



Historic Lee-Baker-Hodges House

In 1821, merchant J.W. Skidmore erected a two-room building on the NW corner of the square in Carrollton. The building and two more lots were purchased by Samuel **Lee**, who intended to make the building into a home for his family.

After Lee's death, the house (now one-and-a-half stories) remained the home of Lee's widow and their two small children. In 1831, Mrs. Lee married Edward **Baker**, a young lawyer. In 1835, the Bakers moved to Springfield, IL.

Charles Drury **Hodges**, who bought the house from Orange Heaton in 1850, added a second story to the east part of the original house about 1854.

Mrs. Hodges and family continued to live in the house, following her husband's death in 1884, until she died in 1899. The next year, their son Beverly C. Hodges converted the home into the Hodges Office Building. He deeded the property, in 1921, to Dr. N.D. Vedder. For the next fifty plus years, the house provided office space for lawyers, dentists, doctors and insurance agents.

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◀ *continued* In 1975, William Vogt and then the Greene County National Bank bought the property. In 1982, it was transferred to the Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society.

GREENE COUNTY
HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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The mission of the Society shall be to research, collect care for, exhibit, and interpret items that illustrate the history of Greene County from settlement to the present time, and place it in the context of the history of the State of Illinois. The Society shall:

- assist in historical and genealogical research for educational and patriotic purposes
- provide for the preservation of such material and its accessibility to all who wish to examine or study it
- encourage the preservation of historic buildings, monuments, and markers
- disseminate historical information by publicizing such material in newspapers or otherwise, by developing educational programs, and by operating a museum for the benefit of the public.

The Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of Greene County in its library and museum.

Located in historic LEE-BAKER-HODGES HOUSE
on the northwest corner of
courthouse square in Carrollton, Illinois.

Open Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



Have you visited historic Lee-Baker-Hodges House lately?

Much needed renovations began several years ago to the first floor of the Lee-Baker-Hodges House, home of the Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society and Museum. Work is now complete on the heating & a/c and electrical wiring in the entire building, period correct folding blinds have been installed in all windows, all first level rooms and one second level room were renovated and painted and half of the first level floors were refinished. Also, additional bookshelves were added to the library.



Kitchen Exhibit Featuring Refinished Floor

A recent survey of the Society membership revealed unanimous support for continuing the renovation project on the second level of the building to expand the museum.

Remaining in desperate need of renovation or improvement:

- second level walls/ceilings & hallway
- rest of flooring on both levels
- insulation in attic

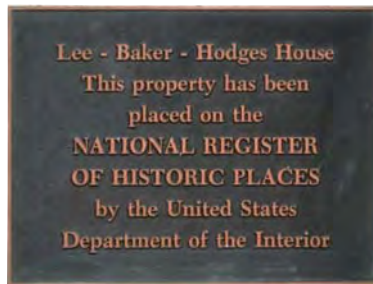
- installation of smoke/fire alarm system
- paint exterior trim & porches
- storage and file cabinets in office
- new computer for visitors in library

The estimated cost for all that remains to be done is \$80,000.



First Floor Bedroom Exhibit

Completing the renovations will provide additional space for quality museum exhibits with storage space for items not on display in order to educate the public about the history of Greene County. It will restore the structural integrity and improve the visual appearance of the property. Members and visitors will enjoy enhanced library research capabilities. Finally, it will attract ever more visitors to this historic treasure of Greene County.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All donations are gratefully accepted and are tax deductible.

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DONATION RECOGNITION AMOUNTS

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| \$10,000 + | Room named for donor or as memorial, recognition plaque placed in room. |
| \$5,000 - \$9,999 | Share room name with another donor or as memorial, recognition plaque placed in room. |
| \$1,000 - \$4,999 | Name listed in honor or memorial on plaque in library. |
| \$250 - \$999 | Society life membership and listing in newsletter. |

Renovation Donation: \$ _____

Are you a member of the Society?
Regular Member - \$15 or Life Member - \$150

Dues: \$ _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

Please mail this form and your check made payable to Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society to P.O. Box 137, Carrollton, IL 62016.

THANK YOU!

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