

We'd like to thank you for taking the time to visit the Jefferson County History Center!

Don't forget to sign up to become a member of the Jefferson County Historical Society. Membership is inexpensive, open to all, and comes with its share of benefits, some of which include:

- Unlimited use of research facilities
- Free admission to all exhibits and **Bowditch Model Railroad** Shows
- Voting privilege at the annual members' meeting
- Subscription to our print newsletter, "The Jeffersonian"
- Gift shop "Discount Days"
- Reduced admission to special events
- Opportunities to help design and develop exhibits, programs, and projects



To become a member, just fill out the form below. For more information about membership, don't hesitate to ask one of our knowledgeable staff members.

Jefferson County Historical Society - Membership Form

Date: _____

- Membership Options
- Individual - \$20 / 12 months
- Family (Household) - \$30 / 12 months

(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Home Phone) (Alt. Phone) (E-mail)



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JEFFERSON COUNTY
HISTORY CENTER



JCHC *Visitors Guide*

Welcome to the Jefferson County History Center!

Please use this pamphlet to assist in finding your way through our galleries in order to ensure that your visit is both enjoyable and informative.

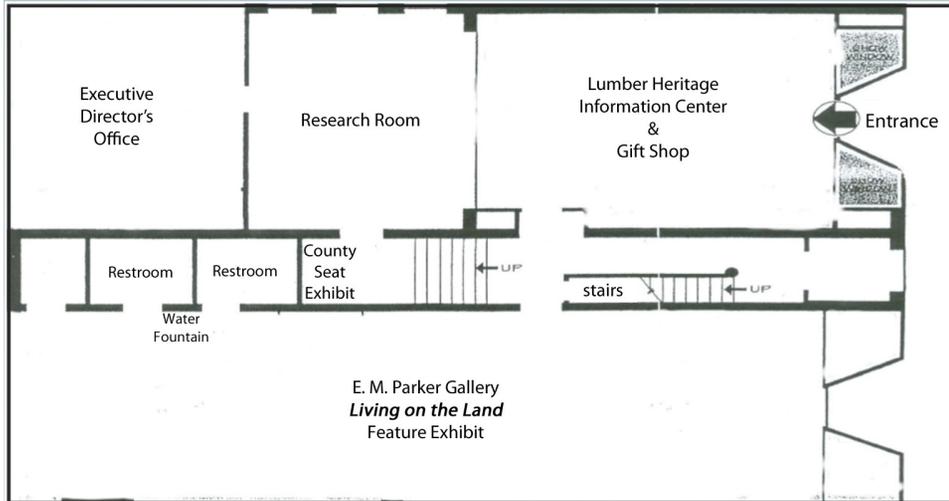
Inside, you will find maps of the first and second floor with explanations of what you can expect to find on display in our galleries.

If you need assistance at any time, or if you are seeking more information, our friendly and knowledgeable staff can help direct you.

The JCHC is home to many amazing and interesting artifacts from Jefferson County's past. Our galleries and exhibits are ever changing, and they focus on distinct aspects of the area's rich history.

First Floor

Our main floor contains our gift shop, research room, and our largest gallery, which features the award-winning exhibit, *Living on the Land*.



E. M. Parker Gallery: *Living on the Land*

Our largest exhibit examines the ways in which people have lived in the place now called Jefferson County. This prize-winning exhibit takes you on a journey through time, focusing on the Native Americans, early settlers, forestry, agriculture, mining, business and industry, transportation, heritage tourism, and hunting. Did you know that the first ever four-wheel drive automobile was built in Jefferson County? *Living on the Land* contains a full size replica of that very car. Did you know that the first American citizen to complete an international flight was a Jefferson County native? Take a look around this exhibit to discover more about our area's rich and colorful history.

Welcome to the Seat of Jefferson County

Here, you'll find a history of the founding of Jefferson County and its judicial history. This exhibit includes an early model of the courthouse and the original wooden hands from its clock tower.

Research Room

In our research room, you will find the resources needed to research your family's history: birth records, death certificates, wills, deeds, and many other books, collections, and documents. If you've ever wondered about your family's past or thought about making a family tree, this is the perfect place to start.

Second Floor

Our second floor is home to the *Bowdish Model Railroad*, a recreation of a Victorian era parlor, and galleries that periodically change.

Galleries B & C and the Skylight Room

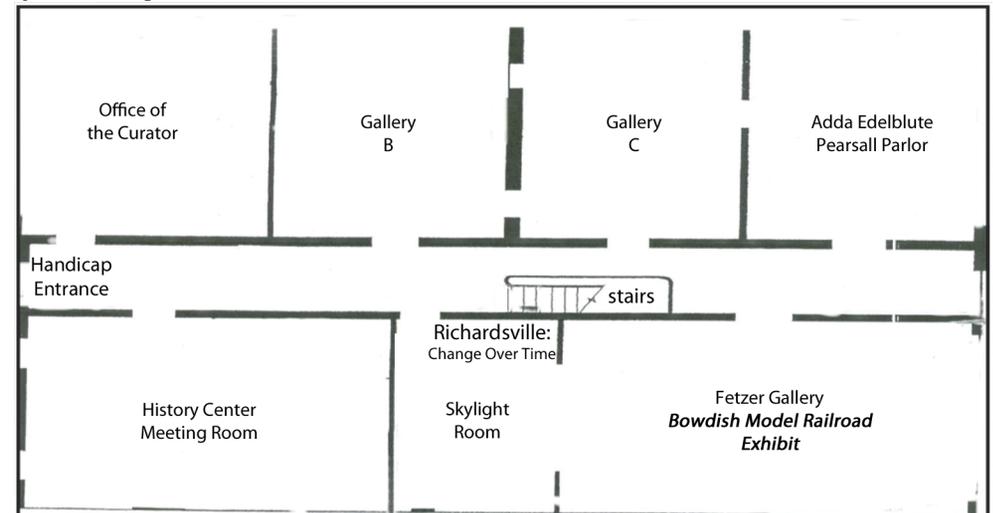
These galleries are dedicated to the depiction of *Some Things In Common* throughout Jefferson County: educating our children and youth, the ways in which we celebrate, the tragedies we've all experienced, and our hobbies and pastimes.

Richardsville: Change Over Time

This exhibit follows the stories of the Sartwell family who arrived prior to the Civil War and who left in the 1920s.

History Center Meeting Room

The Jefferson County History Center is a great place to hold a meeting, throw a birthday party, or host a reunion or other special event. If you are interested in renting this space for your event, please ask one of our staff members for more information on what we offer.



Adda Edelblute Pearsall Parlor

Our recreation of a Victorian Parlor is adorned with artifacts dating between 1860 and 1910.

Bowdish Model Railroad

The *Bowdish Model Railroad* is our longest running and most popular exhibit. Stop by anytime to see the miniature recreation of Jefferson County buildings from the brilliant mind of Charles Bowdish. We also offer special train shows once a month so guests have the opportunity to watch the miniature world come to life. Please ask about the show schedule.