HERITAGE MUSEUM
And Tourist Information Center

Baker, Louisiana

Member
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CUSHMAN-SLAUGHTER HOME

Built in 1906, by Dr. Willard S. Cushman, direct descendent of Mayflower passenger, Isaac Allerton, for his bride, Miss Lila Merritt, the Cushman-Slaughter Home now houses the Baker Heritage Museum.

A neo-classical structure with strong Victorian influences, the home was a comfortable and unusual example of architecture in a rural community where farm style homes were more the rule.

Principle residents of the home through the years were Dr. Cushman, 1906-1917, and then Miss Carrie Slaughter, a teacher at Baker High for many years, 1917-1960.

The house was acquired by the city of Baker, Louisiana, in 1974, and restored essentially as it appeared in 1906, with only a few minor changes through the years.
RESTORATION
A Bicentennial Project

With the coming of the Bicentennial years, and the renewed interest in community and country origins, the restoration of the home was accomplished in less than three years.

With community support and some grant funding, the museum continues to grow and reflect the history and growth patterns of the area.

The Exhibit barn a reconstruction similar in design to those common to the area and period of time, now houses some temporary exhibits, pending construction of Heritage Village, the next phase of development in the long range plans for this facility.
ACTIVITIES

The museum offers to the community, an area of cultural activity and an educational experience designed to stimulate interest in and awareness of a way of life that will never be outmoded.

Classes in many of the crafts and household tasks so common to every day existence in the early part of this century are offered regularly at the museum.

Programs demonstrating the life and times of the 19th century resident of Baker include:

- chair caning
- candle making
- quilting
- needlecrafts and textiles
- natural dying
- basket weaving
- blacksmithing
- spinning and weaving

Classes are scheduled as instructors are available.
HERITAGE VILLAGE

A project of the Historical and Cultural Foundation of Baker, and community of Baker, Heritage Village now in the planning stages, will exist as a monument to the beginnings of Baker, La., a particular and unique community not like any other, because it is our community.

The village will include replicas of turn-of-the-century buildings such as:

Completion

General Store ........................................ Fall, 1978
The Church ............................................. Fall, 1978
School ................................................. Fall, 1978
Depot .................................................. Spring, 1979
Post Office .......................................... Spring, 1979
Town Hall ............................................. Spring, 1979

MEMBERSHIP IN THE FOUNDATION

Membership in the Historical and Cultural Foundation of Baker, La., will insure your personal involvement in this total educational experience.

Student .................................................. $2.00
Individual .............................................. 5.00
Family ..................................................... 10.00
Patron ..................................................... 25.00
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ADMISSION TO THE MUSEUM IS FREE
Donations accepted

HOURS

Tuesday - Friday ............... 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday ............. 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Mondays by appointment