

In 1867, Theodore Bateman rode a horse over sections of land where some of the tallest prairie grew. This farm was solid prairie with no trees. He chose the land where the prairie grass was taller than a man riding a horse. After purchasing the land he broke up the prairie sod with oxen, driving to Horse Creek to split rail for a fence for his stock and to keep the wild animals out. And this was the origins of the Bateman Family Homestead.

Theodore Bateman built a two-room house on this land in the late 1860s. This original two room house is still standing today with more rooms being added as the family grew – and some reductions. Each generation has made a lot of changes during their tenure.

Generations of Batemans have lived on this land for their entire life. Following Theodore was Harvey, then Chester, then Richard. Richard grew up on the farm just as his fathers before him did but in adulthood decided that a life in Kansas City was where he belonged. He inherited the farm from his parents when his mother passed in 2012 and continued to lease the land and home as they did in their final years. With Richard passing in November of 2023 the farm was inherited by Richard's two children. Though they grew up visiting their grandparents on the family farm and have a lot of fond memories, with the passing of Richard they feel that this is the right time for the Bateman Homestead to come to its end in order for it to welcome opportunity for someone new.



Lamar Mo. Bateman home 1889
Theodore - Laura - Harvey - Ethel - Mae - Lou - wife Sarah