

About the Museum

The Chariton County Historical Society was organized in 1956. The museum is operated by the people of the county, helping to serve educational and cultural needs and to preserve the history of Chariton County. As visitors enter the nearly 16,000 square feet of the museum, they are welcomed by displays and exhibits which contain a growing history of the area. Memorabilia of Judge Jordan Bentley, one of the founders of the museum, and Judge Salisbury, founder of Salisbury, and many pictures of Chariton County as it was greet you.

Judge Lucius Salisbury

Judge Lucius Salisbury was born on June 11, 1824, and died in 1904. He was responsible for laying out the town of Salisbury in April of 1867. He acted as Presiding Judge of Chariton County during the Civil War. Judge Salisbury managed to save historical records from the Chariton County Courthouse when guerillas burned it in 1864. The railroad was brought through Chariton County after the Civil War thus promoting the county's prosperity.

Old Homes in Chariton County

The Hammack House, Broadway St, Salisbury
The Huss Home, 2nd St, Salisbury
The Brummall House, Broadway St, Salisbury
The Benecke Home, Broadway St, Brunswick
The Hill Estate, Finnell Ave, Keytesville
Locust Hill, North of Brunswick
Adamantine Johnson Home, Rothville

Other Local Attractions

General Sterling Price Museum
Keytesville, MO

Swan Lake Wildlife Refuge and "Maxi"
the World's Largest Goose
Fulbright Museum
Sumner, MO

Laura Ingalls Wilder Childhood
Homestead Site Sign
Rothville, MO

General John J. Pershing Home and
Museum
Pershing State Park
Laclede, MO

Pecan Capital of Missouri & World's
Largest Pecan
Brunswick, MO

Lilywood Farms
Armstrong, MO

Walt Disney's Home Town & Museum
Marceline, MO

Annual Festivals

Salisbury Steak Festival
2nd weekend in June
Salisbury Old Fashioned Saturday Night
3rd Saturday in September
Sterling Price Days, Keytesville
2nd weekend in September
Brunswick Pecan Festival
1st weekend in October
Wild Goose Festival, Sumner
Late October during goose season

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115 E. Second Street
Salisbury, MO 65281



We are a
**Nationally Significant
Pioneer Collection
&
Regional
History Collection**

Museum Public Hours:

**Mid April – Mid October
Daily 1 to 4 pm**

**Other hours by appointment
Phone 660-388-5941**

**Web Site
www.cvalley.net/~museum**

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Donations Accepted

Military Room

The Museum Harbors a Veteran's Room, which honors veterans of all U.S. Military involvements from the Mexican War through the present conflict. The room contains uniforms, weapons and memorabilia, all historically arranged. On exhibit are items from the Honorable Sterling Price home at Val Verde, Bowling Green Township, in Chariton County. Sterling Price served as 11th Governor of Missouri and later served in Washington as a U.S. Congressman. He became a general in the Mexican War in 1846 and later served as Major General in the Confederate Army in the War Between the States. General Maxwell Taylor of Keytesville and WWII fame is also honored with information and memorabilia. There is also honor for the Korean and Vietnam veterans, especially those who gave their lives.

Original Antiques

Complete living room with beautiful pump organ and unusual lace spinning wheel; bedroom with Sterling Price's bed and kitchen with a hip bathtub and many unusual items are displayed. These original antiques and accessories provide visual realism of 19th Century home life on the prairie.

An early (1775) hand written arithmetic text book is displayed here. If you knew and understood the book's instructions, you would be a mathematical genius!

Quilt Display

A large number of quilts and linens are displayed. An 1834 Jacquard coverlet is one of the prized treasures you will enjoy seeing. Also on the Sterling Price bed is a friendship quilt containing 540 names from the Asbury and Dalton areas of Chariton County.

Vintage clothing for the family is featured including hats and baby clothing. A table that turns into a bed for double duty is one of the unusual items you will see in the museum.

Toys

A large number of dolls and other toys are featured here. A pedal airplane replica of the Spirit of St. Louis is displayed for your pleasure as well as many more toys that will bring back memories.

Genealogy Library

This well stocked and arranged library is home to the original probate court records of Chariton County, which are indexed for your convenience. History books, marriage records, birth and death records, funeral home records, obituaries and many more genealogical aids are found here. This is where the genealogist can spend many happy, fruitful hours. A copier is provided to ease your work and increase your productivity.

Primitive Tools and Other Collections

A large collection of primitive tools attest of the industry and ingenuity of frontiersmen and women who were farmers and builders. The froe, bellows, corn chopper, hemp rope maker, blacksmith shop, miniature steam engine and much more are in the museum for your enjoyment. The stone burr mill and horse-drawn farm implements depict the clever skills of the pioneers. The kettle used by Daniel Boone and his sons at nearby "Boone's Lick Park" is on display along with a description of how it was used to recover the salt. A 1906 ice cream cone maker and early ice cream freezer are here to amaze you.

Main Street Room

This room contains a barber shop (Logans), bank, print shop, country store, and blacksmith shop complete with an authentic covered wagon. Early farm machinery and grain grinding equipment are also featured here as is an early 1954 fire engine used in Salisbury.

A large farm machinery display is out back in a shed, which features a 1935 John Deere D Tractor, many plows, and a traveling blacksmith shop complete with everything you would need to build a wooden spoke wagon wheel.

A hostess with great knowledge of the museum will be there to assist you.