



The August F. Poehler house, built in the summer of 1884 from locally produced brick and mill work and completed during the winter of 1885, is now the Sibley County Historical Museum and home to the Sibley County Historical Society.

The Historical Society was organized in 1940 with August L. Poehler of Minneapolis, former Henderson merchant, as president.



National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

Opening Times

The museum opens on Memorial Day and continues Sundays 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. through October. Group tours are available any time - to schedule a tour, contact us by e-mail or phone.

We are also open for special occasions and events.

Genealogy can be done at any time, but an appointment is required.

Admission

Members are admitted free of charge.

Non-member cost is \$2 per person.

Visit the museum online

<http://sibleycountyhistoricalmuseum.com/>

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Mission Statement

The objective of the Historical Society shall be the collection, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Sibley County and to relate it to the history of the State of Minnesota.

Sibley County was established by an act of the legislature on March 5, 1853. The boundaries of the county have changed through the years. Organization of the county, with Henderson designated as county seat, was effected on January 1, 1855, by the County Commissioners in the old Valley House in Henderson.

Sibley County is located in South Central Minnesota, with fertile soil, rolling prairie, and wooded areas surrounding lakes and along the Minnesota River.

In the backyard of the museum is a log cabin built by German immigrant Christian Didra, about 1858.



This log cabin is a dramatic reminder of the harsh living conditions under which the earliest of the Sibley County pioneers existed.

Sibley County Historical Society

Thank you for your interest in the Sibley County Historical Museum. Your membership and support through volunteer service or donations are truly appreciated.



The Sibley County Historical Society Annual Meeting is commonly held in April.

All are welcome.

There are seven cities in Sibley County:

Henderson was the first village to be incorporated (1855) and was the county seat until 1915. **Winthrop** was established in 1881 along with a site chosen for the railroad. **Gibbon** began with the arrival of the railroad and incorporated in 1882. **Green Isle** followed a year later with its incorporation as a village in 1883. The coming of the railroad led to **Arlington's** incorporation in 1883. **Gaylord** also incorporated as a village in 1883 and became the county seat in 1915. **New Auburn's** incorporation followed in 1895.

There are 17 townships with settlement beginning at the County's east end in 1852.



The Sibley County Historical Society proudly represents the history of all its cities, townships, and residents.