

# Monroe County Historical Society



## Mission

The purpose of MCHS shall be to collect, preserve, research, interpret and exhibit the genealogy, history and artifacts of Monroe County, Indiana, as well as research and interpret the relation of that County's genealogy, history, and artifacts to the State of Indiana and the United States and thereby foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Monroe County's history, culture, and natural environment by all.

***Over 100 Years of  
Service***

***Society Established 1905  
Museum Established 1980***



# Monroe County History Center

Museum

Genealogy/Local History Library

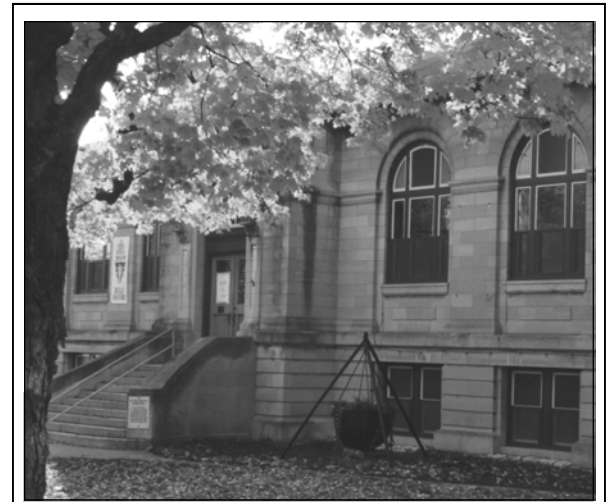
Educational Facility    Museum Store



202 E. 6th St., • Bloomington, IN 47408  
812-332-2517 • [www.monroehistory.org](http://www.monroehistory.org)  
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm



A close-up look of a completed section of the Monroe County History Path.



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## Giving Opportunities



# Donating to the Monroe County Historical Society

The Monroe County Historical Society relies on the generous contributions of its loyal supporters like you.

## Help Preserve Monroe County History — Make a Gift Now

### • Monetary Gifts

You may **make a monetary donation at any time** in the form of cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. Donations are tax deductible. The Monroe County Historical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

### • Matured Savings Bonds

Consider using your mature savings bonds that are no longer earning interest to fund a tax-deductible gift. **Simply redeem a bond and give the proceeds to the Historical Society.** The charitable deduction you receive should more than offset any income tax.

### • IRA Tax-free Gift

Take advantage of the recent legislation that allows donors to make charitable gifts from their IRA accounts, without incurring income tax on the withdrawal.

If you are age 70½ or older and are required to take minimum withdrawals, this may be a great way to make a gift to one or more qualified charities. While you cannot claim a charitable deduction for IRA gifts, you will not pay income tax on the amount. **Just ask your IRA administrator to send your distribution check directly to the Monroe County Historical Society.**

We collaborate with the *Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County* and *Monroe Bank* to build endowments and manage gifts.

### • Founders' Endowment

The Board of Trustees has established the Founders' Endowment to provide ongoing support for the preservation of our collection, upgrades to exhibits, and improvements to our facility.

When your gifts to the Founders' Endowment reach a total of \$500, you are entitled to an engraved brick in the Monroe County History Path. The path leads up to the main entrance of the History Center.

## Leave a Legacy — Plan a Gift for the Future

### • Retirement Plan Beneficiary

You can include the Historical Society as a beneficiary on your retirement account. **Just fill out a "change of beneficiary form" naming the Monroe County Historical Society** to receive a generous percentage of the remainder after your surviving spouse dies.

Your qualified retirement fund (401k, IRA, SEP or Keogh) may be the most tax-burdened asset you own. If you and your surviving spouse die before you have taken all of your distributions, the remaining balance can be subject to multiple taxes that could claim up to 75% of its value. You can leave 100% of the remainder, tax free, to the Historical Society, reduce your estate, and leave other assets to your heirs.

### • Bequest

**When you update your will, you can include simple bequest language** to leave a gift of assets (cash, CDs, real estate, IRAs, stocks, bonds, savings bonds, etc.) to the Historical Society, thereby reducing the amount of your taxable estate.

### • Charitable Gift Annuity

You can **convert stocks into a gift annuity** to provide you with a dependable income stream for life and leave a substantial gift to the Historical Society.

*Yes, I would like to make a monetary donation to the Monroe County Historical Society.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type (please check one):  Enclosed Check  Visa  MasterCard Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the Monroe County Historical Society, and mail to the Monroe County History Center, 202 E. 6th St., Bloomington, IN 47408

Please send me information for naming the Historical Society as a beneficiary in a:  Bequest  Charitable Gift Annuity  Retirement Fund