History Center to Host Genealogy Conference

BLOOMINGTON, IN – The Monroe County History Center is hosting its first Shaking Your Family Tree Genealogy Conference on November 9. The conference will host four sessions with regional and local experts that highlight resources available for local history and genealogy research projects. Whether community members are just starting their research journey or would like to explore new avenues in their research, this conference is designed for anyone to uncover new information in their family tree.

"Collecting and providing resources that can aid people in tracing their family history is a big part of the History Center's mission so we're excited to launch this new conference," said Susan Dyar, Director of the Monroe County History Center. The Shaking Your Family Tree Genealogy Conference will feature introductory presentations on researching African American family records, house history, using DNA kits in your genealogy research, and the ways to use the Monroe County History Center Research Library in your research projects.

"This is a good opportunity for people who have always been curious about genealogy and local history but never knew where to start," said Megan MacDonald, Research Librarian of the History Center. MacDonald and several long-time volunteers in the History Center Research Library will lead a session highlighting the many records and resources in the archives of the History Center. Following the final conference session, the Research Library will be open to tour. Detailed descriptions of each conference session are available online at the Monroe County History Center website.

Registration for the Shaking Your Family Tree Genealogy Conference is open and free to the public and available at monroehistory.org. The Monroe County History Center is a non-profit 501c3 whose mission is to collect, preserve, research, interpret and present the genealogy, history, and artifacts of Monroe County, Indiana and provide an accessible learning environment for all to enjoy.

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