

ADAMANTINE JOHNSON HOME

This stately two story brick dwelling was the home of the large Chariton County landowner Adamantine Johnson. It was Johnson whose agents sold parcels of land to Charles Ingalls and his brother-in-law Henry Quiner in 1868.

The home is currently owned by Doug Helmers and Amanda McColpin who are in the process of restoring it. The house is located 1/2 mile east and then north of the Laura Ingalls Wilder homestead site sign.

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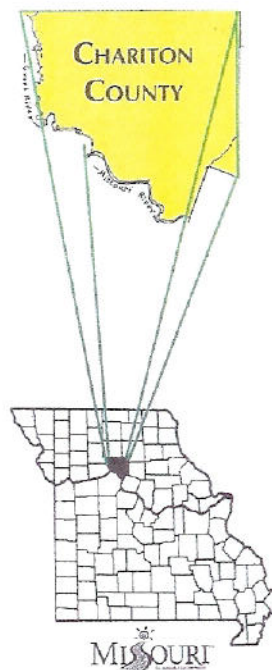
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DIRECTIONS TO CHARLES INGALLS HOMESTEAD SITE



- From Keytesville take Highway 5 north for 12 miles to Route C. Turn left on Route C and go 4 miles to Route F. Turn right on Route F and go 2 miles to Ingalls Road. At Ingalls road turn left and go 1/2 mile. The Ingalls Homestead Site Sign is on the right.
- From Brunswick go 1 mile west on Highway 24 to Highway 11. Turn north on Highway 11 and proceed 15 miles to Route C. Turn right on Route C and go 3 miles to the Junction of Route F. At Route F turn left for 2 miles to Ingalls Road. At Ingalls Road turn left and proceed 1/2 mile. The Ingalls Homestead Site Sign is on the right.
- From Marceline go south on Highway 5 to Route E. Turn right on Route E. Proceed to the junction of Route F. Turn left or south on F. Proceed to Ingalls Road and turn right. Go 1/2 mile to the Ingalls Homestead Site Sign.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Childhood Home



Laura Ingalls Wilder Homestead Site Sign

This sign describing how Charles Ingalls came to own land in Chariton County, Missouri, near Rothville is located on farmland currently owned by Bob and Sandy Gladbach. Although the exact site of the Ingalls cabin is not known, the sign is located on the tract of land Ingalls actually owned. The sign can be reached by pulling off Ingalls Road into the convenient turn around for automobiles. While there are no amenities available in this remote farming area, neighboring towns of Mendon, Marceline, Rothville, Sumner, Brunswick, Keytesville, and Salisbury offer conveniences for the traveler.

Adamantine Johnson was a large landowner in northern Chariton County, MO, during the Civil War (1861-1865). During this time, he opened a dry goods store in St. Louis, which prospered until the War's end. Involved in a number of other business ventures as well, such as banking and tobacco shipping, Johnson found himself strapped for cash when hostilities ceased. He returned to Chariton County and hired agents to sell off parcels of his land in order to raise money. These agents traveled as far north as Wisconsin and Minnesota searching for potential buyers.

One agent found two prospective buyers in The Big Woods, WI, near Pepin. Charles Ingalls and his brother-in-law, Henry Quiner, agreed to purchase 80 acres for \$900 sight unseen in late May 1868. The Quiner land joined the Ingalls land on the west. The two families, Charles and Caroline with their daughter Mary and Laura, and Henry and Polly Quiner with their three children Louisa, Charles, and Henry set out for Missouri by wagon. The men hoped to work as carpenters until the next spring when they could start planting their newly purchased land.

Events in Wisconsin during the next year caused problems for the transplanted Missourians. Gustaf Gustafson, who had bought the Ingalls land in The Big Woods on credit was not making payments. By August of 1869, Charles Ingalls ran out of patience with Gustafson and signed a power of attorney for his (Ingalls') father, who was still living in The Big Woods to act as his agent to compel payment - to no avail.

With their small crops having also been lost in Missouri, Henry and Polly Quinter returned to Wisconsin, but Charles Ingalls decided to

move his family on to Kansas. The move to Kansas was not the last move Charles Ingalls and his family made through the years. They were in Kansas in 1869, Walnut Grove, Minnesota, in 1874, Burr Oak, Iowa, in 1876, back to Walnut Grove for a year, then on to DeSmet, Dakota Territory, where an 18 year old Laura met and married Almanzo Wilder in 1885.

With no memory of her short time in Chariton County, Missouri, where she would have celebrated her second birthday, Laura never wrote about her family's brief time here, although other places she lived during her childhood affected her literary efforts and formed the basis for the "Little House on the Prairie" books.

Come visit the site of the Ingalls Homestead, in central Missouri, see the beautiful countryside and enjoy the other attractions in the area while here. There is much history here about the Civil War; also this is the land of generals: General John J. Pershing (WWI) of Laclede, General Sterling Price (Civil War) of Dalton, General Maxwell Taylor (WWII) of Keytesville, and General Omar Bradley (WWII) of Clark - Moberly, Missouri.



Other Attractions in the Area

-- Mendon --

Antique Store (seasonal), Restaurant

-- Brunswick --

Lewis & Clark Campsite, Antique Stores, World's Largest Pecan, Pecan History Museum, Old Fashioned Dime Store, MO River Access Point, Agri-Tourism, Bed & Breakfasts, Pecan Festival 1st weekend in Oct.

-- Keytesville --

General Sterling Price CSA Monument, General Price Museum (seasonal), 1853 National Historic Register Presbyterian Church, 1906 National Historic Register Chariton Co. Jail/Sheriff's Residence, Reconstructed Log Cabin, National Historic Register Redding-Hill Homestead, Birthplace of General Maxwell Taylor and sports figure Cal Hubbard, Restaurant, General Price Days 2nd weekend in September.

-- Sumner --

Canada Goose Capital, Statue of Maxi the Canada Goose, Senator Wm. Fulbright Museum, Pioneer Kitchen (seasonal), Swan Lake Wildlife Refuge, Stanley Lake, Purvis Cemetery (many Civil War veterans buried there), Pershing State Park located nearby, Wild Goose Festival late October.

-- Salisbury --

Chariton County Historical Society Museum, Bed & Breakfasts, Restaurants, Stately Old Homes, Potts Park, Golf Course, Swimming Pool, Lake, Sterling Price Lake nearby, Salisbury Steak Festival 2nd weekend in June.

-- Dalton --

Home of Vocational School for Blacks (prior to desegregation), This school was known as the Tuskegee of the West. Rich farmlands and frequent floods. Home of well-known author Joel Vance. Cut-Off Lake, Old Jail, Dalton Days celebrated on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Population 29.

-- Rothville --

Bank of Rothville, US Post Office, and City Park, Laura Ingalls Wilder's homestead site nearby.