Austin Seward was born in VA in ca 1797, grew up in Richmond, KY where he married Jennett “Jane” Irvin in 1817; and, in 1821, the small family followed relatives who had earlier moved to Monroe Co. Jane was from a prosperous family. She was well-educated and moved in the best society in Richmond. Austin’s early education was limited, but by extensive reading and close observation, he became a man of great and varied information. He had been apprenticed at age 12 to learn blacksmithing and was permanently lamed while shoeing a vicious horse as a youth, but this did not injure his spirit. He soon was also apprenticed as an edge-tool maker.

Upon arriving in Monroe County in 1821, just three years after the founding of Monroe Co. and Bloomington, the family built a log home and blacksmith shop on the SW corner of 7th and Walnut. Austin immediately began to produce items that the young community’s settlers desperately needed. Axes, adzes, scythes, knives and other articles were shaped on his anvil. Necessity led him to attempt things out of his line to accommodate neighbors. A list of things he could make eventually included nearly everything used in Indiana in which iron or steel was involved: bits, plows, wagon wheels, chains, bullet molds, bear and wolf traps, the metal parts of looms, spinning wheels, stoves, and skillets, to name just a few. He was also a master gunsmith and produced rifles that were in great demand for their workmanship and accuracy. He made them absolutely from scratch – lock, stock, and barrel. It is said that he could temper steel as well as the workmen from Birmingham and Sheffield, England. He trained numerous apprentices who were welcomed into his home and were cared for by Jane just as she cared for her growing family. Eventually there were 9 sons (two of whom died in infancy) and two daughters.

Austin was also active in the community immediately. He taught Sunday school for the Presbyterian church in 1821 in his own cabin. He was hired to paint the under-construction 1826 brick courthouse and to provide numerous other services to the county – locks for the jail, handcuffs, and a stamp for the official weights and measures were just some of the items he provided. He is credited with producing the famous fish weather vane which originally adorned Monroe County’s 1826 courthouse.

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These portraits have found a home at the Historical Museum, thanks to the generosity of the late Marilyn Seward Warden and her family. See the related article on page 3.
Exhibits

Stop in soon to enjoy our two new current exhibits.

“What Did You Do Today, Dear?”
Housekeeping in the 1930s and 40s. The Rechter gallery has been transformed into vintage kitchens, a dining room, and a laundry area. If the 30s or 40s were in your lifetime, you will enjoy “stepping back” into your Mother’s or Grandmother’s houses. Bring your children or grandchildren with you to teach them about life in that era.

Good News!
This exhibit will be extended through August 29th.

Collection of Collections 2004
This fun exhibit highlights just some of the interesting things collected by Monroe County residents. Collections include giraffes (pictured below), angels, pickles, dollhouses, British monarchy, bookmarks, alphabet books, etc. Exhibit will close on September 26th. Thanks to those who’ve loaned their collections!

Schedule of Events

All meetings and programs will be held at the History Center and are FREE, unless otherwise stated.

General Board Meeting—
2nd Thursday of the month, 4 pm
Executive Board Meeting—
4th Wednesday of the month, 4 pm

Wildflower Folklore Presentation & Luncheon
June 17, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Executive Director of the MCHS Kari Price will present a program highlighting area wildflowers and their uses today and yesterday. Get to know volunteers, members, and staff over an informal brown-bag lunch (dessert provided!!!!) and learn more about local wildflowers also.

Heritage Book Workshop
Saturday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Not sure where to start on your family history submission for the Heritage book? This is a perfect workshop for you. Bring your materials or information and let the volunteers of the genealogy library help you make sense of it all.

Archy Camp
Tuesday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 23
Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the Monroe County History Center are teaming up to offer a two-day camp for children ages 9-14 at the Monroe County History Center. Participants spend each day—from 9 am to 3 pm—discovering the fascinating history of Bloomington and its limestone architecture.

Activities include a stop at the Limestone Symposium where campers will learn what it takes to turn a rough piece of limestone into a sculpture or building detail, then on to Rose Hill Cemetery for a scavenger hunt and science experiments showing the effects of weather on stone. Participants will also visit the historic Wiley House and garden, and use mosaic tile and sponge-painting to create a decorative planter filled with an heirloom plant from the Wiley garden. Campers will build Bloomington 1854 using recycled materials, and also take home a souvenir journal of their adventure.

Cost of camp is $25.00 and includes refreshments, educational materials and souvenirs. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Enrollment for the camp is limited to 20 children. Reservations must be made by June 14. Call the History Center for more information.

Date Changed!!

Forget-Me-Not: Love Tokens in Victorian America
June 26, 1-4 pm
Create portraits, write love letters, and take time for tea! Today a young woman might ask herself, does he like me? Does he really like me? In times past, formal courtships made such questioning unnecessary. Come to this fun program and explore the “language of love.” See page 5 for more details.

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1833 he was one of the incorporators of the Monroe County Female Seminary. He organized and led the 1st band ever active in Bloomington. All of his sons also participated in the band from time to time. During the Civil War, Seward made a bronze cannon for the Union Army. It was made from metal items donated by the citizens of Monroe Co. and melted down and forged by Seward free of charge. It was pulled to Indy by a team of six horses. He also provided large quantities of solid shot and bombshells for the Union effort.

During his life Austin counted as his intimate friends some of Bloomington’s most influential citizens including Dr. David Maxwell, Baynard R. Hall, Dr. Andrew Wylie and Governors Whitcomb and Wright. He was also respected and loved by the common citizens of the area. He was never known to have turned away a person in need of his products – even if they could not pay. It is said that if two men came to him to buy a plow – one with money and one without – the latter man would get it. He reasoned that the man with the money would be able to get a plow somewhere else, while the poor man could not.

Baynard Hall, the first professor at the institution which was to become Indiana University, wrote of his friend Austin Seward in his allegorical tales in his book The New Purchase. In the book, Seward is named Vulcanus Allheart – Vulcanus after the Roman god of fire and metalworking, and Allheart because he was just that, all heart. Hall wrote: “Never have I so esteemed, ay, so loved anyone as Vulcanus Allheart. And who or what was he? He was by birth a Virginian, by trade a blacksmith, by nature a gentleman and by grace a Christian. If more be said, he was a genius.”

Dr. Andrew Wylie, first president of the same institution, when he learned that Seward was dying, cried: “This community can better spare any man in it, or the college every professor than it can spare Mr. Seward. We can get other citizens and college professors to take their places without any trouble, but no man can take his place!”

Austin Seward died in 1872 and was buried in the Dunn Cemetery beside his wife Jane who had died in 1865. As the years went by, six generations of this founding family of Bloomington, grew and adapted the business to suit the community’s changing needs – from blacksmith shop, to foundry, to machine shop, to industrial and plumbing suppliers. In 1967, Seward and Co. had the proud distinction of being the oldest business in Indiana run by the same family in the same name. The doors of the business finally closed in 1983 after 162 years of existence.

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Marion Blair, Painter of the Seward Portraits

Taken from: Pioneer Painters of Indiana by Wilbur D. Peat, published in 1954

The man who made the strongest mark as a portrait painter in the village of Bloomington during the Civil War period was Marion Blair. A native of the town, he attended the university, married a local girl, and gradually came to be recognized as the community’s resident painter. It appears that he was unschooled in the finer points of painting; if he received any instruction it was probably from itinerants passing through Bloomington or in the studio of one of the artists established in Indianapolis.

Blair was born in 1824, the son of Enos and Rachel Blair. When a young man he moved a few miles south of town to a spot called Blair Hollow. His strong inclination toward art, literature, and natural history, coupled with his antipathy for farming or manual labor of any kind, did not make him a good provider for his growing family. His wife, unable to cope with his habits, finally left him and moved to Kansas, taking their children with her.

Blair had a number of portrait commissions in Bloomington and apparently in Indianapolis also. Most of his paintings seem to have been made in the 50s and early 60s. During this period he did the portraits of Austin Seward and his wife. His last portrait is said to be of Abraham Lincoln painted after he viewed his body lying in state in the capitol building in Indianapolis. He died in 1901.

Seward Portraits Presented to Museum

The evening of May 3, 2004 marked an exciting event for the Monroe County Historical Society and for the citizens of Monroe Co. as the descendants of Marilyn Seward Warden and her sister, Nancy Seward Kochery/Taylor, officially presented portraits of Austin Seward and his wife Jennett Seward to our county museum. Austin Seward is the blacksmith who is credited with producing the original fish weather vane for the 1826 courthouse. The portraits were painted in the early 1860s by a Bloomington portrait painter, Marion Blair. These portraits last hung in the home of Marilyn Warden who passed away in Feb. of this year. Marilyn was a long-time faithful volunteer at our museum and was especially proud to be a part of this nearly legendary founding family. May 3rd would have marked her 81st birthday, which is why her daughter Nancy Wroblewski chose that date to officially present these wonderful portraits.

Please visit the museum soon to see these outstanding paintings and the expanded Seward exhibit. We celebrate this significant addition to the museum’s collection of Monroe County artifacts.
News from the Library

Birth and Mortality Indexes

The Genealogy Library has received photocopies of two useful items from the Indiana State Library. The *Index to Birth Records, Monroe County, Indiana, 1882–1920* was compiled by the Indiana Works Progress Administration from the original records in the Monroe County Health Office in Bloomington and published in 1940. The other item is a mortality index, and the library is looking for someone to put it into a usable form.

History of Stinesville High School

The library has received a copy of *The History of Stinesville High School, 1905–1964*, donated by Carol May. The book was published in 2003 and is the result of a project undertaken by the Stinesville High School Alumni Association. Information was gleaned from previous alumni publications, obituaries, family contacts, historical records, and available issues of school newsletters and yearbooks. The volume includes class photographs, biographies, an alphabetical listing of graduates, and information on administrators, faculty, staff, and school activities. Stinesville High School ceased to exist in 1964, when the Richland-Bean Blossom School Corporation was formed, but thanks to the efforts of caring alumni, its memory will live on.

Library Committee

The Library Committee met in April to discuss its goals for the coming fiscal year. We have a number of ongoing projects and also hope to offer some interesting programs and workshops. If you would like to help us with our activities, or if you can suggest a speaker or program, please contact Liz Knapp (355-5588, 332-2517, monroehistsoc@hotmail.com).

MCHS at IGS

The Genealogy Library and Museum Store stayed open on the evening of April 2 to serve visitors planning to attend the Indiana Genealogical Society conference the next day. Business was brisk, and publications from the library and store sold well. The Monroe Historical Society also sponsored a booth at the conference on April 3. In addition to browsing through the books and making purchases, visitors were offered brochures on the society and its publications. Thanks are extended to the volunteers who helped with these events, including Liz Knapp, Penny Mathiesen, Janice Partenheimer, and Jamee Wissink, and to other society members who attended the conference and helped make it a success.

Get your facts first, and then you can distort ’em as you please. ~ Mark Twain

For everything you have missed you have gained something else. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Think Garage Sale!

June 11—12

Don’t forget the History Center’s annual garage sale on June 11 and 12 at the former RCA/Thomson warehouse. If you are familiar with the area, the event is in warehouse #3. If you are not familiar with the area, there will be signs to guide people to the site. Bring your donated merchandise before the sale or come to buy the bargains on sale days. Help us go over $10,000 again!
The Indiana Genealogical Society held its 2004 conference at the Bloomington Convention Center on Saturday, April 3rd. It was the first time the IGS has held its conference in Monroe County. The occasion was marked by a proclamation issued by Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan declaring the day to be Indiana Genealogical Society Day in Bloomington. There were attendees from all over the State of Indiana, along with 13 vendors and four speakers. The highlighted national speaker, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak from Williamsburg, Virginia spoke on reverse genealogy, Ellis Island research, and remembering our ancestors. However, the hot topic she covered was DNA research in genealogy. The session ended at 11:45 a.m., but peopled stayed and asked questions until well after noon. Monroe County Historical Society members Randi Richardson and Julian Livingston spoke on obituary research, Monroe County records, and web site development. Also in the afternoon, Indiana University history professor James Madison spoke to an overflow crowd about pioneer migration into Indiana.

The vendors for the conference included historical societies from numerous Indiana counties and regions, along with commercial and/or statewide vendors like Michigana Publications, Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe, Evansville Bindery, Circle City ComGen, and the Indiana Historical Society. A number of door prizes were donated by different vendors and these were given out during the IGS membership annual meeting in the afternoon.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge and thank Liz Knapp, Penny Mathiesen, Randi Richardson, Julian Livingston, and the other members of the Monroe County Historical Society for their help and encouragement. In addition, I appreciate the help of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Bloomington Convention Center. Many of the attendees from around Indiana and out-of-state went away with very positive impressions and memories of Bloomington and Monroe County. It makes me proud to be associated with such professional organizations as the Indiana Genealogical Society and the Monroe County Historical Society.

Next year the conference will be in Anderson, Indiana on Saturday, 2 April 2005. The featured speaker will be George Morgan from Tampa, Florida. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. If anyone is interested in membership or involvement in the Indiana Genealogical Society, please contact me. Thank you.
Harvest Home School Co-op
Opts for Playing and Learning all at Once!

During their “Toys, Toys, Toys!” Hands-On History program, children in the Harvest Home School Co-op got to learn about how play has changed from yesterday to today by creating their own toys and playing with pioneer toys.

IU student Deanna Fields spent the spring semester writing up program plans and assisting in Hands-On History programs. Here, she helps children create their clothespin dolls which they could play with in a replica of a log cabin.

Transformation books were popular in the 1800’s; kids created their own transformation books starring...thems

Gloves make a come-back! An important feature of our Hands-On History program lies in educating people about preservation of artifacts. Children may handle artifacts in every class, but only with care, and after donning a pair of white gloves just like a real curator!

Mother helps daughter glue a skirt on her pioneer doll.

His pioneer doll is taking a walk on the roof! Or maybe he’s fixing it...can you see the resemblance between doll and maker?
News from Other Places

Knox County Veterans

Genealogists searching for Knox County, Indiana ancestors who served in the military during the formative years of the United States now have a new resource. Carol Murphy of Bicknell, a member of the local genealogy association, has compiled Knox County Indiana Veterans 1775–1965. Information previously hard to find without extensive research has been brought together in one resource. It covers the Indian, Spanish American, Revolutionary, and Civil Wars. The hardbound volume (175 pp.) is indexed and sells for $55 plus $5 for shipping and handling (please send checks payable to Betty Thuis, Treasurer, 208 E. Third Street, Bicknell, IN 47512, or e-mail: murphy.carol@sbcglobal.net). (From information e-mailed by Carol Murphy.)

Veterans Benefits

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched an online database of more than 3 million records of burials in its 120 national cemeteries. The Nationwide Gravesite Locator, accessible at http://www.cem.va.gov, contains records of interred veterans and their dependents dating to the establishment of the first national cemeteries during the Civil War. Also listed are burial records since 1999 from some state veterans cemeteries and from Arlington National Cemetery (operated by the U.S. Army rather than the VA). The VA will update the grave site locator nightly with the previous day’s burials.

The basic search is by first and/or last name. You also can enter a first and last initial, or the last name plus a partial first name. The advanced search adds options for a middle name, birth and death dates, and cemetery. Results show the interred person’s name, rank and branch of service (if available), service dates, birth and death dates, burial date, the cemetery and its contact information, and the grave’s exact location.

Before 1994, each cemetery kept its burial records on paper. Records for four cemeteries—Long Island, Los Angeles, Fort Rosencrans and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific—are incomplete, so some burials may not be listed.

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Germans in Indiana

Family history students at Brigham Young University are abstracting data on German immigrants mentioned in church records. So far, they have gathered information (including birth dates, parents’ names, and home towns) on 3,000 immigrants in Indiana church records, with plans to expand the search to Illinois and other states with sizable German populations. They plan to publish the data later this year. If you have information on U.S. parishes with German populations or would like to know more about the project, please contact Professor Roger P. Minert (801-422-2370; e-mail: rpm@byu.edu). (From the Indiana Genealogical Society Newsletter, February 2004.)

Cemetery Directions: Proofreaders Needed

A project designed to provide driving directions to each cemetery in the state is almost finished, and proofreaders are needed for a number of counties, including Monroe. To find out if your county is still in need of a proofreader, please contact Sharon Howell, 720 Cynthia Lane, Whiteland IN 46184; e-mail: sshowell@indy.net). (From the Indiana Genealogical Society Newsletter, February 2004.)

New and Renewed Members

Jean L. Anderson
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THE HISTORY CENTER NEEDS YOU!

VOLUNTEERING IS A COOL WAY TO SPEND THE SUMMER.
Coming Soon!
A NEW Family Heritage Book

The Monroe County Historical Society has contracted with Turner Publishing to create a new family heritage book.

The Society would like to strongly encourage every family to participate.

There is no cost to participate!

Each family can submit up to 500 words and one photograph at no cost. The Society’s goal is to get 800 Monroe County families to participate. Even if you have only lived here a short time, you are a part of the Monroe County’s family.

Before the book can be published 800–1000 books have to be pre-sold. This is going to be a must-have book, so order yours today. If you would like more information or to pre-order a book ($53.50) please contact the History Center so a brochure/order form can be sent to you.

Murphy’s 12 Laws as Applied to Genealogical Research

1. The family you are looking for will be on the last page of the unindexed (of course) census film that you check. However, if you begin at the end of the roll, they will be on page 1.

2. The microfilm that you have diligently searched page-by-page will have an index at the end.

3. All of your spouse’s ancestors will be mentioned in county histories. None of yours will be.

4. If you need just one record, the microfilm will have page numbers. If you need three or more records, there won’t be any page numbers and the records will not be in proper order.

5. The book you need most will be out being rebound.

6. You will need item 23 on a microfilm roll that has 22 items. The rest of the film is continued on another roll that will not be in the drawer, and the librarian will tell you that it is “missing and presumed lost.”

7. Just before the entry you need, the records will end.

They will begin again two years after the date you need.

8. If one brother is left out of the genealogy of a family, guess whose ancestor he will be?

9. If there is a family history on one branch of the family tree it won’t be yours.

10. When you finally find the microfilmed probate records of your missing link to a rich and/or famous line, the book will be so tightly bound that you can only make out the first two letters of the name of the one who MAY be your ancestor.

11. The researcher you hire to read the original records at the courthouse will inform you that only the particular probate packet you need is missing.

12. During the last hour of your trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, you will find everything you’ve hunted for all week, but you won’t have time to copy it.

—Submitted by Don Matson, from an old Greene family newsletter
Newsletter Sponsorships Now Available

The Monroe County Historian is now offering newsletter sponsorships to local businesses. Ads are approximately 2 1/4" high x 3 1/2" wide. Each ad runs $50 an issue. For more information or to arrange an ad, please call MCHS at 332-2517.

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News from the Museum Store: Used Books

The Museum Store has a well-deserved reputation for its offering of the latest books related to Indiana, genealogy and history. Now the store has added a table of donated old and used books that are already attracting eager browsers and vigorous sales.

Donations of interesting books and used books are welcome. Especially desirable are titles related to Indiana authors, Indiana history, biography, classics, cooking, travel, photography and art. Books that don’t sell in the store will be saved for our garage sale.

Come in to see the bargains!

Remembering World War II

By Penelope Mathiesen

This month marks the sixtieth anniversary of D-Day, 6 June 1944. The Genealogy Library’s vertical files contain two examples of war ration books issued to Bloomington residents. The books originally held stamps authorizing the bearer “to purchase rationed goods in the quantities and at the times designated by the Office of Price Administration. Without the stamps you will be unable to purchase those goods.”

The instructions on the backs of the books state that “rationing is a vital part of your country’s war effort. This book is your Government’s guarantee of your fair share of goods made scarce by war, to which the stamps contained herein will be assigned as the need arises.” The instructions conclude with an admonition that seems far away from today’s consumerism:

“Give your whole support to rationing and thereby conserve our vital goods. Be guided by the rule: If you don’t need it, DON’T BUY IT.”
East Third Street Follow-up
By Penelope Mathiesen

An article in the February issue of the Monroe County Historian prompted a reader’s question: did Day Funeral Home at 2701 East Third Street replace Ellis Greenhouses, Inc., which was still in business as late as 1964? The Genealogy Library’s collection of city, county, and telephone directories is a wonderful resource for researching this type of question.

The Day Funeral Home is first listed at its 2701 East Third Street address in the 1955 Bloomington city directory. Ellis Greenhouses, Inc. (not the same as Ellis Floral, which operated at 304 East Kirkwood), does not appear in the city directory until 1962. The Bloomington telephone directory, however, covered every residence or business with a telephone connection, including addresses outside the city limits. It lists Ellis Greenhouses, Inc. on the Nashville Road from 1955–1960. This information places Ellis Greenhouses further east than the Day Funeral Home address, past the point where, at that time, East Third Street met the city limits and became the Nashville Road.

A comparison of various directories shows that the address for Ellis Greenhouses changed several times between 1960 and 1963. The 1960 telephone directory lists it on the Nashville Road. But in the same year, the Monroe County directory lists “2731 St Rte 46 E, B’ton Twp R 2.” In 1962, the city directory lists Ellis Greenhouses at “RD3 Box 5 Nashville Rd.”; the street guide in the back of the directory reports addresses up to 3723 East Third Street, but with a notable gap between 2701 and 3433, where the listing for Ellis Greenhouses should have appeared. By 1963, both the telephone and city directories list Ellis Greenhouses at “3001 E 3d.” Did the business change locations? No, but, the street addressing system apparently underwent some growing pains in the throes of annexation. Tenants of the addresses beginning with 2731 East Third Street (Ellis Greenhouses) in the 1960 county directory correspond with tenants beginning with 3001 (again, Ellis Greenhouses) in the 1963 city directory’s street guide.

In 1962, most of the addresses in the 3000 block of East Third Street were residences. Ellis Greenhouses, Inc. continued to be listed at 3001 East Third until 1966, when it no longer appears in the city directory’s main section. From 1966 through 1968, the directory’s street guide reports the address “vacant.” By 1967, soon after Ellis Greenhouses left, more businesses had moved into the neighborhood, including a Burger Chef, two gas stations, a liquor store, and a miniature golf course. In 1969, the occupant of 3001 East Third was the Bonanza Sirloin Pit restaurant. With a Burger Chef at 3002 and Boxman’s Kentucky Fried Chicken Store/Restaurant at 2901, the area had become “restaurant row.”

And, finally, there is a “mortuary connection,” although it doesn’t involve Day Funeral Home. From 1966 onward, city directories list Allen Funeral Home at 3000 East Third, across the street from the location formerly occupied by Ellis Greenhouses.

Note: Readers may wonder why directories for 1960 haven’t been mentioned. The Genealogy Library’s collection is missing these items. If you can supply them, we’ll be happy to add them to the shelves!

Students Come Together in “Communities Then & Now” Hands-On History program

Hands-On History programs have been very popular amongst not only grade school teachers, but home-schoolers and community groups as well.

Nearly 70 students from Grandview Elementary worked together to create Bloomington 1854 and Bloomington 2004. Students were encouraged to make connections between the similarities and differences between the two communities, and think about how people have to work together to make a community flourish as Bloomington has.

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