

Monroe County Historical Society

Commemorative Bricks

We have had lots of questions about the engraved bricks that we installed at the Carriage House, such as where are they installed and what do they look like? So we include pictures to show that they are installed on the floor of the porch which measures about eleven feet square. There are a total of 240 and the detailed picture shows how our supporters crafted their inscriptions. As you may remember, we charged \$100 apiece so the total contributions amounted to \$24,000! We have had questions as to whether more bricks could be purchased, so if you are interested, please email Fred Ziegler at frednbarbara@frontier.com. We cannot promise anything at this time as the current space is filled, and we would have to pour more concrete to accommodate more bricks, a significant expense in itself.



War Comes to Union!

August 27th is the date for the first Monroe County Heritage Days “Living History Event” the organizers are looking for people interested in portraying local citizens of Union during the 1860’s. The event seeks to recreate that time during the Civil War when our town was occupied for five days by the Federal Army. Citizens of the area were Secessionist, Unionist and Pacifist. Many were local farmers, laborers, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, teamsters, etc. We are seeking men, women and children to bring that time ‘alive’. This unique opportunity is your chance to “step back in time” and live for a day as our ancestors did during that defining moment in American History.

In May of 1864, Union General George Crook led his force through Union on a Sunday morning after his victory at Cloyd’s Mt. The 10,000 men, 200 wagons, 35 ambulances, 213 prisoners, and over 100 negroes with Crook’s army took 6 ½ hours to march through town and spread out for miles to camp and forage. The population of the county was nearly doubled by the size of this army. The Monroe County

Heritage Days organizers are seeking volunteers, re-enactors, and living historians to bring this history alive. There will be an encampment in the fields surrounding the Confederate Memorial where there will be drills and demonstrations. Around Union there are several historic structures where scenarios of events will take place. We would like to have civilian impressions to portray the townsfolk and how they would deal with Yankee Troop forages as they occupy the town. There will be an initial skirmish with the local Home Guard by the forward elements of the Federal advance. Friday will be set-up time and Saturday will be the main event, while that evening we will host a period dance. Sunday there will be a period church service. Please come join us!

For more information, visit our web site MCHDWV.COM and contact Chris Johnson at wvaca@hughes.net, or call 304.772.4712.

