

# Doctor's office used for years

The country doctor's office sat on Main Street in Jennings for 70 years before it was donated to the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin.

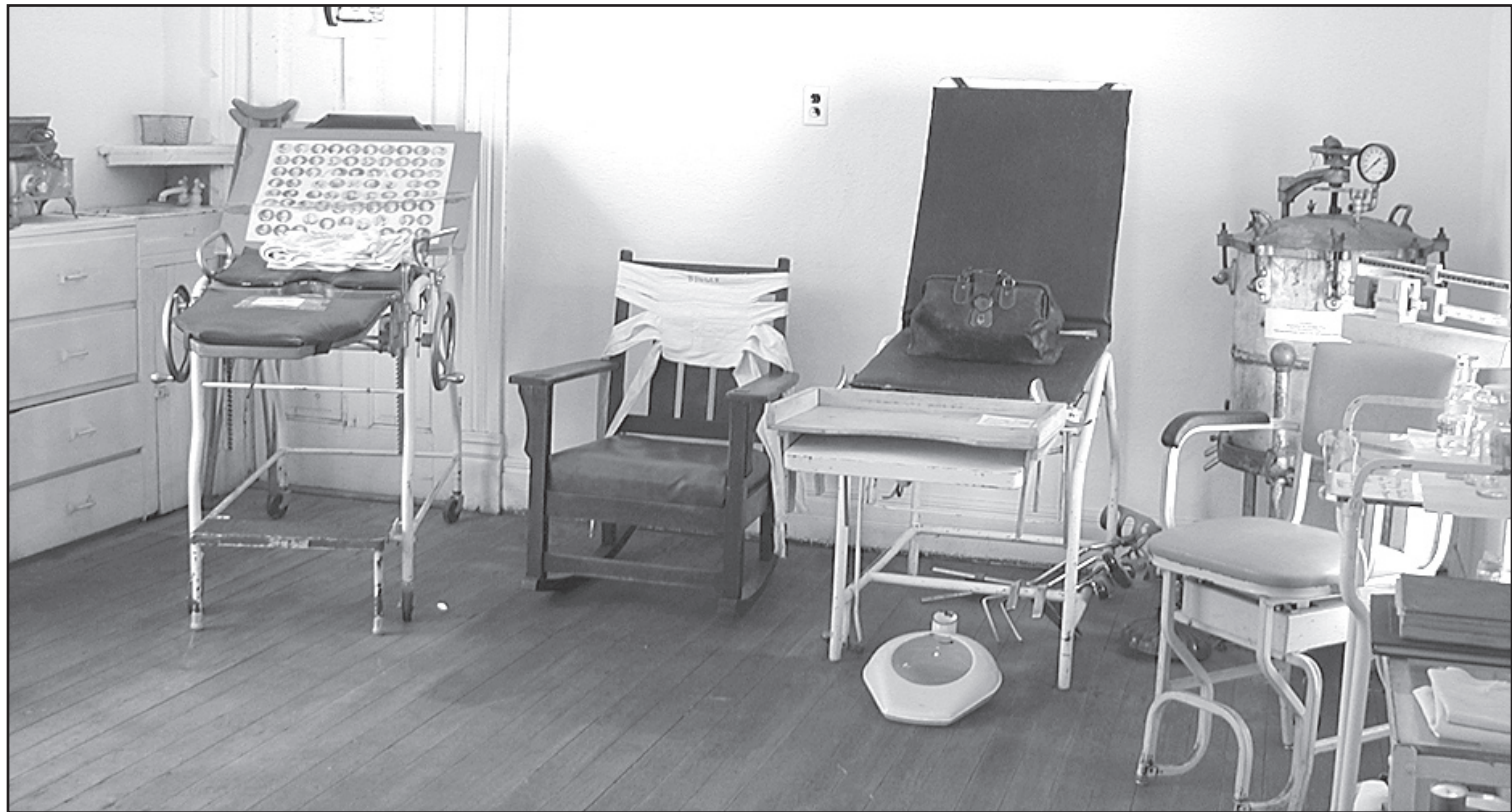
The doctor/dentist office sits at the museum next to the land office from Jennings, which was donated at the same time. The two buildings were next to each other on the Jennings Main Street, too.

The doctor's office includes items owned by early day doctors. Although the office in Jennings was used by several doctors including Dr. Albert Jefferies, Dr. C. Corwin Funk, Dr. J.M. Gaume, Dr. Henry Armand Hardesty and Dr. J.C. Taylor, that isn't the only place the men practiced medicine.

According to information from the museum, the country doctors also made house calls, carrying their black medical bags full of the needed equipment and medicine with them.

A document Cyndy Dolan wrote for the museum states, "The life of a country doctor was hectic and sometimes unrewarding in monetary value. The early pioneers paid only what they could but the doctor always tried his best. The pioneers knew when they suffered from lagrippe, dropsy, 'summer complaint,' milk leg or any of the numerous ailments going around Jennings, some 'good ole' country Doc would come riding up on a horse or in a buggy, reach in their little black bag and try to cure what ailed them."

The office was moved to the museum grounds



**THE COUNTRY DOCTOR'S OFFICE** shows medical equipment used in the early days. This office originally was located on Main Street in Jennings for 70 years before it was donated to the museum.

by Ray Groenwald of Farman, Neb., and his crew.

Inside the office, visitors have the chance to see the dinner tray from the Benton Memorial Hospital which was open in Oberlin from the 1930s to the early 1950s.

# Land Office donated by Jennings man

The former Brock and Tacha Real Estate Company Land Office was donated to the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum and now sits next to the doctor/dentist office.

The land office was located at 117 North Kansas Avenue in Jennings.

The office was built in the 1890's and first used to sell Continental Insurance and then later Farmers Alliance Insurance by

Andrew Brock.

In 1892, Godfrey Tacha arrived in Jennings and he and Mr. Brock entered into a partnership in 1905.

In 1914, Mr. Tacha died and the business became A.J. and R.M. Brock Real Estate.

Later the building was owned by Ben Bouts who donated it to the Heritage Association. Later it was sold to Bob Jones who

used the office for storage. Later it was donated to the museum in Oberlin.

Over the years, the land office was also used as a barber shop and then a beauty shop.

The office was moved to the museum by Ray Groenwald of Farnam, Neb.

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