

The historical society's museum, McCoy House, is located at 17 North Main Street, Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

The building was the birthplace of General Frank Ross McCoy, 1874 - 1954.

McCoy graduated from West Point and took part in the Spanish- American War, WWI and WWII.

As a museum, the McCoy House contains many displays and exhibits from the historical society's large collection of items from county history.



MUSEUM HOURS

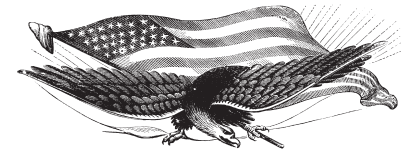
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Call the MCHS office to make arrangements for special tours.



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HISTORY OF THE BUILDING

Welcome to the McCoy House. Each year, many students from Mifflin County schools visit the museum. McCoy House was purchased and restored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in the 1970s. It is the permanent home of the Mifflin County Historical Society's collections of historical items.

Records show that the earliest owner of the McCoy House property was Elias W. Hale, a prominent Mifflin County attorney. Hale died in 1832 and his son, Reuben, inherited the property. The house is believed to have been built 1841. It passed through several hands until Thomas McCoy, father of Frank, purchased the property in 1868.



Most items in the museum have been donated by individuals interested in preserving local history. The historical society operates under the motto: Preserving the Past for the Future.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

On the first floor is the Victorian parlor, McCoy Memorial Room, Toy Room, and Kitchen. Walk downstairs from the first floor and visit the Military Room. Go up the main staircase from the first floor and see the Middle Room, Bathroom and Bedroom, and more. Located behind McCoy House is the Carriage House.



THE TOY ROOM & KITCHEN

Handmade toys are on display in the Toy Room, like this wooden house and barn, made over fifty years ago for the children of a local family. (Shown above)

Exhibit items of special interest: Hartley's Potato Chips, 5 cents, circa 1935. An artifact of this still popular Mifflin County business, the chip bag can be seen in the Kitchen. (at left)



Not only kitchen items are on display here, the famous Hower baseball bat is on display. Made by Robert G. Hower of Lewistown, his slogan boasted, "Lewistown - I Slug Em."

Clown Alley can be viewed from the Kitchen and features items from the Bobby Kaye Smiley collection. Smiley was a clown for the "Greatest Show on Earth" - The Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus.

SECOND FLOOR

The Bathroom is the first room on the left. Prior to indoor plumbing, this room was most likely a nursery. The "modern" bathroom was installed by the McCoy's. The plumbing and fixtures are straight out of the late 1800s. The massive enclosed iron tub and marble sink can be seen here.

The "water closet" was flushed by pulling a chain. This, in turn, allowed the water from the oak copper-lined tank overhead to rush into the large porcelain bowl. When you visit McCoy House in



Believe it or not! See original Civil War Hardtack - This Union soldier's daily ration, was brought home to Mifflin County in 1868. It is over 135 years old and on display in the Military Room.

person, be sure to see a window in this room which is a Federal architectural feature, the "Seeing eye of God."

The Bedroom is located beside the Bathroom. It is furnished with the McCoy's Victorian-style furniture.

MILITARY ROOM

Down here is a collection of military uniforms, guns, maps and flags from the Civil War through Korean War. Included are examples of German and Japanese equipment brought back by servicemen and women from Mifflin County.

CARRIAGE HOUSE

Located behind the McCoy House, this is the society's home of many larger displays not easily setup inside the main house. Farm implements; display of Mann Edge Axes - 1835 to the present; a potter wheel from Dipple Pottery; a canal bell and mile markers; a collection of stoves, some made in Mifflin County; the large model of Fort Granville, section shown at right.



Dipple Pottery, made in Lewistown from 1848 to 1938, is on display in this room. Today, Lepley Electric on Valley Street, Lewistown, is located where Dipple Pottery last operated.

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AND SEE SO MUCH MORE!