

Quarterly Meeting

Donnie Evans will speak at the upcoming quarterly Monroe County Historical Society Meeting. He will enlighten the group as to archival information located in the courthouse and the history of Fountain Springs. This meeting will take place at Ames Clair Hall, Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

Please come to the September meeting. Proposed changes to the Historical Society by-laws will be presented. The Executive Committee is proposing to increase the size of the Executive Board. Membership input is welcome. Proposed by law changes will be voted upon at the next regular membership meeting to be held in December 2009.

Thank You

Special thanks to Dennis White for speaking at the last meeting concerning his book, "News from the Crik". It was a most entertaining program.

MCHS Membership

A warm welcome to new Historical Society members: Bill and Linda Burns, Vernessa Pontius, and Michael and Helen Ann Barlow.

It is wonderful indeed to have more people interested in the history of Old Monroe.

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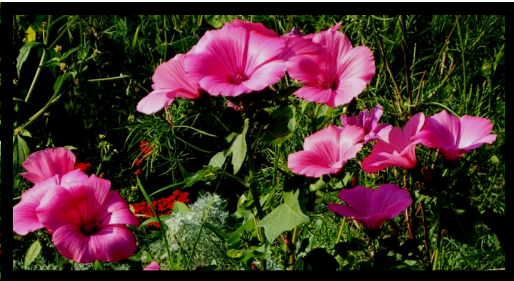


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Heartfelt Thanks

The Irl C. and Fanny Echols Wallace family reunion has made substantial donations to the Monroe County Historical society for the past four years.

The Wallace family emigrated from Scotland in 1724 settling in Lancaster County, PA. In 1850 the Samuel H. Wallace, a tanner and farmer, settled near Zenith in Monroe County. The Echols family emigrated from Germany in 1756 and lived in PA, NC and VA before settling near Gap Mills in 1909 when Fannie was 6 years old. Her father was a tanner and a photographer. Several of his glass negatives depicting Monroe County are still owned by the Wallace family. The Historical Society extends heartfelt thanks to the Wallace family for their ongoing financial support.



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Fundraising Campaign An annual Fundraising Campaign is being developed by a new Historical society committee. As we strive to protect and preserve Monroe County's extensive archival collections and artifacts, the costs of utilities, insurance and building upkeep put a financial strain on society resources. Financial support from a Greater Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation grant will help cover immediate fundraising costs such as printing and postage. More details will be forthcoming later in Fall 2009.

A Planning Retreat In early August a planning retreat was attended by Executive Committee and Fundraising Committee members. This group set forth three main goals for the Historical Society. These goals are 1) To increase the number of people involved in Historical Society activities; 2) To clarify the organizational structure; and 3) To develop a fundraising strategy.

Thank You

*Thank you to **Kelley Sills** of Creekside Resort located near Greenville, WV for hosting the planning retreat and providing the delicious luncheon. Ms. Trudy Laurenson of Greenbrier County facilitated the planning session.*

*Thank you to **Shane Ashley** owner of Ashley's IGA of Union, WV for providing the substantial refreshments for our July fundraising workshop. This workshop, lead by Ms. Julie Cryser with WVU Extension in Morgantown, was open to the public.*



Log House Circa 1843. Early 1900's the David and Ora Bailey Lively Home, now at Greenville.