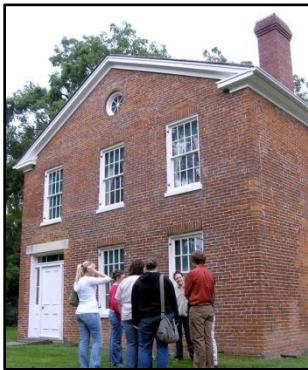




JOHNSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Johnson County Historical Society maintains three historic sites (Plum Grove Historic Home, 1876 Coralville Schoolhouse, 1855 Johnson County Asylum & Poor Farm) in addition to our museum on the Iowa River Landing in Coralville. Each of these sites are available for tours. Please call (319) 351-5738 to schedule a tour.



Plum Grove (1030 Carroll St., Iowa City): Plum Grove was the home of Iowa's first territorial governor, Robert Lucas and his wife, Friendly. Built in 1844, the home is surrounded by historic vegetable and flower gardens and is restored and decorated on the interior to the period when the Lucas family lived there. Tours are available from Memorial Day through October 31. **NOTE:** for larger groups, please call in advance and schedule a tour time (319) 351-5738

Memorial Day-Labor Day: Wednesday-Sunday, 1:00-5:00

Labor Day-October 31: 1:00-5:00

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1876 Coralville Schoolhouse (310 Fifth Street, Coralville): Built in 1876, this unique two-story red brick schoolhouse was the only school serving the children of Coralville until 1951. The first level of the school is restored to resemble an 1870s classroom.

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1855 Johnson County Asylum & Poor Farm

(Melrose & Slothower, west of Hwy 218, Iowa City)

The 1855 Johnson County Poor Farm, is a window on nineteenth century definitions and policy dealing with perceived social problems. The farm was to be self-supporting and the labor of the inmates would help compensate the county for their care. Crop farming and dairy production were primary functions of the farm until the 1960's. Today the early twentieth century milking barn, a late nineteenth century hay/horse barn, five smaller buildings, the

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“insane” wing, and the cemetery survive. The 1859 “First Johnson County Asylum” wing is restored and listed on the national Register of Historic Places.

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Johnson County Historical Society Museum (860 Quarry Road,

Coralville): The Johnson County Historical Society Museum is home to the society's more than 10,000 historic artifacts that portray the diverse and vibrant heritage of the county, from the Meskwaki to early settlers to contemporary times. Many of these items- from an authentic handcart commemorating the Mormon's historic trek

westwards from Iowa to a replica of the beloved Blue Top Motel to a 19th century millstone- are on display in permanent and rotating exhibits that bring history alive. Check our website (www.johnsoncountyhistory.org) for current exhibits & upcoming programs.

Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-5:00 Sundays: Noon-5:00, closed Mondays and major holidays. To schedule a group visit, call (319) 351-5738 or email questions@johnsoncountyhistory.org

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10e Make a model of a traditional house: Come see our Wikiup and see how early Native Americans and Settlers of Johnson County lived in. A great resource for ideas on what to build the models after.

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Elective 24: American Indian Life:

a Learn about the Meskwaki Indians

b Learn and play Native American games

Schedule a group tour of the Meskwaki exhibit. Call (319) 351-5738.