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# Monroe County Historian

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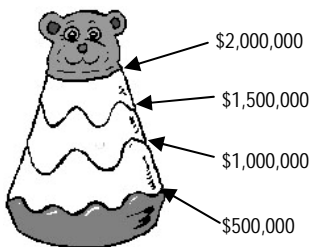
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## Are you a Founder yet?

The Founders Endowment is underway. The goal is to raise \$2,000,000; the interest will be used to augment the operating budget and expand staffing. There are a variety of giving opportunities. Pledges can be extended over three years. Call the office for more details.



**New Feature:** Check out the progress of the Founders Endowment total each issue.

## Bloomington's Carnegie Library Building: A Traumatic Beginning

*The following typescript is from the Genealogy Library's vertical files. Despite the building's troubled beginnings, the structure has served the community well for eighty-seven years! Despite the horrors described in this letter to the Indianapolis architect in charge of the project, Mr. Wilson B. Parker, regarding Mr. Weaver, who seems to have functioned as his contractor, the Carnegie Library building was dedicated a month later, on 1 February 1918. The typescript's punctuation, syntax, and spelling have been preserved.*

Bloomington, Ind. Jan. 5, 1918  
Mr. Wilson B. Parker  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Parker The Library Board has no confidence in Mr. Weaver promises. Time and again when his attention has been called to defective work and violations of specifications he has made promises only to violate them. He employs only cheap and unskilled workmen. The manner in which the plastering and painting was done is an outrage. Now he proposes to send some of his cheap workmen to try to right and our only remedy is to sue him on his contract. He had ample warning that the manner in which he was doing the plastering would render it impossible for us to accept it. He went ahead without any heat and with men unskilled in that kind of work and we have a job we can not accept. Every corner but one in the main room a large crack extends from top to bottom. And of the columns the plastering is now cracking clear around. The pilasters, moulding are so rough and crooked that it is common talk by people who come. When you are down again, I will show you the work done by Mr. Engledow in the Monroe County bar on mouldings to and you will be ashamed for Weaver.

The painting and varnishing couldent have

done poorer by the cheapest country painter. A number of rooms are dismissed with one coat. No sanding or rubbing done. Places entire spots on window casings were missed.

Floors are so unlevel that we are having trouble fitting any of our furniture and fixtures. The window over the east book case is an inch and a half out of square. The dormer windows between the study room and the main room are an inch out of level. Not a right angle corner in the room. Windows so poorly fit that the snow blew in on window sills. All windows will have be gone over by carpenter who has pride enough to do things right. Doors many are hinge bound and others will not lock. And yet he had the men he called mechanics pack up their tools and go away calling it finished.

He insisting on setting the inside door jams before plastering contrary to good workmanship, and then did his plastering during cold rainy weather. Now the nice wide door jams in that main room are cracking and buckling like many of the walls and doors. Under such conditions do you think the board would be justified in wasting more time on him? The time is already expired when the building was to have been completed. The end is not yet in sight. The board is very much chagrined and disappointed. As you know, I had my business arrangements made to go to Florida early in Jan., I am thus held up no doubt a month yet. We had the plans for a beautiful building. We

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The Largest Fund Raiser of the Year

## 24th Annual Garage Sale

Accepting items through June 9th.

**Don't miss it !**



**Exhibits & Program Schedule**

**“Lullaby Baby”**

This charming exhibit features baby quilts, vintage christening gowns and cradles. Exhibit closes August 30, 2005.

**“Bloomington Hospital 100 Years of Medicine”**

This exhibits features some of the medical equipment in the Monroe County History Center’s collection. Explore how medical treatment has changed over the past 100 years. Exhibit is on-going.

**“Summer Sunday: 1905”**

MCHS is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. This exhibit will let you step back in time to a lazy summer Sunday afternoon in 1905. Featured are beautiful white dresses, which were very common, along with information about what was going on in 1905. Closes October 30, 2005.



Your donation would look great here !!

2005 Garage Sale is coming soon.

All meetings and programs will be held at the History Center, unless otherwise stated.

General Board Meeting  
2nd Thursday of the month, 4 pm  
Members always welcome!

**Annual Garage Sale**

June 10-11 The garage sale will be held in the old Thomson-RCA plant, but is NOT in the same location as last year. Take south Rogers to the intersection of Hillside. Just beyond the intersection take the road to the right. Follow signs to site.

**Civil War Roundtable’s Summer Trips**

- June 12 Billie Creek Village (car pooling)
- July and August trips are being planned.

Please check out their website for more details—<http://mypage.iu.edu/~rawatson/roundtable/>. Look at the June 2005 issue of the “Sentinel” newsletter. For more information please call Steve Rolfe 336-0757 or Mary Jane Blustein 334-2319.

**Volunteer Dinner**

June 14 Pitch-in dinner at 5 pm. Call Lisa Simmons for more information.

**Marty Belcher Concert**

June 16 For more information about this cello improve concert call 339-6727

**Archy Camp**

June 21-22 FULL

**Mike Compton and David Greer Concert**

July 8 Please call 825-5514 for more information.

**Midwestern Roots 2005: Family History and Genealogy Conference** August 19-20

This great conference will be held in Indianapolis. Check out this website for more information [www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots/](http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots/)

**Assembling the Pieces of History: Advanced Hands-on Cemetery Restoration Workshop** Sept. 17  
Call 317-233-8913 for more info.

**MCHS Mission**

People develop a "sense of place" through experience and knowledge of a particular area. A sense of place emerges through knowledge of the history, geography and geology of an area, its flora and fauna, the legends of a place, and a growing sense of the land and its history after living there for a time. Developing a sense of place helps people identify with their region and with each other. A strong sense of place can lead to more sensitive stewardship of the county’s cultural and natural history. The Monroe County Historical Society promotes and celebrates this sense of place by collecting, preserving, interpreting and displaying materials and artifacts related to the cultural and natural heritage of Monroe County.

Society established 1905  
Museum established 1980

**Monroe County History Center**

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<b>Museum/Store</b>	<b>Genealogy Library</b>
Tue– Sat	Tues and Sat
10 am–4 pm	10 am—4 pm
Sunday 1-4 pm	Wed-Fri 1-4 pm

Admission: \$2/adult, \$1/child, under 3 free.  
**Members + guests always free**

**OFFICERS for 2005-2006**

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Laura Newton, Secretary  
Marilyn Skirvin, Assoc. Secretary  
Liz Knapp, Library Director

# From Bookmobile to Branch Library in Ellettsville

By Penelope Mathiesen

*Both photos are from the Genie Library's vertical files. In the photo below, the woman to right is Lois Henze, who drove the truck and was in charge of the Ellettsville station.*

Library service in the Ellettsville community began with the "library book truck" and continued with the Monroe County Bookmobile. In the 1940s, a bookmobile station "operated out of the upstairs community room of the Hudson Building." The librarian responsible for this station was Lois Henze, "who was in charge of rural services for the county division. She was among the first in the entire state to do this work, driving her old Ford book truck in all kinds of weather up and down the steep Monroe County hills." The county school children, as well as the adult patrons, all loved her. Since many didn't know her real name, she was affectionately called "The Library Lady."

On 21 April 1968, the Ellettsville Branch of the Monroe County Public Library opened in the Odd Fellows Building on North Sale Street. (The space is now occupied by the Richland Family Store.) The first branch director was Jane Henning. In the 1980s, Sue Nolan, who worked at the Monroe County Library, began coming to Ellettsville one day a week. She was involved in the planning stages for a new library building and became the branch's full-time head librarian in August of 1990. The library moved into the new building on 17 September. Its formal dedication on 14 October marked the transition from temporary quarters to a structure specifically designed and

built to serve as a community library.

In April 2005, the Ellettsville Branch Library reopened after a period of renovation that included a new roof and a remodeled entrance. During the fifteen years since the building's dedication, the library has seen phenomenal growth in its collections and patronage, and it continues to be much loved by its community.

(Sources: *The Ellettsville Story, 1837-1987*; personal interview with Sue Nolan, Fall 1990; *Ellettsville Journal*, 30 March 2005.)



## Bloomington's Carnegie Library Building: A Traumatic Beginning

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have but a poor imitation. Mr. Weaver will not get by on promises.

I have engagements already made which require me to be in Indianapolis, Monday and Tuesday, so I cannot meet Mr. Weaver here Monday. He must think we have nothing to do but wait his convenience, and that any old time will suit us to get the building. I regret this unhappy termination, but the misfortune was that young Weaver was called away for he was on the job every minute and had some pride. After he left it was without a head most of the time.

I will see you Monday,

A footnote to this episode is that the min-

utes of the library board on 1-14-18 decided not to accept work. Instructed Judge J. B. Wilson to file suit against Mr. Weaver.

*Note: The typescript, which appears to be a transcription of an earlier document, does not include the signature of the original letter writer. At the bottom of the transcription is the handwritten notation: "Prepared by Vera O'Lessker." The original letter is dated 1918, while the transcription and its "footnote" were prepared at an unknown later date.*



**Needed Volunteers**

to help with  
**Book Cataloging**  
**Map Cataloging**  
**Scanning Articles**

For more information please contact  
 Liz Knapp, Genealogy Library Director  
 355-5588 or  
 332-2517



*Penelope Mathiesen manning the MCHS booth at the 2005 IGS meeting.*

# News from the Library

## MCHS Represented at IGS 2005 Conference

The annual meeting of the Indiana Genealogical Society was held on 2 April 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Anderson, Indiana. Thanks to Monroe County Historical Society member Michael Maben, who was in charge of IGS exhibits, MCHS was given a great spot for its display table—right next to the registration booth! We had excellent traffic at the table, good sales, and many compliments on our publications, which included the 2005 schools calendar (still available in the MCHS Museum Store!). The calendar received some extra exposure when one of the conference speakers, Ron Darrah, borrowed a copy to display during his talk on Indiana school records. Attendance at IGS 2005 included registrants not only from Indiana but also Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and California. Next year's conference will be held in Scottsburg, Indiana.

—Penelope Mathiesen

## Special Projects

Brenda Lommel has completed work on the Bloomington Title Company books. Volunteers from Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science continue to help out with the community files project, and SLIS volunteer Jodi Shepherd is now doing the Genealogy Library's cataloging.

Indiana University history graduate Jason Slutzky has



worked on several projects. He recently prepared an "Index to Oral History Interviews, 1977–1980." Transcripts of the interviews are on file in the library. Some of the subjects and their topics include Maurice and Frances Endwright (Ellettsville history and stone carving business), Fred H. Howe (family candy business), Clara Kinsey (marriage to Alfred Kinsey), Louise Rogers (history of Rogers family), and Thelma Whaley (memories of family and Van Buren Township).

## Vertical Files

Library volunteer Penny Mathiesen has completed the reorganization and relabeling of the Genealogy Library's vertical files. A checklist of the file headings is available and will be updated periodically. Among those who have recently donated materials for the vertical files are Kitty Burkhart, Loretta Condra, Mary Lee Deckard, Liz Knapp, and Lee Ridge. Thanks are extended to all who contribute to make the vertical files a

# Calling All Cooks!

As a part of our upcoming 100th anniversary of the Society's founding, a cook book is being compiled.

## Recipes Wanted

The History Center is looking for your favorite recipes. All type of recipes are needed by  
**JUNE 30, 2005**

- Entrees
- Desserts
- Salads
- Vegetables
- Appetizers
- From Local Restaurants
- Wild and Wacky
- Grandma's Favorite
- Special War Recipes

Submission are to be made on-line at [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com). The Group Login is "mccooks" and the password is "842B2." The next screen has the easy-to-follow instructions. Please limited your submissions to 6 recipes.



## News from Other Places

Thanks to the Friends of the Indiana State Archives, the 1816 and 1851 Indiana State Constitutions have been restored and installed in a special display case in the State House rotunda in Indianapolis. Funds for the restoration were provided by the Indiana Bar Foundation, and the Indiana State Bar Association contributed financial support for construction of a display case covered with a veneer of wood from the Constitution Elm in Corydon. (From *Archives Current*, Winter 2005.)

### Marion County Genealogical Library Housed in Cemetery

The Genealogical Society of Marion County has a unique location for its library: the lower level of Indianapolis's Crown Hill Cemetery Waiting Station Building. The library, which specializes in Marion County information, maintains a collection that includes a school yearbook collection and many other items. For information on the society, the library catalog, and other Marion County data, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ingsmc/> (or contact Ron Darrah, 317-594-9786; e-mail: [darrah@prodigy.net](mailto:darrah@prodigy.net)). (From GSMC brochure.)

### Ohio Genealogical Society Publications

The Ohio Genealogical Society publishes two journals of special interest to those with Ohio ancestors: *Ohio Records & Pioneer Families*, devoted to the stories of the first settlers of Ohio, and *Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journal*, focused on personal documents and records related to Ohio soldiers who served in the Civil War. For more information on the society and its publications, go to: <http://www.ogs.org> (or contact the society at 713 South Main Street, Mansfield, OH 44907; phone: 419-756-7294; e-mail: [ogs@ogs.org](mailto:ogs@ogs.org)). (From OGS brochures.)

### Web Sites

\* If your immigrant ancestors settled in St. Louis—or took advantage of the opportunity to become U.S. citizens there before hitting the westward trail—you may be able to find their naturalization records with a new, easy-to-use source. The Saint Louis Genealogical Society has posted on-line 93,000 index

cards to city court naturalizations between 1816 and 1906, when the federal government took over the citizenship process. Search the collection at: <http://stlgs.org/natsearch.aspx>

\* American Civil War Veterans' Organizations. Find out what the Library of Congress has for researching Civil War veterans at: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/gar>

\* Got Utah roots? Read 1870s-era issues of the *Salt Lake Tribune* plus thirty-five other Utah newspapers on-line at <http://www.digitalnewspapers.org>

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## Museum Store

- Seasonal Items
- Nostalgic children's Toys, Books & Crafts
- Note Cards
- Monroe County Coverlet
- Clay City Pottery
- Local History and General Interest Books
- Genealogy Items
- Unique Gift Wrap
- MCHS Publications
- Huge Selection of Paper Dolls
- Postcards
- Canvas Totes
- Limestone and Glass Paperweights
- Nostalgic Magnets
- Earth Drops Soap
- Dillman Jams and Jellies
- Products Made from Local Honey and Beeswax
- Armatale Metal Plate depicting Courthouse
- And a Wonderful Selection of Used Books

*100% of the proceeds from the Store goes to the Society to operate the History Center.*

## New and Renewed Members

### Basic

Mona Robinson  
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Bloomington Central Lions Club, Inc.



*Kathy McFall and Mary Lee Deckard (shown above) are the extraordinary volunteers who have run the Museum Store for the past 22 and 25 years respectively.*

## Cousin Relationships: Should you get a double cousin two gifts?

Are you confused by the term “removed” in family relationships? Have you wondered what in the world is a “second cousin once removed”? The following explains some of the more common terms with regard to cousins.

### Cousin Terms and Definitions

**Cousin** (first or full cousin): The son or daughter of an uncle or aunt.

**Second Cousin:** Persons who have the same great-grandparents but not the same grandparents.

**Third, Fourth, and Fifth Cousins:** Third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents. Fourth cousins have the same great-great-great-grandparents. And so on.

**Removed:** When the word “removed” is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. The words “once removed” means that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother’s first cousin is your first cousin, once removed, because your mother’s first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. A one-generation difference equals “once removed.”

**Cross Cousins:** A cousin who is the child of one’s mother’s brother or one’s father’s sister.

**Parallel Cousins:** A cousin who is the child of one’s mother’s sister or one’s father’s brother. Parallel cousins are the children of two brothers or two sisters.

**Double Cousins:** If two brothers in one family marry two sisters from another, and each couple has a child, the offspring are double cousins. The addition to the first cousin term is the result of the number of common grandparents that are shared in any case. Regular first cousins share only ancestors, while double first cousins share all lineal and collateral relatives.

**Kissing Cousins:** A distant relative known well enough to be kissed when greeted. According to anthropology classes at IU, kissing cousins are people who are genetically far enough apart to mate.

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## MCHS Supporter and Volunteer Passes Away

Alice Lloyd Binkley was born on 22 August 1915 in Carlisle, Indiana and died on 30 April 2005 in Bloomington. She married Morris Binkley on 6 September 1937. They enrolled in Alfred Kinsey’s first marriage course at Indiana University, and Alice was always a staunch defender of Kinsey’s work. She earned degrees in psychology and education from IU and taught for twenty-four years at Rogers and Sanders elementary schools. The Binkleys’ three children all received degrees from IU.

Alice Binkley was active in the Monroe County Historical Society, the First Christian Church, Tri-Kappa Philanthropic Organization, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Conversation Club. Other interests included ballroom dancing, gardening, Indiana history, and many community causes, such as the restoration of Honey Creek School. She was a member of the planning committee for the 175th anniversary celebration of the founding of Monroe County and Bloomington. She was a strong force in the effort to create the Monroe County Historical Museum and was on the Museum Board of Trustees from its inception. She also served as a volunteer. Her contributions to the Monroe County Historical Society and Museum will be long remembered and her presence greatly missed.

(Sources: the *Herald-Times*, 5 May 2005, and the *Monroe County, Indiana Family Heritage Book, 1937–1987*.)

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*Morris and Alice Binkley*



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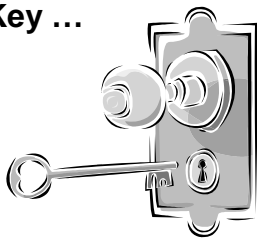


**2005**

100th Anniversary  
of MCHS

25th Anniversary  
of History Center

### Your Membership is Key ...



### Memberships Make Great Gifts, Too

Your membership expiration date can be found on the upper right side of the address label.

The Monroe County Historical Society is a self-sustaining private non-profit. Nearly all our operating budget –98%– comes from membership dues and donations. Thank you for being a member and don't forget memberships make a great gift.

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Or Fax to 812-355-5593

Check if you are interested in volunteering.

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