

VISTA Says Goodbye

Writing this on my last official day working as a VISTA, I look around, not only the museum but also all of Union with a lot of fondness.. A year ago, I moved to West Virginia without knowing a single person or ever having been here before. Now that I'm at the end of my term, I wish I could stay.



MCHS Welcoming Pounding Party – 2010

Fortunately, although I am unable to continue working another year as an AmeriCorps VISTA as I had hoped, I raised enough money to stay independently for a few weeks until we open on Farmer's Day. I have three definite goals or what I wish to accomplish in this extra remaining time:

- 1) Put all of our artifacts nicely into display cases and add captions to the most salient.
- 2) Design a brochure on Monroe County about the Civil War.
- 3) Inventory the MCHS artifacts currently in the Rehoboth Church collection.

In a space this small I could never adequately thank, all those who have helped me during this year. I have been so lucky! I must point out a few people though; Robin Wright, whose exceptional efforts are what brought me here; Fred and Barbara Ziegler, for letting me rent their guest house at Cook's Old Mill, the most idyllic place I could ever imagine; and Dr. Ron Ripley, for coming into the museum so often and answering my thousands of questions.

Jerry Campbell, MCHS VISTA

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The MCHS will not have a regular meeting for the June quarterly meeting, but instead will be actively participating in the events of Farmer's Day. Those special events are:

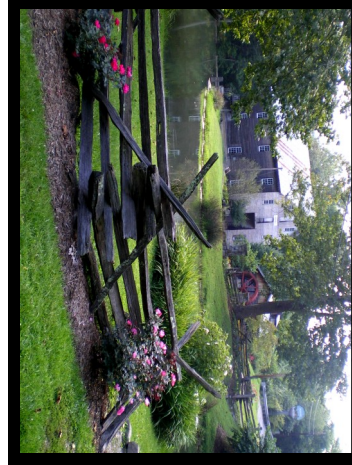
- 1) rededication of the Confederate Monument,
- 2) rededication of the William Porter Miles gravesite at Greenhill Cemetery, Union, WV,
- 3) ribbon cutting and unveiling of the new historical highway marker, and of course,
- 4) visiting the museum and log homes.

Please check The Monroe Watchman for details and times of these events.



Jerry Campbell, the Monroe County Historical Society wishes to extend special appreciation and thanks to you for all the work you have done over the year 2010-2011 to further the cause of preserving Monroe County's History and making a difference in our outreach and presentations. We warmly thank you and wish you great success as you continue on your life's journey.

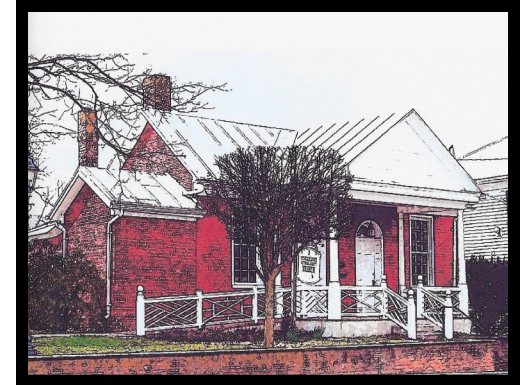
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