

## LOCATION

The Plymouth Schoolhouse is located on the Fort Hays State University campus southeast of Forsyth Library.

## HISTORY

The one-room schoolhouse is symbolic of our educational heritage. The Plymouth Schoolhouse, built in 1874 of hard post rock limestone, was located in eastern Russell County, KS.

## RESTORATION

Fort Hays State University's chapter of Phi Delta Kappa initiated the project to restore a one-room schoolhouse in 1975. Additional support for the reconstruction was given by the Garvey Foundation of Wichita. The school was dedicated September 22, 1979, to our pioneering ancestors who placed great emphasis on the importance of education for their children.

# THE PLYMOUTH SCHOOLHOUSE

Our Educational Heritage  
on the Great Plains

### THE PLYMOUTH SCHOOL GARVEY RESTORATION

THE OLD PLYMOUTH SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN 1874, NEAR THE COMMUNITY OF WILSON IN RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS. WITH THE IDEA OF PRESERVING A PERIOD OF EDUCATIONAL HISTORY, FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY'S CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA KAPPA MOVED THE ONE-ROOM, LIMESTONE SCHOOLHOUSE TO THE CAMPUS. THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED DURING THE CELEBRATION OF OUR NATION'S BICENTENNIAL AND THIS UNIVERSITY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY. THE SCHOOLHOUSE WAS FORMALLY DEDICATED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1979. INITIAL FUNDING WAS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT III OF PHI DELTA KAPPA AND MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED BY THE GARVEY FOUNDATION OF WICHITA.



## GOAL

The goal of this project was to preserve a part of our cultural and educational heritage and to make it easily accessible to the public.

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Forsyth Library has the FHSU College of Education One Room Schoolhouse Oral History Collection in the Forsyth Digital Collections. This collection consists of 213 oral histories that have been digitized from 247 cassette tapes. Featured are interviews with former one-room schoolhouse students and teachers addressing curriculum, classroom conduct, educational norms, and local history. Nearly 200 hours of material has been enhanced to improve the user experience. More at [contentcat.fhsu.edu/digital](http://contentcat.fhsu.edu/digital)

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## MEDIA PRESENTATION

A multi-media show, presented with a bit of nostalgia, informs viewers how learning took place on the great plains of Kansas in the one-room schools of the late 19th century. The presentation also focuses upon the Plymouth School and its restoration process.



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## TOURS

Tours of the Plymouth Schoolhouse are available by calling or emailing. Our tours are for ALL ages. And can be modified to any age needed.

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## ANSCHUTZ ENDOWMENT

Philip and Sue Anschutz-Rogers established the first Distinguished Professorship in memory of their mother, a FHSU alumna. As part of this position, the named professor oversees the continued effective use of the schoolhouse for educational purposes.

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