

One of several displays of artifacts including tools, photographs, dishes, old newspapers and even the advertising curtain from the Oketo Opera House.



An early kitchen including washing machine, wood burning stove and the wood or cob box.



The horse drawn farm machinery, located on the east side of the museum building, was used from 1870 to 1930 in the breaking of the sod and building of farms in the Oketo community.



1925 Huber Threshing Machine

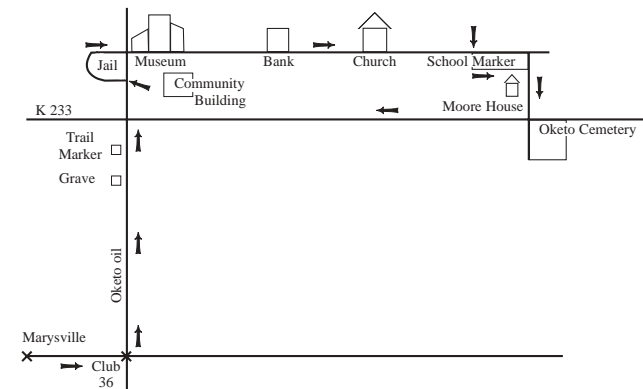
The Oketo Community Museum is open by appointment by calling one of these numbers:

- Hellmer785-744-3245
- Bottiger785-744-3460
- Obermeyer785-744-3497
- Outhet785-744-3594
- Volesky785-744-3316
- Argo785-744-3516

OKETO COMMUNITY MUSEUM



Located in Marshall County Kansas



The museum building and jail are both on the National Register of Historical Places. The museum building was built in 1884 by Z. H. Moore and was the first stone building built on the hill. The stone was quarried in Oketo.

The museum building was used as a store and post office, and the upstairs was the town meeting place for various kinds of community events.

The marker for the Oketo cutoff, the Overland Trail, is located one-half mile south of town.

OKETO JAIL

The jail was built between 1889 and 1895 of rock quarried in one of the four rock quarries in Oketo.



INDIAN ROOM



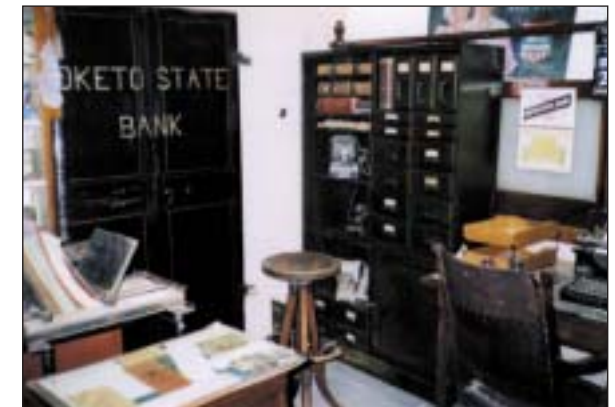
In the Indian Room, on the west side of the museum, you will see how the Otoe Indians lived and some of their possessions and pictures. Oketo's name was taken from Chief Arkeketah's name. The Otoe Indian Reservation was located just north of Oketo.

In the museum, you will see doctor's office equipment, telephone office equipment, a kitchen, a barber shop, a bank, general store merchandise, a school room and many other things pertaining to the Oketo community.



Switch board, telephone booth and many telephones. You almost expect the operator to say “number please.”

OKETO STATE BANK



Oketo bank was started in 1889 by Z. H. Moore. The rock bank building, one block east was built in the early 1900's. Here you will see some of the furnishings from the old bank.