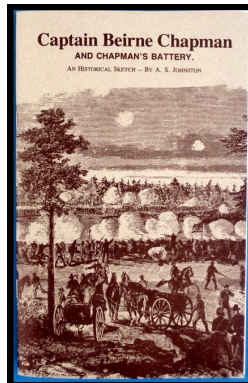


Monroe County Historical Society

Chapman Biography Reprinted



The Society has just reprinted the biography of Capt. Beirne Chapman and Chapman's Battery. Originally written in the years after the war ended by Albert Sidney Johnston, editor of The Monroe Watchman, it tells the story of Beirne Chapman, a renowned Confederate soldier from Monroe County.

Only 21 years old at the time, Chapman gave a rousing speech on the steps of the old Courthouse in Union and soon

draw many men to form a battery of artillery with him at the head. He served gallantly in several battles, including Lewisburg and Droop Mountain, Beirne Chapman was killed at the Third Battle of Winchester, but his eponymous battery served until the end of the war.

This biography of Capt. Chapman has been reprinted to be sold on Farmer's Day. A few small changes make the new editions really stand out, including the illustration on the front now filling the entire cover. It's a dynamic cover for a great booklet. This new addition was again printed by The Monroe Watchman, and we are pleased to continue their involvement on this booklet that dates back 100 years.

"Albert Sidney Johnston had an incredibly effusive style of writing that is a delight to read," VISTA Jerry says. "This short booklet remains not only my favorite publication that we sell at the museum, but is also the most enjoyable account of the Civil War in West Virginia that I've read."

Jerry Campbell, MCHS VISTA

New Publications Case

Those who have been to the museum in the last several weeks will have noticed a big change in how it looks. Scott Pierick and Jason Mundell completed and delivered the Society's new publications display case.

This new case stands well over 6' tall and holds all of our publications for sale. Each of the six shelves lift up to reveal two more shelves underneath, where all the extra copies of each publication are stored. Having these extra copies be right within the case means that museum volunteers no longer have to search the back room for more.

The new shelves allow each publication to be seen in full, whereas the old small, slotted rack it replaces only showed a quarter inch of the top of each cover, hiding even the title. Each shelf can hold five publications across. This allows the Society to display publications that are related together and let visitors easily find ones they may be interested in. Currently, these shelves are organized into community histories, Civil War related, and diaries.



The case was moved into place in the front room of the museum on Make It Shine Day, and now occupies the space where the old roll-top desk was previously. The desk was moved to the Old First Baptist

Jim Jeter Donates Stitching Sampler



Jim Jeter made a very generous donation of a stitching sampler to the Society. Stitched "Mary Burk Peters Monroe County, Virginia May 4th 1836 P.B.P.", it is in remarkably great condition and in a nice wood frame. Mr. Jeter has provided family history on the back, and has dedicated this gift to his late wife.

Even more, he has donated 100 note cards printed with the sampler image on the front and donated these as well for the museum to sell. We would like to whole heartedly thank Jim for not only these gifts, but also the numerous days he's volunteered and his good humor that he always brings to the Society.

Farmer's Day 2011

With several historic activities planned for Farmer's Day, including the 110th year rededication ceremony of the Confederate Monument, the rededication of William Porcher Miles' gravesite along with the unveiling of a new historical highway marker, and a ribbon cutting for the Civil War Trails signs in honor of those who fought. There will not be any special events held at the Museum this year. We are looking for volunteers to staff both the museum and the log houses on Farmer's Day to take advantage of the large crowds who will be in town.

The beginning of June also marks the start of the museum being open Tuesdays through Saturdays. We are always looking for volunteers to work these days throughout the summer. If you would like to help out, please stop by the museum and sign up on the calendar. We need your help of Farmer's Day! The Chapman family home still stands in Union, next to the Society's log houses. A Civil War Trails sign honors Capt. Beirne Chapman and his father, General Augustus Chapman. Please volunteer to staff a table outside the Chapman House to sell the biography. Cost is \$8.00.

Contact Jerry at jerrycampbell@mac.com or 612.275.8167 if you are able to help!



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Human nature will not change. In any future great national trial, compare with the men of this, we shall have as weak and as strong, as silly and as wise, as bad and as good. - - - -after a serenade, Abraham Lincoln 1864