



Historical Society Established for 60 Years Orscheln

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Progress at the new Shelby County Historical Society and Museum continues to move forward. The photograph above was taken Friday, August 18, 2023. Photograph by Stoneburner Drone Service

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Shelby County Historical Society, Inc. will be celebrating 60 years in 2023. A group of Shelby Countians met at the courthouse on August 14, 1963, to organize the Shelby County Historical Society, for the preservation of records, artifacts, mementos and other facets of the county's past.

Founder's night was celebrated August 22, 1963, with 29 members present. A. Loy Jones was elected President, Katharine Drain, Vice President, Alice Priest, Secretary, Ola B Wilson, Treasurer, Joan Bierly, Historian. Mrs. Welch Greenwell, museum director. The Charter Night was held 24 October 1963, with 210 Charter members who paid \$1.00 dues. Some of the living

Charter members are Rogers Hewitt, Mrs. Rogers Hewitt, Mrs. Donald Shouse, Mrs. H G Williams, Clyde Burch and Pamela Hawkins.

In July 1964 a room in the courthouse was used as the first museum. In April 1965 Roy T Neff began the work of listing and compiling data on all the cemeteries in Shelby County, with the help of many volunteers. All his cemetery records are at the museum and much information has been added.

Roy's original map of the cemeteries has been framed and will on display at the new museum. In July 1966 Roy T Neff began work on the rural school project. Roy also collected information on Civil War soldiers, his original list has now been expanded to include files on @2,000 Union and Confederate soldiers with Shelby County connections.

Roy also surveyed the churches in the county. All these records are available for research at the museum.

The Society also has a webpage at www.shelby.mogenweb.org. Lea Ann Robertson is the webmaster. Recently Ashlyn Fisher completed abstracting over 2,500 files of genealogy researched since 1973 by Kathleen Wilham. The information is on the website. You can also take a virtual tour of the museum and library building on the website.

In 2003 we purchased 107 S Center for a museum and in 2017 we purchased 109 S Center for our library. Our new building at 210 E Maple, will be two story, with 14,400 square feet of space.

Check out our website to see the progress.

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