**Halloween Sale**

New this year, a Halloween sale of gently used Halloween decorations. Open through October or until we sell out. Don’t be frightened to shop this sale! Open during normal museum hours.

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**Holiday Sale**

We are now accepting donated items for the annual Holiday Shop at the History Center. Please bring good quality holiday decorations and like-new gift items to the History Center any time during our open hours. Gift-type donations could include jewelry, small antiques, decorative items, and new and unused items such as gloves, scarves, games, and puzzles. The holiday boutique will open November 1, so we need your donations before then if possible.

Not only will we have special donated items in the Holiday Shop, but the Museum Store has new and unusual books, cards, and gifts too.

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**Canopy of Lights**

If you’re downtown for the lighting of the Courthouse Square this year, don’t forget to stroll over to the History Center for our Annual Canopy of Lights Open House. Kick off the holiday season and warm your chilly fingers with hot cider, cookies, holiday music, and our ever-popular holiday sale where you are sure to find that perfect gift for all of your favorite people! Doors will open Friday the 23rd of November at 5 pm and will stay open until 9 pm. Drop by, bring the whole family, meet friends, and enjoy our new holiday exhibit and of course, the Museum Store.
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 are covered in our exhibition.

Open June 1 through October 12

Hill Gallery:

Bicentennial Art Contest Winners

The Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth, in collaboration with other Bloomington commissions, challenged local school-aged youth to research an individual or an organization from the Bloomington area that is part of a minority or under-represented group (women, racial minority, sexual or gender identity minority, or a socio-economic status that is typically not represented) and then create some type of artwork to depict or represent that person or organization. Artwork was judged in age categories and the winners’ works are on exhibit at the History Center until October 27, 2018.

Open November 3rd to February 15th

Brown Gallery:

Opening at the end of October, the Brown Gallery will have on display the history of transportation in Monroe County. From wagons, to trains, to cars, moving people and goods has always been vital to the growth and prosperity of the region. Come see just how Monroe County overcame the difficulties of transportation.

“Who Stole the Canopy Lights?!?” Holiday Exhibit

Somebody stole the canopy lights from the courthouse! We need your help in catching the thieves and returning the lights before the lighting of the canopy of lights! This scavenger hunt will lead visitors throughout different time periods and Monroe County landscapes in a fun and engaging quest! All ages are welcome.

Open November 2nd-December 29th
From the Director

Can you believe that it’s already fall? My one-year anniversary with the History Center is just around the corner and I’m amazed at how quickly the time has flown. I’ve had such a fun time this year and I’ve really enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many of you. The next few months promise to be very interesting so I hope you have a chance to pop in to visit with us.

We have some of our classic programs this year, like our annual Canopy of Lights open house as well as some new programs that will be debuting this year. New this year are our first ghostly cemetery tours out at Rose Hill in October, in collaboration with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department we’ll also host a talk on November 4 on “Headstone Symbolism and Iconography,” led by former IU librarian and noted cemetery enthusiast, Lou Malcomb.

I’m also excited to let you know that we are planning some community photograph and document scanning events starting in October. We received a grant from the SCI REMC Operation Round Up program to enable us to purchase a large flatbed scanner to help out with this project. Now we need your help with turning private history into public history by helping us create a digital archive that tells the stories of our local history. Dig out those interesting historical photos, letters, and documents you have stored in boxes and bring them to one of these scanning events. You get to keep the original and we have new items to share with the community. Our first “History Harvest” event is scheduled in Ellettsville on Saturday, October 27. Check the History Center website and Facebook for the specific logistics of each event. We’re specifically looking for pictures and documents from before 1970 that relate to buildings around town, community events, businesses, organizations, schools, and church groups. We’ll have another scanning event on December 1 in Bloomington and we’re hoping to schedule more scanning days around the county in the spring. We’ll also be looking for volunteers to help us at these events. We promise, we will train you on anything you’ll need to know to help.

There are so many great ways to enjoy the History Center. Come check it out!

Susan Dyar
Director

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Calendar of Events

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On September 6th Hilary led a members-only tour of storage where she was able to detail all the recent improvements to storage and which projects were funded by grants. It was a well-attended and entertaining evening and a great way to say “Thank you” to our funders. Of course the improvements and projects never end in Collections storage, and Hilary is ready to tackle better shelving in the Document Room and custom box building for our hoop skirts. Thank you to all who attended!

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Education Desk
By Andrea Hadsell

August and September have been exciting months for new programming at the History Center. We had our first Teachers’ Night Out for educators from various school districts in the county to explore our exhibits and classroom offerings. Great conversations were had by all! And many thanks to the Trojan Horse and Baked! of Bloomington for the donated food and treats for everyone to enjoy. Our MCHC Solar Celebration in September gave families the opportunity to create their own solar ovens to cook s’mores while others created beautiful ray catchers. Our members also enjoyed our new exclusive tours of collections with Hilary Fleck, Collections Manager. Be sure to keep up to date for more exclusive members’ programming coming in the future.

Coming soon, in honor of our bicentennial initiative to tell more inclusive stories at the History Center, “Black Authors Speak! A Public Book Fair” will be on October 6. Join us for book signings and a panel discussion with local African American authors as they discuss their experiences. In the following week, the History Center is partnering with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department for the Dearly Departed Ghost Tours of Rose Hill Cemetery. On October 12, two tours will explore the lesser known stories of those buried in the cemetery grounds; one of which has already sold out its tickets. We are so very excited to see the enthusiasm for our October programming this year!

Be sure to mark your calendars in November! Lou Malcomb will be giving a talk on symbolism and iconography of headstones on November 4 at 4:00 pm. This talk is a part of the Before I Die festival in Bloomington that discusses topics related to death and dying from the past, present, and future. Not too long after that, we will be headed to the Levi & Catharine Coffin State Historic Site for a day trip in November, date to be announced. The trip to Fountain City will include talks and discussion of Indiana’s involvement in the Underground Railroad. Check out our website for more details!

The holidays will soon be upon us and that means only one thing: our annual Canopy of Lights Open House is returning! This year, during the ceremony downtown, the winner of the Name the Courthouse Fish contest will be announced. All year entries have been swimming into the History Center and the top ten names, determined by the Monroe County Bicentennial Commission, were set to a public vote. The winner will receive a $100 gift certificate to Downtown Bloomington, Inc.
Volunteer Spotlight

This month’s spotlight shines on two of our long-time Research Library volunteers. Like many of our volunteers they are a source of reference on local families and Monroe County history making them a valuable asset to the staff and to our patrons.

According to our records, David Lemon became a member of the History Center in 2004 although it’s not clear exactly when he started volunteering. He has worked on the Monroe County Timeline and maintains the newspaper clippings file. He also updates the Library’s family files and is currently transcribing the Monroe County Commissioners’ books. But he also volunteers on the Sports Committee, serves on the Board of Trustees along with various other committees. Best of all he brings his sense of humor and infectious laugh with him and he'll help out with most anything as long as coffee is involved.

Penny Mathiesen joined the History Center in 2002 and started volunteering in the Library soon after. Two of Penny’s large tasks are updating and maintaining the cemetery files and the vertical files. She also researches and writes interesting articles for the newsletter. In addition, she proofs and edits the whole newsletter before it’s published. Another of Penny’s gifts to the History Center has been her gracious assistance at the annual Canopy of Lights open house we host each year after Thanksgiving. We often serve a large number of visitors at the open house and when Penny is in the kitchen, she is always a calm presence, making sure we have a constant supply of hot cider to serve.

Announcements

● NARM institutions in North America now number over 1,000. Here are two comments from members about the NARM benefit on our $100 and up membership levels:

“I have loved using the NARM benefit that is associated with my MCHC membership! Not only has it paid for itself in savings at member institutions, but I have visited museums while traveling that I may not have otherwise. In addition I love knowing that the MCHC benefits from my upgraded membership.” Kris Yoho

“We always used to join the Indianapolis Museum of Art; but when we learned that NARM membership was good there, we decided we’d rather have the money help the MCHC.” Ann and Stephen Schechter

● Remember: Your NARM benefit is good at the Indiana State Museum and its 11 historical sites as well as the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) – Newfields. Upgrade today to use these benefits!

● We have current lists of both NARM and Time Travelers institutions sorted by state so if you plan on traveling, we can supply you with the names and locations of NARM and Time Travelers museums to visit.

Questions or comments: Call 812-332-2517, Ext. 7 or email volunteers@monroehistory.org.
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July and August 2018

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**New Members**
Alexandra Croger
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Remembering:

Mary Ellen Santa, mother of Rob Santa, died in late August. Rob and Missy Santa are long-time members and supporters of the History Center. Mary Ellen wore many hats during her life, including legal secretary, county clerk and administrative assistant to Mayor Ron Schenkel of Huntington.

Susie Gaston Thompson, was a member and supporter of the Monroe County History Center for many years. Susie continued the family business, Gaston Wood Finishes, after the death of her father.

Barbara Hyde moved to Bloomington in 2002 and quickly became very active in the community. She was a Monroe County History Center member and also volunteered in the History Center’s Museum Store.

Bobbi Diehl and her husband Jim moved to Bloomington in 1973 where Jim took a position in the IU History Department and Bobbi began working at the IU Press. Bobbi was with the IU Press for almost 30 years where she edited many books and served as the co-author of “Encyclopedia of North American Railroads.”

Larry Onesti and his wife June, were History Center members for several years. Larry was proud to say he filled many roles including husband and father and he counted himself a “friend to all.”

Roy Schmalz Descendants Visit the Museum

Late this summer we were pleased and excited to welcome to the History Center the great-great grandchildren of Roy Schmalz. Mae Rose Stahl and her brother Samuel Stahl, our two youngest members, live in another state but were in Bloomington for a visit. They were accompanied by their mother Kate Stahl (granddaughter of Richard Schmalz) and their grandfather Tom Templin and grandmother Sarah (Schmalz) Templin, daughter of Richard Schmalz.

Roy Schmalz donated Monroe the Bear to the Museum in 1990 and Monroe was “lookin’ good” and ready for the visit due to a generous donation from Kimberly Schmalz Ochsenschlager (Mae and Sam’s aunt) which provided a spa day treatment for Monroe with taxidermist, Bill Fulcher. Bill made a “museum call” in 2016 and gave Monroe a much-needed makeover. The H-T covered Monroe’s spa day in an April 21st, 2016 article.

News from the Museum Store

The Calling: Based on True Events in the Extraordinary Life of an Extraordinary Indiana Pastor.

Stories of Bloomington Pastor Dr. Merrill McFall

This is a book about the human triumph of finding redemption through God’s healing grace. It is based on the promise of the abundant Christian life, all fueled by the power of faith and channeled through one minister’s devotion to his flock and to his beloved congregation.

According to the author, “the book begins at my father’s visitation service after his death. It is structured as a series of flashback memories recounted as people kneel beside his open casket. These are inspirational stories, rich with examples of this unique minister’s influence on each person’s life. Every chapter ends by extracting the insights my father gained from these experiences, summarized in the key points of a sermon, drawn from each episode.”

Available at the Monroe County History Center Museum Store for $24.95 plus tax.
News from the Library

Library@monroehistory.org
Compiled by Megan MacDonald and Penelope Mathiesen

ISL Genealogy and Local History Fair

The Indiana State Library, located at 315 West Ohio Street in downtown Indianapolis, will hold its annual Genealogy and Local History Fair on Saturday, 27 October 2018, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme is “Digging Up the Dead,” with a focus on how to research deaths. Local genealogy and history organizations will have information and vendor tables. Speakers will include Lisa Alzo on coroner’s records and other resources, Amie Bowser Tennant on cemetery records, and Sarah Halter from the Indiana Medical History Museum. Attendance is free, and no registration is required. For more information, contact Stephanie Asberry (email: stasberry@library.in.gov; telephone: 317-232-3689). (From https://calendar.in.gov/site/isl/event/genealogy-and-local-history-fair/)

New in the Library

The following items have been recently accessioned:


The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge (I.O.O.F.) was founded in Ellettsville on 20 November 1867. Its ritual and degree work was “based on Bible teachings, especially the story of the Good Samaritan,” and it was devoted to good works. A companion organization, the Daughters of Rebekah Lodge, was founded in Ellettsville on January 25, 1893. Over the years, it supported school and community projects, including the Monroe County Fall Festival.

“The first Odd Fellows building burned during the fire that swept away at least half of the town’s business district on August 1, 1886.” It was “a nicely fitted up hall—the second story of the Thos. Harris building. Their insurance [was] $600”; the loss was $800.

The present-day I.O.O.F. Building at 121—123 North Sale Street was built about 1888, according to the current owner, Paul Pruitt, who kindly showed me the upstairs rooms on 26 February 2018 and provided a great deal of information. According to him, the structure is actually two separate buildings, side by side, separated by a brick wall down the middle. In 1898, the I.O.O.F. bought the building from the Fraternal Order of Red Men. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The structure contains retail spaces at street level, occupied at present by the Richland-Bean Blossom Family Store (north side) and the Flower Shoppe (south side). At the back of the building, an outside staircase provides access to the rooms on the upper floor: the I.O.O.F. Lodge (north side) and the Rebekah Lodge (south side). Each side has a separate entrance that opens into a vestibule; the interior doors leading to the lodge halls have peepholes installed during Prohibition.

The present owner has done cleaning and restoration to the exterior and interior of the building but has not made any major changes. Both sides have the original woodwork, carving, and floors. On the I.O.O.F. side, the original stage is gone. On the Rebekah side, the original stage at the front of the room, overlooking Sale Street, is still there. The plaster ceiling has been replaced by a metal ceiling, and the Rebekahs added a kitchen, used, among other things, to prepare food for the Monroe County Fall Festival.

The Rebekah Lodge Hall contains some interesting artifacts. There is a safe, original with the building, manufactured by the Victor Safe and Lock Company of Cincinnati, Ohio; it guaranteed losses up to $200,000. There is a D. H. Baldwin piano, probably original, and a solid slate pool table, probably also original.

Finally, of particular importance to the history of Ellettsville, there hangs a 6’ x 10’ oil painting on stretched canvas in a wooden frame executed by John H. Shook: *The Road to Jericho*, one of a number of paintings with religious themes that he was known to have done in the 1890s. (See article and photograph elsewhere in this issue.) The painting shows two foreground figures, one astride a camel, on a road winding through a landscape of hills and palm trees towards a distant walled city with a central domed building on the far left horizon. Pruitt believes he has identified the space on the wall where the painting was originally hung on the I.O.O.F. side. “The Road to Jericho” refers to the Biblical story of the Good Samaritan and thus would have been directly related to the ritual and purpose of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Ellettsville.

Notes

John Heilman Shook, a respected 55-year resident of Ellettsville, was a blacksmith, wagon builder, and painter of carriages, portraits, and landscapes. He was born in Bean Blossom Township, Monroe County, on 20 September 1830 to George H. and Elizabeth Heilman Shook, the youngest son of sixteen children. After growing up on a farm, he became a blacksmith’s apprentice, which involved traveling around the state. He settled in Monroe County in 1857 and started a wagon manufacturing business in Ellettsville. During the Civil War, “he worked mostly at gunsmithing, and also invented a revolving rifle, reaching 400 yards.”

Shook married Catherine (Kate) Smith on 8 October 1857 in Monroe County. They had three daughters: Beatrice (born 12 May 1861), Nora Magdalena (born 7 August 1862, died 2 August 1863), and Ida Isabell (born 24 July 1865).

John Shook eventually took a partner, Edward E. Faulkner (born 29 March 1858), into the wagon manufacturing business. The earliest reference to this partnership indicates that Shook & Faulkner began building carriages around 1876. In the 1880 Monroe County census, Faulkner, age 22, is listed as a blacksmith; this census gives the same occupation for John Shook. Edward E. Faulkner married Shook’s daughter Beatrice on 15 May 1881.

On 3 August 1886, a disastrous fire struck Ellettsville, and “in less than two hours half of the business portion of the town was in ashes.” The fire started on the premises of Shook & Faulkner in “a frame building two stories high, full of shavings and dry material that burned like powder” and quickly spread to nearby buildings. It was assumed that the fire was incendiary in nature, as “there had been no fire of any kind [at Shook & Faulkner] for several days.” (One wonders if spontaneous combustion played a role.) Ellettsville had no organized firefighting force, and the response from Bloomington was slow, due to distance and a delay in the decision to respond. “Shook & Faulkner sustain[ed] the heaviest loss; the fire cost them no less than $5,000. They manufactured wagons, and did general blacksmithing … a fine engine and fifty wagons ready to put together [was] part of the loss. … Ed. Faulkner received a bad cut on the wrist of his right hand.”

The business recovered. In 1891, a local newspaper reported that “Shook and Faulkner’s wagon factory is running every day and until 10 o’clock at night.” In 1892, “John H. Shook lost two of his middle fingers of the left hand while at work in his factory last week.” By 1895, Shook & Faulkner’s factory had closed. In 1897, a newspaper item states that “J. H. Shook has built Earl Buchannan a new transfer wagon,” but without reference to the business. Also in 1897, another item proclaims that “E. E. Faulkner, [Ellettsville’s] new postmaster, has his room nicely furnished and handles the mail all right.”

In the 1900 Monroe County census, John Shook’s occupation is listed as “carriage painter,” but local newspapers in the previous decade praised his portraits, landscapes, and religious scenes. For example, Shook’s “fine painting entitled, ‘Descent from the Cross’” was placed on exhibit at the Ellettsville Baptist Church in 1891. Later that year, the same painting was “rented to a southern show company for $25 per month.” Around the same time, Shook painted a number of portraits of Presbyterian pastors and elders, which “adorn[ed] the walls of private residences and churches.”

One of his works, a large, 6’ × 10’ canvas called The Road to Jericho, still hangs in one of the former lodge rooms of the I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows) Building on Sale Street in downtown Ellettsville.
The Shook & Faulkner business, renamed the E. E. Faulkner Planing Mill (probably as a result of Shook’s death in 1908) was operating again by 1910. The 1910 Monroe County census, however, lists Edward Faulkner’s occupation as postmaster, so his role in running the mill is unknown.

John H. Shook’s death occurred on 7 April 1908. His funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church in Ellettsville, of which he was a staunch member. He is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, where a large monument is engraved with the names and dates of Shook, his wife, and their three daughters. Shook owned a home that still stands at 709 West Main Street in Ellettsville. Probably built about 1870, it is a simple I-house with replacement windows and one-story rear additions. In recent years, it has been used as a private residence and a law office.

Notes

4. Cemetery Card File, Research Library, Monroe County History Center (Shook, Nora M.).
6. Cemetery Card File, Research Library, Monroe County History Center (Faulkner, Edward E.).
8. Monroe County Marriage Book 6, p. 554 (Faulkner, Edward and Beatrice Shook). Shook’s other surviving daughter, Ida, married Dayton (Date) M. Rumple, an Ellettsville druggist, on 9 April 1884. See Monroe County Marriage Book 7, p. 192 (Shook, Ida Bell and Dayton M. Rumple); Ellettsville news item, Bloomington Courier, January 17, 1896.
10. Ellettsville news item, Bloomington Telephone, December 22, 1891.
11. Ellettsville news item, Bloomington Telephone, January 5, 1892.
12. 1895 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of Ellettsville, 1.
13. Ellettsville news item, Bloomington Telephone, November 30, 1897.
15. Ellettsville news item, Bloomington Telephone, February 17, 1891.
16. Ellettsville news item, Bloomington Telephone, November 10, 1891.
17. “County and General,” Monroe County Citizen, March 19, 1892.
20. “Good Man Gone: John Shook Dead,” Bloomington Evening World, April 8, 1908.
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