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### Further Reading

- **Step Back in Time 150 Years!**
- **Preserving the Past for Future Generations**
- **Join us in creating HISTORY!!**
- **Volunteer!**

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- **www.monroehistory.org**
- **Volunteer@monroehistory.org**
- **History Center**
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### Use of Technology

- **Pharmica is just working electronics**
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### Annual Sale

- **Volunteer**
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### Additional Information

- **Monroe County Historical Society’s Museum established 1980**
- **Historical Society established 1905**
- **Museum, jewelry, art work and wonderful antiques, furniture.**
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Calendar of Events
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**June**

- **THUR 9—Board meeting, 4:00 PM**
- **FRI 10—Garage Sale at Cook Pharmacies 8:00 AM-2:00 PM.**
- **SAT 11—Garage Sale at Cook Pharmacies 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.**
- **SAT 11—WFHB presents Saturday’s Child TBA 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.**
- **MON 13–FRI 17—First week of the Junior Historian Program: Prehistoric Monroe County.**
- **TUES 14—Civil War Roundtable 7:00 PM Donna Schumick, “The 27th Indiana Battle Flag.”**
- **JULY 9—WFHB presents Saturday’s Child, TBA 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.**
- **MON 18–FRI 22 Second week of the Junior Historian Program, “Historic Monroe County 1760-1780.”**
- **THUR 21–3rd Thursday Series: 7:00 PM IU Archives and what it does for Monroe County historians presented by Dina Kellams.**
- **FRI 29–Friday Folk Series 8:00 AM-10:00 PM**
- **SAT 30—Monroe County Civil War Days: Bringing the Blue and Gray to Life Civil War Encampment, All Day, Programs, Food and Entertainment.**

Current & Upcoming Exhibits
Also available at www.monroehistory.org

**Illustrations by an Indiana Naturalist and Artist: Gillian Harris**

**Opens: June 11th Close: September 24th**

Gillian is affiliated with Sycamore Land Trust, Indiana Native Plant and Wildlife Society, The Bloomington Watercolor Society, and Bloomington Garden Club. Her illustrations highlight nature’s beauty in detail with botanicals one finds in Bloomington’s local area.

**The Faces of Lincoln**, exhibit on loan from the Indiana Historical Society

**Opens: July 18th Close: August 31st**

“The Faces of Lincoln” exhibit explores the image of Abraham Lincoln in three distinct sections, “Developing the Image,” “Creating the Image,” and “Reflections of the Civil War” Photographers: Robert Morris

**Opens: July 18th Close: October 30th**

Robert Morris has spent several years capturing emotionally evocative images of the historic battlefields of the Civil War. This exhibit features some of the most historically significant sites of the War as they are preserved today.

IN MEMORIAM

Bill Cook
Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Bill Cook
Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Indiana University Auditorium
1221 East Seventh Street
Bloomington, IN 47405
Reception, Auditorium Lobby 5:30-6:15pm
Celebration, Auditorium 6:30pm

Parking will be available in Jordan Garage, located east of the Auditorium on Jordan Avenue between 3rd and 7th Street, as well as the Wells Library lot north of the Auditorium.

Captain W.M. Alexander, Monroe County Patriot continued...

Alexander’s first marriage), did not. Hoover had married Josie Bowles on 29 June 1884, and their son, Allen P. (Philpott, Philpott, or Phillip), was born on 19 September 1890.  

By 1900, Fred and Josie had moved to Alexander’s farm. Their son, “the pride of old Capt. Alexander,” lived with the family until his death from consumption on 25 April 1912, age 22.

Documents sent on behalf of W. M. Alexander as part of his military pension file attest to many health problems between the time of his military service and his death at more than eighty years of age. A General Affidavit from Joseph E. Henley, attorney, dated 13 May 1912 states: “I have known Capt. Williamson Alexander for 40 years ... during my entire acquaintance with him he has suffered from cataract of head and complained of his heart. For many years at odd times he endured excruciating pain over his eyes ... A letter to the Commissioner of Pensions from John Q. Alexander, dated 29 June 1910, states: “My cousin Capt. Williamson M. Alexander ... has been crippled with Rheumatism for twenty years or more and is getting worse every year and his heart is in such bad condition that he tells me that his physician has forbidden him from attempting to climb stairways ... at the present time he is entirely blind and has to be waited on like a child.”

Fred and Josie Hoover cared for Captain W. M. Alexander until his death on 25 August 1921, age 83, at his home “of the infirmities of age. He had been bedfast eighteen years. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias [and] the Bloomington Post of the G.A.R. ... The funeral was held at his rural residence on East Tenth Street, with burial at Rose Hill Cemetery.” In his will, he left money for a monument to the Monroe County soldiers of all wars, which was eventually built on the southeast corner of the courthouse square. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

Josephine Hoover died on 17 August 1935, age 69. Fred P. Hoover died on 2 March 1945, age 86. He had been an eight-year-old boy when the Civil War ended, cheering Monroe County’s returning Union soldiers and was closely associated with the veterans as they died one by one. He was said to have helped his stepfather plan the monuments “erected by reason of Capt. Alexander’s will and money.” Fred Hoover’s death removed an important link with the Monroe County heroes of the Civil War.

Notes

1. The idea for this article and contributions to the preliminary research came from members of the Bloomington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
2. Bloomington Family File, Genealogy Library, Monroe County History Center; Monroe County Marriage Book 6, p. 100.
8. Monroe County Marriage Book 7, p. 208; Monroe County Birth Records, 1818-1922.
12. Monroe County Divorce Index, p. 2; “A Second Suit for Divorce,” Bloomington Telegraph, 29 December 1894.
17. Monroe County marriages for 1900, 1910, 1920; “Death of Fred Hoover Ross–-” Bloomington Telegraph, 4 March 1945; Rose Hill & White Oak Cemeteries.
19. Rose Hill & White Oak Cemeteries.
20. “Death of Fred Hoover.”
According to the following newspaper clipping, rousing celebrations took place on Memorial Day, 1888, in Monroe County’s Washington Township, north of Bloomington. The community of Hindostan (shown on today’s maps as Hindustan) is still in existence, as is Simpson Chapel, off SR 57 across from Oliver Winery.

**HINDOSTAN**

**Bloomington Telephone, Friday, 1 June 1888**

The G.A.R. Alexander Post No. 248 and the citizens of Washington township almost universally observed Memorial day at Hindostan and Simpson Chapel. Large crowds at both places aided the boys in blue, and the exercises at both points were beautiful and impressive, with the exception of some little want of familiarity on the part of some of the officials of the Post with their respective parts. At the chapel the crowd was unusually large,—the largest by far ever seen in the township. The church, a large new edifice, recently beautified and adorned by the Methodist church there, was crowded with a multitude surrounding it on the north and east and west. The music of the chapel choir was especially appropriate to the occasion. The exercises were beautiful and impressive, with the exception of some little want of familiarity on the part of some of the officials of the Post with their respective parts. At the chapel the crowd was unusually large,—the largest by far ever seen in the township.

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But the chief attraction was the thrilling recitation, interwoven with song, of Miss Elsie Mason, in her and affecting, as were the speeches of comrades D. O. Spencer, J. T. Langley, Joseph Rawlins, brother Tom Gaskins and Capt. W. H. Buskirk and Chaplain J. E. Bastin to whom was also assigned the duty of reading the roll of honor containing the names of our fallen heroes.

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**Message from the Board President**

Dear Members and Friends,

Change and growth seem to be the norm at the Monroe County History Center. We hope you’ve been by and noticed our new awnings, landscaping additions, artifact signage outdoors and a new bench. We are most grateful to the Bloomington Garden Club for their contribution to enable those changes.

At our April Annual Meeting, Ric Snodgrass of Museumcraft, shared the work to date on our forthcoming Interactive Exhibits. We welcomed Bob Dodd, Liesl Loudermilk and Linda Stines as new Board of Trustees members. Lee Ehman’s board term expired, but we are fortunate to have Lee still involved with our technology, grants and library committees. Dan Fierst and Susan Ferentinos are moving over to our Advisory Committee.

We lost a great friend in April. As we reflect on the life of Bill Cook, we have a smile on our hearts for his kindness to the History Center. His personal vintage record player is on display in the Vinyl exhibit in the Brown Gallery. Community services are planned for June 1 at the Indiana University Auditorium. I know that every day at the Monroe County Historical Society will be a day to be thankful to Bill and Gayle for their gifts of time, care and support for our mission.

We hope to see you soon at the History Center and at our Annual Garage Sale at Cook Pharmacia warehouse on June 10 and 11.

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**News from the Library**

genealogy@monroehistory.org

**Genealogy Library Represented at 2011 IGS Conference**

Elizabeth Schlemmer, Genealogy Library Manager, and Penny Mathiesen, volunteer, staffed an exhibit table displaying Monroe County Historical Society publications at the Indiana Genealogical Society’s Annual Conference in Indianapolis on 16 April 2011. Michael Mahen, MCHS member, was elected IGS president. Next year’s conference will be held on 28 April 2012 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**New Items in the Library**

The following items are now available in the Genealogy Library:


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**To See More Pictures From These Events Please Go To: www.monroehistory.org**

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The History Center sponsored the annual Boy Scout Pinewood Derby this year! The event took place at the Monroe County Fairgrounds and was open to the general public for the first time. The History Center donated 100 pinewood derby car kits and was onsite all day. All 100 car kits were turned into great racing cars and all of the guests had a great time.

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The History Center staff became certified in CPR and First Aid in preparation for the Jr. Historian Summer Camp and to be better prepared for any emergency that may arise. Krystal Mackey, Community Training Center Coordinator, with IU Health Bloomington (formerly Bloomington Hospital), volunteered her time and the resources needed to provide this certification to our staff. Additionally we were trained in using an AED in conjunction with CPR. Hopefully the Center will be able to obtain a grant for a portable AED in the coming year.
eventually other members of the family were buried in the household of Samuel Dunn, farmer. John died in 1856 of Washington Woodall, farmer; and Martin Alexander, 11, son of Agnes Brewster and William James Alexander, also lists Jno. (John) Alexander, 52, laborer, in the household of William Martin Alexander was born in Bloomington, Indiana, on 19 December 1838, the youngest of the Alexander Memorial on the southeast corner of the Monroe County Courthouse lawn. Photograph by Charles Gilbert Shaw, ca. 1934.

The condition of the Alexander Memorial has deteriorated over the years; some inscriptions and images are faint or no longer visible. It was deemed in need of urgent treatment at the time it was surveyed for the Smithsonian American Art Museum’s Inventories of American Painting and Sculpture database, accessed at: siris-artinventories.si.edu/ (for a description of the monument, enter “Bloomington, Indiana” as General Keyword, “Alexander Memorial” as Title, and “sculpture” as Subject).