

**Monroe County Historical Society
Quarterly Meeting will be held on
Sunday, April 9, 2017
in Ames Claire Hall at 2:00 p.m.**

Fred Ziegler will speak on Civil War Campaigns around Monroe, based on a short paper he published last year summarizing the troop movements in, and around Monroe County from 1862 to 1864. The targets of the Federal troops will be discussed; including the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad between Salem and Radford, as well as salt and lead mines, and grist mills. The Confederate troops exploited the mountainous terrain, effectively using both regular troops and bushwhackers to stop the invaders. Fortunately, no battles were fought in Monroe County although the residents did suffer because armies from both sides passed through the area and were forced to forage for food and shelter, particularly during times of bad weather. There was little to find because the farmers were off fighting the war. The main physical damage in Monroe County was to Greenville (called Centreville at the time) where Cooks Mill, the Maddy Saltpeter Mine and the Methodist Church were all burned during a Yankee Raid in 1862.

Fred Ziegler retired, with wife, Barbara, to Cooks Old Mill in Greenville in 2003, and became interested in local history. He is the current President of the Historical Society, and was in charge of building the Carriage House Museum in 2014. He has published on the Carriage House project, the Civil War, as mentioned, and on the age of Cooks Mill with Professor Amy Hessl and a Dendrochronology Team from WVU. Fred's Civil War work was stimulated by the Mill dating as well as last year's reenactment, "War Comes to Union", which incidentally, will be repeated during the last weekend of August in Union.

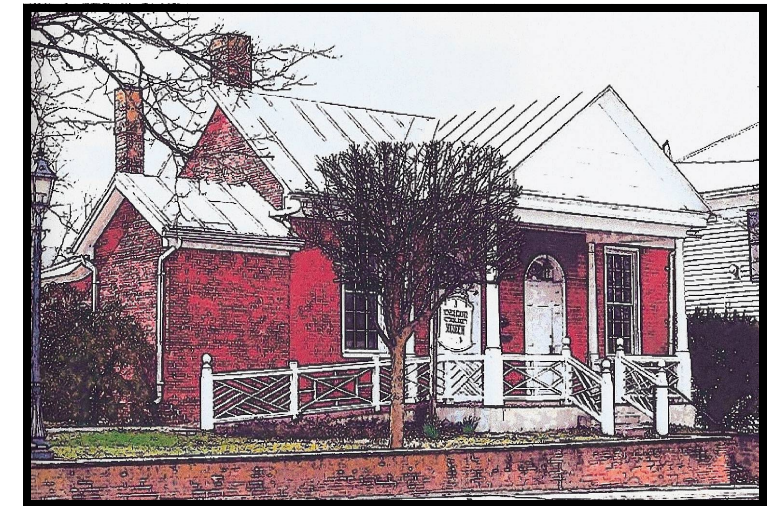
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Monroe County Heritage Days

The Historical Society will sponsor a repeat of the Living History Event, "War Comes to Union", on August 25-27. The event is a reenactment of the 1864 occupation of Union by thousands of troops of the Federal Army. So, save the date and much more information will be included in the July newsletter.

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