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Happy Spring!

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Our mission is to preserve the history of the Miles Ranch and to create a legacy of sustainability for future generations.

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Temporary Storage

Because we do not yet have the resources to display and store our collections, several Miles Ranch artifacts are being transferred to a temporary secured location for safekeeping.

The arrangement is temporary only, but offers an ideal temperature controlled environment to house items

dating back to the 1850s. These items not only tell the history of the Miles Ranch, but also of Nebraska and the American West. We are very excited and thankful for this opportunity.



New Friends



One of the perks of restoring a historic property, such as the Miles Ranch, is the opportunity to frequently meet amazing people. On a beautiful, unusually warm, late January afternoon, Barb Gould came for a visit and brought two of her friends. Lee Goodhart and Karla Stacey toured the property and took great

The history of the Miles Ranch is an irreplaceable heritage. We should do all we can, so it is not lost, forever.



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interest on the history of the Miles Ranch and the restoration of the property. We truly enjoyed spending time with them! Thank you Barb, Lee, and Karla for your visit and generous donation to the Miles Ranch Foundation.

On February 20th, Lyle Wissmann, who lived at the Miles Ranch with his family for several years, also came for a visit. Lyle brought a friend, Tish Palmer with him. Many great stories were shared about the history of the place and life at the Miles Ranch. Unfortunately, we forgot to take a picture with them, so they will have to come back soon. It was a lovely afternoon with great ice cream!



MRF Plans Ice Cream Social

The Miles Ranch Foundation and several descendants of the Miles Family are planning an ice cream social for June. More details coming soon on Facebook.

New Acquisitions

New acquisitions allow us to better interpret the history of the Miles Ranch and Colonel Miles' legacy. Steven Miles, great- great- grandson of Colonel Miles, has pledged to donate the desk that once belonged to Colonel Stephen Boyd Miles. We are very honored by this pledge and can't wait to be able to share this with the community. First, the desk will have to make the trip from Oregon to Nebraska and then undergo some restoration. It will be exciting to see this item coming home.



Henry Miles, great-great grandson of Colonel Miles, has donated a late 1800s gold Elgin pocket watch that once belonged to Samuel A. Miles. The watch has Samuel's initials engraved on it. Samuel was Colonel Miles' son.

These remarkable pieces are a must see and will certainly spark curiosity and stimulate others to learn about the Miles Ranch and its contribution to the development of the American West. Both the desk and the pocket watch are wonderful heritage symbols. Thank you, Steve and Henry for your love of history and incredible generosity.



New Board Members

The Miles Ranch Foundation Board met in January and reelected all of its current members for an additional two years and also decided to add three additional members. The new members are Tina LeCornu, Wendy LeCornu Morgan, and Steve Miles. All three new members bring extensive experience. Welcome aboard!

Miles Reunion

Miles Family descendants from across the country will be coming to Richardson County June 17-19 for a family reunion. They will be staying in various hotels in the area. Many activities have been planned including an all-day private gathering at the Miles Ranch.

Current Needs/Projects

We are always looking for new artifacts which allow us to better interpret the history of the Miles Ranch to the public. Because we do not yet have a permanent location to display and store our collections, we are in constant need of archival grade boxes and containers. We also frequently have expenses printing historic photographs and documents to insure their preservation. We occasionally have to frame or repair old frames to preserve our historic paintings and photographs. Some of our general expenses involve fees to maintain our website and legal status.

We are looking for a Collections Management computer and software to keep track of our various artifacts. We also would like to develop a web-based exhibit of our collections. Any donations towards this project would be greatly appreciated.

The Visitor Center Project is an essential part of our mission. Grants and/or donations are needed to move this important project forward. It will allow us to preserve our collections and better serve our community.

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Quarterly Quotes

"When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for; and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our father did for us." John Ruskin

"We don't own our family history. We simply preserve it for the next generation." Rosemary Alva

"Historic preservation is directly tied to sustainability, because it conserves our natural resources, protects our heritage, and cultivates local assets. Therefore, it is good for the environment, good for society, and good for local economies." Paulo Bruxellas, Miles Ranch Foundation Executive Director

*"Each morning sees some task begin,
Each evening sees it close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose." From The Village Blacksmith, a Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 – 1882) poem apparently often recited by Colonel Stephen B. Miles*
