

Shelby County Historical Society, Inc. is celebrating 60 years of collecting and conserving Shelby County artifacts, documents, pictures and other material relating to the history of our county. Our new museum building at 210 East Maple St., Shelbina, MO will be completed early next year. The design of the building was patterned after the Dr. Adolphus G. Wood barn built in Lentner, MO sometime after 1876; Marjorie K. Boling had a painting of this barn in her home. The museum is 120 feet by 60 feet with porches on all four sides. The main floor is open, with four areas. Coming into the front door is the main library, with all our genealogical collection. The next room is the Roy T. Neff room, with all our cemetery, rural school and church records, compiled by Roy T. Neff. Behind the Neff room is our extensive newspaper library, beginning in the 1840's. We have a large collection of microfilm and a microfilm reader. The reader will be located under the stairwell. We have two exhibit rooms on the main floor, restrooms, office space and a storage room. There are stairs on each end of the building, each going to the second floor. The upstairs is entirely open and will exhibit our collection of quilts, coverlets and other textiles. We have an elevator going to the second story and the north side will be storage.