

VZPOMÍNKY (18)

WINTERSET, IOWA

Rodný dům amerického herce Johna Wayne (vlastním jménem Mariona Roberta Morrisona)

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JOHN WAYNE...the mere mention of his name produces images of courage and patriotism.

The life story of John Wayne began in the central Iowa town of Winterset in a modest home. He was born Marion Robert Morrison on May 26, 1907, the son of Clyde and Mary Brown Morrison.

John Wayne's father, Clyde, was a pharmacist who worked on the south side of Winterset's town square. In his youth, Clyde attended nearby Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. John Wayne described his father as "the kindest, most patient man I ever knew."

Wayne's mother, Mary, was of Irish descent and the Duke said "she was a tiny, vivacious, red-headed bundle of energy."

Step back in time and picture the life of a young midwestern boy and his family near the turn of the century. This modest four-room home has been restored to reflect its appearance in 1907, the year of the Duke's birth. An impressive collection of John Wayne memorabilia includes rare items such as the eyepatch worn in the movie TRUE GRIT. Hundreds of rare photographs of the Duke are on display as well as letters to the Duke from Lucille Ball, Gene Autry, Maureen O'Hara, Jimmy Stewart, Kirk Douglas, Bob Hope, Ronald Reagan and George Burns.

Since its opening, the childhood home of John Wayne has been visited by many celebrities and dignitaries. On November 3, 1984, President Ronald Reagan toured the birthplace. A friend and admirer of the Duke, President Reagan commented that the Birthplace of John Wayne is an inspiring tribute to a good friend and a great American.



Winterset, Iowa

The Birthplace of John Wayne and its gift shop are open seven days a week year-round except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Guided tours of the house are given from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tour Admission Fees

Adult - \$2.50

Seniors (55 and over) - \$2.25

Children (12 and under) - \$1.00

Admission prices subject to change

