38th Annual Garage Sale Extravaganza

The Monroe County History Center’s 38th annual garage sale extravaganza will be held this year on June 14 and 15 at the warehouse located at 1300 S. Patterson Drive, behind Catalent Pharma Solutions. Hours are 8am to 6pm on Friday, June 14th, and 8am to 4pm on Saturday, June 15th. Last year’s sale brought in over $100,000, an important contribution to support the operations and programs of the History Center. We couldn’t do it without your generous help!

Please remove and keep the ENCLOSED FLYER containing details regarding your donations. The flyer explains where to take your donations, which items sell well, and those items we cannot accept. There is some pick-up available for larger items.

We again are hoping for THE DONATION OF A CAR. MCHC is a Section 501(c)3 nonprofit and your gift may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.

We sincerely thank Catalent Pharma Solutions for the use of the warehouse and their support throughout the year.

Pop-Up Preview Garage Sale

Join us for a boutique experience at the Monroe County History Center. This spring-inspired preview supports the collections, programs, and exhibits of the Monroe County History Center. Sale items include accessories, art, and antiques.

A sale to remember!

Date: April 6th Location: 202 East 6th Street Bloomington, IN 47408
Time: 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Rechter Gallery:

Women and RCA

The world was at war and the new tenant in town, the Radio Corporation of America, had just set up shop. Radios bustling down the assembly line quickly turned to proximity fuses and other technological equipment used by the military. The women of Monroe County and the surrounding region powered these RCA assembly lines, providing an avenue of economical and sociological independence. This exhibition tells the story of how women were instrumental in the growth of RCA, not only during World War II, but well into the 1980s and 1990s.

Open through May 18th, 2019

Hill Gallery:

Fashion in the Factory: Women at Work During World War II

Uniforms and fashion of the women working in factories during World War II symbolized their progression and the restrictions placed on them in mid-20th century America. Currently on loan from Indiana University’s Elizabeth Sage Fashion Collection is a jumpsuit worn by a woman who worked at a wartime factory in Evansville. Fashion typically worn by female RCA workers is also on display.

February 22nd-April 27th

Crest and Monroe County

In 1956, Crest unveiled their toothpaste to the world. For years prior to the release, scientists at Indiana University created the cavity preventing prototype and used residents as its test subjects. Through Crest advertisements, this exhibition will tell the story of how IU and Monroe County were involved with a revolutionary invention.

May 21-August 12

Brown Gallery:

For the past 200 years, the import and export of raw materials, finished goods, and even people has been a challenge for those living in Monroe County. Exhibits in the Brown Gallery tell the story of how Monroe County continued to grow despite obstacles presented by hilly terrain and a region without a major water source. The ongoing theme of the exhibits in the Brown Gallery will be transportation in Monroe County with changing artifacts throughout the year.

Community Voices

CASA

Monroe County CASA, a volunteer-powered organization that provides advocates to child victims, will be the next host of our Community Voices Case. Their program recruits, screens, trains, and supervises adult community members who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates responsible for making sure children remain at the forefront of the court proceedings and find a safe, permanent home.

April-June 2019
From the Board President

Greetings, Monroe County history enthusiasts! It is truly an honor to step into the role of President for the MCHC Board of Directors. It probably won’t surprise anyone to learn that I love history. I love learning about history, reading about historical people and events, collecting things from the past, helping teach others about history, and celebrating historical milestones. On that celebratory note, I’m happy to report that the History Center’s Gala—celebrating the 200-year-long relationship between Indiana University and Monroe County—was a great success. Together through sponsorships, silent auction bidding, and ticket sales, the event helped to raise more than $38,000—funds which will be put to good use helping the History Center and its staff and volunteers preserve and share our local history. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of that event—especially our sponsors, featured guests, silent auction donors, MCHC staff, and members of the Gala Committee—in short, everyone who helped us celebrate the fact that the best is yet to come!

One of the things I always look forward to this time of year is getting to see all the awesome things for sale at the History Center’s Annual Garage Sale in June. If you’re like me and hate to wait three more months, this year you’re in luck—on April 6th from 12:30-3:30pm the amazing women who plan and run the garage sale are hosting a Pop-Up Preview at the History Center. Proceeds from this preview sale will also go to support the History Center.

As tangible proof of the wonderful things that these fundraising efforts help to support, I’d invite you to check out the “Women and RCA” exhibit. If you haven’t yet seen it, be sure to stop by some time between now and May 18th—and if you can make it before April 27th, you’ll also have a chance to view “Fashion in the Factory: Women at Work During World War II,” an exhibit including items on loan from Indiana University’s Sage Fashion Collection.

Lastly, I wanted to extend my gratitude to Linda Williamson, the outgoing President of the MCHC Board of Directors. Linda’s work laid a great foundation for us to continue working to accomplish the things set forth in our new strategic plan. Together with the wonderful group of new and continuing board members, I look forward to following in Linda’s footsteps and working to support the History Center and its mission to collect, preserve, research, interpret, and present the genealogy, history, and artifacts of Monroe County and provide an accessible learning environment for all to enjoy.

Best wishes,
Jennifer Borland, President
MCHC Board of Directors

Calendar of Events

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Collections Corner
by Hilary Fleck

For this year’s Gala, I was asked to set up a "pop-up museum" for the evening of Indiana University related artifacts from our collection. In addition to the artifacts, I included sponsor sheets describing three collection-specific projects and asked guests to contribute toward either object conservation, purchasing supplies, or enabling us to pay an intern to catalog geology specimens from the collection. I’m thankful to say that we received donations and pledges totaling $1,385 toward all three projects! Thank you to all who donated or pledged to help improve our museum collection. Our community support enables us to collect and care for our wonderful collection. THANK YOU!! If you are interested in donating to support collections care, you may donate online through our website or contact us at the History Center.

A Special Thank You to All of Our Generous Gala Sponsors

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Linda Williamson
From the Membership & Volunteer Coordinator’s Desk
by Martha Wainscott

History Center Board of Directors

The History Center Board of Directors is a group of volunteers who willingly volunteer their time and expertise to guide the History Center toward fulfilling its mission. The regular monthly meetings are always the third Thursday of the month at 4:30pm in the History Center’s Education Room. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

As of April 1, the officers for the Board of Directors will be:

Jen Borland, President
Phil Stafford, Vice President
Vickie Fry, Treasurer
Dave Musgrave, Secretary
Janet Stavropoulos, Associate Secretary

Our thanks to outgoing president, Linda Williamson, for her leadership over the course of the past two years.

Save the Date
2019 Volunteer Recognition Event

This year’s volunteer recognition lunch is scheduled for:
Monday, April 29th.
Invitations with specific details will follow.

Happy Birthday!

Janet Rowland recently turned 90. What a milestone! Janet has been involved with the History Center as a member of our Collections & Exhibitions Committee and as a greeter at our front desk for several years.
Happy Birthday, Janet!

News from the Museum Store

In Last Press Bus Out of Middletown, sports journalist Bob Hammel tells the story of how an Indiana sports journalist without a college degree, armed with talent, gumption, and a whole lot of inspiration and advice from those he worked with, earned national attention while still working for his small-town newspaper. From Bob Knight to Mark Spitz, from the horrors of the Munich Olympics tragedy to the Hoosiers’ exhilarating clinching of the NCAA basketball championship, Bob Hammel’s journey has been unforgettable. Even in his 80s, it’s a dream that still has him smiling and storytelling.

Pick up your copy in the Museum Store for $25.00
MCHC Contributors and New Members
January and February 2019

The History Center wishes to acknowledge and recognize those who provided financial gifts to support our operations in January and February 2019:

**Patron Membership**
Kimberly and Scribner Schmalz Ochsenschlager

**Benefactor Memberships**
Eric and Catherine Brown
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**Additional 2018 Annual Appeal Donations**
Patsy Fell-Barker
Ron Burkhart
Anita Douglas
Tom and Patty Gibbs
Wesley and Mary Ratliff
Beverly Watkins

**The Gayle Cook Junior Historian Scholarship Fund**
In honor of Gayle Cook’s 85th birthday this year, the History Center established the Gayle Cook Junior Historian Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships and support for educational programs, workshops, and summer programs at the History Center. If you are interested in contributing to the fund, you can do so online on our website, or contact us at the History Center for details. Donors to the fund thus far are listed here:

Jennifer Borland
Kathy, Doug, and Susan Davis
Gladys and Gene DeVane
Susan Dyar
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Cathy and Jim Murphy
Kerma Murray
Dave Musgrave
Jason Rager
Marilyn Skirvin
Janet Stavropoulos and
Michael Molenda
Martha Wainscott
Linda Williamson
Remembering:

Russell T. Minett – was a devoted husband and loving father to his children and their spouses (including Cathy and Jim Murphy) and a loving “Papaw” to their grandchildren. After the Marines, he and Barbara married and were devoted to each other for 64 years. For 47 years, Russell was honored to minister to the congregants of the Bridge Church of Christ. He will be inducted into the Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame in honor of his championship high school wrestling titles.

Vera O’Lessker – was deeply committed to the IU Jacobs School of Music and the Art and Theatre departments. She was treasurer for the Friends of Music for many years, then continued her volunteer work at the Monroe County History Center. Vera was a devoted mother, grandmother, and homemaker, and she and her late husband, Karl, enjoyed traveling to Europe and China when they could.

Linda Gail Sieboldt – Linda grew up in Unionville and graduated from high school there in 1965. She worked at IU from 1967 until her retirement when she and her husband Ralph opened Blue Barn Antiques. Linda loved watching her grandchildren perform in their academic and dance programs. She and Ralph joined the History Center several years ago and enjoyed assisting with the annual garage sale.

Rebecca Ruth (Winslow) Stuart – grew up on the Winslow dairy farm. She loved caring for her home and family and she also enjoyed lending a hand to many local clubs and organizations including her volunteer service at the Monroe County History Center. She and her husband Richard were Life Members who were dedicated to supporting the History Center mission.

Elizabeth Jean (Betty) Yoder – Betty’s life was greatly enriched by her work experience at the Library of Congress and teaching English at Prince George’s Community College. She had an abiding interest in family history and genealogy and helped many people with their research. She and her husband Dick have been members and supporters of the History Center for many years.

Donations Received In Memory of Stephanie Bowman
Kathy McFall        Linda and Phil Stafford

Donations Received In Memory of Rebecca Stuart
Kenneth and Charlotte Brashaber  Glenda Murray  Tom and Chris Stuart
Monroe County First Families

The Monroe County History Center Research Library is happy to announce the launch of our very own First Families program. Like many First Families programs that exist across the state, research and genealogy enthusiasts trace their lineage back to families that first settled in the Monroe County area.

This program is open to anyone who is a direct descendant of a family who settled in Monroe County before 31 December 1849. By documenting the lives and contributions of some of the county’s early settlers we are able to honor their lives and build a stronger understanding of what and who shaped our county.

Detailed instructions will be on our website soon, and application forms will be available online and at the History Center. Anyone is welcome to complete an application form, no matter their current place of residence. A fee of $20 is required with your application packet. Certificates will be awarded at a recognition ceremony in March 2020. Please call the Research Library if you have any questions: (812) 332-2517, ext. 4.

New in the Library

The following items have been recently accessioned into the Research Library collection:


* Cramer-Whitcomb Family History. N.d. Compilation of genealogical research that includes family trees, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other ephemera. Gift from Paula Cain.


* Murphy Family History. N.d. Includes the Murphy and Skirvin families. Gift from Paula Cain.


* Welch-Pettus Family History. N.d. Compilation of genealogical research that includes family trees, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other ephemera. Gift from Paula Cain.
The Trojan Horse, a popular restaurant on the southeast corner of Bloomington’s downtown square, has served patrons for 40 years. It has been cited for its longevity (one of a handful of restaurants that have lasted from the 1970s), as well as its flavorful menu items, which have included dolmas, gyros, moussaka, baklava, spanakopita, and souvlaki.\(^1\) The modified late-nineteenth-century commercial building it occupies, however, has not always housed a restaurant.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for Bloomington in 1887 and subsequent years identify the structure on the southeast corner of Walnut and Kirkwood as a grocery.\(^2\) Its occupant was George M. Whitaker, who is listed as a grocer in an 1890 directory,\(^3\) and as “G. M. Whitaker, Grocer, South East Corner Square” in 1900.\(^4\) The 1907 city directory describes the establishment as “The Whitaker Grocery Co., dealers in Provisions and fruits,” located at the corner of Walnut and Kirkwood. By 1909, the store was carrying not only groceries but also “feeds and household goods.” In a 1912 photograph of the store’s interior, a sign for Trilby Soap appears on the left, and another sign for the National Biscuit Company hangs from the upper right. By 1916, George Whitaker had taken on a partner, Homer D. Carpenter. Whitaker-Carpenter Grocery remained in the building until 1926.\(^5\)

In 1927, the building was taken over by the Miller-Wohl Co., a women’s and misses clothing retailer that operated specialty stores nationwide.\(^6\) The Bloomington High School *Gothic* for 1942 lists Miller-Wohl among the local businesses that supported the publication of the yearbook. Three Sisters Clothing, part of another national chain,\(^7\) occupied the building from 1952 until 1970. College Wigs Inc. took over the premises in 1971, but in 1972, the building was vacant. The Brigantine Restaurant occupied the premises from 1973 until 1978. The Trojan Horse appeared in the city directory for the first time in 1979.\(^8\)

The Trojan Horse restaurant was purchased in 2018 by Kristen and Michael Shelley, who have stated “they intend to remain faithful to The Trojan Horse’s legacy.”\(^9\) The building has recently undergone an extensive renovation at the hands of its owner, Dan Oh,\(^10\) and appears set to anchor the southeast corner of Bloomington’s downtown square for many years to come.

Notes

2. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for Bloomington in 1887, 1892, 1898, 1907, and 1913.
8. Bloomington city directories from 1952 through 1979.
The death of Lawrence Mitts, who was crushed by a train near Bloomington in 1904 and later died, triggered events leading
to the establishment of the Bloomington Hospital. It was the Local Council of Women that took up the challenge to provide
health care for the area. They raised $6,000 to buy land and a house on South Rogers, plus $3,000 for remodeling. “Among
their more innovative money-making schemes, the opportunity of riding in an automobile was offered for the fee of 10 cents a
person.”¹ They had many other fundraising methods:

“How those ladies labored for the nickels, dimes, and dollars! Rummage sale after rummage sale ($96 profit for the year!),
recitals, lectures, a theatre benefit given by I.U.’s Strut and Fret Society; selling refreshments at the county fair, a baseball game, a
Hospital Association with a minimum membership fee of $1.00 per year; donations of 12 dozen towels by Unique Club; donation
of a ‘real live cow.’”²

The ten-bed hospital opened in 1905. Three beds were designated “for charity.” Soon after, a woodshed outbuilding was remodeled to
house nurses. There were problems in using the original red-brick house as a hospital:

“…it was found that the operating room on the second floor was hard to reach; the front stairway was narrow, steep and winding. The back stairway, similarly unusable, was remodeled so that a stretcher could be carried up, though only by heroic lifting and twisting on the part of the ambulance drivers, nurses and even the physician who was later to perform the operation.”³

Starting in 1906, training began in the hospital’s School of Practical Nursing. Miss Beryl DeLap was its first student. The
school continued until 1945, graduating 124 nurses in its 39 years of existence.⁴

Early financial support included local foodstuffs:

“Part of the hospital’s operating costs were met by the harvest from its garden and milk from the cow. School children were
asked to bring a potato to class to be collected for the hospital larder. Each member organization of the Local Council of
Women assumed responsibility for a room in the hospital and annually paid a room maintenance fee.”⁵

Later, during World War I, the Council of Women asked their members to set aside one quart of fruit, vegetables, or jelly for
the hospital to offset costs.⁶

In 1914 the newspaper ran a “Hospital Report”⁷ for the last six months of 1914. It recorded 98 patients, 96 days “given to
charity,” three births, five deaths, and 68 surgeries. Hospital earnings from fees totaled about $2,000, with another $300 paid
by the city, and $200 from charities. Hospital maintenance cost $1,060, and nurses’ and other employees’ salaries $975. There
was about $300 in surplus. The report cited rising numbers of patients and called for a larger building.
In 1919 a new limestone building with 35 beds was constructed for $75,000, and the original red-brick house was converted to nurses’ housing.\(^8\)

The post-WWII boom led to a new fund drive and a 40-bed addition to the building in 1947, using federal matching funds of $92,500.\(^9\)

Bloomington area medical needs outgrew this 75-bed structure, so extensive additions were made and in 1967 the bigger building housed 147 beds. In the early 1970s two floors were added to the building, enlarging the bed capacity to 304.

By 2005, one hundred years after its founding, the hospital had 355 beds, was staffed by 330 doctors, and had an annual patient base of 367,000.\(^10\) The 2017 Indiana Hospital Fiscal Report showed staff salaries and benefits costing $136 million, and operating expenses $355 million.\(^11\) The new Bloomington hospital is scheduled to open in 2020. It will cost $344 million, and have 184 beds.\(^12\)

Throughout its history the Local Council of Women of Bloomington exerted social and moral authority. They were owners of the hospital until 1989. They were instrumental in raising money for the original building and several expansions over more than 100 years. They embodied local control over this valuable institution. Bea Snoddy, historian for the group, reflected that:

“The ownership and operation of the hospital had germinated so gradually that few realized what a rare phenomenon in hospital histories this was. Long practice had accustomed the women to answering the needs of the hospital, and the torch had been passed from generation to generation.”\(^13\)

Notes

5. Snoddy, “Bloomington Hospital.”
6. “Timeline: History and Events of 100 years of LCW and Bloomington Hospital” (unpublished manuscript, n.d.).
10. “Bloomington Hospital” (undated centennial brochure). (Note: Opened in 2006, Monroe Hospital, with 32 beds, is the second hospital serving the Monroe County area.)
11. Hospital Fiscal Report State Form 49520 (R2 /7-02), October 31, 2018.
# Membership Form

## Annual Membership Levels

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Renew online or donate online at: http://monroehistory.org/join-and-give

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Clark Cemetery  
This cemetery is located near the center of the north edge of Section 19, Washington Township, north of Bottom Rd. and west of Dittemore Rd. GPS Coordinates: 39.29498, -86.56033. This is near the village of Modesto. This property is now managed by the Sycamore Land Trust and called the Restle Natural Area. This cemetery is technically called Johnson/Clark Cemetery; abbreviated in the Monroe County cemetery survey as JOH3. The cemetery is next to an old road that forms the northern boundary of the Nature Area. There originally was only one burial, Robert G. Clark, who was born in May of 1848 and died only a few months later, in October. The original small, marble marker is still there, but a newer granite marker has been added for Robert. Also there are three recent markers honoring members of the Restle family.