



SARA L. (SANDY) CRAIN

Historian - Museum Director - Homemaker - Volunteer

Sara Louise Goodwell became "Sandy" very early in life, thanks to the teasing of two brothers. She was born July 19, 1927, lost her parents when a teenager, and married her wartime sweetheart, Dick Crain, shortly after attending college. They had two children, Linda and Don.

In 1973, history took over her life. She was a founder of the Jefferson County Historical Society, and a member of its first Board of Directors. She became its second President. She also helped to found and was appointed to the first Jefferson County Historical Commission. She was elected its chairman in 1982, and served for several years as its Treasurer.

Sandy researched the history of and successfully wrote the application for the Evergreen Episcopalian Conference National Historic District.

She was a driving force in the effort to persuade Jefferson County Open Space to purchase the Hiwan Homestead in Evergreen as a County historical facility. She became a member of the staff as Administrative Assistant in 1977. Sandy became the Curator of Collections as the staff increased, and directed the total operation of the museum for the last five years of her life as Museum Administrator. She retired for reasons of health in February of 1992. Sandy died June 12, 1992.

She was elected to the Jefferson County Hall of Fame in 1992.