

Jesse James Birthplace

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Jesse James, son of a Baptist minister, was born at the family home in 1847. Barely 16, he followed his older brother Frank into the Civil War. While Frank rode with Quantrill's guerrillas, Jesse rode with Bloody Bill Anderson. After the war ended Jesse returned home and joined other former Confederate guerrillas in a life of outlawry.

Jesse's boldness and flamboyance as a bank and train robber, combined with sensational publicity from newspapers and dime novels soon made his name a household word.

A tour through the restored home takes visitors back into time – the time when the legend began. Before walking the trail to the farmhouse, a film recaps the history of Frank and Jesse and the exploits of the brother outlaws. The museum showcases the world's largest collection of James family artifacts. Items such as Jesse's boots and Frank's surrender letter to Governor Crittenden – written after Jesse's assassination – captivate visitors, many of whom return to experience new displays and gain a greater understanding of this family and how the war forever changed their lives.

Guests are surrounded by nature as they follow the paved winding trail to the farmhouse and walk beside the creek where young Frank and Jesse spent much of their time playing and swimming. In the yard of the family home is Jesse's original burial site, the place where his mother once sold souvenir rocks from his grave.

Upon completion of the tour guests are invited to browse the museum store. A wide variety of books relating to the period are available as well as T-shirts, mugs, and other souvenir keepsakes.

The Jesse James Birthplace is open year round.

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