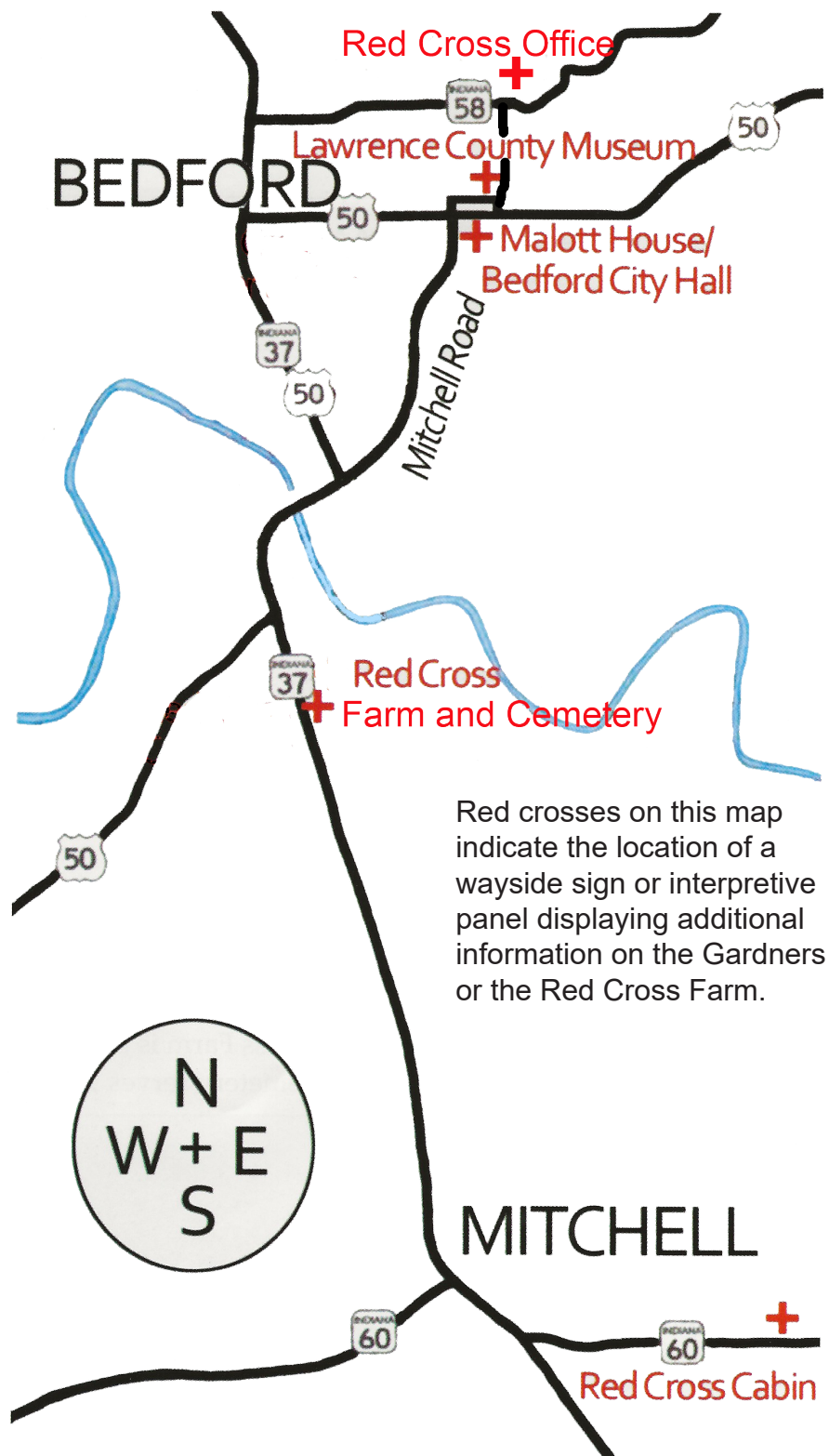


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Red crosses on this map indicate the location of a wayside sign or interpretive panel displaying additional information on the Gardners or the Red Cross Farm.



Red Cross Log Cabin

Spring Mill State Park
Mitchell, IN 47446

The Red Cross Log Cabin was reconstructed at Spring Mill State Park in 2018. It was originally constructed by Joseph Gardner on the Red Cross Farm in 1904 after his home was destroyed by fire. The cabin was built from logs from an old stable, the Sherlock double house and the Allen Carr house. The logs in the cabin have been moved four times.

1. First, they were moved from their original buildings to construct the cabin.
2. Second, after the farm was sold the cabin was moved from it's original location on the Red Cross Farm to an adjacent property where it served as a private home (shown at right) and later, a club house for the Shriners.
3. When the Shriners decided to build a new facility, the cabin was to be torn down. Thanks to a local business woman, Maxine Hurd, the cabin was moved to Bedford North Lawrence High School in 1976 to be used as an outdoor classroom (photo at right). The school partnership never panned out, so in 2011 the cabin was again dismantled and moved to Spring Mill, where it was in storage until 2017.
4. Reconstruction and interpretation of the cabin was completed in 2018. It is located near the Lakeview Activity Center and can be rented for groups and events.



Note: A gate fee is normally charged to enter the State Park.

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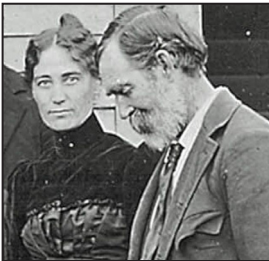
Highlights Lawrence County's Unique
Role with Clara Barton and the
American Red Cross

American Red Cross Driving Tour

Bedford City Hall/ Malott House

1102 16th Street
Bedford, IN

Dr. Joseph Gardner, a Civil War surgeon, was the first to discover the cause of milk sickness, and held an 1870 patent for one of the first chemical fire extinguishers. He was the son-in-law of Michael Malott. He and his wife inherited the white brick home that is now Bedford's City Hall. Following his wife's death, he married Clara Barton's personal assistant, Miss Enola Lee.



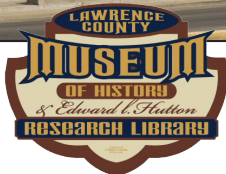
Joseph and Enola Gardner (shown at left) were founding members of the American Red Cross and often hosted Clara Barton in their town home and later in their country home on the Red Cross Farm. The interpretive sign is just inside the front door of City Hall.

Lawrence County Museum of History

929 15th Street
Bedford, IN
812-278-8575



The Lawrence County Museum of History features a 2,400 square foot gallery and a 2,100 square foot research library. Located on the north side of the Bedford Square, the museum has local Red Cross information, photographs, and artifacts including a bolero given to Enola Gardner by Clara Barton.



American Red Cross - Bedford Office

405 I Street
Bedford, IN

The local chapter of the American Red Cross was chartered in 1917. The organization purchased an office on 29th Street in 1989 which was the Chapter's home until 2016. In 2016, due to American Red Cross consolidations nationwide, the office was sold and the former Hoosier Hills Chapter, which served Lawrence, Orange and Martin Counties, became part of the SE Indiana Chapter out of Monroe County.



However, Bedford was able to retain a local office for emergency supplies and to support training volunteers. The office was moved to the basement of Stone Gate. Volunteers provide military services, 24/7 disaster services, and support blood services and health and safety services for southern Indiana. An interpretive sign is in front of this building.

Site of Historic Red Cross Farm

Southridge Drive/Addition
Bedford, Indiana

In 1893, Bedford resident Dr. Joseph Gardner deeded a 782-acre tract of land, including the small villages of Yockey and Juliet, to Clara Barton and the American Red Cross as a thank you offering to humanity.



Gardner modestly said of his gift, "Though not improved to the standards of excellence that I could wish for your (Clara Barton's) sake, yet upon it has a village, a post office, barns, tenant houses, orchards, forests, including groves of sugar maples, quarries of the famous Bedford Oolitic stone, a beautiful river frontage of one mile, and springs of excellent water. A trunk line of railway passes through it, three other lines of railway are near it, making it easily accessible for shipping purposes to all parts of the country."

Barton accepted the acreage and later had the tract included in the International Treaty of Geneva, as the one piece of neutral ground in the Western Hemisphere where hostile feet would never tread.

Her first visit to the Red Cross Farm was in May, 1893. She was 72 years old. Barton wrote the farm was stocked with chickens and turkeys, cows and pedigreed horses. The Gardners lived on the farm until their home burned in 1904, destroying many historical Red Cross items. Mismanagement of the Farm led it to be sold for taxes in 1899, then later resold to the Gardners.

Presently, much of what was formerly the Red Cross Farm has been developed as the Southridge Addition off Dixie Highway between Bedford and Mitchell. *No interpretive sign is at this location.*

Red Cross Cemetery

Indiana 37, 1/4 mile north of Art Gallery Road between Bedford and Mitchell

This prominent reminder of the Red Cross Farm along State Road 37 is an enduring testament of Lawrence County's place in American Red Cross history. It was formerly known as the Gaines Cemetery and all the graves pre-date the Red Cross Farm. However, once the land was purchased by the Gardners, the name of the cemetery was changed. Visit the interpretive sign and the cemetery, which includes many graves dating to the early and mid-1800s.

Use caution parking along S.R. 37.



A RED CROSS SANCTUARY.

MISS BARTON'S ACCEPTANCE OF DR. GARDNER'S GIFT TO THE SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Miss Clara Barton, President of the American National Red Cross, has written to Dr. Joseph Gardner of Bedford, Ind., accepting his munificent gift of a large tract of land in Indiana for the purposes of the society.

In this letter, dated to-day, she says:

"This land, as the property of the American National Red Cross, will be the one piece of neutral ground on the Western Hemisphere protected by international treaty against the tread of hostile feet. It is a perpetual sanctuary against invading armies, and will be so respected and held sacred by the military powers of the world. Forty nations are pledged to hold all material and stores of the Red Cross, and all its followers, neutral in war, and free to go and come as their duties require.

"While its business headquarters will remain, as before, at the capital of the Nation, this gift still forms a realization of the hope so long cherished—that the National Red Cross may have a place to accumulate and produce material and stores for sudden emergencies and great calamities, and if war should come upon our land—which may God avert—we may be ready to fulfill the mission that our adhesion to the Geneva treaty has made binding upon us. I will direct that monuments be erected defining the boundaries of this domain, dedicated to eternal peace and humanity, upon which shall be inscribed the insignia of the treaty of Geneva, which insignia all the nations of the earth are bound by solemn covenant to respect."

Miss Barton appoints Dr. Gardner as an adviser in the management of the property, he to appoint another to act with him.