

VIENNA'S LATHAM HOUSE TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the Historical Society of Maries County are planning to observe two big days in the history of their restoration efforts on behalf of Vienna's very first house, the Latham Log House. They have announced that this historic, pre-civil war building will be open for public viewing before and after the parade September 4th at this year's Maries County Fair.

Society members are planning to fill the two south rooms of the old house with items and memorabilia from Dr. William Hearst Bowles and his wife, Elizabeth Ella Kinsey Bowles. Items to be displayed include Ella's "first day" dress from 1877, daughter Lucy J.'s doll from around 1898, Dr. Bowles' records of births and deaths from the 1880's, baby

dressers and other clothing from the Bowles family, Ella Kinsey Bowles' childhood rocker, a Bowles Chapel illustrated Bible from 1885 and various family photographs and papers from the family's days at their mansion at Lane's Prairie, Greatwood.

An even grander event is scheduled to take place July 4th of next year when the Latham House will be officially dedicated at a reunion of the Bowles descendants, who have been most generous and cooperative in assisting the Historical Society of Maries County in this effort.

The Latham House is located in the Old Jail Museum Complex, on Highway 42, a couple of blocks east of the Highways 17 and 42 junction in Vienna.



Visitors at the Latham House will be able to view photographs of oldtime members of the Bowles family. In this picture, the portraits are temporarily displayed on the long wooden bench from Dr. Bowles' office.



Greatwood, the Bowles' family mansion, was a good site to behold at Lane's Prairie, Maries County.

Photo courtesy of the Historical Society of Maries County.

Vienna's Old Jail Museum

Visit Vienna's Old Jail Museum
The Old Felker Log Home (Vienna's 2nd Oldest House)
and The County History Museum
Historical Newspaper Clippings
Prehistoric Mastodon Bones
Spinning Wheels, Civil War Tombstone
Pre-Civil War Dolls, Old Photographs.
Lots of Antiques and Artifacts from the 1800's.

OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

during July and August by calling Jean Henderson at 422-6126
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The Museum building will be OPEN

Saturday, September 4th, before and after Fair Parade.
They will be open each Sunday from Sept. - Oct., 2 - 4 p.m.

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