

In November of 1965 the Kosciusko County Historical Society was organized. The first elected President was Claude Stahl in January of 1966. The Pound Store was acquired in November of 1968 for its Museum. Opening in June of 1972, the museum also housed the Genealogy and Archaeological sections. In July of 1975 the Chinworth Bridge was leased for 99 years.

The Kosciusko County Historical Society and Genealogy Library is now head quartered in the Old Jail at the corner of Indiana and Main. The Gothic Revival building was design by George Garnsey and built by Richard Epperson in 1870. Leased from the county, the 19th century bastille was home to the sheriff and his family with the sheriff's wife providing meals to the inmates. It was listed in the Register of National Historical Places in 1978. The jail was vacated in 1982.

The Historical Society took over in March 1982, turning it into a museum housing its permanent collection. It now houses thousands of historical and nostalgic items from the county. KCHS and Genealogy Library are caretakers of a large selection of public records/books: family history, guardianship, estate, township, school, military, funeral, cemetery, and marriage applications. An extensive collection of over 9000 photos is also available.

This calendar is dedicated to the 50 years of KCHS (1966) and 180 years of Kosciusko County (1835).
Our Mission: To collect, preserve, and exhibit history of the county; To initiate and encourage historical research; To participate in the cultural life of the community.