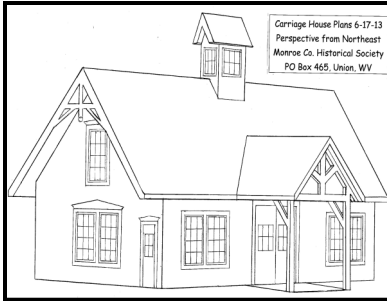


# Monroe County Historical Society

## Carriage House Progress



The calendar says “spring” but the weather hasn’t made up its’ mind yet. So, as we await spring weather to finish construction on our Carriage House, we continue to add horse drawn vehicles to the collection which will be housed there. Also, we are very pleased to announce the donation of three more horse-drawn vehicles to our carriage and wagon collection. Avery Atkins has donated a John Deere Farm Wagon, and Bill Guy has donated a sleigh (or cutter) and a buckboard. These latter two vehicles are originally from the collection of Raymond Spencer a former Agricultural Agent in Monroe County. More will be published on all these vehicles when pictures are available. The significance of these donations is that they will round out our collection and make it representative of the types of vehicles used in Monroe County. We are still interested in receiving

more vehicles and of special importance would be a two-wheeled buggy (or gig) and a goat cart as these are known to have been used in this area. We are still getting requests for the purchase of commemorative bricks to be installed in the porch of the Carriage House. So, if you are interested, you can have your names, or the names of loved ones engraved on a brick for \$100.00. Each brick can contain three lines of thirteen characters each (letters or spaces) and this is sufficient for two or three names. Your order should be sent to the Monroe County Historical Society at PO Box 465, Union, WV 24983.

Finishing touches on the Carriage House are expected by early summer. Plans are now underway for a rousing summer dedication ceremony. Watch for a Carriage House dedication date coming soon.

Thanks to all who have contributed to make this Carriage House possible. We encourage your continued financial support through contributions as much still remains to be done to bring this project to completion. With your continued help we will now be

able to preserve and display artifacts of Monroe County’s horse drawn history for generations to come.

MCHS continues to solicit vintage photographs of horse drawn vehicles in Monroe County. The photographs are being compiled for a book on Monroe County’s horse drawn conveyances. We have received many wonderful old photographs, but there is room for more. If you have a photograph you could share with us for inclusion in this book, please contact Fred Zeigler at [frednbarbara@frontier.com](mailto:frednbarbara@frontier.com).



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### Spring Meeting

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**Lecture on Carriages of Monroe by Fred Ziegler**

**Sunday, April 13, 2014 2:00 P.M.**

**Ames Clair Hall, Union, WV**

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We are pleased to report a number of new donations to the Carriage House fund. These are from Laurie Dobbs Thomas, Peer & Judith Rinde-Thorsen, Myron & Sarah Taylor, Carolyn A. Hailey, Jack & Shirley Neel, Jerry & Suzanne Fuller, and Francis & Elizabeth Pence for a total of \$850. The total received so far is \$73,602.23.

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The Monroe County Historical Society has recently been awarded a grant by the West Virginia Humanities Council for the MCHS museum in Union. These funds will be used to update our displays and lighting. This grant will also allow us to improve our preservation capabilities. Thanks to Vice-President Toni Ogden for her efforts in securing this grant. The MCHS museum will be open again this summer from Farmer’s Day through September.

Volunteers are needed to staff the museum so that we can continue to accommodate our many summer visitors. No special knowledge or expertise is required, just the desire to be a host to our visitors and to share the fascinating history of Monroe County. If you can join us this summer at the museum, please contact Judy Wagner at 304-772-4468 or [jdecwagner@gmail.com](mailto:jdecwagner@gmail.com).