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DEERE FAMILY HOMES FACT SHEET

A Glimpse into the Victorian Era

BACKGROUND

Deere-Wiman House, built in 1872, was home to John Deere's son, Charles Deere. Butterworth Center, built in 1892, was home to John Deere's granddaughter, Katherine Butterworth. In 1953, Katherine Butterworth established the Butterworth Trust. Under the trust, **Butterworth Center** & Deere-Wiman House are open to the community as cultural arts centers that develop and support educational programs and events, including:

- Onsite and outreach programs for schools, childcare facilities, colleges and organizations. Our programs are interactive and emphasize arts, music and history.
- Several free family events are held each year, including Blossoms at Butterworth, Fridays at Deere-Wiman and The 19th Century Christmas.
- Year round, visitors can tour Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House. Donations are accepted.
- Non-profit organizations may reserve free meeting space at the Butterworth Center and Deere-Wiman House.

DEERE FAMILY HOME HIGHLIGHTS

Tours of Deere-Wiman House offer a glimpse into Victorian family life. Points of interest include a nearly complete set of Audubon chromolithographs and a working Kimball pipe organ. The home's seven acres feature meticulously-groomed formal gardens and walkways.

Tours of Butterworth Center lead guests through three floors. Points of interest include a music room with pipe organ of twenty-six ranks and a 50-foot 18th Century Italian ceiling painting. The gardens feature pathways that wind past a fountain, through a large pergola, and into a charming gazebo.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Throughout the year, tours may be scheduled in advance by appointment during regular hours, excluding specific holidays. Scheduled summer tours are given on Sundays in July and August at 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m. To schedule a tour call 309-765-7971.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 5 pm (excluding holidays)

Sat. - Sun. Facility hours vary to accommodate scheduled tours and not-for-profit conference meetings.