400+ graves. Active cemetery with Church building along old South Union of Rockport and Duvalton, at the intersection southwest of Bloomington.

South Union Church cemetery is located approximately five miles southwest of Bloomington, at the intersection of Rockport and Duval roads. The cemetery is located just behind the old South Union Church building along Duval road. This is an active cemetery with 400+ graves.

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**Calendar of Events**

All events held at the History Center unless otherwise stated.

**August**
- 8th at 4:30pm – Board of Directors meeting
- 10th at 11am – WFHB presents Saturday’s Child
- 15th at 10:30am – hiStory Time

**September**
- 6th at 5pm – CVG Exhibit Opening Reception for Alliance of Bloomington Exhibits
- 6th at 8pm – Friday Folk Series
- 9th at 7pm – WTIU Screening of Bloomington: Remember When
- 10th at 7pm – Civil War Roundtable
- 12th at 4:30pm – Board of Directors meeting
- 14th at 11am – WFHB presents Saturday’s Child
- 19th at 10:30am – hiStory Time
- 28th, All Day – Smithsonian Museum Day Live – Free Admission All Day

**Current & Upcoming Exhibits**

Also available at www.monroehistory.org

- **“The Roaring Twenties”**
  June 8, 2013 to October 26, 2013
  The Roaring Twenties was a time of great change. America saw jazz music flourishing, women coming into their own, and the stock market building and destroying fortunes at dizzying speed. The 18th Amendment, prohibiting the sale and distribution of alcohol, was in full swing, but that did not stop the generation coming of age from enjoying the benefits of the economic boom and all that came with the decade.

- **“COOK 50th Anniversary”**
  July 15, 2013 to September 7, 2013
  Since 1963, COOK Group companies have been among the leaders in developing healthcare devices that have improved lives around the world. Partnering with COOK Group, the Monroe County History Center features a replica of the original 1963 trade show booth that Bill Cook used and Gayle Cook painted by hand. Other pieces of COOK history will be on display representing the journey this local company has made to get where it is today.

**COMING SOON! “Attic of Oddities”**

September 3, 2013 to November 1, 2013

Come see Victorian mourning practices, odd treasures from the History Center’s attic—some never before seen, don’t miss this display of Bloomington’s secrets of yesterday.

Do you have any odd, unusual, dark or scary items, photos or stories of Monroe County you would like to loan for the exhibit? If so contact Jenny Mack at: exhibitdesign@monroehistory.org or 812-332-2517, ext. 5

**Community Voices Gallery: “Alliance of Bloomington Museums”** August 16, 2013 to November 30, 2013

The Alliance of Bloomington Museums (ABM) promotes the diverse range of cultural and educational resources that member museums offer to visitors. Twelve different museums/cultural institutions are members of ABM. An opening reception, free and open to all, will be held on Friday, September 6, 5–7pm. During the reception a representative from each organization will be on site to share information about their institution and any internship or volunteer opportunities available.

**IU Law School, 158 Years Ago**

By Penelope Mathiesen

The following document from the Research Library’s Vertical Files describes the organization of Indiana University’s Law Department in 1855.

**UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA LAW DEPARTMENT**

HON. JAMES HUGHES, PROFESSOR

The course of instruction in the Law Department of the State University, at Bloomington, Indiana, begins, annually, on the first Monday in December; and continues for a term of three months. The students are divided into two Classes, the Junior and Senior.

**TEXT BOOKS OF THE JUNIOR CLASS**

Blackstone’s Commentaries (select chapters); Kent’s Commentaries (select chapters); Smith on Contracts; Stephen on Pleading.

**TEXT BOOKS OF THE SENIOR CLASS**

Kent’s Commentaries (select chapters); Greenleaf on Evidence; Adams’ Equity; Mitford’s Equity Pleading; Indiana Revised Statutes of 1852 (selections with reference to Practice in the State Courts, in Civil and Criminal cases).

Both Classes will, as far as possible, pursue a parallel course of reading, under the direction of the Professor.

There will be a Moot Court, every Saturday during the Session, in which the students of both Classes will be exercised in the preparation of Pleadings, Rules of Practice, discussion of legal questions, &c.

Students are graduated after an attendance of not less than two sessions in the Law School, when found proficient by the Faculty of the University.

Candidates for graduation will be required to undergo a public examination, and such other exercises as the Faculty may appoint.

The classes will have access to a good Law Library, for purposes of reference; but each student must provide his own text books.

The Codes of Procedure, and Rules of Practice introduced by legislation, will have a prominent place in the course of instruction; while sufficient attention will be given to Common Law forms and principles to qualify the student for practice in those States where they obtain.

The tuition fee is Thirty Dollars, payable in advance. Graduation fee, Five Dollars. Good boarding can be had, in private families, at from $2.50 to $3.00 per week, exclusive of fuel and lights.*

The Board of Trustees have decided that county students are not entitled to the benefit of free tuition in the Law School.

*Law students will be allowed to attend Lectures and Recitations in the University classes, free of charge.

---Bloomington, July 4, 1855.
The Mystery of Argue or Argument Ridge

By Bob Dodd

The Community Files in the Research Library contain a mysterious folder labeled “Argue Ridge.” That is a strange name for a community. What was the origin of this strange name and where was it located? The folder contains a single clipping from the 17 July 1888 Bloomington Telephone that is titled Argue Ridge (also referred to as Argument Ridge within the clipping). The Community Files also contain a folder with one clipping titled Hindustan (the earlier spelling for present-day Hindustan, in Washington Township), which refers extensively to Argument Ridge. This suggests that it may have been near the village of Hindustan, but neither clipping gives any direct evidence as to its location. None of the maps in our collection show a community or other geographic feature by that name. So where do we go from here to solve the mystery?

The Hindustan clipping reports on an unsuccessful fox hunt* in which the author speculates that the foxes may have escaped through the east line and “fled to the hills of Argument Ridge.” This suggests that it may have been near the village of Hindustan, although the location of the fox hunt is not given. The clipping also mentions a gentleman named D. O. Spencer who has moved five miles south to Argument Ridge. If he originally lived in Hindustan, this would indicate that his new home was in northern Bloomington Township. The Argue Ridge clipping mentions a minister visiting the home of William Anderson of Marion Township. Could the community have been east of Hindustan in Marion Township (now part of Benton Township)? (See map.)

The Argue Ridge clipping mentions David G. Houston, who almost certainly lived in Argue Ridge. The clipping discusses his roan mare, which has given birth to a colt that she does not want to accept. That sounds like Mr. Houston must have been a property owner and perhaps a farmer. We checked the Monroe County Tax Duplicate records for 1890 and found that indeed David G. Houston owned property in Section 36 of Washington Township and Section 1 of Bloomington Township. These are contiguous sections, suggesting that the Houston farm extended across the township line. That area is along present-day Robinson Road, northeast of Dolan and southwest of Hindustan.

We then checked the census records for 1880 and 1900 (there are no extant census records for 1890). David G. Houston is listed as residing in Washington Township and as being 21 years old in 1880 (that would make him 29 at the time of the roan mare incident reported in the 1888 Argue Ridge clipping). His father was Robert Houston, who is listed as being a dry goods merchant. The father must have had a general store somewhere, perhaps in Argument Ridge. (A side note: David G. Houston, age 81, is still listed in the 1940 census as living in Washington Township.)

See map.

Map of Washington Township, adapted from Highway Map of Monroe County, Indiana [2006] with additions from C. E. Stechen’s Map of Monroe County, 1893. Arguse Ridge (lower right-hand corner) seems to be synonymous with Argue/Argument Ridge.

By Bob Dodd

Message from the Director

Dear Members,

It has been an extremely busy couple of months here at the History Center. We opened our new gallery on the “Roaring 20s” and celebrated with a 1920s period fashion show on the lawn. The ladies looked fantastic in their 20s haute couture. We kicked off our Junior Historian Summer program with “Where the Musk-Ox Roamed.” This camp was focused on the animals roaming the Indiana landscape in past ages and the present day. It included a trip to the Exotic Wildlife Rescue Center where the kids got a really close look at the 200 tigers and lions that live there. Needless to say, it was pretty exciting. Our most recent camp was an exploration of art and Indiana artists that included a trip to the beautiful T.C. Steele State Historic site, home of one of Indiana’s most famous artists. In the month of June we also conducted our most important fundraiser of the year, our annual MCHC Garage Sale. It was an incredible success due to the perseverance and hard work of our incredible volunteers and members of our Auxiliary Fund Raising Committee. Most recently we opened our “Cook 50th Anniversary Exhibit” in celebration of one of our hometown’s most accomplished businesses. At the opening reception Gail Cook shared the amazing story of how Cook Group, Inc. grew from a two-person operation into a world-renowned, international business of 11,000 employees. As you can see, there is always something new and exciting going on here at your History Center, and I want to offer you my personal invitation to come and visit us.

It’s fun—and if you don’t watch out, you might learn something about Monroe County too!

Helmut Hentschel

New Items in the Library

genealogy@monroehistory.org

Compiled by Penelope Mathiesen and Elizabeth Schlemmer

The following items have been recently accessioned:


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New Items in the Collection

collection@monroehistory.org

Compiled by Rebecca Vaughn

Items recently accessioned into the collections include:

* Puck Players Puppet Theater puppets and supporting materials. This collection includes characters from Babar to The Three Little Pigs, theatrical sets, an audiotape (1968), artwork, photographs of puppeteers, and publicity flyers (c. 1970s–1980s). Gift from Puck Players Puppet Theater.

* Photographs and documents pertaining to the death of World War II pilot Carey Donald Haynes. Gift from Ruth Sears.

* The Quarrarian yearbook (1936). Gift from Winfield Jacobs.


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The “double turns” are marked today by a road sign warning of dangerous curves. They wind through a steeply wooded area, ideal for a fox leading bounds on a merry chase!

Harrodsburg, south of Bloomington in Clear Creek Township, was the location for an 1888 fox drive:

“The Harrodsburg fox drive on Saturday was attended by more than five hundred men and boys. The arrangements under the commander were carried out without trouble, and when it came time to draw up the lines, it was found that several foxes were enclosed. A number succeeded in getting away but two were killed. It is stated that another ‘drive’ will be held in about three weeks.”

In the first half of the 20th century, the Southern Indiana Fox Hunter’s Association organized annual events. The photograph accompanying this article shows the 16th Annual Meeting of this group in Bloomington on October 10—16, 1926, Jeannete Richart has provided a detailed account of the hunt, which took place in Bloomington’s Bryan Park neighborhood. The boundaries were Allen Street (south side), Lincoln Street (west side), First Street (north side), and High Street (east side). The area was then “undeveloped woodland and open fields.” More than 1,000 people attended the week-long event, which differed from the traditional English fox hunt in several ways. It was not a blood sport: “Any dog that even attempted to kill a fox would be considered out of the hunt. To the fox hunter the joy was to hear the barking of their dogs.” The Walker hound was the “most popular breed.” Special attire was not worn; “men came in their work clothes or farm clothes.” Horses were seldom used. “The hounds were let go and the men either followed on foot or in cars.” During the event, most hunters and their families stayed in tents. Meals were available in a large cooking tent. “The entire town welcomed the hunters, with special entertainment arranged each night … and church services were held on the grounds.”

Over the years, the Southern Indiana Fox Hunter’s Association met at various locations. In October of 1924, the 14th Annual Meet was held at Morgantown, Indiana. Meets were also held in Brown County:

“Around 1944, Francis Rund began making the Jamboree ground [in Bean Blossom] available for the annual ‘meets’ of the Southern Indiana Fox Hunters’ Association. Previous fox hunters’ meets had been held at Nashville’s baseball park, but once the barn was completed, the association was eager to use the Jamboree park for their thirty-three weekend meet. Rund also staged Jamboree shows for foxhunters’ entertainment, not just on Sunday night but also on Thursday, following the day’s fox hunts, races, and bench shows.”

It is not known how long the tradition continued, but the Southern Indiana Fox Hunters Association, Inc., ended its official existence on 30 December 1968.

Notes
2. “Another Old-Fashioned Fox Drive,” reprinted in an “Old Bloomington” column by D. C. Miller containing news from the late 1800s (Bloomington World-Telegram, no date).
3. Rachel Rice and Claude F. Rice, Monroe County Tax Duplicates, 1890 (Bloomington, IN: Monroe County Historical Society, 2001). The other officers of the hunt or their family members owned land in Washington Twp. (Joseph Williams, Elizabeth Stanger, W. H. Buskirk, Jr.), Bloomington Twp. (Madison A. Houston), and Richland Twp. (Jas. W. Wampler).
4. Several buildings have served the Simpson Chapel congregation since 1858. The present brick structure was dedicated in 1954.
5. It is interesting to note that to the north of Oliver Winery is Fox Hollow Road, which connects to Old State Road 37 three or four miles south of Hindustan; the locations of the Hindustan and Maple Grove fox hunts were not far apart. (See map accompanying Bob Dodd’s article.)
6. The covered bridge was built in 1879 and destroyed by arson in 1976. Plans are underway to replace it. See the Research Library’s Vertical Files: Bridges—Maple Grove (McMillan/Millikan/Williams) Bridge.
8. “Harrodsburg Fox Drive Was Successful,” reprinted in an “Old Bloomington” column by D. C. Miller containing news from 1888 (Bloomington World-Telegram, no date).
Fox Hunting in Monroe County
By Penelope Mathiesen


In March of 1888, a fox drive took place in the Monroe County community of Hindustan ("Hindustan" on modern maps), north of Bloomington in Washington Township:

“The Hindustan fox drive, last Tuesday, was pretty much the same sort of an affair as the former failure. Several foxes were within the lines at one time, but knowing the d—f's of the neighborhood, they hunted them out in the lines and passed out to safer environments, thanking the Lord for their happy deliverance. The south and east lines were much weaker than before, and there were many places unprotected. An average lousy calf could have escaped capture at some points if bent on getting away, and in fact some of Charley Corr's young steers did succeed in breaking through the east line and fled to the hills of 'Argument Ridge.'"

Argument Ridge (as shown by Bob Dodd’s article and accompanying map elsewhere in this issue) was in southeastern Washington Township, which places the fox drive somewhat between that area and the community of Hindustan in the northeastern part of the township.

In the late 1880s, a fox drive was organized in the Maple Grove area, northwest of Bloomington:

“...the men can tell if the dogs are chasing a fox by their barking...”

William Wood is probably the person listed in the Monroe County Tax Duplicates for 1890 as "W. E. Wood," owner of land in Sections 32–33 of southwestern Washington Township, along the Bloomington Township line. Simpson Chapel, the starting point of the event, is across State Road 37 from Oliver Winery. This location may seem somewhat removed from the Maple Grove area as we think of it today, but at the time of the fox drive, North Maple Grove Road crossed Beanblossom Creek over a covered bridge and connected to roads leading directly to Simpson Chapel. Maple Grove’s tradition of fox hunting continued for many years. Daniel Scherschel records memories of night fox hunts in an area about a half mile north of the Maple Grove crossroads: “The fox hunters would drive out to the double turns about dark and turn their dogs loose to run. They might build a fire and set by it for hours into the night, listening for their dog to [bark] ... the men can tell if the dogs are chasing a fox or just on a trail.”

HiStory Time

Join us the third Thursday of every month at 10:30am for hiStory Time. hiStory Time is a history-themed story time for children ages 3–6. hiStory Time includes stories, music, crafts and occasional artifact encounters. Free with entry to museum. Museum Admission – Children under 6: Free; Children, 6–17: $1.00; Adults: $2.00; Members: Free.

Have you visited your History Center’s gift shop recently? If you haven’t, you really should drop by to see all of the new gift items we carry for any Bloomington or Indiana enthusiast.

Do you like buying locally made products? We have them in the form of Earth Drops soap, Clay City Pottery, Dillman Farm jams and apple butter, and Villa Stone limestone pieces. Earth Drops soap is an all natural line of soaps in a number of scents for both people and their furry companions. Clay City Pottery’s unique and affordable designs are made in Clay City and have been for generations. Dillman Farm produces jams and fruit butters right here in Monroe County, and the flavors are sure to please. Villa Stone provides small pieces of locally quarried, hand-carved limestone that look lovely on a shelf or in a garden.

We carry a large variety of books written by local authors, such as Then & Now, a look at the buildings we once had in Bloomington and what became of them, by Derek and Jennifer Richey; The Fish on the Dome, a children’s book sure to please any Bloomington enthusiast, by Christopher Shaw; Ready, Fire, Aim: The Bill Cook Story, by Bob Hammel; Showers Brothers Furniture Company, an in-depth look at the family that helped put Bloomington on the map in the late 1800s, by Carrol Krause; and A Home of Her Own and The Hoosier Cabinet, both books are written by local woodworker and artist Nancy Hiller. These are just a few examples of the books carried in our shop. We also have a large number of historical publications.

For the child in your life, or the child at heart, we carry a large number of recreated historic toys and teaching materials. Please drop by and visit the store soon.
New Items, cont. from page 3

Library:

* Mt. Gilead Christian Church Photos. CD with new and historic photos of the Mt. Gilead Church building and members from the 1990s through the 2010s. Gift from Jerry Spore.

* Record of Tax Certificates, Monroe County, 1862–1865. Gift from David P. Walter.


* Simmons, Virgil M., ed. Indiana Review. 1938. Gift from Marion and Lucy Jacobs.

Collections:
* Cross Roads Methodist Church commemorative plate. Gift from Janet Freeman.

* Two booklets (1910 and 1912) containing by-laws and general laws pertaining to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F), Bloomington chapter. Gift from Helen Critterden.

* Photograph of Monon Railroad Steam Engine and Roundtable (early 1900s). Gift from Richard Moldenhauer.

* Civil War-era documents concerning Thomas Gaskins, a private injured during the Battle of Antietam (1862). Accession includes many letters, two diaries, militia documentation, land indentures, doctor’s examination notes (on injured Gaskins), and applications for pension, accompanied by their letters of rejection. Gift from Marion Jacobs.

* Photograph of Honey Creek School (Monroe County, 1908). Gift from Steve Powell.

* Photograph of Fairview-Methodist Church in Bloomington. Gift from Marion Jacobs.


* Nineteen issues of RCA newsletters (c. 1940s–1960s). Gift from Marion Jacobs.

Collections’ Corner
By Rebecca Vaughn

We have been fortunate to have Joshua Bennett as a collections intern since August of last year. Josh has assisted with several projects pertaining to the audiovisuals collection, which includes cameras, radios, wire recorders, projectors, and much more. He has helped to research and identify types of artifacts, assess condition, and catalog the items. Josh has also created a report summarizing his findings and has made recommendations for future audiovisual projects.

Josh received his Master’s in Library Science from Indiana University this June. He specializes in Archives and Records Management and is specifically interested in audio preservation. We greatly appreciate his expertise!

In his free time Josh enjoys gardening, performing, recording and listening to music with his friends.

Announcement of Grant Award

The Monroe County Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant in the amount of $4,480 by the Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board in order to digitize 12 Monroe County Deed Books ranging from 1817 to 1866. When the project is complete, digital images of the Deed Books will be available for viewing at the Indiana Digital Archives (IndianaDigitalArchives.org). The 12 books to be digitized were chosen based on their poor condition from a set of 26 indexed deed books.