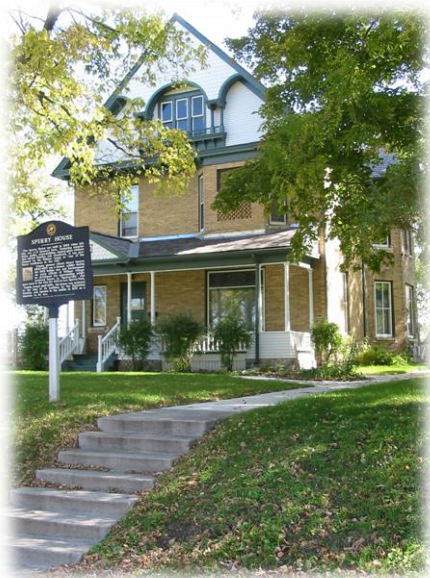




# Kandiyohi County Historical Society

## Sperry House



Welcome to the Sperry House, built in 1893 when this site was Albert H. and Jennie Sperry's farm. A.H. Sperry, born 1840, lived here until his death in 1917. He was a pioneer settler, soldier during and after the Dakota Conflict of 1862, farmer and businessman. Jennie Wilson Sperry, teacher and housewife, lived here into the 1920's and in other Willmar residences until their death, at age 92 in 1953

The house was acquired by the Historical Society in 1970 after the death of Bryan, the Sperry's youngest son who resided here. The downstairs rooms were partially restored and opened to the public in 1976, with Grace Sperry Redfield, Albert and Jennie's daughter, serving as a hostess.

As a museum showing turn-of-the-century home life in Kandiyohi County, the house showcases selected items from the Society's collections. A few pieces -- the bedroom set, sewing rocker, china, doll buggy and some other items -- were originally in the Sperry family. The portrait of W.m Jennings Bryan in the hall is also original. Bryan Sperry was named after him.

The year 1993 was the Centennial of the old home. For its 100th birthday, it received new exterior paint and repairs, a long-term project from 1994 to 1997. Green and white colors replaced the former red tones, a decision based on analysis of the earliest colors found on the original wood.

We are pleased to welcome you to the Sperry House and share this glimpse into turn-of-the-century life in our county.