

## WELCOME TO IOWA'S LOST TREASURE

View rare artifacts, many original to Willow Tree. Look for a restored 1880's wood stove and kerosene heater, zinc-lined dry sink, 1875 atlas, globes, pump organ, awards, ink crock, Anker blocks, Teacher Cyclopeda and much more.



## MORE THAN A CLASSROOM

The museum brings alive the untold story of how Iowa implemented an historic, orderly and rapid farm development plan for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Iowa to entice a million immigrant settlers to come between 1870-1900. Realize the critical role 12,623 one-room schools played in the success of Iowa's economy, educated populace and democratic values.



## LEARN ABOUT . . .

- what a school day was like and sit in a double desk of the 1880's
- children's chores and their toys
- how scholarship, citizenship and work were shaped and rewarded
- why groups of immigrants settled around Iowa rural schools
- rural teacher certification exams and 8th grade graduation exams
- the role of life skills and music
- why Iowa's state-wide system of rural schools worked
- why easy public school access matters

## ALSO CHECK OUT . . .

- the school's Victorian restoration
- a welcome video, listening stations and signage to entertain and educate
- books by a local historian about the progressive Iowa Rural Schools System and Iowa's rural settlement
- a library of over 1000 books and computer access that is available for those researching Iowa history
- seating for guests to relax, study artifacts or reminisce with others
- other attractions included on the day tour itinerary of Odebolt's heritage

## AMAZING ARTIFACTS

See collections of primers, desks, writing tools, toys, chores, shoes, books, and lunch pails from 1870 to 1950 plus much more!

