

9. Law Office - c.1850

10. Livery Stable

11. Squire's House - c.1842

11a. Summer Kitchen - c.1840

11b. Squire's Barn - c. 1848

* Restrooms/Water Fountains

* Currently under restoration and may not be open for viewing. Buildings listed under the same number indicate ownership by the same village resident.

Jackson County Parks and Recreation's Missouri Town 1855 preserves a way of life that has otherwise vanished from today's world. Nestled together on some thirty sloping acres near Lake Jacomo, the homes, farms and businesses depict the era of peace and prosperity that preceded the Border and Civil wars.

All of the buildings date from the 1820s through the 1850s. Threatened by demolition and neglect in later years, each building has been painstakingly dismantled, moved from its original location and reassembled to form Missouri Town 1855. The variety of architectural styles in the village represent the different cultural and economic backgrounds common among residents in the antebellum towns of western Missouri.

Although Missouri Town 1855 itself is a reproduction, its character and appearance are based on in-depth research. The buildings are de-

scribed in this brochure according to both their historical significance and the interpretive role they play in depicting life as it would have been in the mid-19th century.

Dressed in 1850s attire, Heritage Museums and Programs' staff and volunteers engage in activities to complement their period surroundings. From holiday celebrations to daily tasks, Missouri Town 1855 brings the past to life again.