37th Annual Garage Sale Extravaganza

Friday, June 15, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 16, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

As this Historian issue goes to press, we are getting close to our annual giant garage sale on June 15th-16th. Thank you in advance for all of your donations of merchandise and labor — the warehouse is bursting at the seams!

The sale is located at the former RCA warehouse behind Catalent Pharma Solutions, 1300 S. Patterson Drive. This sale specializes in antiques, collectibles, dishes, glassware, toys, bicycles, jewelry, and much more. We look forward to seeing you there!

You may also want to check out the sale on Monday morning, June 18th, when most remaining items are half price. And if you are a new member you may not know: Our sale brings in over $90,000 and is our largest fundraiser.

Cook Aviation has donated a 2010 Buick LaCrosse in red to the garage sale. The car has 68,707 miles, two sets of keys, is in immaculate condition, and has no mechanical issues.

Live auction starts at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 15th. The buyer must be present.

We are now listing some choice garage sale items on eBay. Check out our listing as they change daily. Our Seller ID is monroehistory. You can use ADVANCED search to find our listings.
Rechter Gallery:  
**Breaking the Color Barrier: Bloomington’s Firsts**

Throughout the history of Bloomington, African Americans have struggled, endured, and overcome many forms of oppression. One of the biggest obstacles was trying to find a well-paying job in order to support a family. “Breaking the Color Barrier: Bloomington’s Firsts” tells the stories of the African Americans that helped break the color barrier in their respective field. Figures such as George Taliaferro, Mattie Jacobs Fuller, Bill Garrett and many others will be covered in our exhibition.

Open June 1 through October 12

Brown Gallery:  
**Community Voices Showcase: Bloomington Rotary**

Rotary is a worldwide service organization made up of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace. Members volunteer their efforts to improve the quality of life in their communities and beyond. Rotary clubs, which meet weekly, are nonpolitical, nonreligious and open to all cultures, races and creeds. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional leaders. The organization’s motto is “Service Above Self.”

Open through June 30

Hill Gallery:  
**The Art of Maryrose Wampler**

In conjunction with the Bloomington Garden Club’s 29th Annual Summer Garden Walk, we will have an exhibition of artwork by noted wildflower painter Maryrose Wampler, who passed away last year. After graduating with a BA in English in 1959, Wampler studied watercolor and oil painting with Kay Poole in Nashville, IN. Wampler won the 1974 National Flower Competition, and her work is well-known throughout the region.

Open through June 30

Bloomington Meals on Wheels  
This organization provides meals to those in the community who are unable to purchase or prepare their own. Their service provides a sense of independence by allowing their clients to remain in their homes.

Open July 5 through September 29

Cemetery Limestone Tour  
**June 10th, 2018 - Rose Hill Cemetery - 2:00pm - FREE**

Join Lou Malcomb, member of the Monroe County History Center’s Cemetery Committee, for an informative and educational guided walking tour of the limestone tombstones at Bloomington’s Rose Hill Cemetery.

Expect the tour to last about an hour and a half. There is no fee to participate but registration is required, as space is limited. Call the Bloomington Visitors Center (812-334-8900 or 800-800-0037) to register. There will be a lot of walking and standing so make sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. Sunscreen and/or a hat may be a good idea. Also consider bringing your own water. The event will take place in light rain, but in the case of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 17 at 2:00pm. Registrants will be notified up to an hour before start time via email of a reschedule.

Attendees will meet at the entrance of Rose Hill Cemetery. Parking is available along West 4th Street and near the cemetery entrance.
I’m so happy to say that warm weather and summer flowers are finally here! School field trips have wrapped up for the year and our new Education Manager, Andrea Hadsell, survived the influx. And of course, the arrival of those lovely harbingers of summer also signal the time for the Monroe County History Center’s annual giant garage sale. The team has been working diligently year round to prepare for this event. It’s a lot of work but it’s so worth it. This is the History Center’s largest fundraiser and it literally could not happen without the help of the dedicated volunteers who put in so much time throughout the year to make it happen. Thank you, thank you to all of our garage sale volunteers, donors and shoppers. June 16 and 17 is also the weekend of the Bloomington Garden Club’s annual Summer Garden Walk. Once again, one of the stops along the Garden Walk will be the History Center. The History Center will also be open on Sunday, June 17 for the Garden Walk. We will be featuring botanical prints by local artist Maryrose Wampler in June, just in time for the Garden Walk. For something different you may want to come out to Rose Hill Cemetery on Sunday, June 10 at 2:00. We’re partnering with Visit Bloomington on this event and Lou Malcomb, from the MCHC Cemetery Committee, will be conducting a tour through the cemetery for Limestone Month. The tour is free but space is limited so you can RSVP with Visit Bloomington for the tour. I’ll be there and I’m sure you won’t want to miss it. Whew! So many things to remember. We don’t want you to be bored this summer.

On another note, I’m excited to announce that in March the History Center received grant funding from the South Central Indiana REMC Operation Round Up program to create a new artifact processing station up in collection storage and in May they awarded us an additional grant for the purchase of a large flatbed scanner for us to use at a community bicentennial “scanathons” that we’re planning in Ellettsville and Bloomington later in the summer. We’ll be inviting the community to bring in historical photos, letters, and other two dimensional objects relevant to local history so we can scan them into a digital archive that we will make available online. We’ll be turning private history into public history. If you’re in the SCI REMC service area, don’t forget to round up your utility payment! The money goes to help great programs in your community. Thanks so much to everyone! Enjoy your summer.

Susan Dyar
Director

Calendar of Events

June

- 1st, Limestone Post Block Party, on 4th & Rogers, 6pm (MCHC will have a booth)
- 9th, 11am WFHB Saturday’s Child
- 10th, 2pm, Limestone Tour at Rose Hill Cemetery
- 12th, 7pm, Civil War Round Table
- 15th, 8am to 6pm, Garage Sale
- 16th, 8am to 3pm, Garage Sale
- 16th, 10am, Garden Walk
- 17th, 10am, Garden Walk
- 18th, Garage Sale 1/2 price day
- 21st, 4:30pm, Board Meeting
- 23rd, 1pm, HiStory Book Club

July

- 4th, CLOSED
- 10th, 7pm, Civil War Round Table
- 14th, 11am, WFHB Saturday’s Child
- 19th, 4:30pm, Board Meeting
- 28th, 1pm, HiStory Book Club
Collections’ Corner
by Hilary Fleck

If you’ve been to our Facebook page recently, you might have seen the results of a new collaboration between the History Center and the Herald-Times. We are partnering to produce short videos about interesting items in our collection and general topics on Monroe County history. Topics have thus far ranged from the 1919 Bloomington High School basketball state champs to Ada Marsee’s button collection. You can watch our videos online on our Facebook page or at www.heraldtimesonline.com/media. If you have a topic you think would be great for a video, let me know! My email is collection@monroehistory.org.

We would like to thank the Herald-Times for this wonderful opportunity to share the stories of our historical collection.

Welcome, Andrea Hadsell
Education Manager

Hello! I am Andrea Hadsell, the new Education Manager. I am very excited to be joining the team here at the Monroe County History Center. After completing my undergraduate degree in Folklore & Ethnomusicology here at Indiana University, I traveled to the University of Oregon to complete a master’s degree in Arts Administration focusing in Museum Studies. I am so happy to be back in the Midwest and the wonderful community of Bloomington as I continue my career in museums. Please stop in and say hello at any of our events; I would love the chance to meet you!

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We were very pleased to welcome 60+ History Center volunteers, as well as supporters Mae, Mike and Randy Cassady, to our April 30 luncheon to show our appreciation. We literally could not do all we do to preserve and protect Monroe County’s rich history without the generous donation of time and abundant talents of our corps of volunteers who are as passionate about our mission as we are.

Linda Williamson made everyone feel welcome, relaxed, and connected. Gayle Cook was on hand to present Bob Hammel with a gift in honor of his selection as the Gayle Cook Volunteer of the Year. Scott Loman was chosen as the Liz Knapp Volunteer of the Year, however, Liz was unable to attend. Both gentlemen made gracious and inspiring remarks after the presentations.

When we compare the MCHC to other history centers around the state, it’s clear that we’ve built something extraordinary here. The foundation rests not only on the contributions of our original and continued financial supporters but also on the talent and dedication of our volunteers. It’s obvious that History Center volunteers consider their work here a labor of love, and we love our volunteers!

Thank you to Sugar Daddy’s for catering the delicious food as well as remaining on hand to assist with serving.
Contributors

March and April 2018

The History Center wishes to acknowledge and recognize those who provided financial gifts to support our operations in March and April 2018:

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**Donations:**
Judy Schroeder donated to the History Center in memory of Saundra Taylor.

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**Announcements**

● *Time Travelers benefit included with all History Center membership levels!* Time Travelers is a reciprocal membership network for historical museums and societies in the US—over 300 at last count. If you plan to visit a Time Travelers museum before your renewal date, please let us know you need your membership card updated to include the logo. For additional information call Time Travelers at 1-314-746-4599 or go to [http://timetravelers.mohistory.org](http://timetravelers.mohistory.org).

● *Kroger Community Rewards—sign up easily by phone:* Enroll the Monroe County History Center on your Kroger Rewards card by calling 800-576-4377. Since entering the Kroger Rewards program in late 2016, Kroger has sent us a total of $1855.06 in rewards. Let family, friends and neighbors know they are welcome to sign up for the History Center too!

● *The Indianapolis Art Museum (IMA—Newfields) now a NARM member:* Monroe County History Center $100 Contributor Level memberships (and above) include the NARM free reciprocal admission-benefit. Over a quarter-of-a-million bulbs are blooming in The Garden of the IMA Newfields campus and as a History Center Contributor level member (or above) you too can enjoy the IMA inside and outside with your MCHC membership card. For more information call the IMA at 1-317-923-1331 or go to their website [http://www.discovernewfields.org](http://www.discovernewfields.org).

● *Remember to let us know if you change your address or if you decide to stop using email.*

Questions or comments: Call 812-332-2517, Ext. 7 or email volunteers@monroehistory.org.
Remembering:

**Jana Rechter**, daughter of Richard and Susan Rechter, died in March. She was 58 years old. Jana was lovingly known as “Yahya” by her grandchildren. Her family members have been longtime supporters and friends of the Monroe County History Center.

**Helen L. Enslow**, History Center Member, died in April this year. She graduated from Indiana University and served as a Field Director for the Girl Scouts. Her “Interesting Life Symphony” and “World Citizen Ambassadorship” were celebrated in April at the Bloomington Baha’i Center, where she was a member.

**Herbert W. Hoover**, died in March 2018. Herbert was a member of the History Center. In his youth, he was an Eagle Scout and camp counselor. After graduating from DePauw University, he joined the Peace Corps and traveled to Africa to teach communities about aquaculture and also helped preserve hundreds of acres of forestland. He enjoyed listening to Reggae Children on WFHB whenever he could!

**Sylvia M. Crites**, mother of Connie Ferguson, died this year. Sylvia married her high school sweetheart Tom Crites in 1945. She and Tom moved to Bloomington in 1998. They loved visiting family, attending IU basketball games, and their dog Max. Sylvia’s friends and family remember her as a compassionate and strong woman. Connie and Steve Ferguson are longtime supporters and members of the Monroe County History Center.

**Jerry McIntosh and his wife, Jane Pennell McIntosh**, died within a month of each other this year. Jerry and Jane were devoted community members and longtime supporters and members of the History Center. Jane was an academic advisor for IU and an active member of many educational and philanthropic organizations. Jerry taught math at University High School for a time and then was actively involved as a faculty member at IU in the areas of math education and instructional computing.

**Shirley Newell** died May 2nd at IU Health Hospice House. Shirley was the wife of Larry Newell, who has assisted our annual History Center Garage Sale with repairs and pick-ups for many years. Shirley and Larry were married 58 years, and she was devoted to her children and her family.
News from the Library

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Compiled by Megan MacDonald and Penelope Mathiesen

Genealogy News


The library has received a $1,000 grant from the Indiana Genealogical Society, which will go towards the preservation and storage of our probate records.

Library volunteer Randi Richardson has been appointed co-chair of the Grants program for the Indiana Genealogical Society. Randi is also the District Director for the South Central District of IGS.

New in the Library

The following items have been recently accessioned:

* Amzi Atwater Scrapbooks Index, comp. Lee Ehman. 2018. Index to 17 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings from 1898 to 1914.


IU Glee Club Tours the South in 1899

By Penelope Mathiesen

The Indiana University Glee Club was organized during the 1892–93 school year. It was a social organization rather than an academic offering, but from the beginning, it aimed to promote the interests of IU. The group soon embarked upon a series of tours in Indiana and the South. It consisted of about twenty male singers and performed with the Mandolin Club, which featured not only the mandolin but also the guitar, violin, and banjo. The performances included an accompanist and special acts such as a monologist and a crayon artist.

The following Bloomington newspaper article describes a tour of the South undertaken by the Indiana University glee and mandolin clubs in 1899.

_Bloomington Courier, Friday, March 3, 1899_

**GLEE CLUB TOUR: THE CITIES VISITED AND THE ENTERTAINMENTS GIVEN**

The glee and mandolin clubs returned Monday evening from the southern trip. The boys are all in good spirits and, barring a few accidents, had a most agreeable time. They were treated with true southern hospitality every place and were many times told, “You all come back next year, sure.”

The first concert was held Saturday evening, Feb. 18th, at Borden, Indiana. A good crowd attended and received the program with hearty encores. A matinee was given in the Reformatory at Jeffersonville Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the convicts. Monday night the club sang at Jeffersonville to a good audience. At three o’clock Tuesday the boys started for Pensacola, Florida. At Nashville, several songs were sung and heartily encored by the passengers on the train. But when “Dixie” was started the people went crazy—as was the case every place that song was given. A two hours visit gave the boys time to see a part of that city of Civil War fame—the capitol of the Confederacy. Pensacola was reached at 5 o’clock Wednesday morning.

Pensacola … bay … is the largest landlocked harbor in the world, being separated from the gulf by Santa Rosa Island. Of course the bay occupied the boys’ attention. A sail boat was procured and the afternoon passed on Pensacola bay. … The life saving station on Santa Rosa Island was visited. Shells were gathered from the Gulf of Mexico in which some of the boys took delight in wading.

The glee club was the special attraction at DeFuniak Springs [near Pensacola] Friday and Saturday. Two excursions were run Saturday, about 1500 people coming to “hear the Hoosiers.” Tremendous [sic] applause was given after every piece, four or five encores being given several times. [Two singers] received many compliments for their solos. The quartet composed of Messrs. Bracken, Williams, Hassler and Heyn and the mandolin club were always well received. …

While hunting for canes in a swamp at DeFuniak, some of the boys were poisoned by vines which grew everywhere. The effects did not show, however, until the clubs were nearly home. When the clubs alighted from the train everyone thought they had been in a fight. This impression was given more weight by the fact that several of the boys had their heads and hands tied up—the result of a railroad accident near Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Bracken had the end of the second finger of his left hand mashed off. The wound was very painful but not serious. The other boys got off with even slighter bruises.

The trip covering a distance of nearly 1700 miles was, all in all, one of the most pleasant and successful the club has ever taken. The ’98-’99 club made even greater the reputation made by the club in the south two years ago. Everyone who heard the boys said, “It’s the greatest college glee club I ever heard.”

Notes

Monroe County is fortunate to have the personal letters and diaries of several local soldiers who fought in the Civil War. One such letter collection is that of Joseph Willis Young. Joseph was born in Pennsylvania on 9 November 1824 and migrated to Indiana about 1846. It was here that he volunteered as a soldier in the Mexican War in 1846–47 and married his wife, Anna Elizabeth Holder, on 23 April 1853. In 1860, at the age of 36, he was enumerated with his wife and three children near Stanford in Indian Creek Township, Monroe County, just east of the Greene County border.

Although Anna Elizabeth was sometimes referred to as Anney, Joseph always called her Elizabeth. Together with her, he fathered four children: Mary Emeline, born 21 January 1854; Martha Ann, born 21 March 1856; Willa “Willie” Jane, born 24 April 1859; and Jacob Henry, born 28 April 1861. At the time of Jacob’s birth, America was at war.

When the news of the fall of Fort Sumter was received at Greene County late Tuesday night, April 16, there was great excitement. A bonfire was kindled, a flagpole was quickly erected, and the stars and stripes were run up the flagpole among cheers of the assembled citizens. A few days later, on April 20, an enlistment roll was passed around and names were at once secured amid fiery speeches. More speeches were delivered on April 27, and more men volunteered. Joseph’s name was not among them. Perhaps he believed he had already contributed enough to his country, maybe he felt the heavy burden of caring for his family, or it could have been the simple fact that Elizabeth begged her husband not to leave her in her delicate condition. Jacob Henry Young was born the next day.

The following year, Joseph reconsidered his earlier decision. By the late summer of 1862, Jacob was nearly 18 months old, Elizabeth and the children were all in good health, and the country was still at war. Greene County had nearly 1,100 men in the army, and President Lincoln was calling for more troops. Quotas were established, and if the quotas were not filled, a draft was threatened. Great efforts were made everywhere to clear the quotas. Joseph added his name to the enrollment list of Co. C, 97th Reg’t, Indiana Volunteers.

A few days later Joseph was at a training camp in Terre Haute. From that place he penned the first of his many letters to Elizabeth. It was dated September 11. He told her that he was to be the orderly sergeant for the company and was eating well, his meals consisting of bacon, bread, beef, beans, rice, hominy, coffee, sugar, potatoes, molasses, and some other foods. He invited her and the children to come visit him and see the camp and men in a dress parade. By the end of the month, however, he was at Camp Morton in Indianapolis where much of every day was spent in drilling exercises. Apparently they did a fine job of it. He wrote Elizabeth that his regiment was described as the best in the service.

In the months ahead, Joseph’s letters traced the movement of his regiment as they marched south into the face of the war. They described in rich detail the devastation in war-torn areas and the battles in which they engaged. Joseph spoke of fatiguing, lengthy marches through parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia. Some of the letters were written from foxholes within yards of the enemy, bullets whizzing overhead.
Occasionally soldiers were given furloughs to visit their families. It was during a furlough that Joseph was home when his daughter, Martha, died in September 1863. Soon afterward, for reasons now lost in time, Elizabeth took the remaining three children and moved to Illinois. Joseph continued to write to Elizabeth as often as he could. He hungered for her letters with news of his family. Many of his letters were signed “Your affectionate husband until death.” With untold numbers of men dying on the battlefields in which he lifted his own gun, it was reasonable for him to think often of impending death.

On 14 June 1864, Joseph penned his last letter home. By that time he had been promoted to captain of his regiment, and the company was stationed near Atlanta, Georgia, where the fighting was intense. The enemy was nearby, which darkened his mood, no doubt, even more than the constant rain. It had been nine months since he had last seen his family. About two weeks later, on June 27, the Union and Rebel armies engaged in a vicious battle on Kennesaw Mountain. It began soon after sunrise. The Union army with 100,000 men vastly outnumbered the Confederates with 50,000 men. By the end of the day, the loss was heavy on both sides. One thousand Confederate troops lay dead and dying on the grassy mountain side. There were 3,000 Union casualties; Joseph was among them. His misery had ended instantly when he was struck by a cannonball that severed his body in two.

After the death of Joseph, Elizabeth returned to Stanford, where she married James King the day before Christmas in 1868 and died a few years later in 1873. One child, John T., was born to the second marriage. Of those children born to Elizabeth’s first marriage, Mary Emeline married John Freese in the same year of her mother’s death. She died on 1 July 1917. Willa Jane married Jerome Baker and died on 1 September 1950. Jacob Henry, who was only twelve at the time of his mother’s death, went to live with Mary Emeline. In 1882, he married Rosa Belle Baker, and they migrated to Kansas the following year. In 1898, they returned to Monroe County and settled on the Freese farm near Stanford. Jacob died on 18 June 1939.

Sources

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* Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, accessed at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Kennesaw_Mountain
The Lipp/Rawlins Cemetery
This cemetery is located in Washington Township in Monroe County just off Old State Road 37 North between Sample Road and Anderson Road. There are about a dozen graves from the 1800s inside a rusty barbed wire fence with a galvanized metal gate and two newer graves (1963 and 2004) outside the fence. The earliest birth recorded on a gravestone is 1802, the birth year of James S. Rawlins. The earliest death date on a gravestone here is 1852, the year Sarah Ann Rawlins Butcher died. This cemetery is the final resting place of several farm families and includes Daniel S. Rawlins whose gravestone is engraved with “67B InVol”, thought to mean the 67th Battalion of the Indiana Volunteers during the Civil War.

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