

Monroe County Historical Society

Cook's Fort Grant

A grant has been awarded by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History for archaeological work on the Cook's Fort site in Greenville.

The proposal was written by Fred Ziegler on behalf of the Monroe County Historic Landmarks Commission, chaired by Helen Graves. The Summers County Historic Landmarks Commission is adding to this project, as they have traditionally received funding for work of this type in the Greater Greenbrier Valley.

Cook's Fort was one of the largest of about 30 colonial forts in the Greenbrier Region and was constructed in 1774. Preliminary geophysical work over the past two years by Steve and Kim McBride has revealed anomalies which they have trenched and shown to be remnants of the original wall. Further work this summer promises to help trace the outline of the fort, as well as to uncover colonial artifacts.



The Carriage House in Union 2014

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRTUAL MUSEUM , WALKING, AND DRIVING TOURS

The Monroe County Historical Society is pleased to announce that it will be working with The Clio to create an entry for the Walking Tour of Union, "A Sprightly Village".

The Walking Tour was created in 1993 after the recognition of the Union Historic District by the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. It includes over 47 points of interest, detailed in the brochure available from our Museum. As the years have passed, researchers have found new information to update the walking tour. This new information will be added to the tour which will be found on The Clio

website www.theclio.com

A current view of the Monroe County WV information will show individual entries of landmarks and buildings pinned to a precise location with GPS data and Google maps. Entries include photographs with a short introduction to the site and its history, with links to further information.

The Clio is a free mobile app and website created by David Trowbridge of Marshall University in Huntington WV. The Clio is driven by a nationwide network of contributors from communities and institutions – including classes at universities and colleges – who know their history and want to share it with the world. Clio, in Greek mythology, is one of the nine Muses, the patron of History.

A good example of the versatility of the site can be found in the entries for the locality of Clarksburg WV. Type in "Downtown Walking Tour of Clarksburg" to see photos and history; there are audio uploads for the Robinson Grand Theatre; and there are virtual tours of the different collections in the Clarksburg History Museum.