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Miller County Historical Society

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- Please join us at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday April 23, 2017 for our annual members' potluck. Bring a dish and share in the excitement as we prepare for a new season.
- The museum will be opening for the 2017 season on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Our hours are 10:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. on each Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday with the exception of Memorial Day and Labor Day. If you are interested in researching your family history, the best day to come is on a Monday when research staff is available to help you.

Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It seems like it has been a long time since last August when the film crew pulled up to the Miller County Museum to film a segment of an episode of the TLC show "Who Do You Think You Are?" We are thrilled to announce that the featured celebrity is Jessica Biel. It was a joy to meet her and to be present for the filming. The episode will air Sunday, April 2, 2017, at 9:00 p.m. on The Learning Channel (TLC). Be sure to watch!



Photo courtesy of TLC.

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JAMES EARL THOMPSON AUDIO-VISUAL CENTER

The James Earl Thompson Center at the Museum will open this spring to share voice and video recordings of Miller County stories. The Center was designed and funded by the generosity of Alan Wright. To begin this exciting project more than a hundred audio performances recorded by Earl Thompson at the Thompson family reunion in 1957 were digitized. Efforts are underway to identify over 400 photos taken by Earl Thompson. Volunteers plan to add the Museum's photo collections to the center.

If your family has audio or video recordings that share the history of Miller County, please send an e-mail to millercountymuseum@att.net. Help us share the voices and faces, as well as the stories.



James Earl Thompson, 1893-1980, was the son of James Downing and Isabelle (Wyckoff) Thompson. A noted Thompson family historian and a musician, he was a veteran of WWI and a longtime song leader and Elder of the Saline Valley Church of Christ.

THIS 'N THAT

- The WWI centennial is a great time to dig into online resources for US troops in the Great War. Most federal service records for US Army troops in WWI were lost to fire. For state-level records check out https://sl.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archives/b/soldiers
- Search the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) databases for free by clicking GRS from the home page www.dar.org.
- <www.archivegrid.com> helps you locate online finding aids to unpublished records in libraries and archives across the country.
- <www.archaicnedicalterms.com> is the perfect tool for defining those obsolete medical terms you may encounter in death records.
- You can find billions of photos on <www.flickr.com> Search for places your ancestors lived and you are sure to find images that bring life to their experiences.

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ALSO NEW AT THE MUSEUM



Dress made by Arie Fogleman about 1910



Shaving mug belonging to Dr. J. H. Moore



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Life Memberships Mr. & Mrs. Kent Kehr

As Always, we are grateful for your generosity and support. Thank You!

To porget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root. - Chinese Proverb

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