

Monroe County Historical Society

Quarterly Meeting

The MCHS quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday September 11, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Monroe County Library in Union. Jon and Abby Averill of Sandstone, Summers County will present a program entitled, "John Marshall's visit to Richmond's Mill in 1812".

Two hundred years ago the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and other dignitaries took a month-long, 250 mile bateau voyage over the Allegheny Mountains to survey the best water route between Richmond, VA and the Ohio River. Jon and Abby will discuss what we know about the Marshall survey down the Greenbrier, and his stops at the Graham House, Hinton, Brooks, Richmond's Mill and Meadow Creek. They will also speak concerning the post office history at Sandstone and the Richmond Ferry.

Jon Averill is recently retired from the Summers County

and Greenbrier East High Schools. His 50 year interest in film and video production has led him to his yet unfinished project., "Passing Thru Sandstone", a documentary about that Summers County community. Abby Averill is currently a Special Education teacher in the Summers County School System.

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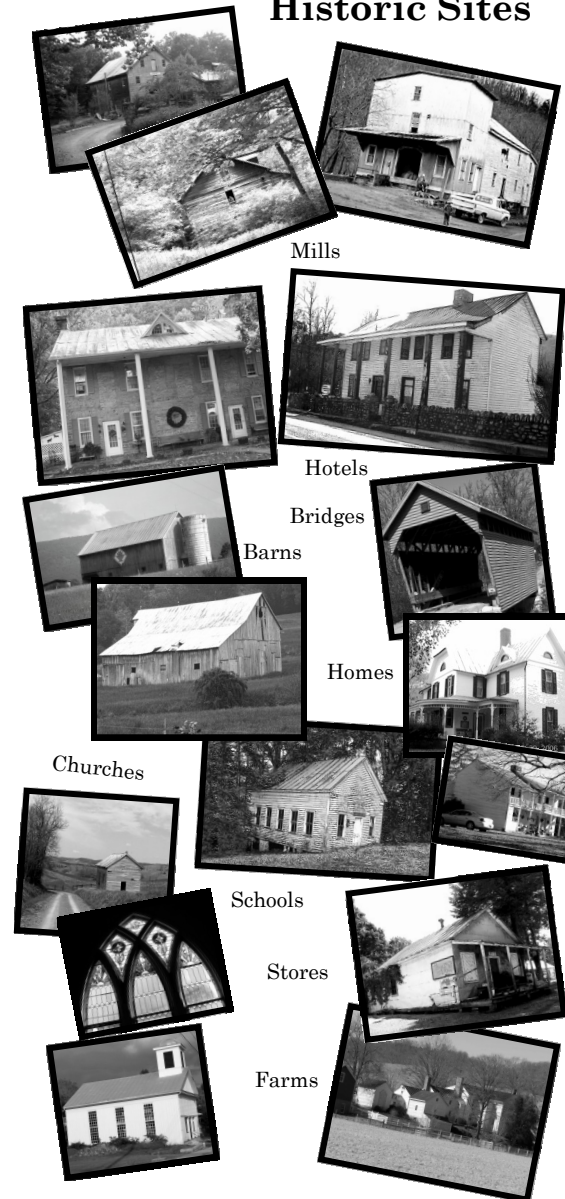


The Gap Valley Historic District (Gap Mills community) will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

at the WV Culture & History meeting on September 30, 2011 in Petersburg, WV. This significant historic project has been undertaken by Friends of THE Second Creek, Inc., a local non profit organization dedicated to the preservation of our local history and water resources.

Monroe County is

Historic Sites



Concern For Our County

The threat of hydro frack drilling for natural gas in Marcellus Shale continues to loom large over Monroe County. The Constitution of MCHS states that our purpose is to include the preservation of "whatever may relate to the natural, traditional..... history of Monroe County.

How do concerned citizens protect not only the traditions and culture of Monroe County, but our water as well? Gas drillers state they will industrialize rural Monroe County, woe be to agriculture. If hydrofracking commences out-of-state drillers will infiltrate our county with their foul language and nasty habits, drive a multitude of huge trucks transporting chemicals and equipment to hydrofrack wells which will use 4—6 million gallons of water per frack. A resident of rural Wetzel County now describes his once quiet community as "a living hell". For more information visit SaveTheWaterTable.org or FrackCheckWV.net or wv.dep.gov.