

## Kellogg Schoolhouse



The first one-room schoolhouse in Dickinson County began serving students in 1861. The Kellogg School District 3 was organized in 1868. This building was constructed in the 1880s and was located near Sutphen Mill Christian Church northwest of Chapman. It was moved to the Heritage Center in 2005 and is used for educational purposes.

## Acme Telephone Exchange Building

Acme, a town located two miles west of K-15 on Marymount Road/1700 Ave. was home to a telephone exchange. Approximately 51 operators worked at this telephone office during its time of service. The operators answered calls 24/7. This building was constructed in 1905 when the company formed with 65 stockholders. The building was moved to the Heritage Center in November of 1986.



## Mack Line Truck Building



This building was constructed to hold the telephone line truck. The vintage truck was received at

the telephone museum in 1989. At that time the United Telephone Corporation raised money for the building. The Heritage Center no longer receives funds from United Telephone.

## Agriculture Exhibit Building

Various types of farm machinery are displayed in this building. The story of wheat production in Dickinson County is told starting with hand scythes and flailing to threshing bees and combines. Agriculture is the backbone of our county and it is important to preserve its rich farming heritage.



## Farmstead: Volkmann Cabin, Chicken House, and Outhouse



Martin & Dortha Volkmann settled in Dickinson County in 1858 near Lyons Creek. They and their five children lived in this two-room log cabin built from cottonwood trees hewed by hand. The chicken house and outhouse complete the Heritage Center's farmstead. The cabin was moved to the Heritage Center in 1985.

## C.W. Parker Carousel Building

Help preserve the building housing the 1901 carousel, the oldest operational C.W. Parker carousel known to exist and a National Landmark. Parker constructed carousels in Abilene from the late 1800s until 1911. The carousel was located in Wyoming and purchased in 1976. The building to house it was constructed in 1984.



## Other Support Opportunities:

### Adopt-A-Horse Program

Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations are invited to adopt a horse or chariot on the 1901 C.W. Parker Carousel which is listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

As the adopting donor, you may select from available horses or chariots. The adoption period will be from January to December. Each December you will be invited to renew your support.

A plaque with donor information and a name of your choosing will be placed near the horse or chariot.

Your donation of \$100.00 will continue to preserve the carousel and keep it operational. For more information please contact the Heritage Center, 785-263-2681 or email [heritagecenterdk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heritagecenterdk@sbcglobal.net).



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### Be Sure To Visit -

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### Adopt-A-Building Program

You are invited to be a part of the Adopt-A-Building program which is an annual fund raising program that allows families, individuals, businesses, and organizations the opportunity to show their support for the Heritage Center's preservation efforts. The funds are used for the preservation and upkeep of the buildings.

Your \$500 annual tax deductible adoption donation will give you recognition in the quarterly newsletter which is distributed to all DCHS members. It can be renewed annually on your adoption anniversary. There are 11 buildings available for adoption.

Join us in this opportunity to become a part of the preservation of Dickinson County's heritage.

Blacksmith Shop



The blacksmith was vital to the pioneer’s way of life. He made the tools, wheels, and other implements relied upon for every day living. This building is a working blacksmith shop and contains original tools.

Prichard Barn

The Prichard Barn was built in 1915. It stood on a farm southeast of Enterprise. The



barn was moved to the Heritage Center in 1988. It houses antique machinery and is used for living history demonstrations.

Burklund Store



This store was built in 1932 by Mr. J.E. Burklund who operated the store with his wife, Leona Jeffcoat Burklund, beginning in the spring of 1933. The store was located

in Abilene at the corner of 5th and Cedar. They kept the store open from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. 365 days a year until the late 1940s when they started closing early on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Burklund received an offer for the property from the telephone company in 1957 and sadly closed his store that summer. The building was moved to his back yard and used as a workshop until his death in 1993.

Warehouse

By 1924 this warehouse had been built by the Union Electric Company as part of the United conglomeration founded by C.L. Brown



which also included the United Telephone Company which was later known as Sprint. The Heritage Center acquired this building in 1982. There is significant preservation and restoration that needs to be done to ensure the longevity of the structure. Funds are currently needed to replace the roof. This building stores extra equipment and additional artifacts that are not on display in the museum.

Museum Building



The new county museum which became known as the Dickinson County Heritage Center came to life across the street from the Eisenhower Center in 1971. Prior to that time, historical items were located in the basement of the courthouse. The Historical Society announced a county-wide fund raising campaign to raise \$15,000 to renovate an existing structure. The display area was created from a dirt floor building that had formerly housed an antique auto museum. Many local volunteers gave their time and talents to create a first-rate museum of which the county residents could be proud. The Dickinson County Heritage Center houses displays informing viewers of the county’s history by depicting the life of the

early pioneer settlers of the area and telling of the hard but interesting life that developed the West. In addition, the museum contains many valuable artifacts and individuals can research ancestry and local history. The museum also offers educational activities for both children and adults. Annual events are held focusing on and preserving local heritage.

The Dickinson County Heritage Center is inviting you to help preserve, maintain, and restore the buildings that house our local history by participating in the Adopt-A-Building program. Your tax deductible annual donation will help ensure that our local history lives on.



Adopt-A-Building Adoption Form

Building Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Adopting Party \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The adopting party agrees to an annual tax deductible donation of \$500 to the Dickinson County Heritage Center's Adopt-A-Building program. These funds will be used for the preservation and upkeep of the building. Recognition of your donation may be a plaque at the Museum's front entrance, a press release and/or social media unless declined by you. \_\_\_\_\_ Accept \_\_\_\_\_ Decline \_\_\_\_\_

Adopting Party Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dickinson County Heritage Center \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_