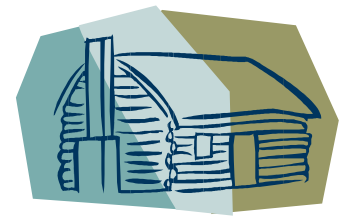


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Rooster Toss

Egg merchants in Indianola put on a three day rooster sale in June 1935. They offered farmers 3 cents over market value for roosters. Egg sellers preferred unfertilized eggs which kept better and brought fancier prices. Thus, the desire to rid farmers of their roosters. The climax to this event was a Rooster Throwing from the top of the Warren County Courthouse on June 14. Spectators could keep any rooster they caught. (What would PETA say about this today?)



WARREN COUNTY HISTORY FLASHBACK

To fight farm foreclosures and low farm prices, the Farm Holiday Association (FHA) was organized in 1931. In three northwest Iowa counties (Plymouth, O'Brien, and Crawford) the FHA used violence and threat of violence against judges, law enforcement, and attorneys to obstruct farm foreclosure sales in April 1933. To allow the owner to retain his land at a low cost, potential buyers were intimidated against bidding at the farm foreclosure auction. In Le Mars some 1,400 farmers marched on the courthouse, roughed up some officers, and nearly hung an uncooperative judge. Governor Clyde Herring sent the National Guard to quell the disturbance and patrol the streets. This type of farm foreclosure sale became known as *penny sales*.

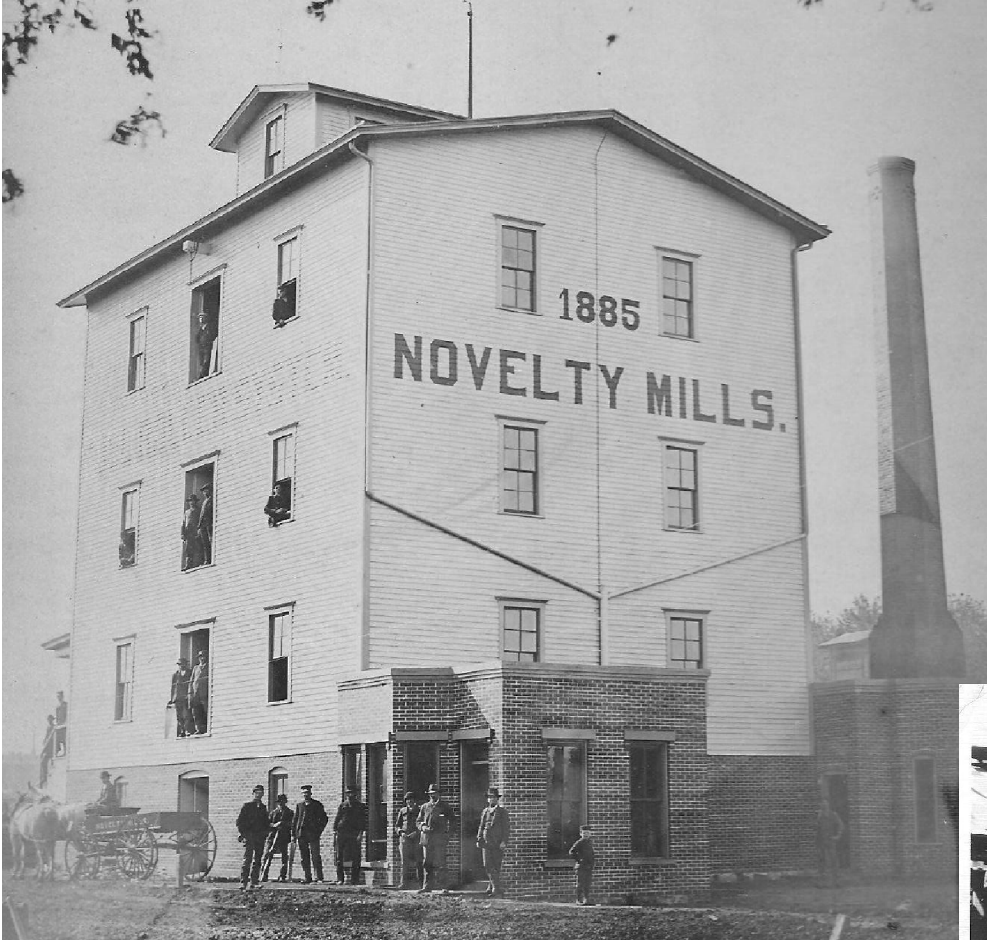
Predating the farm riots in northwest Iowa, in January 1933 an incident arose three miles northeast of Indianola where the farmers banded together to protect their neighbor, W. Fox, who was under a deficiency judgment. Neighborhood farmers as far away as Palmyra held a meeting at Farmers Chapel to organize in the interest of their neighbors who may be affected through deficiency judgments and personal property sales. It was reported that 300 farmers attended the sale at Fox farm but none of them bid up the prices on any article offered at the auction until Mr. Fox had secured what he needed to continue farming. Fox purchased all the machinery, workhorses, and other items up for sale at a cost of \$59.25. The sale was held to satisfy a \$2000 mortgage held by his uncle. The property owner allowed Fox to stay on the farm as a tenant. From *The Indianola Record*, January 12, 1933.

HOT BUTTON ISSUES IN INDIANOLA IN THE 1930s

After an intense 3 year campaign - involving surveys of students, alumni, parents, contributors, and clergy, an egging of Senator A.V. Proudfoot, President of the Simpson Board of Trustees, and an apology from the entire student body- Simpson students won the right to dance *off campus* in 1933. Professor Joseph Walt reports: "The first authorized, fully chaperoned, fraternity dance was held by the ATOs in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple (east of the Warren County Administration Building) on November 10, 1933. The next January students held their first prom, complaining that the event had to be staged off campus."

For many years by city ordinance, the sale of cigarettes was prohibited in Indianola. The Warren County Board of Supervisors had the authority to grant cigarette licenses outside city limits. In deference to the Indianola ordinance, supported by officials of Simpson College and public schools, the Board refused to grant a license within a five mile radius of Indianola. A lawsuit was filed by J. E. Hackley who wanted a license to sell cigarettes at his gas station two miles north of Indianola. District Judge Norman Hayes upheld the decision of the Warren County Board of Supervisors denying Hackley a permit on April 24, 1932.

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR 2009 WARREN
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP for \$15**

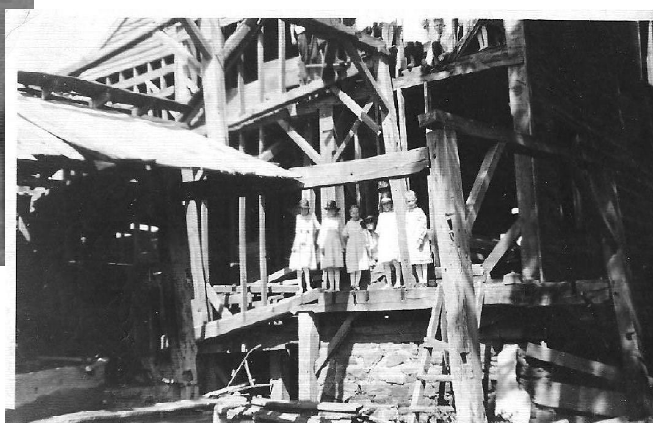


NOVELTY MILLS

Novelty Mill was located in Indianola on the northeast corner of block but at First & Boston. It was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1902.

BUNDY'S MILL

This is another photo of Bundy's Mill. Does anyone know the girls in the picture or when it might have been taken?



CLARENCE PICKARD'S RAGBRAI BIKE RIDE

On July 21 the XXXVII Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa will spend an overnight in Indianola. Clarence Pickard's Chartreuse girl's Swinn 10 speed bike and painted foam pith helmet with a big I are located in the Warren County Historical Society's Museum. Clarence completed the first 460 mile ride from Sioux City to Daavenport in 1974 at the age of 83. He was the oldest rider and weighed only 113 pounds.

In the early 1970's Clarence and his wife Mildred decided to sell the farm. He did not want to sell it to developers and began talks with the city about creating a park. Indianola bought the land at reduced cost. This land has been annexed into Indianola and developed into Pickard Park. It is located on Hwy 92, 2 miles east of the Hwy 65/69 and Hwy 92 intersection.



EXCERPTS FROM BLACKS IN INDIANOLA by Grace Overton in 1999

When Everett and I were married in 1941, there were two African American families living in the 700 block of West Boston: Mr.& Mrs. Sam White and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Brown. Both men were custodians of various buildings around the square. Sam White worked at the Indianola Bank Building at the corner of West Ashland and Buxton. The Whites also did spring and fall housecleaning for some individuals. I remember seeing them working at the Don L. Berry home where Robert Larson lives and Don's father built. Sam also worked for the O.C. Browns who lived at 605 West Ashland. O.C. Brown was an attorney with offices in the Indianola Bank Building. Their granddaughter Dorothy Daniel, in 1959, wrote a delightful book about Indianola call "Circle Round the Square", pictures from an Iowa childhood. One chapter is "Mr. Brown and Mr. White" in which she tells of the deep friendship and trust between Mr. (O.C.)Brown who was white and Mr. White who was brown. She also tells about "Leta", daughter of the widower, Sam White, who came with Sam to Indianola. They roomed with Mrs.Flummer. Sam later married Mrs. Flummer's daughter, Mattie Flummer, and they built a home just east of the mother's house. We remember Leta who was Juanita White Brown. She had graduated summa cm laude in music from Simpson in 1919, married Robert White and lived in East Chicago. She received the Simpson Alumni Achievement Award in 1974, when she was honored as a music teacher at two universities, former president of the Council of Church Women United of East Chicago and held all the national offices of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. When her father, Sam White, died in 1952 we handled his funeral arrangements. Everett met her plane and she was accompanied by her daughter, daughter's husband and children. Juanita died in 1982 and we had a call from a Funeral Director asking if there was room for her to be buried beside her parents. There was, but we never heard any more from this fine family.

The most famous black citizen of Indianola, was George Washington Carver. I remember when he returned to Simpson in 1941 to give the commencement address. He spoke at the United Methodist Church (later destroyed by fire but rebuilt at the same location). There were loudspeakers on the streets where people could listen who were unable to get into the church. I will never forget his very high-pitched voice and how frail he looked, but he was a distinguished looking man. We built our home in 1956, next to the home which Alice Holmes and her father built in the 1920s. Her father was Dr. E.M. Homes who was president of Simpson college when George Washington Carver enrolled here. Alice told me there was never any doubt in her father's mind that Carver should have a college education and that he was liked and admired by fellow students and faculty. This is verified in a letter Carver wrote to his good friend, Mrs. Milholland in Winterset saying, " The people are very kind to me here and the students are wonderfully good. They took it into their heads I was working too hard and had not enough home comforts so they clubbed together and brought me a whole set of furniture -chairs, table, bed, and such things as I needed. I never found out who did it." It might be added that Dr. Holmes was a great admirer of Bishop Matthew Simpson who was an Abolitionist and longtime friend of Abraham Lincoln. Bishop Simpson delivered the funeral address for President Lincoln's funeral.

Dr. G.A. Grant said the African Methodist Church in Indianola was located directly across from the college entrance on North Buxton between Euclid and Franklin Streets. He said it was popular with some of the Simpson young people of that time to attend the evening services and enjoy the enthusiasm of their singing and the fervor of the preaching. He spoke well of the dedication of the African Americans who attended for they worked hard and then some of them walked long distances to attend services. He felt much of our black population left Indianola to go to Des Moines where more jobs were available.

In the Indianola Cemetery are the graves of Sam White, Martha White (called Mattie, his 2nd wife) and Jeannie White (3rd wife) as well as Henry and Mattie Brown. There are six graves for the Flummer family including Andrew and Anna Elizabeth Flummer, parents of Sam White's wife, Mattie. Some of the earliest graves are the 17 graves of members of the Cocke family. A.C. Cocke came to Indianola and entered the drug business. Everett said he had worked for this family many times, and remembered hearing that they had been part of the Underground Railroad, which helped slaves escape through this part of the state.

The first grave in the second row reads as follows: Black Mammy, Catherine Hagen, December 2, 1790 - December 2 1874. "Black Mammy" was a servant of the Cocke family in the South who came north with her former master and died in 1854. There is a mystery here for the original stone read only "Black Mammy". Later, someone added the name, date of birth and death. The stone is identical to to her family members, so I do not know if the information was added to the stone or a new stone was placed here. It was rumored that members of her family returned and had this done.

The 1953 Warren County History tells us that the Quaker home of Mahlon Haworth had two separate cellars. The east cellar was entered by ordinary steps but the cellar under the west portion of the house was partitioned into three rooms, which were entered by carefully concealed trapdoors. It is thought that this was a stop on the Underground Railroad. This house was located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Hwy 65/69 and Hwy 92. Each station had a stationmaster and conductors. Edd R. McKee, Sr. was a conductor on the road between Indianola and Hartford. The old "Noble House" another station was about 100 yards south of the city limits on the east side of U.S. Highway 65/69. When A. S. Barker tore this house down in 1886, he found a 2 1/2 foot hiding space between the walls. One afternoon Dr. Clare Trueblood told about a station northeast of Indianola. The Trueblood family moved from the Motor Community to a farm in this area in 1909. Clare was acquainted with a boy his age named John Watland who lived about a mile and a half north of their farm. On the Watland farm there was an empty house where the boys liked to play. There was a fireplace that had a secret door they could enter and the boys thought it great fun to hide in this area. It was thought that this house was a part of the Underground Railroad



THUMBS UP TO:

Austin Freeman for moving the east museum light switch into the dining-room so all dining-room lights can be operated in that room. We now padlock between rooms.

Dwight McCormick for the many hours he has spent working on our website: www.warrencountyhistory.com

Mary McCormick for providing photographs when needed and repainting our double sided outdoor sign. Take a look as you go by.

Cris Nagla for getting several years of obituaries on line and spending many hours organizing and indexing library documents.

Bob Davey for arranging for the fiberglass furnace pipes leading to the library to be replaced with sheet metal.

Dennis Allen for building a probate files area by the west basement wall.

Max Morrison for shoveling our walk.

Mary & Dwight McCormick, Nancy Krikendall, Jerry Beatty, Joan Overton and Max Morrison for moving many items from the museum to the Meeting House while we do extensive cleaning and renovation.



FIRST WCHS MEETING FOR 2009

Tuesday, March 24

Soup Supper 6:00 pm

Program: WARREN COUNTY
RURAL SCHOOLS

Join us for delicious soup and dessert at 6:00 pm. The program will be a panel on Warren County Rural One Room Schools. Bring photos, stories, or memorabilia from your rural school days.

DR. WILLIAM FRIEDRICKS SPEAKER



Dr. William Friedrichs is the founder of the Iowa History Center at Simpson College. He has written several books about Iowa History and is winner of the 2008 Iowa History Prize from Humanities Iowa.

“I am eager to get our programming started,” Friedrichs said. “At the Iowa History Center we intend to use the funding from the prize to jumpstart Iowa history.”

Friedrichs will speak to the Warren County Historical Society Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm about plans for the Iowa History Center.

Museum Military Exhibit

Bob Aubert is redoing our military area in the museum. He wants to purchase 4 mannequins to use in the new display. It is difficult to find complete second hand mannequins, since few stores use them anymore. One mannequin will cost over \$130. If you would like to contribute to our Military Display Fund or know the location of any mannequins, contact Bob Aubert at 961-3101 or send your donation to WCHS, Box 256, Indianola, IA, 50125.

INCREASED LIBRARY HOURS

We are currently opening the WCHS Library from 9:30 to 4:00 on Thursdays. This allows researchers a full day of work.

CHECKOUT our website:

www.warrencountyhistory.org

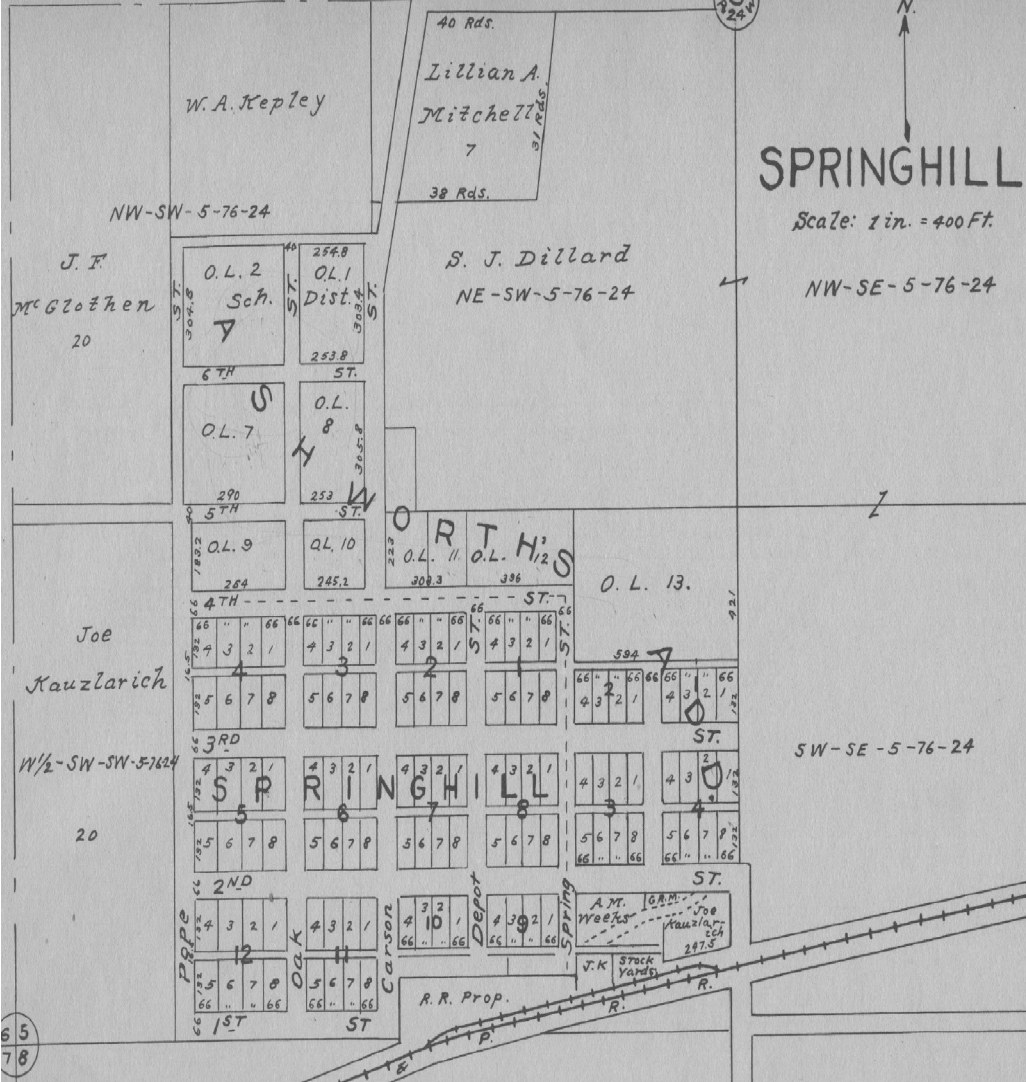
SPRING HILL LOG CABIN FESTIVAL 2009 HONORED TOWN

Spring Hill is located on the south border of the southwest quarter of Section 5 of Greenfield Township.

It was created in 1872 when the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad missed the then thriving town of Greenbush. Once again the railroad caused one town to fail and a new town to be created. This railroad branch ran from Des Moines to Winterset.

The name Spring Hill comes from the hill location which had a large spring at its base. It was laid out by Dr. Bevington, founder of the town of Bevington and the land was owned by William Ashworth.

Two years after it was founded it had a flour mill, hotel, one warehouse, two variety stores, two drug stores, a wagon shop, harness shop, one boot and shoe shop, two backsmiths and one beer saloon. The Baptist church was organized in 1872 and built in 1873. The Methodist Church was organized in September 1873 and dedicated in that December.



1920s Spring Hill Map

The New Rock Island Time Table

Since the Handbook was printed the C. R. I. & P. Railroad has installed the following service: (Daily Except Sunday)

LEAVE INDIANOLA	ARRIVE DES MOINES
6:45 A. M.	7:45 A. M.
9:50 A. M.	11:05 A. M.
12:45 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
2:45 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
6:45 P. M.	7:45 P. M.
7:55 P. M.	9:10 P. M.
LEAVE DES MOINES	ARRIVE INDIANOLA
7:00 A. M.	8:10 A. M.
8:45 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
11:15 A. M.	12:15 P. M.
4:20 P. M.	5:20 P. M.
5:15 P. M.	6:20 P. M.
11:15 P. M.	12:15 M. NT.

**The Bailey & Wright
Special Cash Coupon not
redeemable after October 1,
1905. Use it at once.**

In 1879 the Spring Hill business directory included the following:

General Stores - Eugene Crandall, Jones & Peverly

Drug Store - Waleford Brothers

Post Office - C.B. Jones

Station Agent - Robert Ashworth

Notary Public - C.B. Jones

Justice of the Peace - John W. Newell

Shoe Shop - Robert Comer

Wagon Shop - J. C. Higgins

Blacksmith - David N. Kepley

Grain Buyers - Anderson & Son

Physicians - J.C. Wakefield, T.J. Wakefield



Old Spring Hill post office and store building

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WCHS CALENDAR

March 9	6:30pm	Log Cabin Festival Meeting
March 10	3:00pm	Executive Committee
March 24	6:00pm	Soup Supper/Meeting, RURAL SCHOOLS
April 13	6:30pm	Log Cabin Festival Meeting
April 14	3:00pm	Executive Committee
April 28	7:00pm	WCHS Meeting, DR. WILLIAM FRIEDRICK
May 11	6:30pm	Log Cabin Festival Meeting
May 12	3:00pm	Executive Committee
May 26	7:00pm	WCHS Meeting

WCHS MEETING TUESDAY,
MARCH 24, 2009
SOUP SUPPER
6:00 PM

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LIBRARY VISITORS & Research Topics

Judy Bailey - David W. BAILEY b 1793 N. H., in Rev. War. Relatives in N. H., N.Y., Ohio, Iowa

Theresa Philpott - HACKETT, HAWORTH, STANTON, CARMAN

Karen Hanley – PEARSON

Steve Wheeler - ENOS, WHEELER

Dan & Kathy Ripperger are compiling a history of the Warren County Izaak Walton League.

Deloris Keller - McFall-KELLER-Bollovia KELLER (great grandfather who is buried at Mr. Tabor Cemetery

Moe Wadle - WADLE, WACHTER, HELLER, BAUER, MILLER, CONRAD

Erma Hickman – SNIDER

Margaret Jeanstad - WINTERMANTELL, MERRIMAN, JELLISON

Kate Billett - John MILLER

3 students from Dr. William Friedrich's "History of Iowa" class at Simpson. Researching Milo, Indianola, & New Virginia

Rosemary Hoover continues to research Spring Hill, featured town for Log Cabin Festival in September.

Claudia Meek – Bundy, Flesher

WEBSITE INFORMATION

1920s, 1930s, 1950s, 1968-1969, 1970-1972 Warren County obituaries located in the library have been indexed by Cris Nagla and can be found at www.warrencountyhistory.org. She has also posted indexes for "Probates, Guardianships and Administration ". A list of "Handwritten Biographical Sketches from Memorial Records of Iowa 1896" is also available..

You can come to the library to research this information or we can mail you a copy for a fee of \$3 for the first name and \$2 for each additional name.

Equipment and material added to the Library/Museum

Almost new computer, monitor, keyboard, etc. donated by Dennis Allen's step father.

Older laptop donated by Ruth Hall's brother.

50 binders that will be used for the rural school records donated by Marieta and Dave Grissom's son.

Library/Museum PROJECTS

Juanita Ott is working with our new Past Perfect software setting up a system to enter computer information about museum exhibits. We should be ready to do this about the time the basement warms for us to work down there.

Jerry Beatty and Dennis Allen have put together a platform in the main room of the basement to support the probate file cabinets. These cabinets were purchased with the Willa Grissom memorial money. Sometime in March we should be ready to move the probates into the cabinets.

Peggy Kruse is still working on cataloging our photographs.

Mary McCormick has volunteered to take pictures of Warren County structures. If you know of historically significant things, let her know. Especially, if there's damage to something through fire or natural disaster. Contact Mary at mary@mccormickcontrols.com, or call WCHS at 961-8085, or contact@www.warrencountyhistory.org.

We have been fortunate so far in 2009 to be able to be open in spite of the weather with one exception. We try to be open from 9:30-4 on Thursdays and 9-12 on Saturdays.

HELP US! WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY RURAL SCHOOL PROJECT

If you taught or attended a Warren County One Room School, please answer this survey and return to:
Warren County Historical Society, Box 256, Indianola, Iowa 50125

1. ____ I attended rural school _____ School Name

2. ____ I taught in rural school _____ School Name

3. ____ I would be willing to be interviewed by WCHS about rural schools
____ Your Name
- Best time for the interview ____ morning, ____ afternoon, ____ evening

4. What questions should we include in a rural school interview?
5. Share a story with us! (Most important lesson learned, My best day at country school, My favorite teacher, The funniest thing, I was mortified when ____, My best friend was ____, The hardest thing I ever had to do was ____, I helped little ones ____)

