

**TOUR INFORMATION** -- The Wyoming Historical Museum, located on the south side of Wyoming's Main Street, will once again be a tourist attraction in Eastern Jones County, Iowa. A devastating fire, in July of 2013, nearly claimed the large building that was built in 1878 from Wyoming's native brick and known as The Williams Hotel. Little by little, the twenty rooms have been renovated and displays showing the history of the community are being created.

Visitors will be able to enter into the hotel lobby and continue into a charming parlor displaying an old pump organ from 1872. They will see an old fashioned drugstore, complete with a soda fountain and an extensive display of pharmaceutical items. Also, on the main floor are many other antiques and a library area that features maps, atlases, and genealogy research. The full basement under the hotel contains interesting agricultural displays of years gone by. There is farming machinery, equipment for farm animals, as well as building and plumbing supplies dating back to the late 1800's.

Going upstairs, via the open staircase, tourists can view thirteen rooms – each one created with a special theme. The rooms consist of an old fashioned barbershop, dentist office, school room, hotel room, kitchen, clothing room, quilt room, and sports room featuring a display of Emil "Dutch" Levensen – a baseball player from Wyoming who pitched for the Cleveland Indians. In 1926, "Dutch" was the last person to pitch and win a double header in the Major Leagues. The ladies will enjoy the room of vintage household equipment as well as the sewing room that displays a collection of over thirty sewing machines. The arts and entertainment room, featuring a hand carved circus will interest the children, and they will also enjoy seeing the collections of arrowheads. The men can spend hours looking at the tool room that contains approximately 200 woodworking planes and tools. The 80 foot hallway is a popular attraction for those doing genealogical research. On display there are pictures of the Wyoming graduation classes. These date back to the late 1800's.

Returning to the main floor, a guide will take visitors next door to the Post Office Annex. Here there are postal displays and ledgers dating back to the late 1800's. The annex building also has military information, artifacts, and uniforms. Wyoming, Iowa was well represented in the Civil War as well as both World Wars and other conflicts. Also featured in the annex is a huge display from the Crescent Printing Company that was a Wyoming business for nearly 100 years. The large printing presses and equipment are on display. Railroad "buffs" will find interesting information and pictures of the railroad that was once a part of Wyoming.

Although we do not have regular hours for tours, we will open at any time that a tour is desired. Just call one of the numbers on the poster page and set up your special tour time.