



Preserving the past.
Educating the future.

INVEST IN THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR HISTORY

We have a lot to offer.

Dinsmore Homestead provides a unique opportunity to step into the past and experience rural Kentucky life as it was lived from before the Civil War through the 1920s.

With all original buildings, artifacts, letters, journals and the homestead's agricultural setting, 180 years of history come alive through the eyes of a family and the people that surrounded, supported, and sustained them.

Visiting the Dinsmore Homestead is taking a step back in time. This picturesque 30-acre property preserves and honors the lives of those who called this farm home—family members, extended relatives, enslaved and free African Americans, tenant farmers, and guests.

Our wealth of historical resources allows us to tell a compelling story of the feelings and experiences of the people who inhabited this place as they lived through and contributed to what is now our shared history and heritage.

Located in Boone County, Kentucky, west of Burlington, we provide tours and interactive programs for schools, students, scouts, special-interest groups, and individuals, and resources for those doing historical research.



Explore the homestead.

THE MAIN HOUSE

The antebellum farmhouse anchors Dinsmore Homestead and showcases notable collections of the family's original writings, art, books, furniture, and textiles, all of which tell the stories of those who lived and worked in the rooms.

OUTBUILDINGS

Original outbuildings, including the privy, wine house and smokehouse, highlight the social, economic, and cultural transitions of Kentucky and American history. Enslaved people called one of these buildings home.

GRAVEYARD

The graveyard documents the lives and legacies of generations of Dinsmores, their relatives, and enslaved and free African Americans with ties to the family, and it is still active today. It is home to the first Congresswoman from Arizona, two Rough Riders who were good friends with President Theodore Roosevelt, and a sister to B. F. Goodrich.



Meet the Dinsmores.

For six generations, the family's roots grew deep into the land that is Dinsmore Homestead. James Dinsmore moved his wife Martha and three daughters from Louisiana to this Ohio River Valley farm in 1842. Following his death in 1872, the farm passed to his middle daughter Julia. Ahead of her time, she continued the work her father had begun, managing the homestead for the next 54 years. Though she never married, Julia raised two nieces and welcomed countless other relatives and friends to the homestead through the years.



A center for our shared heritage.

Our glimpse of the past does not encompass many of the necessities of the present. Dinsmore Homestead is embarking upon a \$1.5M capital campaign to build a multipurpose Heritage Center which will expand our ability to bring history to life.

The Heritage Center will help us reach more people, strengthen our grasp on the story of our region, and more effectively bring it to life. And it will position us for the future as our history continues to evolve.



Invest in the next phase of our history.

We need your support to reach our \$1.5 million goal—every gift makes a difference. We invite you to consider one of our giving levels and we are seeking partners to naming rights for rooms and other parts of the project.

- **\$1,842** Friends of Dinsmore, The Year it Began
- **\$5,000** Julia Dinsmore Guild
- **\$10,000** James and Martha Dinsmore Legacy

For more information or to explore additional giving opportunities, please contact Barbara Bardes or Jim Henning at donate@dinsmorefarm.org.

Dinsmore Homestead Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. Your generous donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

THE NEW HERITAGE CENTER

Built at a cost relatively reasonable by today's standards, it will allow us to continue to fulfill the promise made to the Dinsmore family.

The 6,000 square foot building will include:

- An admissions office, gift shop, and restrooms
- Three offices
- Two educational spaces
- A warming kitchen
- A large, attached pavilion

We will be able to:

- Expand our calendar for school field trips to accommodate over 5,000 students per year
- Double the capacity of daily visitors
- Serve as a vibrant and more accessible resource for research
- Offer education, special interest programs, and exhibitions
- Host social events including weddings, gatherings, fundraisers, business meetings, and retreats



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