

2023 Membership & Donations

Please consider this your invoice for 2023 dues.

Since the MCHS year begins January 1st and goes through December 31st, now is the time to renew/join. Or, perhaps you would simply like to make a donation.

Just return the form below with check made payable to Monroe County Historical Society,
PO Box 465, Union, WV 24983.

Annual Dues:\$20 per individual \$_____

\$30 per couple \$_____

Life Dues: \$500 per individual \$_____

And/or: Donation \$_____

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Thank You Very Much! We are a thriving organization and treasure your participation – volunteers are more than welcome and appreciated. We continue to develop an e-mail address list for our membership and friends. We do love to send the Newsletter by e-mail. You will receive your news in a timely manner, it will be in color, and you'll save the Society the cost of a stamp. In addition, we have found occasion to send "breaking news" by e-mail and we're sure you'll want to be included when that happens!

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NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM

In June of 2023, when visitors begin arriving at the Monroe County Historical Society museum, they will be able to read and conduct research from six new books which have been donated to the society. These books are publications of Friends of THE Second Creek, a sister Monroe County organization whose goal is to preserve the history and water of the Second Creek Watershed. Several years ago FOTSC began collecting oral histories as well as researching and recording the history of the area.

The first printing, in 2011, of books was of the Gap Valley area. Since then, two books have been printed covering the areas of Glace, Hollywood, and Second Creek, as well as the second volume for Monitor, Pickaway, and Sinks Grove. Work is in progress for the completion of three more books.

An oral history is a person's history spoken from one's heart and mind. The interviewer documents what the narrator has experienced and how they perceived life. In some cases, a written history in the form of a diary or a journal is used.

Every person has an important story to tell. It can be as simple as an informal conversation about "the good old days" to a more complicated one of relating the family tree. In each story, an "ordinary" person becomes an "extraordinary" one telling how they have coped with hardships and the routines of daily living in a time when many of us were too young to remember.

The language itself is a wonderful way to learn the history of an area. In the stories, we see many spellings, pronunciations, and words that we may not see or hear as frequently today. These local speech patterns were learned from the "talk" with family, friends, and community folk. Sayings and usages were reflective of language passed down from previous generations. It is the goal of FOTSC to preserve this speech. For these reasons, the oral histories are written as the narrator spoke them to the interviewer.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

If you choose to purchase your own publication(s), contact Dixie Lee Hoke-Webb at (304) 645-4229 for more information.

Histories:

History of Gap Valley, 50 pages

Points of View, over 300 pages

Donation of \$10 + shipping or pick-up

Donation of \$25 + shipping or pick-up

Oral Histories:

Gap Mills Remembered, Volume I, 116 pages

Glace, Hollywood & Second Creek Remembered, Volume I, 182 pages

Donation of \$15 + shipping or pick-up

Donation of \$25 + shipping or pick-up

Monitor, Pickaway, & Sinks Grove Remembered, Volume 1, 260 pages

Monitor, Pickaway & Sinks Grove Remembered, Volume 2, 369 pages

Donation of \$20 + shipping or pick-up

Donation of \$45 + shipping or pick-up

JAMES REED TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT MCHS JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING

The January Quarterly Meeting of the Monroe County Historical Society will be held Sunday, January 8, 2023, at the Union Library at 2:00 P.M.

It will feature a presentation by noted Native American artifact collector James Reed entitled, "Native Americans and Their Artifacts." Mr. Reed is a retired Social Studies teacher who taught in Monroe and Greenbrier counties. He began collecting arrowheads and other Native American artifacts when he was ten or twelve years old and now estimates his collection to be around 4,000 items. He generously shares his extensive knowledge and collection with local clubs, organizations, churches and schools. He and his wife, Hazel, reside in Clintonville.

In case of inclement weather, the presentation will be rescheduled to January 15th. The public is invited to this exciting hands-on presentation. For more information, contact Ward Lefler at (304) 772-3739.

James Reed program article as provided by Ana Lusk.