

Museums



Geronimo Springs Museum



Heritage Room



Ralph Edwards Room

Geronimo Springs Museum

211 Main Street, T or C 575.894.6600

Mon. - Sat.: 9 am - 5 pm Sun.: 11 am - 4 pm. Adults: \$3.00, Ages 6-18: \$1.50 www.geronimospringsmuseum.com

Geronimo Springs Museum, opened in 1972, is located at 211 Main St. in downtown T or C. The museum, adjacent to Las Palomas Plaza at Geronimo Springs, portrays Sierra County from prehistoric to present times.

Pass through the gift shop into a room with a mastodon and a mammoth skull found in this area. Locally found mineral and fossil specimens are featured in this room. The Apache Room has a life-size wax statue of Geronimo, the famous Apache. The Hispanic Heritage Room tells the history of Hispanic settlers in the area and has a diorama of the Jornada del Muerto portion of the Camino Real. The Farm and Ranch Rooms have a variety of tools used by early settlers. An authentic "Chuck Box" and Sierra County brands are featured. Da-Whe (Zuni for all kinds of pottery) is our very special room displaying a world class pottery collection including Mimbres, Tularosa, Alma and Hohokam pottery. The museum is home to one of the world's largest collections of Mimbres pottery. Also displayed are arrowheads, tools, jewelry and effigies.

Next you'll find an authentic log cabin which was brought from the Gila National Forest. Continue on to the Wilson Room to view displays featuring artifacts and memorabilia from early Hot Springs and the history of the hot baths. Military rooms have exhibits with artifacts from the historic forts in the area. One of the highlights is the Ralph Edwards Room. The story of how Truth or Consequences got its name is told in photographs and video tapes of Truth or Consequences shows. Many famous stars joined Ralph Edwards at the annual Fiesta Days celebrations. Experience these moments of yesteryear through sight and sound.

Percha Bank Museum

Kingston 575.895.5032 Call for hours. Admission by donation

The Percha Bank Museum, built in 1884, stood on Kingston's Main Street. This stone building is the only fully intact original structure remaining. Its ornate lobby, teller windows and bank vault date from these times. In 1890, it was the largest bank in New Mexico, but it closed following the silver panic of 1893. For many years it served as the local post office.

In 1890, Kingston was New Mexico's largest city. (Pop. 7000)



Percha Bank Building



Pioneer Store Museum

Pioneer Store Museum www.pioneerstoremuseum.com

Main Street, Chloride 575.743.2736 10 am - 4 pm Admission by donation

The Pioneer Store Museum contains a vast array of artifacts from Chloride's glory days as a silver-mining town 1880 - 1890's when the population reached about 3000. Originally a general store for over 30 years, it closed when the town became deserted. In 1988 its doors were reopened to find the store's fixtures and merchandise completely intact. In addition, town records dating to 1880 and early-day survey and mineral assay equipment are displayed. Also featured are displays honoring two of Chloride's most famous residents, Raymond Schmidt and Cassie Hobbs.