

Brown Earth Church
 2 mi. east of Stockholm on Hwy.
 20, 1 mi. north, 1/4 mi. west



The Brown Earth Church or "Old Indian Church" near Stockholm, SD was built in 1877 by Sisseton and Wahpeton Indians. It was first served by the Rev. Daniel Renville, a Presbyterian missionary of French-Indian lineage. It is believed to have been the first church erected in Grant County, Dakota Territory. Rev. Renville and his wife extended many courtesies to white settlers. After the settlement was abandoned, relatives would come from Flandreau to care for the church and cemetery.

In 1901 it was purchased by Swedish Christians from Strandburg and served settlers until 1905 from Stockholm and Strandburg. Over the years the Stockholm-Strandburg Legion Post maintained the church and grounds. The Grant County Historical Society now owns and maintains the property.

Troy Stagecoach House

3 1/2 mi. south - 3 1/2 mi. west of Stockholm, SD



In February 1880, the homestead of John Potter in what was later Troy Township was designated a US Post Office on the stagecoach route between Big Stone City and Watertown. It operated for 9 years.

Grant County



Milbank Museums

Open Sundays 2-5 p.m.

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Private appointments and group tours available during the week.

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Agriculture Museum

Stockholm, South Dakota

Keys to museums are available at Alice's Resturant, Main Street, Stockholm or Marge Nowick (605)676-2404

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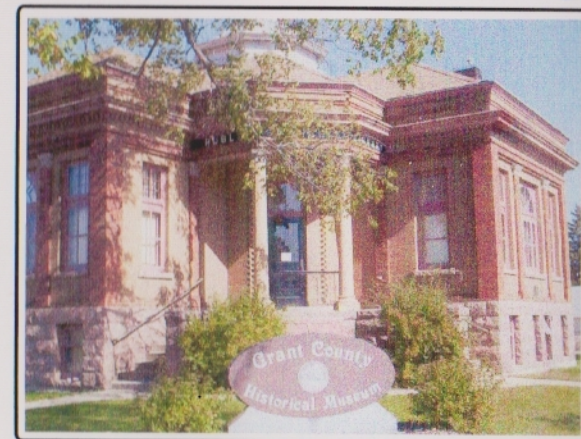
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Grant County Historical Society



Grant County Museum

Third Avenue & Third Street

Milbank, South Dakota

Erected by Andrew Carnegie in 1906 and known as the Milbank Carnegie Library until 1979 when the Grant County Library was built, the building was leased by the Grant County Historical Society in 1982. It is on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

The museum contains artifacts from cities, towns, churches, schools, military, and businesses in Grant County.



Adjacent buildings are the Historical House and Country School.

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The Historical House
S. Fourth Street & Third Avenue
Milbank, South Dakota



Built in the late 1800's as a church and then converted to a home in the early 1900's, the Historical House is furnished to depict lifestyles of the early 1900's era complete with furniture, wallcoverings, clothing worn, and utensils used at that time.

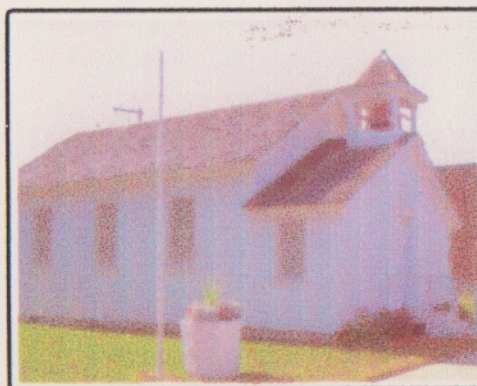


The cookstove pictured is an example of the detail given to the kitchen and pantry including an icebox. On the back porch are the washing facilities with the old washtubs, wringer, scubboard, and copper boiler on the stove for heating water.

Amsden Country School
On Third Avenue next to
Historical House in Milbank

The Amsden School or Madison #2 was built in 1882 on land donated by C. S. Amsden southwest of Milbank. After closing in 1966, the building and some of the furnishings and bell were purchased and moved to Milbank for historical purposes.

If you attended a country school, you will most likely recall sharing a desk with a classmate or warming lunches on the potbelly stove.



Students find this old school very interesting as compared to present-day schools.

Agriculture Museum
Stockholm, South Dakota



Founded in 1989, the Agriculture Museum contains an outstanding collection of machinery, tools and vehicles used for farming by pioneers. It also includes an early-day depot, farm repair shop, country kitchen with original furnishings and a linotype printsetter. Adjoining on the grounds is an open-sided building with early farm machinery.



Tractor Museum



Claim Shanty

The Tractor Museum was donated by Kenneth Borns of Codington Co. in 2002. It holds four of his tractors and others.

The Claim Shanty was built in 1879 by Lars Anderson in Vernon Township. It was moved to the museum in 1990.