



**Fulda Depot**

On September 7, 1879, the very first train arrived in Fulda. For several years, this was the end of the line for the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company. Trains would come only as far as Fulda where a round house and turntable were built in 1880. By February of 1880, the Fulda Depot had been constructed in an area that was between the tracks to the south and east of its present location. The Depot, which is the only surviving East Lake-style two-story depot in southwestern Minnesota, had been built on a platform which made boarding and leaving the train an easy process for the passengers. The Fulda Depot is located at 105 West Front Street.

To improve the appearance of the depot yard, in 1900s the Milwaukee Railroad laid out flower gardens in between the train tracks. It was after this that the Depot was moved to its present location.

In 1979, the Fulda Depot was placed on the **National Register of Historic Places**. Most of the tracks were removed in 1980 and the Fulda Heritage Society restored the Depot.



**Outhouse**

Tex - King of the Tramps carved his signature into railroad station outhouse doors from Canada to Mexico. The door of the outhouse at Fulda Depot is one of the places that Tex K. T. engraved his signature. The self-proclaimed tramp traveled extensively by rail.



**Caboose**

Fulda's railroad was once the hub of the city as many traveled cross country by train.

This Chicago, Burlington & Quincy caboose arrived in Fulda on October 12, 2010. The inside the caboose gives an intimate view of life on the rails in the 1920s as it is completely furnished with a sleeping area, sitting area and eating area.

The Fulda Heritage Society purchased this caboose during the auction of Howard K. Page, at the "Old Depot Museum" in Dassel, Minnesota.

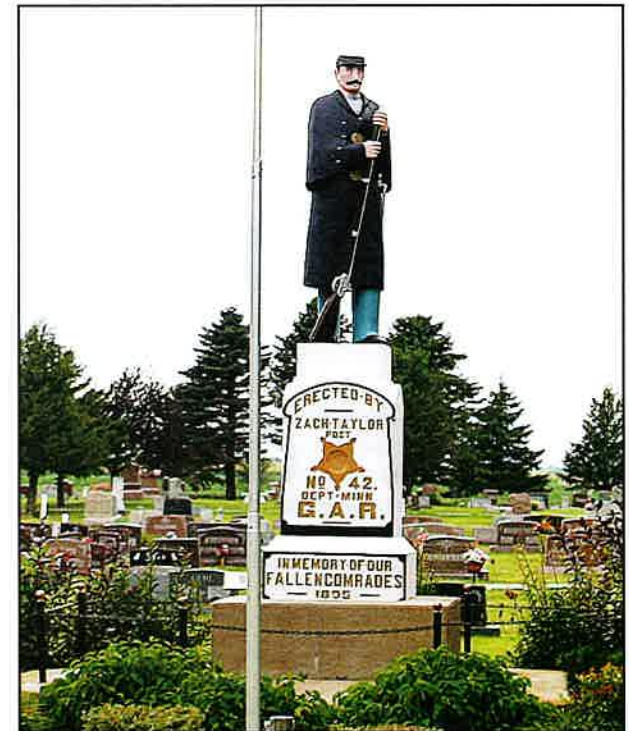


**Fulda Heritage Museum**

During 2009, a discussion was held by members of the Fulda Heritage Society about the need for more storage for the many historic collections housed in Fulda Depot. As time went on, those collections grew, and the Fulda Heritage Society was working to provide for the collections. On January 29, 2016, holes were drilled for the new Fulda History Museum. Construction began on the 40 foot x 60 foot building on February 1st that year. On April 13th, concrete was poured for the flooring. During the summer of 2016, members created a paver sidewalk for the new building. It joined to a paver sidewalk already in place on the south side of the Fulda Depot.

Today, the Fulda History Museum tells the story of the beginnings of the city, many of its people, and provides a wealth of historic collections.

Minnesota Historical Society awarded the Fulda Heritage Society a \$50,000 grant to use to pay for the building.



**G.A.R. Monument**

"The Old Soldier - The Man in Blue" monument proudly stands ever at attention, watching over Prairie Hill Cemetery, located north of Fulda. It was the result of Civil War veterans wishing to erect a monument in memory of their fallen comrades.

The local G. A. R. (Grand Army of the Republic) began the monument project in 1895, with the dedication held on Memorial Day 1896. A. A. Waugh, Tracy, MN, built and erected the monument at a cost of about \$400.00. Funds for The Old Soldier were raised through G. A. R. Campfires, a home talent play put on by the Sons of Volunteers, the movie "The False Friend", and a play by the Fulda Dramatic Club entitled "Uncle Josh". Donations contributed by other G.A.R. units and local townspeople also helped fund the monument.

The Fulda Militia was formed by Civil War Veterans in 1881. In 1883, the Zach Taylor Post, No. 42 of the Grand Army of the Republic was established. The Fulda G. A. R. was a part of the Southwest Minnesota G. A. R. Association.

