields' Photo Archives



Left Top
Cross Hollows School 1913
 Row 1 (seated): Lonnie Land, Joe Demoss, ___ Dilbeck, Hugh Riddle, Cecil Riddle, Claud Lester, Leonard Widders, Horace Dilbeck, Arthur Wisley
 Row 2: ___ Dilbeck, Virgil Land, Herbert Writer, Kathrin Writer, Lela Dilbeck, Mary Riddle, Lena Frieker, Willie Turner, Mandy Riddle, Nola Turner
 Row 3: ___ Dilbeck, Marvin Lester, Edwin Writer, Bessie Thomas, Edith Writer, Poly Turner, Alice Writer, Lena Towe, Nora Wisley, Elbert Wisley
 Row 4: Elvin Land, Arthur Dilbeck, Dell Lester, Rachel Riddle, Hettie See, Bertha Patton, Edith Turner, Loren Land, Bert Lester and Kate Thomas, Teacher



Left Bottom
 Cross Hollows school building as it appeared in 2005.
 Photo courtesy of Fran Bolton

Featured Recipe - Chocolate Cake



William and Eugenia (Eidson) Hutchens wedding day 7-27-1907

The featured recipe was submitted by Mrs. Jewell Farwell of Eagle Rock. Mrs. Farwell was born and raised on a farm three miles north of Washburn on Hwy. 37. She shares that her mother, Eugenia, was born on the farm south of where she was

raised. Eugenia's mother died when she was nine years old and the family moved to Cassville to the farm where Crystal Caverns was located. Jewell says that her mother, a very good cook, was taught by women that came to assist Grandpa Eidson.

Eugenia Eidson Hutchen's Chocolate Cake

Cream together:

2 cups sugar

1 cup shortening

Sift in together:

2 1/2 cups flour

1/2 cup cocoa

1/2 tsp. salt

2 tsp. soda

Combine:

2 eggs

1 cup buttermilk

2 tsp. vanilla

Alternately add dry ingredients and eggs, milk and vanilla then add 1 cup of boiling water or coffee.

Place in 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350° for 35 minutes.

Jewell's icing: (icing recipe is newer than cake recipe)

2 Tbs. margarine

1/2 cup milk

1 cup sugar

6 oz. chocolate chips

Bring margarine, milk and sugar to boil, add chocolate chips, stir until melted. Pour over warm cake.

Poetry Nook

GENEALOGITIS

There is a new disease these days for which there is no cure. So if it gets a grip on you, you've had it, that's for sure!

This genealogitis (at least that's what I call it) has no known vaccination that can ever quite forestall it.

It strikes the rich, it strikes the poor, the old and young alike. And every nation feels its sting when this bug makes its strike.

In fact I'm struck with it myself, I know where of I speak. This stuff has kept progressing till it almost leaves me weak.

Some symptoms of this dread disease are buying up old books. You find yourself in graveyards and dusty attic nooks.

You write all kinds of letters for no stone is left unturned. Sometimes for only postage stamps a gold mine is returned.

Just let me say in closing that when all is said and done, this malady has brought me joy and SUCH A LOT OF FUN!

By Ruby Price

Current and upcoming displays



Peggy Calton in front of one of her beautiful Celtic quilts

Currently on display at the museum is a collection of 31 quilts made by Peggy Calton.

Peggy shared that her love of quilting began when she and

Buck first married. At that time buying materials to create quilts was unheard of for her. Scrap material and old dresses were used to create her quilts. Peggy

is presently a member of the Ozark Country Quilters Guild and has won many awards with her work.

In addition to Mrs. Calton's quilts currently on exhibit are over 100 pieces of Occupied Japan figurines, numerous gas and kerosene lamps and a vast collection of Fostoria and Bohemian Ruby Red glassware.

In mid February a collection of antique dolls and quilts will be on display.

The annual Cassville primary and intermediate school art show exhibit will begin the first week in April.

A book signing for the 6th Volume of *Lifetimes of Memories* is scheduled for Friday, February 27 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Narrators will be on hand once again to sign their stories and refreshments will be served.

Calling All Collectors



Attention all collectors and enthusiasts: The Barry County Museum is continually looking for unusual and interesting collections to display on a rotating basis. If you have a collection that you would like to display, please contact the museum.

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The Barry County Museum

- Collecting, preserving and exhibiting items that illustrate the past, present and future of Barry County.
- Fields' Photo Archives - a collection of more than one million negatives available for public viewing and researching.
- Oral History Project - capturing the stories of long-time county residents to create a collective memory of Barry County life.
- Display space for community art exhibits and collections.

Museum fund raiser being held



The Ozarks Country Quilters Guild presented the museum with a beautiful quilt to be used for a fund raiser. The large queen sized quilt is done in a "Checkmate" pattern and comes with a decorative carrying bag that could also be used as a sham.

Tickets for the quilt may be purchased at the museum for \$1.00 each, or six tickets for \$5.00. Purchases of \$20.00 or more will receive a free Barry County Museum logo tote bag.

Drawing for the quilt will be held at the museum Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

The quilt will be on display off and on at the museum and also at functions attended by members of the guild.

The Ozarks Country Quilters Guild meets the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month in suite 8 of the **SHOME** Plaza. For more information about the guild, contact president Heidi Fisher at 417 476-5640 or club member Karla Kuklaw at 847-1343.