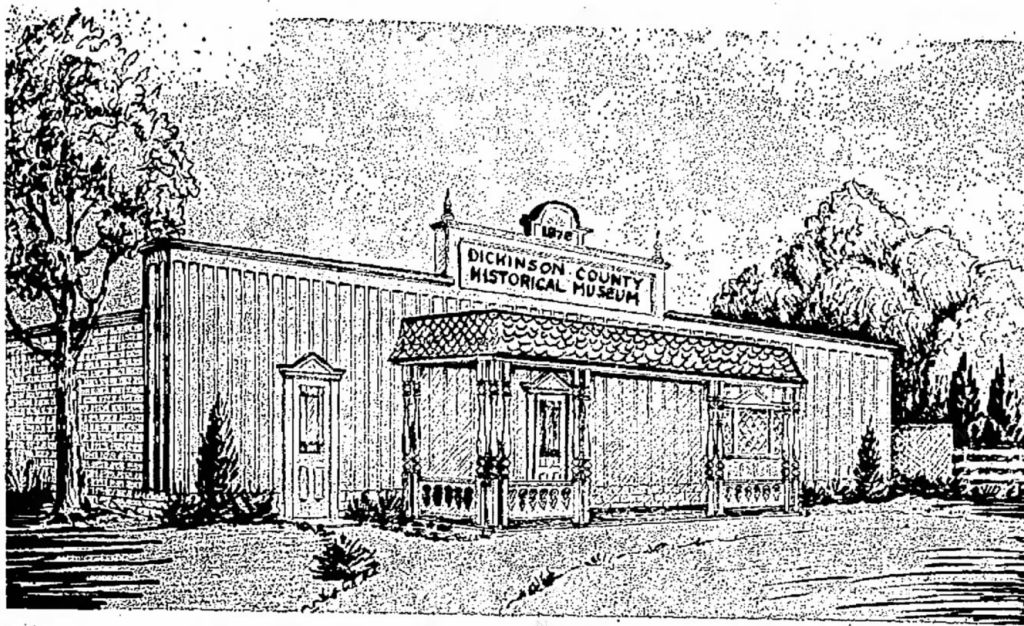




New museum

Proposed Dickinson County Historical Museum would be located east of Eisenhower Library.

Historical group makes plans for Dickinson county museum

ABILENE — The Dickinson County Historical Society has announced plans to remodel a building east of the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene for a museum.

The building also will provide a headquarters for the historical society.

The group estimates the project will cost \$15,000.

The society already has more than \$5,000 toward the goal and are soliciting contributions.

Use of the building and

grounds is offered by the Eisenhower Foundation, which acquired the property formerly an antique auto exhibit.

Officials at the Eisenhower Library have said they will donate the services of its trained staff of archivists and museum curators to assist in setting up displays at the new museum. They also are making available a number of cases, display fixtures and other items.

Society members plan to make building repairs and install a

front on the building in keeping with the historical atmosphere.

Front portion of the building is to be converted into display rooms, with an office for the historian and a security vault room for storage of newspaper files and valuable papers.

Rear portion of the building would be for storage and future expansion. Plans call for the museum to be staffed on a part-time basis the year around.

Long-range plans call for a possible outdoor exhibit of old

farm machinery, tools and carriages.

The historical society has maintained a historical room in the courthouse for several years, but as exhibits increased, the facility has proved inadequate for display area and supervision. The county also needed the additional space.

Contributions are being accepted by mail for the Dickinson County Historical Society, Box 25, Abilene, 67410, at the 3 Abilene banks, the United Trust Co. and the Reflector - Chronicle.