25th Annual Garage Sale
June 9-10th

For twenty-five years, the Monroe County Historical Society has held the area’s largest garage sale. This year’s event will cover 14,000 square feet of the old RCA warehouse behind Cook Pharmica LLC. Items ranging from antique jewelry to water softeners are expected to gross $10,000 in support of the Museum and Genealogy Library.

Gayle Cook has co-chaired the event since its beginning. She explains, “We didn’t start small. The annual event began in 1982 when Monroe Guaranty Insurance Company donated the entire contents of a variety store after a fire insurance settlement. We had to sort and price every item in the store.” The idle Seward Iron Works factory at 8th & Rogers provided the first sale site.

Mary Lee Deckard and Kathy McFall also have been co-chairs throughout the 25 years. “What impresses us most,” says Mary Lee, “is how much we enjoy and look forward to the Garage Sale. It is like keeping a store for a month. We do all the sorting, cleaning, and displaying. We have lots of laughs and get to know each other really well.” This year, 30 History Center volunteers will spend more than 500 hours preparing for the sale. “The biggest challenge is getting donated items that are in good condition,” says Kathy. “Items that sell well are antiques, collectibles, jewelry, furniture and appliances.”

Each item is pre-tagged before teams of three people walk through the warehouse and write a price on each tag. Over the course of a week, other volunteers wander through the maze of items and suggest price changes based on their expertise in a particular field. Gayle says, “We frequently look on eBay for comparables and then price our items lower. This ensures that antiques are priced acceptably for dealers and bargains are available for individuals.”

All donations are tax deductible. Bring items directly to the garage sale location in the warehouse behind Cook Pharmica LLC located at 1300 S. Patterson Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Enter at Cook Pharmica, and follow the signs. For more information or to volunteer, call Mary Lee Deckard, 332-5475, or Kathy McFall, 322-1504.

Above: Allison Lendman, co-chair of the Collections and Exhibits Committee, takes items to the garage sale. Thank you to Jeanne Walters Real Estate Company for loaning their truck to the History Center.
**Monroe County History Center**

**MCHS Purpose Statement**
The purpose of MCHS shall be to collect, preserve, research, interpret and exhibit the genealogy, history and artifacts of Monroe County, Indiana, as well as research and interpret the relation of that county’s genealogy, history, and artifacts to the State of Indiana and the United States, and thereby to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Monroe County’s history, culture, and natural environment by all.

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### Events Schedule

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

**General Board Meeting**
2nd Thursday of the month, 4 pm

**Civil War Roundtable Meetings**
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September—June from 6:30– 8:30 pm. For more information, please contact John Crosby at 339-2572.

**3rd Thursday Series**
Every 3rd Thursday of the month a free lecture or tour is held. Most programs are held at 7pm.

**June**
- THU 15 3rd Thursday Event: “Obituary Research” w/ Randi Richardson, 7pm
- TUE 20 Civil War Roundtable: “Gettysburg: The Battle Continues 143 Years Later” given by local historian Mark Acres, 6:30pm
- SAT 24 Garden Walk Event, 1-5pm, see page 6
- SUN 25 Garden Walk Event, 1-5pm, see page 6

**July**
- WED 5 Genie Group discussion: “’Brickwalls’ and How to Get Past Them”, 10am
- THU 20 3rd Thursday Event: “Treasures and Historical Indiana Items” w/ Becky Cape, 1pm. *This is a MCHS members-only tour of the Lilly Library. Reservations are required (limit of 20 people). Call the office to make your reservations, today!*

**August**
- THU 17 3rd Thursday Event: “Monroe County Post Offices” w/ Marge Faber, 7pm

### Exhibit Schedule

**“A Collection of Collections III”**
Opens: April 1  Closes: June 30

“This Collection of Collections III” features interesting collections belonging to area residents. There is a wide variety of collections this year: hotel silver pieces, antique dolls, dragons, pocket knives, bells, pigs, peacocks and kitchen reamers (juicers).

**“Garden Weddings”**
Opens: June 17  Closes: October 7

This exhibit features wedding gowns from 1902 through the 1980s. displayed in a garden environment. The exhibit will be stop #4 on the Bloomington Garden Club’s Garden Walk.

**“Games and Wind-up Toys”**
Opens: July 11  Closes: October

NEEDED: loans of old and antique games and wind-up toys – children’s or adults’. Items needed by June 15.

**“Chairs”**
Opens: October 15  Closes: February

NEEDED: chairs/seats of all kinds and sizes – dollhouse to human – should be unique, antique, unusual, historically connected, or special in some way. Send a picture or description to the Center indicating why your chair/s should be included! Items needed by September 24.
Update from the Managing Director

Our Building
In the past 10 weeks, I’ve learned a lot about artifacts as well as building facts. On April 18, fire inspector Chuck Mulry gave Rachel McCarty, Steve Rolfe and me a surprise three-hour tour of the building. We learned all we ever wanted to know about the History Center and more! Since then, DeAnna Bassett’s Building and Grounds Committee has been busier than ever. The committee is making sure that more fire extinguishers are purchased, doors are labeled, extension cords are minimized, and alarm, heating/cooling and electrical systems are tested and updated as needed. The Center will soon be in top shape, and we will better understand how this beautiful building functions.

Closed Sundays
The History Center will now be closed on Sundays. The decision on May 11 to discontinue the Sunday hours reflects the Board of Trustees’ desire for more flexible programming and increased participation in community-wide events, e.g. Downtown Bloomington First Fridays. The Sunday closing will also allow the staff to accommodate more evening special events.

Painting
During the month of May, plasterers repaired and painted interior walls damaged last year by water. In June, the green exterior window frames of the old building will be repainted.

History Center Gains a new Exhibit Piece

Richard Becher has spent more than 600 hours designing, building, and carving the newest addition to our Cook Gallery. This unique Conestoga wagon model came with a beautiful case and lots of historical information, making it an exceptional donation. Everything is handcrafted, and the wagon’s parts are authentic and in actual working order.

Above: Richard Becher in front of the wagon and case he hand-crafted.
Right: Two up-close shots showing the detail of this piece. The numbered white dots correspond to written materials.

I look forward to seeing many members and friends at the 25th Annual Garage Sale benefit on June 9th & 10th, and at this month’s 3rd Thursday program, “Obituary Research,” on June 15.

See you soon,

Jill Leh
Turning the pages of an old songbook from the Genealogy Library, one finds more than the tunes of yesteryear, such as “Annie Laurie,” “Old Folks at Home,” “Sweet and Low,” and “The Last Rose of Summer.” Interspersed between the musical selections are advertisements for local businesses. Several pages are missing, as well as the cover. Title and publisher are unknown, but purpose and age can be deduced from the remaining evidence.

The songbook is stamped “Property of Perry Tp. No. 7.” According to a late-nineteenth-century map of Monroe County schools, Perry No. 7 was known familiarly as Handy School, located in the southeastern part of the township (Handbook of Common Schools, 1888–89). Among the country schools, those of Perry Township were regarded as “superior to the average in Monroe County,” since they benefited from the presence of Indiana University in the northern part of the township. By the 1880s, all of the Perry schools were built of brick; no other township could claim this distinction (“Perry Township Schools Paved the Way,” Herald-Telephone, 24 September 1968).

Because the Perry Township schools were considered advanced, singing may have been a regular part of instruction. Copies of the songbook, subsidized by advertisers, three have musical or educational connections: Wulschner-Stewart Music Co. and Carlin & Lennox Music House, both of Indianapolis, and American Book Co., a textbook publisher with offices nationwide. The fourth, A. H. Burkert’s Mammoth Store in Gosport in neighboring Owen County probably had an eye on customers from Monroe County.

All of the other advertisers are from Bloomington. One business opted for an eye-catching banner at the top of each page: “Davis Hardware Co. sells fishing tackles, guns and pistols” (not to mention surreys, cooking utensils, Studebaker wagons, Keen Kutter axes, stoves and tinware, reapers and mowers, roofing materials, and “pig-tight” farm fence). Other businesses offered full-page advertisements, often illustrated: Kahn Clothing; Monroe County State Bank; Eagle Clothing; Von Behren Hardware; Thos. J. Penrod, Druggist; Harry A. Axtel, Fire Insurance, Real Estate, Loans; Foster & Griffin, Dealers in High-Grade Buggies; and C. O. Maple, Prescription Druggist.

The clothing and merchandise portrayed in the ads suggests the early part of the twentieth century. A survey of extant city directories from 1900 to the 1920s reveals that all of the Bloomington advertisers were located on or near the downtown square. Since businesses came and went, the absence of an advertiser from a particular city directory helps focus the time of the songbook’s publication.

Several advertisers operated with the same name and location for the entire period under consideration: Kahn Clothing, at 113–115 W. Kirkwood, on the south side of the Square; Monroe County State Bank, at 100 N. Walnut, on the southeast corner of the Square; and Eagle Clothing, at 107 N. College, on the west side of the Square.

Continued as Songbook on page 10.
In the late 1840s and the early 1850s, the gold rush years, many men with Monroe County connections headed to California with the hope of striking it rich. One of those men was Noah Payne. While others came back, or were joined elsewhere by their families, Noah didn’t. This is his story.

The first record of Noah Payne in Monroe County is dated 19 October 1841, when he married Eleanor Hardesty. Noah, a native of North Carolina, was about 21 years old at the time of his marriage; Eleanor, a native of Virginia, was between the ages of 12 and 17. Several years after the marriage, in 1844, a daughter was born. Her name was Margaret.

Success seemed to elude Noah and his family. In 1850, nine years after the marriage, they lived in Johnson County, Indiana. Noah, a carpenter, didn’t own any land and had no personal assets of any value. Perhaps that’s why he was eager to seek his fortune elsewhere. He left with a wagon train on 8 February 1852, headed for California. In his absence, Eleanor was left with little or no means to support herself and Margaret.

For the next two years, Eleanor wrote to Noah regularly. Noah also kept in touch with Eleanor, occasionally sending her money that she always welcomed. By the early winter of 1854, Noah had sent a total of $250, a sum much too small to support a family for two years. Then the letters stopped. Eleanor kept writing to Noah at the same address, but there was no response.

With no confirmation that Noah was dead or alive, Eleanor found it difficult to get on with her life. She couldn’t remarry, because she was already married. Like other grass widows, she had to assume that Noah might simply have abandoned her.

By June 1860, Eleanor and Margaret were living with the family of F. M. Williams in Monroe County, Indiana. Eleanor identified herself as a widow. F. M. was a stable keeper of some means. His mother, Sarah (Payne) Williams, a widow and possibly Eleanor’s sister-in-law, was also a member of the household. His father, Zachariah Williams, was deceased.

Eleanor sued Noah for divorce in a Monroe County court charging him with abandonment. The divorce was granted to her in October 1860. A few weeks later Eleanor married Thomas Minet.

It was lucky that Eleanor chose to divorce Noah rather than remarrying with the belief that he had died. In fact, in June 1860, Noah N. Payne was living in a lodging house in LaPorte Township, Sierra County, California. Apparently he had not struck it rich—he still had no real or personal property. And one must wonder whether or not he was ever a miner at all because his occupation was still that of carpenter.

A decade later in 1870, Thomas and Eleanor Minet disappeared from census records along with Eleanor’s daughter, Margaret. Noah, on the other hand, was still residing in Sierra County, California. Although he lived among miners, he was still working as a carpenter, and he shared his living quarters with several other men. His financial circumstances had, however, improved somewhat as he owned personal assets valued at $100.

The last known record of Noah was in San Francisco, California, as noted in the 1880 census. His age that year was noted as 59 and, as was his habit, he was again residing in a lodging house. His occupation was reportedly that of retired merchant and his marital status was that of widower. As in previous years, North Carolina was noted as his place of birth. The enumerator also indicated his father and mother were born in Maryland and Scotland, respectively.

Continued as **Gold Rush** on page 10.
Our Volunteers: Jerry & Dot Spore

By Rachel Peden McCarty

The social chair of the Indiana Student Association was coordinating dance classes and in need of a piano player. A young man, just out of the army, was pointed out to her for the job. She hired him and that is how Dot Moore and Jerry Spore met in 1948 at the Union on the Indiana University Campus.

Nearly two years later, on June 4, 1950, the couple wed here in Bloomington. Dot’s wedding dress, which she made from material purchased at the L.S. Ayres in downtown Indianapolis for $13.00, and Jerry’s suit will be part of our “Garden Weddings” exhibit opening this month.

Loaning items for exhibit is just one way the Spores like to help the Monroe County Historical Society fulfill its mission. They also volunteer on a regular basis. MCHS Board member Allison Lendman explains, “Dot and Jerry are always ready and willing to help in any way. At nearly every Center-sponsored event, this couple can be seen in attendance to support and encourage the activity.”

Dot is a former board member and is now a member of our advisory board. She continues to attend our monthly board meetings and is a great encouragement to this writer. She enjoys serving as a greeter because she likes to meet people, and while she is at the front desk, Jerry is working in the Genealogy Library. They also help with mass mailings at the Center and any special events we hold, like our February auction where Jerry displays items being bid on, and Dot keeps track of how many people come through our doors.

The couple enjoys history. “We have both been genealogized,” says Jerry, a native of Gibson County who has researched his family history to pioneers in Vanderburgh, Posey, Harrison and Gibson Counties. He still contributes to the Gibson County Historical Society newsletter and is also a Society of Indiana Pioneers member. He finds satisfaction in helping people learn about their own genealogy by sharing with them how to do research on the Internet. In speaking about our genealogy library he says, “It is important to be here for people who want to come back to their hometown and want to trace back their family.”

Dot is a Bloomington native with some famous roots. She is able to trace her family back to Ann Bradstreet, the daughter of the first governor of Massachusetts, Governor Dudley. Her father, Virgil Moore, was a band director who played in Indianapolis. Dot and her mother moved back to Bloomington when she was two years old. Dot’s grandmother and mother were both writers for newspapers here including the Star Courier, owned by one of her great uncles. Another great uncle owned the Harris-Grand and Princess theaters. In addition, her cousin, Catherine Feltus, was married 47 years to the Music Man, Robert Preston.

Both Dot and Jerry graduated from Indiana University. The couple have three children all living in Monroe County: daughter Jennifer, sons Dan and Jim, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They are very proud of their family and support their involvement in the community. “We enjoy what we do, like going to swim meets and school programs,” explains Dot.

Before “retirement,” Jerry worked as an accountant for Ralph Rogers, was data processing manager at Sarkes Tarzan and finished his last 20 years of employment at Indiana University working with computers. He also played the organ at Mt. Gilead Christian Church and worked with the choir. He stills plays the organ when needed and enjoys making slide shows for reunions and Bible schools.

Dot spent her first year teaching Home Economics and English for grades 7 through 12 at Unionville High School. She spent over 35 years teaching and substituting in the Monroe County School system. She also taught Sunday school at Mt. Gilead and she and Jerry were the Work and Win 4-H Club leaders.

The Spores are not only wonderful volunteers for the Center, they are wonderful people. They are hard working, encouraging, and fun to be around. Their love of life and family is evident for all to see. Thank you, Dot and Jerry, for your friendship and the example you set for all of us.

There are many volunteer opportunities available at the History Center. To learn more about these opportunities please contact Lisa Simmons at 332-2517 or education@monroehistory.org.
“Garden Weddings” Exhibit and Garden Walk Event

“Garden Weddings” Opens Saturday June 17
The newest exhibit at the History Center, “Garden Weddings,” opens Saturday, June 17 and runs through October 7. Many of the gowns are on loan from local residents. The exhibit will be in our Brown Gallery and features nearly two dozen wedding gowns from the 1930s-80s as well as a 1902 gown, loaned by our volunteer Carol Wise. Carol’s gown has been worn by four generations of brides.

The exhibit will be stop #4 on the Bloomington Garden Club’s annual Garden Walk on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 & 25, from 1:00-5:00pm.

Garden Walk Event
Several vendors will display their wares and services on our lawn and in the Deckard Education Room. For gardening enthusiasts, Greg’s Architectural Antiques & Garden, from Cincinnati, will have a huge stock of garden ornaments available for sale. They carry one of the largest selections of streetlights, fountains, urns, benches, gates, garden statues, etc. Several local vendors have also been invited to participate.

Local wedding planners, including Shoshana Brady, will display cakes, flowers, favors, wedding décor, etc. for idea-gathering brides-to-be. Refreshments will be available.

Visitors do not need tickets to the Garden Walk to visit these vendors’ booths at the Center.

Tickets to the six local gardens on this year’s Walk are on sale at the History Center. Prices are $8 in advance and $10 on days of the Walk.

Walk ticket-holders will receive free museum admission.

Above: Dot & Jerry Spore on their wedding day, June 4, 1950.

Far Left: The powerhouse couple posing at the History Center with their original wedding day attire. Their wedding regalia will be displayed in the exhibit.

Left: One of the fountains available from Greg’s Architectural Antiques & Garden.
WANTED: RECIPES AND CARPENTERS

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The original *Tastes of Monroe County* cookbook was such a success that we have decided to issue a second volume. If you participated in the original *Tastes of Monroe County* cookbook, we thank you, and invite you to contribute once again. If you weren't included in the first volume, be sure to send your recipes in so that you, too, can be a part of the culinary history of Monroe County. All of the money raised by the *Tastes of Monroe County* cookbook will be put directly back into the History Center.

To contribute recipes, go to:  www.typensave.com, and type in the group login: mccooks2. Type in the code: 5eesq. The recipe limit is 6 per contributor. Recipes can also be mailed to the History Center. We plan to have the new volume out in 2007.

WANTED: CARPENTERS

- to construct a display case for a 1940s dollhouse
- to build a sturdy display for a recently donated collection of Indiana auto license plates.

Contact Allison Lendman at 935-6693 for more information.

MUSEUM STORE

What is in the Museum Store?

- Nostalgic Children’s Toys, Books & Crafts
- Monroe County Coverlets
- Clay City Pottery
- Local History and General Interest Books
- Genealogy Items
- Unique Gift Wrap and Note Cards
- MCHS Publications
- Huge Selection of Paper Dolls
- Postcards and Canvas Totes
- Limestone and Glass Paperweights
- Earth Drops Soaps
- Dillman Farms Jams and Jellies
- Products made from Local Honey & Beeswax
- Armetale Metal Plate Depicting Courthouse
- A Wonderful Selection of Used Books
- MUCH MORE!

100% of the profits from the store go to the Society to operate the History Center.

You may come to the History Center for the Genealogy Library, Museum, or the Store. The Museum Store is both educational and fun. It is a way to take a little bit of history home with you. While you are there, don't forget to check out the great collection of new and vintage used books!!
The new “3rd Thursday” series was launched in April. Topics range from genealogical, “Obituary Research,” to architectural, “Giving New Life to Old Houses,” to local history, “Herman Wells and the Community.” The July program, “Treasures and Historical Indiana Items,” is a special MCHS members-only tour of the Lilly Library. Please call ahead to reserve your spot. See the enclosed 3rd Thursday flyer or www.monroehistory.org for a complete schedule.

New 3rd Thursday Programs

Thank you Century Club Members!

These MCHS members gave at least $100 during the 2005-2006 fiscal year to help us celebrate our 100th anniversary as a Historical Society. Their names will be added to a plaque to be displayed in the History Center. Thank you for helping us grow.
Gold Rush Continued from page 5

Wherever, whenever, or however Noah died, he had no family to miss him. They stayed behind and began new lives when he went in search of gold. Noah’s story is interesting, not so much because it is unusual, but because it is documented. If the truth was known, probably an untold number of Monroe County families lost sons and husband during the gold rush. And perhaps some, like Noah, left behind one life only to create a new one elsewhere.

Notes
1. This Noah Payne should not be confused with the Noah Payne, also a native of North Carolina, who married Lucinda Huff on 13 September 1841, in Monroe County, Indiana, and died here on 3 February 1883.
2. Based upon her age, 21, in the 1850 census, Eleanor’s date of birth was about 1829; 1860 census records suggest a date of birth about 1824.
3. A “grass widow” is an early term for a woman whose husband has been gone for a long period or has abandoned her.
4. 1860 Indiana census, Perry Township, Monroe County, p. 116, household 823.

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Two advertisers appear in the 1907–8 directory and continue through 1916–18, narrowing the time frame while showing the evolution of the downtown scene. Von Behren Hardware operated at 105 W. Kirkwood, on the south side of the Square; by 1920, the location was occupied by Bloomington Hardware. Davis Hardware operated in the 200 block of N. College, just north of the Square; in 1920, Smallwood Hardware took over the location.

Thos. J. Penrod, Druggist (later, Penrod Pharmacy), T. J. and Lillie Penrod, proprietors, is listed at 201–203 N. College, on the northwest corner of the Square, in the 1900 through 1916–18 directories. Beginning in 1920, the address remains the same, but Thomas’s wife, Lillie, is now listed as sole proprietor. The Monroe County death records show that Thomas J. Penrod died on 8 September 1916. Since the songbook advertisement uses his name (“Thos. J. Penrod, Druggist”), it was probably prepared before his death. Remaining advertisers are found only in the 1907–8 directory. Harry A. Axtel, Fire Insurance, Real Estate, Loans, is listed at 123 S. Walnut. This may have been a temporary venture for Mr. Axtel, who in other years is listed as a lawyer or real estate agent at various addresses. A grocery store later occupied 123 S. Walnut. Foster & Griffin, the buggy dealership, never appears as such in the directories, but Jas. Griffin is listed at 217–219 N. Walnut in the 1907–8 volume. The address was occupied in 1900 by Clay Beard, Livery Stable, and later, from 1909 through 1918, by Foster & Hudelson, Harness, Buggies, and Farm Implements. In 1920, the location became Quality Hardware.

C. O. Maple, Prescription Druggist, is listed in the 1907–8 directory at 111 N. College, on the west side of the Square. In the 1909–10 directory, the business becomes Maple’s Drug Store; Lyman Fulk is manager. The Monroe County death records show that Charles O. Maple died on 5 January 1908. The songbook ad was most likely prepared while the business was listed in his name and before his death.

The evidence places the songbook in the first decade of the twentieth century: after 1900 (the year of the first extant city directory, which doesn’t include all the advertisers) but no later than 1907–8 (the date of the next extant directory, which includes all of the advertisers and was published just before Maple’s death). This little collection of songs not only resonates with the echoes of long-departed children’s voices but also evokes a bustling image of life on the Square one hundred years ago.

Thanks to Loretta Condra for bringing the songbook to my attention!
**News from the Library**

**MCHS at IGS 2006**
Four volunteers from the Genealogy Library attended the Indiana Genealogical Society’s Annual Meeting and Conference in Austin, Indiana, on 1 April 2006: Liz Knapp, Allison Lendman, Mobie McCammon, and Michael Maben, who is also the IGS Vice President. In addition to attending sessions on genealogical research, they discussed exchanging Monroe County Historical Society publications with other societies and staffed a table in the exhibit area. Sales of MCHS publications totaled $90.00.

**Recent Donation**
The Genealogy Library thanks Ron Burkhart for donating several interesting items, including a short history of Solomon Greene and other members of the Greene family. Solomon Greene was an early resident of Monroe County who settled on a grant of land southwest of Bloomington on Rockport Road. He was also Ron’s great grandfather.

**News from Other Places**

**Newspapers from a Distance**
The Indiana State Library has a collection of Indiana newspapers that cover many years and most counties. Some of the newspapers are indexed, and many have been microfilmed. The microfilms may be requested via interlibrary loan from a local public library. A list of the newspapers by county is available online. For more information, contact: ISL, tel.: (317) 232-3675; or go to: www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/whatwehave/npindex.html (From Indiana Genealogist, March 2006.)

**Vital Records Bill Update**
Indiana House Bill 1067 failed to make it out of committee during the General Assembly’s short session that adjourned in March 2006. The bill would have restricted access to Indiana death records less than fifty years old and birth records less than seventy-five years old. But it is likely that a similar bill will be introduced another time. The Indiana Genealogical Society continues to monitor the situation. To help out, contact IGS President Betty Warren, email: Blwarren49@aol.com; tel.: (317) 862-2426. (From IGS Newsletter, April 2006.)

**Lustron House Saved**
The 1940s Lustron house formerly owned by St. Thomas Lutheran Church has been saved by Bloomington Restorations, Inc. It is one of Bloomington’s seven all-metal Lustron homes. The BRI Revolving Fund found a new owner to disassemble the house and reconstruct it on West Kirkwood Avenue. (From BRI News, April 2006.)

**GENEALOGY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Help with short and long-term projects such as

- **Book Cataloging**
- **Accessioning**
- **Scanning Articles**
- **Indexing**

For more information contact
Liz Knapp,
Genealogy Library Director
355-5588
genealogy@monroehistory.org

**EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
Have you always wanted to work in a library? Now is your chance! We have many exciting opportunities available.

Current projects include proofreading the family history book, data entry, indexing, and helping library visitors find the answers to genealogy questions or local history queries. Whether our library volunteers are creating valuable research tools or finding somebody's "missing link," they're never bored, and they learn amazing things about Monroe County's heritage. Come join us!

**GENIE GROUP**
We meet on the 1st Wed. of every odd month. The meetings are open to the public and are at 10am at the History Center. Call for details.
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