

# A Letter from the President

## Fayette County Helper's Club & Historical Society

Dear Friends:

Thank you for visiting the Fayette County Historical Society Web Page. Fayette County, Iowa, has a proud, rich and varied past. The mission of your Historical Society is to preserve the past, learn from it, and pass it along to future generations.

Please feel welcome to visit the museum and use the available records. You will find your historical staff knowledgeable and helpful.

Fayette County is located in beautiful northeast Iowa. It was founded in 1837, and named after the marquis de La Fayette, French general and politician and named Major General of the Continental Army of the Revolutionary War.

According to the U. S. Census Bureau, the county has 731 square miles. Because a large portion of the northern part of the county was in the Neutral Land set aside to divide the Sioux to the north and Sac and Fox to the south, final platting was not completed and settlement did not begin in a majority of the county until in the 1840's.

Among the river systems that drain the rich farmland of Fayette County are the Turkey, Volga, Wapsipinicon, and Maquoketa Rivers. These areas also offer recreational opportunities

It is important to the Historical Society to collect, preserve and interpret the treasures and stories of the families of Fayette County. We rely on memberships and donations to meet operating expenses and make capital improvements. A yearly membership is \$10. Please consider becoming a life member of the Historical Society for a donation of \$100. Or consider making an investment in the future of the Society by sending a check as a charitable donation or as a memorial to someone special. Members have access to all research materials at no charge. Non-members are charged a \$5 research fee.

The Historical Center and Museum office is totally staffed by volunteers. Join with us as a volunteer with your time and talents. There is always need for docents to escort visiting groups through the museum. Any assistance will help us to continue to honor our past and provide a service to our present and future generations.



Fran Bowden  
President

Sincerely  
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