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Monroe County Historian

See Stories... Touch Time... Make Memories...

New Searchable Database of Historic Photos

By Tosha Daugherty

The History Center has launched an online searchable database of historic photos from the collection. The project took nine months to complete and was made possible by an “Excelerator Grant” from the AT&T Foundation.

A wide variety of historic photos from Monroe County’s past are now accessible to the public on the Monroe County History Center’s website at www.monroehistory.org. For the first time, the public can view more than 3,000 of the 6,000 photos currently in the Historical Society’s photo collection.

The photos are published in a database for archives known as PastPerfect. Visitors to the website can view each photograph and read the documentation available for the photo, e.g. the photo’s location, date, event, subject, and miscellaneous notes. The History Center’s collection of historic photos ranges from tin-types taken in the mid-1800s to current day digital images. Visitors can search the photo database by key words to find a photo of a particular person or place as well as view a random selection of photos. Each photo in the database is imprinted with a watermark and is not for reprint; however, individuals can purchase reprints by contacting the History Center.

Managing director Jill Lesh is hopeful that visitors who explore the database

will become excited about the photos and come into the History Center to learn more about Monroe County history. “I think the public will love viewing these historic photos. In fact, we would like people to send us more information about the people and places in the photos whenever possible. The better information we have about each photo, the more complete a portrait we can paint of our local history.”

In addition to the photos, website visitors can search for items in the genealogy/local history library catalogue. “This will be extremely helpful to researchers looking for family histories and other Monroe County documents,” comments library director, Liz Knapp. “It will save people time and be a great help in planning a visit to the library.”



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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

2nd Tuesday of each month from Sep.-Jun. from 7-8:30pm. For more information, please contact John Crosby at 339-2572.

3rd Thursday Series

Every 3rd Thursday of the month a free program is held, usually at 7pm.

Genealogy Group

Every 1st Tuesday of odd months, 10am.

December

- MON 3 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:30pm
TUE 11 Civil War Roundtable Holiday Celebration, 7pm
SAT 15 Wool Spinning Demonstration, 11-1pm, w/ Pam Kinnaman

History Center's Holiday Closings December 25, 26 & January 1

January

- TUE 8 Civil War Roundtable, "The Civil War in East Tennessee and the Smoky Mountains" w/ Steve Rolfe, 7pm
TUE 8 Antique Appraisal Benefit, 7pm \$10 per 2 items, w/ Scott Keller,
THR 17 3rd Thursday, "Traditional Arts of Indiana" w/ Jon Kay, 7pm
SAT 26 Week of Chocolate: Sundaes on Saturday, 1-4pm

February

- FRI 1 Gala Benefit Dinner, "Preserving Indiana's Domes" w/ Gayle Cook, Fountain Square Ballroom, 6pm
TUE 12 Civil War Roundtable, "The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the Great Rebellion" w/ John Crosby, 7pm
SAT 16 Wool Spinning Demonstration, 11-1pm, w/ Pam Kinnaman
THR 21 3rd Thursday, "The Time and Place That Gave Me Life" w/ Janet Cheatham Bell, 7pm
MON 25 Annual Benefit Auction, 6pm

Exhibit Schedule

"Fantasia: Fans from the Sage Collection"

Opens: October 12

Closes: January 5

Fantasia explores the use of hand-held fans as a personal accessory and form of adornment across history. One hundred examples from the Sage Collection's fans illustrate the different forms and ways in which fans have been ceremonial and practical, and fragile, feminine playthings. Co-curators are Kate Rowold and Kelly Richardson.



"Memories of WWII"

Opens: October 5

Closes: February 29

Photos, uniforms, and wartime memorabilia spotlight the faces and experiences of Monroe County residents during WWII. More photos are wanted, especially photos of young soldiers (in uniform if possible) as they looked when they left Monroe County. Photos will be added to the exhibit as they come in.



"Knock on Wood: Interesting Items Made of Wood"

Opens: November 6

Closes: January 26

See how many of the items you can identify in this fascinating array of unusual wooden things.



"Cathedral Window Quilts"

Opens: January 15

Closes: April 26

WE NEED: quilts and wall hangings in cathedral or stained glass window patterns. Call Allison Lendman 935-6693.

"Collection of Collection IV"

Opens: February 5

Closes: April 19

WE NEED: your favorite collections by Jan. 29. Call Allison Lendman 935-6693.

"75th Anniversary of 1933 World's Fair"

Opens: March 1

Closes: May 31

WE NEED: memorabilia related to the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Call Allison Lendman 935-6693.

Not To Be Missed

Sundaes on Saturday A Week of Chocolate Event

Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-4pm

Free sundaes with price of museum admission (members free).



Design your own sundaes with lots of chocolate toppings. Learn the history of ice cream making, and enjoy old-time music.

The museum will abound with activity from Monroe County's past. Be a part of the 1880s living history interpretations in the museum's log cabin and one-room school. Enjoy the exhibits and let Monroe County History come alive for you and your family.

Antique Appraisal Benefit

with Scott Keller

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7-9pm

Bring two antique items for an informal appraisal by Scott Keller of Blackard and Geiger, Ltd. \$10 per two items or \$6 for one item (no coins, stamps or jewelry). Scott Keller will donate his services and provide a lively program for all of us as we watch his appraisals.



All proceeds benefit the Monroe County Historical Society (812-332-2517).

Wool Spinning Demonstrations

with Pam Kinnaman

Saturday, Dec. 15, 11-1pm

Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-4pm

Saturday, Feb. 16, 11-1pm

Local spinner and weaver Pam Kinnaman will treat visitors to demonstrations of carding and spinning wool. She takes advantage of the soft wool from the Shetland sheep on her farm west of Bloomington. Pam can recognize the shade of wool from each of her 25 sheep. For more information, see weesheepfarm.com.



Pam's sheep Mary and Eleanor.

Traditional Arts Indiana

with Jon Kay

Thursday, Jan. 17, 7pm



Instrument builders select, cut, carve, scrape, and bend materials to sculpt sounds and tones. From violins and guitars to ocarinas and santours, Indiana boasts a rich heritage of instrument playing and making that reflects the diversity of Hoosiers. Indiana is internationally recognized as a center of instrument manufacturing, but the state's tradition of independent instrument builders is less well known. Come to this multimedia presentation by Jon Kay, and learn about the traditions, communities, aesthetics and creative processes employed by instrument builders in Indiana.

Jon Kay directs Traditional Arts Indiana, a statewide folk and traditional arts program based at Indiana University. TAI is dedicated to expanding public awareness of Indiana's traditional practices and nurturing a sense of pride among Indiana's traditional artists.



Gala Benefit Dinner

Friday, Feb 1

Gayle Cook Shares "Preserving Indiana's Domes"

Save the Date

Fountain Square Ballroom 101 West Kirkwood



6:00 social hour & silent auction
7:00 dinner & speaker

\$40 per person (members), \$50 per person (non-members)
Table for 8 sponsorships \$500

Gayle Cook will share her experiences preserving Indiana's domes, from the Monroe County Courthouse to the West Baden Hotel. Your participation will help build the Historical Society Founders' Endowment. This fund is essential to provide the ongoing support to preserve our collection, upgrade exhibits, and improve our facilities.

We look forward to a festive evening. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

Thank You to our sponsors CFC, Inc. and WFIU.

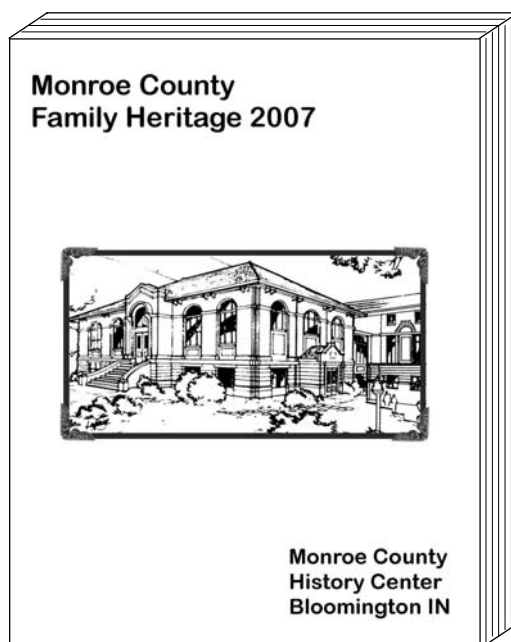


At the Museum Store: the New Family Heritage Book

By Jill Lesh

The long-awaited *Monroe County Family Heritage 2007* book is available in the Museum Store, just in time for holiday giving. This soft-cover book of 306 pages includes the history of almost 150 families, an all-name index, plus many photographs and special articles by Allison Lendman, "The Lure of the Courthouse Fish," and by Glenda Murray, "A Brief History of Monroe County."

The Historical Society owes a debt of gratitude to everyone who helped with this project during the past three years, especially publication coordinator, Liz Knapp; editor



Emily Heinlen; and proofreaders Allison Lendman and Dot Spore. This is a major accomplishment.

The cost of the publication is \$30.00 plus \$1.80 Indiana tax; shipping is \$4.00 per book. Make checks payable to the Monroe County Historical Society or call 812-332-3517 to order by Visa or MasterCard.

Remember the Museum Store for your holiday shopping. We have lots of new and exciting merchandise along with an outstanding offering of state and locally-made items, Indiana-related books, pottery, toys and Courthouse Anniversary t-shirts.

News from the Library

genealogy@monroehistory.org

New in the Library

Three useful older volumes are now available in the Genealogy Library: *Counties of Clay and Owen, Indiana*, ed. Charles Blanchard (Chicago: Battey, 1884); *History of Lawrence and Monroe Counties, Indiana* (Indianapolis: Bowen, 1914); and *The Soldier of Indiana in the War for the Union* (Indianapolis: Merrill, 1869). Because these volumes are in fragile condition, they will not be shelved with the main collection. Visitors may request the volumes from a library assistant; no photocopying will be allowed.

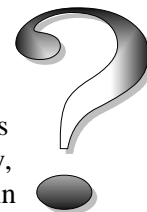
Volunteer News

Bob Dodd is organizing and labeling the Genealogy Library's map collection. He will also be revising the map index. Past and present volunteers who have worked on the accessioning project are Kara Bayless, Virginia Dearborn, Sue Hathaway, Amy Ihnen, B. Klusman, Bonnie Roos, Bryn Taubensee, Grace Wadholm, and Lydia Welhan. Other new volunteers in the library include Marilyn Bourke, Beckie Figg, Maribeth McKaig, Susan Stryker, and Gary Wiggins.

Paddock Query

We are seeking information on David Paddock. He filed for land in Monroe County on 24 April 1820. He married Phoebe Frances Scott (b. 1806) in 1820, in Floyd County, Indiana. David and Phoebe lived for a time in Salem, Washington County, Indiana, where some of their children were born. In 1833, David was a Justice of the Peace in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana. Court records place David and Phoebe in Monroe County in 1834 and 1835. Sometime after 6 January 1835 and before 14 April 1836 (the date of probate filing in Monroe County), David Paddock died. We are especially interested in learning when and where he was born, where he lived before he came to Indiana, and when and where he died. Please contact Janet Boyce (812) 825-9848 or Delores Williams (317) 839-6611.

Note: Janet Boyce and Delores Williams have generously contributed information to the Paddock family file in the Genealogy Library.



News from Other Places

Indiana State Librarian Named



Roberta L. Brooker, Interim Indiana State Librarian, was appointed to the position permanently by the Indiana Library and Historical Board on 1 June 2007. The State Library provides services to both Indiana citizens and the state government and is a valuable resource for genealogists. Brooker has

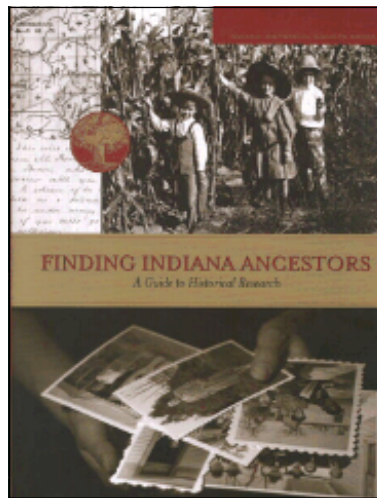
served the library in various positions since starting as a Reference Librarian in 1988. (From *ISL Connection*, June 2007.)

FamilySearch Wiki

FamilySearch Wiki is a new genealogy research tool now available online. Users can search the site for information on particular topics, get answers to genealogy questions by connecting to discussion groups, and contribute by adding content to the site. All 50 states in the U.S.A. have their own wiki pages, and so do many countries. For example, type "Indiana wiki" or "poor law" in the box in the top right hand corner, click search, and view the results. Users

don't have to register unless they wish to edit or write an article. FamilySearch Wiki is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To visit the site, go to: www.familysearchwiki.org

New Indiana Research Guide



The Indiana Historical Society published *Finding Indiana Ancestors: A Guide to Historical Research*, edited by M. Teresa Baer and Geneil Breeze, in March 2007. The book is designed to serve both first-time researchers and historical scholars. It provides a general overview of research while concentrating on Indiana resources. The book sells for \$29.95

plus shipping and handling. For more information on IHS publications, go to: <http://shop.indianahistory.org>

Fess Avenue: What's in a Name?

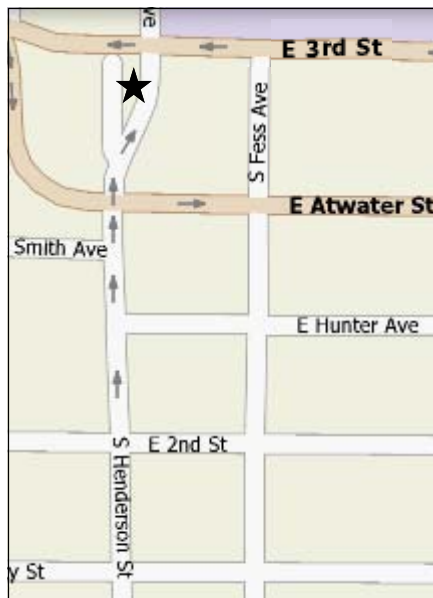
By Penelope Mathiesen

An obituary for Fred Fess (*Bloomington Daily Telephone*, 2 June 1938) highlights the name of a street near the Indiana University campus (see full text elsewhere in this issue). It gives Fred Fess's former address as 317 S. Fess, but city directories from 1900 to 1936 list him at 317 S. Henderson St.; there was no such address as 317 S. Fess Ave.

The obituary tells nothing of Fred Fess's early life except that he was a tinner at Allen Hardware for 40 years. Monroe County censuses and Bloomington city directories list his occupation, tinner, from 1880 until the mid-1920s, after which he is listed as retired.

Where was he before 1880? The 1870 Monroe County census lists a Frederic C. Fess in Bloomington Township (age: 22; occupation: railroad worker). Although the age matches that of Fred Fess, this appears at first glance to be a different person. The Monroe County Marriage Records have both a Frederic C. Fess, who married Annie M. Lathan on 30 July 1870, and a Frederick Fess, who married Sarah Pawley on 21 June 1877.

An obituary for Mrs. Fred Fess (23 October 1926) includes her first name, Sallie, which corresponds with Sarah Pawley in the marriage records. The obituaries for both Fred and Sallie Fess state that they are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. *Rosehill Cemetery* (2000) lists them in the same



★ = location of Fess home at 317 S Henderson.

lot, with Anna M. Fess and Viola Fess buried nearby.

A visit to Rose Hill Cemetery proves enlightening. The lot is dominated by a large marker incised with the Fess name. Behind it are three small stones. The one on the left reads: "Anna M., born August 26, 1852, died October 8, 1872; Viola, 1872." The one in the center reads: "Fred, born March 18, 1848, died June 2, 1938." The one on the right reads: "Sarah A., wife of F. Fess, born February 2, 1845, died October 22, 1926." "Frederic C.," "Frederick," and "Fred" Fess must be variant first names for the same person who married his second wife, Sarah, five years after the deaths of his first wife, Annie, and Viola, presumably

their infant daughter.

Where was Fred Fess before 1870 when he first appears in Monroe County censuses? There are references to relatives in New Albany, Indiana, in Bloomington newspapers: "Mr. Fess, of New Albany, has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fess" (*Telephone*, 21 March 1890); "Samuel Fess and wife, of New Albany, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fess" (*Telephone*, 1 August 1890); "Fred Fess was in New Albany the first of the week, visiting his mother" (*Saturday Courier*, 25 February 1893). And finally, Fred Fess's obituary mentions a "niece, Mrs. Ann Harmon, who lives at New Albany."

Fred's second wife, Sarah (Sallie) Pauley (Pawley), grew up in Monroe County. Her father, Hiram, was a farmer. The 1850 census lists Hiram Pauley, 34, and Harriet Pauley, 33, with five children, including Sarah A. (6). The family lived in Van Buren Twp. but later moved to Richland Twp. The *1856 Atlas of Monroe County* lists Hiram Pauley as owning property in the SE 1/4 of Section 25 in Richland Twp. (north of present-day Vernal Pike near the eastern boundary with Bloomington Twp.).

The 1860 Monroe County census shows Hiram and Harriet Pauley with seven children living at home, including Sarah (15). In the 1870 census, the family included Hiram, but not Harriet, who had died in 1869. Sarah Ann (25) was still



Fess marker, Rose Hill Cemetery. The three small stones behind it identify the graves of (left to right): Anna and Viola Fess, Fred Fess, and Sarah A. Fess. Photo courtesy of Penelope Mathiesen.

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Avenue Article (Continued)

By Penelope Mathiesen

living at home, along with four younger siblings.

After her wedding in 1877, Sarah Fess appears in Monroe County censuses under her married name. She and Fred were a popular couple. "A large crowd of friends" descended upon their home to celebrate his 41st birthday (*Telephone*, 22 March 1889). A few years later, Sarah was similarly honored: "A party of friends and neighbors broke into the Fess residence on College Hill last Saturday night" to celebrate "the birthday of Mrs. Fess" (*Saturday Courier*, 9 February 1895).

Sarah died on 22 October 1926. According to her obituary, "Mrs. 'Sallie' Fess...was one of the best known and lovable women of the city, and with her husband, Fred Fess, their's [sic] was an ideal home. She loved nature and flowers and about their house is [sic] all kinds of plants and shrubbery and various kinds of berries and fruits...her life has been a gracious part of the community in which she lived. Especial sympathy goes out to the husband—her helpmate these many years" (*Daily Telephone*, 23 October 1926).

The Fess home was designed by a well-known

Bloomington figure. An 1885 newspaper item reported that "Fred Fess, East Third Street, is having plans made by Architect John L. Nichols for a new residence" (reprinted in "Old Bloomington," by D. C. Miller, *Daily Telephone*, 2 June 1947). The Sanborn Map for Bloomington, Indiana, 1927 shows a dwelling of frame construction at 317 S. Henderson. Later additions to the map include the words "Indiana University" printed across the house and then a paper overlay obscuring its outline, suggesting that the property was taken over by IU at some point and the dwelling demolished. After Fred's death in 1938, city directories list a succession of residents at 317 S. Henderson from 1940 to 1957. Beginning in 1958, the address is identified as a parking lot.

The Fess home stood across the street from the historic Legg house (324 S. Henderson). Its former site is now a triangle of land between Henderson, E. Third, and the extension of Indiana Ave. that connects to Atwater. But the name lingers on in the neighborhood: Fess Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana.

Fred Fess Obituary

By Penelope Mathiesen

The following obituary reveals how a Bloomington street got its name. It contains an error: the Fess residence was on Henderson Street, not Fess Avenue. For more on Fred Fess, see article elsewhere in this issue.

Bloomington *Daily Telephone*, 2 June 1938

MAN FOR WHOM FESS AVENUE WAS NAMED DIES IN FLORDIA [sic]

Fred Fess, 89-year old life-long resident of Bloomington and the man for whom Fess Avenue was named, died of paralysis and complications this morning at Lakeland Florida, where he had made his home with his niece, Mrs. Ola Tell, for the past three years. He had been seriously ill for one week.

For 40 years Mr. Fess was a tinner in the Allen Hardware store, a former business located on the south side of the square and owned by Capt. W. J. Allen, grandfather of W. W. Allen, local funeral director. In those days such things

as dishpans and other household utensils were made right in the hardware store by men trained in the work.

After retiring from business, Mr. and Mrs. Fess lived at their large home at 317 South Fess avenue, where they spent much of their time raising flowers. The home and other property in Bloomington is believed to still be a part of the Fess estate. For a number of years Mr. Fess owned approximately an acre, in the neighborhood of Fess, Henderson, Third and Atwater streets.

He was a member of the Red Men and Odd Fellows lodge. His wife passed away 11 years ago, and was buried at Rosehill cemetery, where a large monument has been erected. Mr. Fess's body is to arrive at 11:15 a.m. Sunday morning, and will be taken to the Allen Funeral home. The funeral is to be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Allen Funeral home, with the Rev. Frank Messersmith of Clear Creek in charge.

Another niece, Mrs. Ann Harmon, lives at New Albany.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Courthouse Fish

By Penelope Mathiesen

During the 2007 restoration of the Monroe County Courthouse dome, the workers were asked to get some specific information about the Courthouse Fish. Speculation has abounded for years as to the exact dimensions of the fish, as well as the type of metal used in its construction. Allison Lendman, who has researched and written a history of the Courthouse Fish, prepared a list of questions. They appear below, along with the workers' answers.

Fish Facts

Q: Length from nose to tail?

A: *69 inches.*

Q: Height at widest part?

A: *11^{1/2} inches without fins; 16 inches with fins.*

Q: Thickness at its widest part?

A: *4^{1/2} inches.*

Q: Circumference (girth) at the widest part?

A: *38^{1/4} inches.*

Q: How long are the arrows?

A: *23^{1/2} inches.*



Q: What are the dimensions of the cup?

A: *13 inches tall; 23 inches around.*

Q: How much gilding (gold leaf) is still visible?

A: *About 15 percent.*

Q: What is the fish made of?

A: *Brass.*

Q: Is the fish solid or hollow?

A: *Hollow.*

Q: What are the eyes made of?

A: *Black glass.*

Q: Are there any holes or dents in the fish?

(Tales are told of people shooting at the fish with both arrows and bullets.)

A: *One dent, left side, probably an arrow.*

Q: Are there visible marks where the head was repaired in 1956?

A: *No.*

Q: Are there welds visible where the fins are attached?

A: *Yes.*

Q: What is the vertical rod, cup and arrows made of?

A: *Iron*

Q: Do the arrows revolve with the wind?

A: *No.*

Q: Does the fish freely turn?

A: *Yes, it has ball bearings.*



Above: Picture of Mr. East of Nordberd Advertising talking about the partially re-gilded courthouse fish weathervane in 1956. Photo supplied by Mary Easton. **Left:** Photo of courthouse dome reconstruction summer 2007. Photo was included in the Centennial Celebration's 2007 Time Capsule. Photo taken by MCHS staff member Lisa M. Simmons.

Photos from the Fantasia Exhibit Opening



Above—left to right: Exploring the gallery are co-curator Kate Rowold, C. Thomas Mitchell, Sheila Maben, Michael Maben, Lee Ehman and Bridget Edwards. **Left**—left to right: Taking a break are Jamee Wissink, Janice Partenheimer, Ivy Richardson (co-curator Kelly Richardson's daughter), Dara May.

New & Renewed Members

September 10th—November 10th

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Donna Jo Zink *

Our Volunteer: Julian Livingston

By Jill Lesh

Opera composer, novelist, and engineer, Julian Livingston has been a long-time volunteer at the Monroe County History Center. We are fortunate that Julian and his wife Mary Pat chose to settle in Bloomington when Julian retired from the New Jersey location of Bell Telephone Laboratories. Julian explains, "I grew up in Owen County and wanted to renew relationships with relatives in the Monroe County area as well and work on the mysteries of my family's genealogy."

Julian was soon involved with the Genealogy Library. By 1996, he was director of the Genealogy Library. He saw the value of combining the Genealogy Society Library with the Historical Society Board and the Museum Board of Governors and worked toward that goal. When the boards did fully combine in 2001, he helped create a new set of by-laws and the Active Policy Document. He regards that as his primary legacy to the organization.

Julian has been forward thinking in many ways, including setting up our earliest computer system, introducing email, and creating the first website for the Society. Julian continues as a Board of Trustees member and serves on the Genealogy Library Committee.

It is safe to say that Julian has always been multi-talented. He received a Bachelor of Music from Indiana University, soon followed by a BS in Electrical Engineering from

Purdue University, and a MSEE from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. In the 1959, he began working for Bell Labs doing early computer research in the area of data transmission with modems.

Music and writing, however, continued to be his passions. He was commissioned to write an opera for a bicentennial celebration in New Jersey. The result was "A Twist of Treason," the story of Benedict Arnold. His two novels combine his love for music and things mysterious: *The Anonymous North American Tour of Franz Liszt* and its sequel, *Paganini, the Vampire Career*. Both books are available commercially and at our Museum Store.

The mystery that has fascinated Julian most recently involves using DNA to identify the common ancestor between his line and known lines of the same surname. Things do not always work out as expected. He explains, "Most interesting is my mother's line. I tried to use an Internet database to search for matching DNA to find links to other early Campbells, only to discover there are absolutely none." At that point he goes on to speak passionately about the mysterious connection between the Campbells and the Turners.

For fun, Julian writes small plays and more seriously, composes music. He also enjoys serving on the board of the Bloomington Playwrights Project.



"I love artifacts that tell a story," says Julian Livingston as he holds the Civil War sword and scabbard that he loaned to the History Center for the Civil War exhibit.

Library Now Open 10-4 Tuesday-Saturday

By Liz Knapp

The Local History/Genealogy Library has extended its hours to be the same times as the museum and store.

The library will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There is always a person on duty to assist you with your research at no charge.

Photocopies may be made of most things in the library at a cost of 25¢ to \$1, depending on what is being copied. Many original records are found in our library, such as the Deed Records 1817-1959, Marriage Records 1818-1954, Probate records 1818-1872, and many copies of newspaper articles. Our main focus is on Monroe County, but we do have some information on other places as well.

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