

## SHERMAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1. Non Profit tax exempt 501(c)3 organization founded in 1977 to collect and preserve the history and heritage of Sherman County.
2. Funded by membership dues, private donations, grants, as well as an annual allocation from the County. Fundraising events are held during Polish Days each June and Junk Jaunt in September.
3. **Ohlsen-Jenner House** (aka Jenner House) is a brick building built in 1889; it was added onto in 1909 by John Ohlsen. Bob Jenner married Dora Ohlsen; this house and acreage became their home. The unique brick barn was built about the same time as the original Ohlsen house. The SCHS purchased this property in November of 1988. **The Ohlsen Jenner House is currently undergoing restoration.**
4. **Hawk School** was built in 1874 and originally located two miles south of Loup City. The lumber was hauled from Kearney by John L. Hawk; the first teacher was Clara Hawk. The building includes an original country school classroom complete with period student and teacher desks. This building was acquired by the SCHS in 1987.
5. **Austin School** was built around 1916 and is a two-room school house. For a brief time this District 2 building operated as both a grade school and a high school. It was donated in 1998 by Herbert & Toby Stobbe and family.
6. **Marcy Building**, erected by the Ohlsen Brothers in 1909, this building was the dental office of Dr. William L. Marcy. Dr. Marcy homesteaded near Loup City in 1881; he practiced dentistry in Loup City from about

1890 to 1937. This building was acquired in 2005 and includes displays highlighting business in the County.

7. **Hanshew Building** at 740 “O” Street was donated by Harold & Lois Hanshew in 2010. It was originally built as a jewelry store for the Elsner family. Today, it houses an “Old Time Barber Shop” with authentic period artifacts, and the Sherman County Historical Society Research Center where genealogists and historians can go to research Sherman County history.
8. **Elsner-Clark Exhibit Hall** was purchased in 2012 thanks to a generous bequest by Arline Elsner Clark. New exhibits include churches, Civil War, transportation, a soda fountain, the Sherman County Times, and Jenner’s Park. Future displays are in progress for the Depew Foundry and the Ohlsen Brickyard.
9. **US Army M60AS TTS Tank** was in service from 1979 to 1997. The M60 series is still in use in the Middle East. It was acquired in 1999.
10. **Windmill** is a recent donation from Henry Nuxoll.
11. **Antique Farm Equipment** was donated to the Historical Society in 2015 by Harold Dorsey Family.

## **AUSTIN SCHOOLHOUSE**

Harriet Gallaway book week display,

Harriet Gallaway doll collection display

Old Wash room display

Old-time kitchen display

Former Polish Days items

Sherman County school trophies

Military display and uniforms

Prehistoric bones & other artifacts unearthed at road construction sites in the Davis & Oak Creek areas

Greeting card display

## **HAWK SCHOOLHOUSE**

Period student and teacher desks

Period school books

Old globe and maps

Photographs of most Sherman County Rural school districts

Records from some rural school districts

Crock water cooler

## **BARN**

Hand tools

Old saddles and tack

Walking plows, including a sod plow

Corn Sheller

Fanning mill

Grain separator

Stationary Engine

Early lawn mowers

## **MARCY BUILDING**

For displaying professional occupations

Lawyer's desk

Glass front bookcase

Chair used by State Legislator, Fred Daddow

Dental chair from early 1900's

Old adding machines and calculators

Old typewriter

Old radio

Photos and other memorabilia from local businesses

## **OHLSEN-JENNER HOUSE**

Currently undergoing restoration.

## **ELSNER-CLARK EXHIBIT HALL**

Soda Fountain

Advertising signs from Sherman County Fair Grounds

Telephone switchboard

Sherman County Times press & type

Items from the Sacred Heart Hospital—scales, centrifuge, platform scale, autoclave

Church exhibit including pews from the former Loup City Regular Baptist church; Stained glass window and many other items from the Presbyterian church of Loup City; Pulpit and other items from the German Lutheran Church of Loup City; etc.

Jenner's Park exhibit with wall mural, photos, Snake Swing (which will be rebuilt in the near future), Jenner trunk, and numerous other items.

Civil War exhibit

Sherman County Transportation exhibit

## **RESEARCH CENTER**

at 740 "O" Street (on main street)

The Research Center features numerous records, many photographs, family histories, and information on people who lived in Sherman County. Computers are available for internet research.

## **HANSHEW BARBER SHOP**

740 "O" Street

The barber-shop is a 1930's style barbershop museum, complete with the furnishings that many will recognize from Harold Hanshew's shop: the old barber chairs, mirrors, and milk glass countertops. In addition, visitors will see some new things. In the 1930s, barbershops were all white, a concession to the new emphasis on cleanliness. The barbershop museum features memorabilia from the barber's craft as well as historical displays related to barbering in Sherman County.