



FOUR-POSTER BED

One bedroom has been restored and furnished as it would have been in the 1860s. A second bedroom has a display of quilts and comforters, clothing and personal grooming articles.



"FROM OLD COURTHOUSE"

See some furnishings from the old courthouse - Built in 1849 - Enlarged in 1883 - Raised in 1997 to make room for a new one on the site.

## Step Into the Past...

At 1091 Franklin St. in Carlyle, Illinois, into the past home of Judge Sidney Breese and the current home of the Clinton County Historical Society.



SIDNEY BREESE

Sidney Breese was born in New York state July 15, 1800. He traveled to Kaskaskia, Illinois in 1818, the year Illinois became a state. He studied law and in 1820, as Assistant Secretary of State, he transferred state records from Kaskaskia to Vandalia, the new state capitol.

## Things to See...

- \* 1918 Mousetrap
- \* "Bird's Eye View of Carlyle"  
1880 aerial sketch
- \* Egg crate maker
- \* 1838 boat bell
- \* Communion sets from area churches
- \* Early medical equipment
- \* "Early History of Illinois" Compiled from Judge Breese's papers published in 1884.



## Clinton County Historical Society Museum

is located in the middle of Carlyle, Illinois, 50 miles east of downtown St. Louis.

## Hours

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
(except for first Thursday of month)

~~5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~  
~~July~~

Groups by appointment

## ADMISSION

Free. Donations Accepted.

Judge Breese moved his family to Carlyle in 1835 when he was appointed Circuit Judge. His house at 1091 Franklin was built in the 1860s and he resided here until his death in 1878.

Mr. Breese held many positions in his long public career, but he is remembered chiefly for his service on the Illinois Supreme Court. Judge Breese, however, chose to be remembered most for the role he played in bringing a north-south railroad to Illinois. At his request, his tombstone in the Carlyle cemetery reads, "He who sleeps beneath this stone projected the Illinois Central Railroad."



## The History at 1091 Franklin...

At one time the house was used as the Zierke-Day Funeral Home. Partitions of the three front rooms were removed to form one large room. This is now partially furnished as a parlor, and also serves as a meeting room for the Historical Society.

## The Museum...

An adjoining room serves as an office and library, which contains genealogical material, books and periodicals on the histories of Clinton County as well as some of the neighboring counties.

## Clinton County Historical Society MUSEUM

1091 Franklin Street  
Carlyle, Illinois



## Experience The History...

A display room, also on the first floor, and the kitchen are filled with many interesting items. Several of these were originally in the Hunter House Museum, which was located on Fairfax Street near the General Dean Suspension Bridge before the house was destroyed by fire in 1978.

## KITCHEN CABINET AND MOUSETRAP



A curved open stairway leads from the front entry hall to the second floor. A large room across the front of the second floor contains clothing exhibits from the late 15th and early 20th centuries. Among these are World War I and World War II uniforms, a man's 1876 wedding suit, and a lady's black wedding dress, circa 1900.



WEDDING CLOTHES