The north-south route through Monroe County has been a hot topic in local newspapers for nearly 100 years. In 1915, as the automobile age emerged from its infancy, plans were underway for a national north-south highway from Indianapolis to Florida. At a meeting in Chattanooga, the Dixie Highway Commission voted to include Bloomington among the towns on the proposed route. Reactions to the announcement were reported in the Bloomington Evening World (26 May 1915; recapped by Bennett P. Reed in the Bloomington Daily Herald-Telephone, 22 September 1951). In some quarters, “there was cause for rejoicing” that “the long-sought and long-fought for Dixie Highway” would be routed through Bloomington. But Franklin, Columbus, Lafayette, and Seymour were less jubilant. The Franklin Star asserted: “We never had a chance from start to finish at Chattanooga.” According to the Columbus Republican: “Away down South in the land of cotton, they fixed the route and they fixed it rotten.” The Columbus paper went on to say, “The new highway winds its weary way over the hills and gullies to Indianapolis.” The Seymour Republican called the Dixie Highway the “Nixie Route” and the “Pretzel Road.” An alternate plan known as the Columbus Seymour route had been rejected in Chattanooga, where—according to the Seymour Republican—“Tom Taggart, king of Plutoville, was apparently on the job every minute.” (Thomas Taggart, an Indiana member of the Dixie Highway Commission, was the owner of the French Lick Hotel, known for its Pluto Water.) The Seymour paper pronounced: “The route through Bedford and Bloomington to Indianapolis is so winding and hilly, it is doubtful it will ever become a national highway.”

Almost ten years elapsed before construction began on the Dixie Highway in 1924. In February of 1926, Bloomington officials were promised by the state “that the new Dixie Highway, Ind. 37, will be opened between Bloomington and Martinsville by May” (Bloomington Herald-Telephone, 9 February 1976). But by the late 1930s, little more than a decade after its completion, relocation of the tortuous stretch between Bloomington and Martinsville was already under discussion.

In 1938...the Bloomington Exchange Club started the dream, and joined with the Chamber of Commerce to present the idea to the State Highway Department. Wartime shortages interfered with completion of plans, but by the time the war was over, the idea of a new road was so firmly fixed in the minds of Bloomington people that they left no stone untorned in reviving the plans. (Bloomington Daily Herald, 18 October 1949)

By 1944, plans had been completed and the official right-of-way identified. “Work will start just as soon as the War Production Board removes its restrictions,” said S. C. Hadden, chairman of the highway commission, in announcing plans for the new road...The relocation is for some sixteen miles in Morgan and Monroe counties and makes a shorter, straighter and less hilly route between Martinsville and Bloomington...The relocating
Stop in soon to enjoy our Two Special Exhibits.

“Honey, Your Slip Is Showing OR I See London, I See France”

This great exhibit is open now. It features numerous lovely examples of lingerie from the mid 1800s to the mid 1900s.

On the Town

There are many hidden treasures in the History Center’s collection. This is a rare opportunity to view the collection’s beautiful evening and formal dresses. The dresses are highlighted with detailed embroidery and sequins.

Both exhibits will be open

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

Holiday and Winter Hours
The History Center will be closed December 24-26 and January 1. The History Center is also closed on days when Bloomington schools have cancelled classes due to weather.

• January 15 Lineage Workshop sponsored by the Bloomington Chapter. This workshop will be from 1-3 pm and is limited to 25 participants. Register by January 12 by calling 332-2517.
• January 27 LDS Family History Center. Mary Deckard from the LDS Family History Center will discuss their family research sources. Programs begins at 7 pm.
• February 13 Center School’s Bronze Historical Marker Ceremony. Prior to the History Center, this site use to be home to Center School or the “Colored School.” This ceremony will begin at 2 pm and will include an interesting talk and the unveiling of the sign. Refreshments will be served.
• February 17 Black History, Bloomington Style. This interesting program will be presented by Betty Bridgewater at 7 pm. It will cover the past, present and future of the African-American community in Monroe County.
• February 25 Bus Trip to Lyles Station. See next column.
• February 26 Irish Music Concert. Please contact Mike Casey at 339-8658 for more information.

Get Aboard the Bus for Lyles Station

February 25, 2005

A Star of Indiana bus will take the group for the day to explore Gibson county. The trip will include
• Lyles Station, the state’s last remaining African-American settlement. The settlement was originally established by former slaves in the late 1840s; today it includes an excellent museum and farm stand.
• picturesque Gibson County Courthouse, which was the model for the Dept. 56 Original Snow Village collection.
• The restored Princeton Train Depot
• Dinner at the Log Inn, the oldest restaurant in Indiana.

Check your February newsletter for more details.
of the road starts... about six miles south of Martinsville and follows a new route, coming into Bloomington over “Sheets Hill” to the east of the present Cascades valley road. (Bloomington World Telephone, 4 March 1944)

Relocated Indiana 37 was dedicated on 18 October 1949, when Governor Henry F. Schricker opened the “Gateway to Scenic Southern Indiana.” That day’s Bloomington Daily Herald noted:

Driving to Bloomington is no longer a problem of creeping around sharp curves, as 92 turns of old Road 37 were replaced by 15 gentle, sloping jogs of a new road dedicated this afternoon. Because citizens of Bloomington had a vision of a long, sweeping road between their town and Martinsville and then put their dreams into tangible actions, this afternoon they are dedicating that new highway...Our neighbors from up the road a piece, Martinsville, are fifteen minutes closer now and they also came down to help in the celebration. They, too, have been anxious to get rid of the famous curves of Old 37 and exchange them for a modern, safe highway.

By the mid-1960s, however, the “modern, safe highway” had come under attack, and there was a move to make Indiana 37 a four-lane highway from Bedford to Indianapolis.

Motorists making the trip south from Indianapolis [in 1964] traveled a winding, two-lane road that had earned the dubious distinction of being a “killer highway.” But it was not so much the irritated motorists or community commerce boosters who got the improvement project rolling as it was political clout. Bedford’s former U.S. Representative, the late Eugene B. Crowe, made the highway one of his last major causes. Crowe exercised his clout with the state administration of Gov. Roger Branigan and in the summer of 1966, the road was placed on the State Highway Commission’s two-year planning schedule. (Bloomington Courier-Tribune, 10 September 1974)

Additional support came from Indiana University. The four-lane project “had been sought for years” by students and alumni, who had to drive winding, two-lane roads to reach Bloomington. “Football weekends traditionally bring region-wide traffic jams which last for hours” (Courier-Tribune, 22 April 1970).

The first section of the four-lane expansion was a bypass around Martinsville, eliminating the old route that “wound its way through the city’s residential streets and downtown area. The bypass was opened in October of 1968.” In his bid that year for governor, Edgar Whitcomb pitched the four-lane project, erecting billboards on both sides of Bloomington proclaiming “We Will Four-Lane This Road.” After his election, Whitcomb appointed as chair of the highway commission Bedford attorney Ruel W. Steele, for whom the completed highway was later named.

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Above is a map of the Dixie Highway in 1923. Below is the Dixie Highway section that ran between Martinsville and Bloomington. It also includes the Hwy 37 Bypass that “smoothed” out the old Dixie Highway.
News from the Library

Monroe County Schools Calendar Now Available!

The “Monroe County Historical Society Centennial Celebration 2005 School Calendar” is now available in the Museum Store for $12.00. Prepared by Genealogy Library volunteers Liz Knapp, Penny Mathiesen, and Lee Ehman, it features fourteen large photographs of historic school buildings and also includes smaller photographs of a dozen others as a bonus feature. In addition to the information provided in the captions, there is a brief history of early Monroe County schools. The calendars were produced as a fund-raiser for the Monroe County Historical Society. Remember your school days and support MCHS while planning your Christmas gift-giving this year!

Lineage Application Workshop

On 15 January 2005, a Lineage Application Workshop will be conducted by the Bloomington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Chapter members will be available to assist with completing applications for the Society of Indiana Pioneers, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Sons of the American Revolution. Questions about the societies are welcome. For more information on the workshop, contact Liz Knapp (355-5588, 332-2517, monroehistsoc@hotmail.com).

IGS Management Workshop

Liz Knapp, Genealogy Library Director, and Lisa Horwitz, MCHS Coordinator for Education, Volunteers, and Membership, attended the Indiana Genealogical Society’s Management Workshop in Fort Wayne on Saturday, October 16. They are preparing a schedule of programs for the coming year.

History Center Wish List

- Laptop Computers
- Digital Camera
- Laminator
- Paper Cutter
- Adobe Acrobat Writer software
- Adobe Photoshop software
- Mastodon Tooth
- Fossils that could be found in area
- Information or Photographs of the Gentry Circus or the Crest testing.

Thank you for the typewriters

MCHS Web Site Update

Library volunteer Lee Ehman has taken on primary responsibilities for the Monroe County Historical Society’s web site (http://www.kiva.net/~mchm/monroe.html) as Julian Livingston, our long-time web master, takes a well-deserved break to pursue his many other interests. We thank Julian for all of his hard work and Lee for his willingness to carry the project forward. If you haven’t checked out the site recently, take a look at the expanded listings for events and announcements; information on our library, museum, and store; volunteer opportunities; links to related sites; and much, much, more!

Calling All Cooks!

As a part of our upcoming 100th anniversary of the Society’s founding, a cook book is being compiled.

Recipes Wanted

The History Center is looking for your favorite recipes. All type of recipes are needed.

- Entrees
- Desserts
- Salads
- Vegetables
- Appetizers
- From Local Restaurants
- Wild and Wacky
- Grandma’s Favorite
- Special War Recipes

Submission are to be made on-line at www.typensave.com. The Group Login is “mccooks” and the password is “842B2.” The next screen has the easy-to-follow instructions. Please limited your submissions to 6 recipes.
News from Other Places

Indiana in the Civil War
Recent publications of the Indiana Genealogical Society feature information on Indiana residents who fought in the Civil War. A three-part series on “Civil War Amputees: Artificial Limbs for Indiana Soldiers” by Susan D. Kaufman and Curt B. Witcher appears in the Indiana Genealogist, vol. 15 (2004), nos. 2–4. The records, abstracted from government documents, provide valuable genealogical data, since the listing for each individual includes name, military rank, and hometown. Meanwhile, the Indiana Genealogical Society Newsletter, vol. 16 (2004), nos. 4–5, contains a two-part series on “Indiana in the Civil War” by Libbe K. Hughes. This article summarizes the ways in which the events of the war affected the lives of our Hoosier ancestors and created Indiana’s complex political fabric.

Indiana State Library Hours Expanded; Sanborn Maps Available
The Indiana State Library is now open to the public on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., except for state holidays. The Saturday hours are in addition to the regular schedule on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information on using the library, please call (317) 232-3693, (317) 232-3675, or visit the library’s web site (http://www.statelib.lib.in.us).

The Indiana Division of the ISL has purchased a microfilm set of Sanborn Fire Insurance maps of Indiana cities and towns. The maps cover over 400 municipalities from the 1880s to the mid-1950s. Some towns appeared in as many as ten editions. The information obtainable from the maps includes a building’s outline, size, shape, function, and location of windows and doors. The maps also provide street names, property boundaries, and house and block numbers. Photocopies of particular features are obtainable upon request. For more information, check the library’s web site. (From ISL Connection, September 2004)

“Endangered” Photographs
A unique project at the Indiana State Archives involves the preservation of a set of about 10,000 mug shots from the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City. The images date from 1880–1927. Boyd Obermeyer, a volunteer from Carmel, Indiana, utilized his biochemical training as a retired research scientist from Eli Lilly and Company to develop a conservation treatment plan for the badly deteriorated photo cards in conjunction with Jean Bennett, state archives conservation technician. The cards are available on demand to patrons who visit the Indiana State Archives. (From Archives Current: Newsletter of the Friends of the Indiana State Archives, Inc., Spring/Summer 2004; for more information, visit their new web site at: http://www.fisa-in.org)

New Web Site for Missing Censuses
Missing censuses are the bane of the genealogist’s existence. The goal of a new web site (http://www.censusatrail.com) is to restore or create missing censuses from existing alternate records. Some of the features include names of heads of households for 1810 Indiana, 1810 Missouri, 1760 New Jersey, and 1790 Georgia. The site currently has almost 50,000 names on file and more are being added on a frequent basis. Rather than amassing millions of names, the site focuses on people from particularly hard-to-research time periods. There is a small fee (less than a dollar a month) for using this site.

New and Renewed Members
Basic
James S. Ackerman
Frank Barnhart
Margery Belisle
Danielle and Michael Bell
Rhenda Benson
Cynthia Penten
Marjorie Blewett
Juanita Brantley
Larry and Mary Lou Brown
Jane Burris
Ledford C. Carter
Karen & David Cline
Kathleen Cruikshank
Richard and Carol Darling
Glenna Ellett
Damon Floyd
Helen Freeman
Ray & Colleen Gromer
Rebecca E. Hall
Bill and Jean Hammer
Jane W. Hatchel
Charles & Dorothy Heiser
Larry & Marion Incollingo
Eleanor & Burton Jones
Kate Kroll
Mary Kroll
Max and Jane Marsh
Janice Patenheimer
Doris B. Philbrick
Sue Shelden
Charles and Sue Sinn
Marilyn Skirvin
Janet Stavropoulos
Sara Tener
Virginia & Don Tyte
David Walters
Gloria D. Westfall
Tim & Betty Wininger
Frank Zeller

Friend
Ethan Alyea Jr.
Kristina S. Armour
Fleurette Benckart
Jane Bloom
Pat and Ellen Brantlinger
Ron and Georgean Brown
Barbara Edgeworth
Sarah & Terry Fischer
Henry and Alice Gray
Kay Hollingsworth
Lora D. Johnson
Kevin Kochery
William and Mary Oliver
George M. Smerk
Bill & Helen Sturbaum

Sustaining
Jane Hutton
Greg & Kathy Blum
Tom and Sue Childe
Bob and Carolyn Doby
Fred & Becky Gregory
Ross Jennings
Alice Manifold
Penelope Mathiesen
Jane and Jerry McIntosh
Ward W. Moore
Tom & Bernadette Zoss

Contributor
Patrick & Glenda Murray

County Historical Society had a well-attended opening night reception for its members.

The History Train will return with a new exhibit in 2006

This fall Bloomington was one of the stops for the Indiana History Train. This traveling exhibit was on Abraham Lincoln and how his image has changed over the years. The Monroe County Historical Society had a well-attended opening night reception for its members.
Monroe County Public Library Obituary Index: A Useful Genealogical Research Tool
By Lee H. Ehman

The Monroe County Public Library has created an obituary index that can be searched via the Internet at: http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/cgi-bin/obitsearch. This is very useful for searching for individuals, and the obituaries contain other valuable information such as occupation, education, additional family members, addresses, cause of death, and even friends (through lists of pallbearers).

The index uses newspapers published in Bloomington and contains information from the present backward through 1949. Continued indexing will add data retrospectively at the rate of about ten years’ worth of newspapers each year. The geographical area covered by the Bloomington newspaper obituaries varies somewhat, but items are often found from Lawrence, Owen, Brown, and Morgan counties.

To use the index, fill in whatever information you have (first, middle, and last name, and maiden name for women) in the simple form on the web page, and the search engine will display all entries matching your input. You may insert as a “wild card” the percent sign (%) in place of individual unknown letters.

For example, the search term Sm%th would locate Smith and Smyth.

Included in each database entry is:

- First, middle, and last name (middle names are sometimes initialized or omitted in obituaries)
- Maiden name of women (if indicated in the obituary)
- Age at death
- Date of newspaper containing the obituary (not the date of death)

For many persons, there are multiple entries because of corrections, notices of funeral arrangements, lists of pallbearers, etc.

If you locate an obituary for which you wish to obtain a physical copy, you may either visit the Indiana Room of the Monroe County Public Library and copy it from the newspaper microfilm, or, if unable to come to the library, send obituary information to the library and they will copy and send the obituary for a charge. Instructions are contained on the web site given above.

The Museum Store Now Carries Used Books

The Museum Store’s used book department has become an excellent fundraiser. Because the books are donated, the sales are pure profit. This is an easy way that you can help the Society—bring in your used books.

Donations of interesting used books are always welcome; especially desirable are titles related to Indiana authors, Indiana history, and biography, any classics, cooking, travel, photography and art. Books that don’t sell in the store will be saved for our annual garage sale.
**Road Trip** continued from page 3

(*Courier-Tribune*, 10 September 1974).

In 1970, a dispute over the valuation of quarry property in the area of the planned “37 Bypass” around Bloomington slowed land acquisition and construction in that area (*Courier-Tribune*, 22 April 1970). Land acquisition also took time if owners rejected the original appraisals, resulting in condemnation suits (*Courier-Tribune*, 5 June 1973).

Weather caused further delays. After a wet autumn in 1972, road crews were late getting started in 1973. “Extensive rains have curtailed spring work on the highway...It will take a week of dry weather before the construction can resume on converting Ind. 37 into a four-lane highway from Martinsville to Bedford” (*Courier-Tribune*, 10 May 1973; 5 June 1973).

On 29 August 1973, ceremonies officially "opened the four-lane road all the way from Oolitic to Martinsville." That day’s *Courier-Tribune* noted:

Governor Otis Bowen praised the road as an “economic milestone in the development of Southern Indiana” which will help business and bring jobs to the area, [and] Indiana University President John W. Ryan stressed the importance of the road in making it safer and easier for IU students and Indiana residents to reach the university…While the band played “Back home in Indiana,” the governor cut the yellow and blue ribbons.

September 9, 1974 marked “the official and formal opening...of the final stretches of four-lane Ind. 37 connecting Bedford and Bloomington with the Interstate 465 loop around Indianapolis” (*Courier-Tribune*, 10 September 1974).

Nearly thirty years elapsed before the next change was announced. According to the Bloomington *Herald-Times* (10 January 2003), the proposed Indianapolis/Evansville extension of Interstate 69 would follow “a route using Ind. 37 from I-465 down past Martinsville through Bloomington, then cutting across new terrain to...Greene County, then veering south to Evansville.” Proponents predicted the completed, limited access freeway would reduce accidents, shorten the Indy to Evansville drive time, and make it easier to get to Indiana University. Opponents, as reported in the *Herald-Times* (23 October 2004), called the new route a “boondoggle,” “a road to nowhere,” and a “rotten piece of pork.” Thus, the ongoing saga of the north-south route through Monroe County continues to be hotly debated in the local press.

To experience a bit of highway history, one can still drive the old section of the Dixie Highway that was eliminated from Indiana 37 in 1949. It starts in Bloomington with the turnoff onto Cascade Avenue just north of Steak and Shake on North College Avenue. The road goes under the 45/46 Bypass and becomes Old 37 North as it continues past Cascade Park. It crosses present-day Business 37 (the “relocated” 1949 route, eventually superseded by the 37 Bypass in the 1970s) at a stoplight, then winds past Grify Lake, Dolan, Musgrave Orchards, Hindustan, Bryant’s Creek Lake, and through uninhabited stretches of the Morgan Monroe State Forest. Quite suddenly, the old road leaves its leafy, undulating tunnel for flat, open farm land as it merges with present-day Indiana 37 just south of Martinsville.

The Dixie Highway was the brainchild of Carl Graham Fisher, who was also a big backer of the Lincoln Highway and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was over 5,706 miles long and stretched as far north as Ontario, Canada and reached as far south as Florida City, Florida, south of Miami. The old photo above is of the Dixie Highway in New Port Richey, Florida.

Above is a old highway sign from northern Michigan c. 1915. Below is a baggage car c.1915. The side reads “600,000 Automobile Owners Are Awaiting the Completion of the Dixie Highway to See the South.”
Museum Store: The Best Kept Secret of Christmas Shopping

- Seasonal Items
- Nostalgic children’s toys, books & crafts
- Note Cards
- Monroe County Coverlet
- Clay City Pottery
- Local History and General Interest Books
- Genealogy Items
- Unique Gift Wrap
- Calendar Towels
- Armatale Metal Plate depicting Courthouse
- And a wonderful selection of used books

100% of the proceeds from the Store goes to the Society to operate the History Center.

Fall Membership Campaign

A big thank-you goes to a group of hardworking volunteers who prepared letters in November to nearly 3000 area residents inviting them to visit the History Center and to join the Society.

Also sent were renewal notices to people who memberships are expiring, and letters to paid-up members inviting them to contribute end-of-year donations.

Many thanks to all of you who responded to the call with renewals and generous donations, a very important and appreciated part of our operating income.

100th Anniversary of the MCHS

The year of 2005 is a significant year. The Monroe County Historical Society will be celebrating its founding throughout the year. Next year also marks the 25th anniversary of the History Center. Check your upcoming newsletters for a listing of special events.

NOTICE: Starting January 1st there will be an increase in membership dues. Please see back page for details. For 2005 there will be a special category of “Century Club.” Soon members will also be receiving a membership card. This card must be presented to receive free admission to the museum and to receive a 10% discount in the store.

NEW 2005 Calendar

A must have gift that featuring old schools of Monroe County. This calendar would make a great hostess gift or stocking stuffer.

GOT JEANS?

Beginning this spring, there will be demonstrations on our old wooden loom here at the History Center. BUT we need old jeans to use for weaving rugs. If you have old jeans, please drop them off here at the History Center. THANK YOU!
Founders Endowment: Help Us Build A Walk That Remembers Forever

Soon you will receive a packet in the mail announcing the upcoming Founders Endowment. The goal of this endowment is to raise $2,000,000. The interest from the endowment will be applied to the general operating fund of the History Center and will secure the organization’s ability to expand into the future. The History Center is a self-sustaining non-profit organization that financially relies on donations and memberships.

Now that the first million has been raised through private sources, it is time for the endowment to go public. The purchase of engraved bricks is a great way for you to participate.

Imagine having your name or that of a loved one immortalized in the Monroe County History Center Plaza for thousands to see as a tribute to Monroe County families.

The Monroe County History Center will be surfaced with 4”x8” and 8”x8” bricks engraved per your specifications. Bricks are only $500 or $1000. Bricks will be installed in the fall of 2005. There’s only a limited number available, so order your brick today.

History Center Plaza is located near the entrance of the History Center at the corner of Sixth and Washington Streets. More than 12,000 people a year will pass through the Plaza and see your brick. Order a brick for yourself, your family, clients or friends. Brick make creative gifts that last a lifetime.

Proceeds from brick sales will be credited to the Founders Endowment Fund.

Please reserve ________ 4”x8” brick at $500.
Please reserve ________ 8”x8” brick at $1000.

Total $ __________

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Method of Payment

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☐ MasterCard
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Credit Card #

Signature

Exp. date

For 4”x8” brick
Please use one square per letter or space.

For 8”x8” brick
Please use one square per letter or space.

NOTE: Those ordering more than one brick may attach additional inscriptions to this form.
Remember the February Auction

Don’t forget to start saving your “better-than-garage-sale” items to sell at our annual benefit auction in February (exact date to be announced). We can receive donations anytime; please call if you have questions.

Lee Ehman (left) and Julian Livingston (right). Julian has taken care of the Society’s web page for years. Lee has recently taken over as web master. If you have not visited our web site recently check out its new look at www.kiva.net/~mchm
At this year’s Volunteer Recognition Dinner, several special volunteers were recognized for their extraordinary level of dedication to the History Center. Volunteer are the life force of MCHS; it is because of their numerous hours of effort that we can proudly proclaim that the History Center is one of the best county museums in the state. This year five people were recognized. Genealogy Volunteer of the Year went to Lee Ehman and Greeter of the Year went to Patty Pizzo. Normally I would select one volunteer that I thought should be named Volunteer of the Year, but this year I could not choose just one. There were three people who have dedicated many hours to the History Center in different ways and all three deserved to be Volunteer of the Year. Penny Mathiesen volunteers in the genealogy library and at the front desk. She is also responsible for providing me with a large portion of the copy I use in the newsletter. I am very grateful for her efforts. Liz Knapp is the volunteer in charge of the Genealogy Library. She coordinates all the other gene volunteers, and spends countless hours dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of the Library. Liz is also an active member of the Collection and Exhibits Committee. The last Volunteer of the Year is Bud Lynch. He is the volunteer in charge of the Veterans History Project. To date, 150 veterans from the county have been interviewed. Bud and his volunteers have done an incredible job. Indiana is one of the most active states in the nation participating in this Library of Congress project, and Monroe County is one of the most active counties in the participating Indiana.
Your Membership is Key …

Memberships Make Great Gifts, Too

The February newsletter will have the following changes to the membership dues. “Basic” will be increased to $35. The category of “Sustaining” will temporarily be replaced by the “Century Club.” There are no changes for the Corporate levels.

Renew early and take advantage of the 2004 rates.

Individual – Family
- □ Basic $25
- □ Friend $50
- □ Sustaining $100-249
- □ Contributor $250-499
- □ Patron $500+

Corporate - Service Organizations
- □ Level 1 $100-249
- □ Level 2 $250-499
- □ Level 3 $500-999
- □ Level 4 $1000+

Please Send to:
Monroe County Historical Society, Inc.
202 East Sixth Street
Bloomington, IN  47408

Or Fax to 812-355-5593

☐ Check if you have a special interest in genealogy.

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