

Monroe County Historical Society

Meet AmeriCorps Jim Snyder

Jim is a West Virginia native residing in Lewisburg with his 18 year old son, Sam. He's a life long professional musician, event coordinator and promoter with a passion for community involvement, education and enrichment. He also has a strong interest in local and regional history.



Jim is the Coordinator for Lewisburg's annual West Virginia Winter Music Festival Inc. The Festival's Mission is to build an emergency relief fund for musicians when caught in times of unexpected financial stress. He's also produced over 150 community rooted concerts in the Kanawha Valley (South Charleston, Nitro, St. Albans and Cross Lanes where he grew up) working with Park boards, churches and corporate sponsors.

Jim was an AmeriCorps member with WVU's Energy Express last year serving as the Community Coordinator for White Sulphur Springs and Alderson Elementary schools.

Jim is also a member of the South Charleston Museum Foundation Board of Directors. As MCHS AmeriCorps member, Jim will coordinate volunteers and create some music events in Union. You can reach him at 304-661-0655
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April Quarterly Meeting

Presentation by Robert Pomphrey
Sunday, April 14th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Meet in the Monroe County Public Library (downstairs)

James and Isabella Alexander's Union

From Monroe County's formation in 1799-1800, and the laying out of the original 65 town lots around its courthouse, Union has seen tremendous changes. Bob Pomphrey is a student of this history. He has uncovered secrets of the past inhabitants hiding in plain sight by following the chains of ownership of lots and buildings, some of which remain. If the oldest buildings in town could talk they would have many fascinating stories to tell us. Did you know that the childhood home of Bishop Matthew Clair still stands in Union? Or the location of the town's whipping post? Or that there was a "deer park" or a Temperance Hall with an embalming facility in the basement? Bob will share the results of his detective work through a lecture and a short slide show.



About Robert Pomphrey



Bob Pomphrey grew up and still lives in Sinks Grove, and Union, Monroe County. He received his B.A. in Education from WV Tech and then a M.S. in Elementary Administration from Radford University. He taught school for 33 years at Gap Mills and Union. He retired from teaching at Mt.

View in 2005. These days, Bob is an antique dealer with booth at the Very Thing and also helps with estate sales for Brick House Antiques, both in Lewisburg. His interests are locally made 19th century furniture, folk art and anything old and unique. His immersion in local history began when he purchased his house in Union in 1976 and investigated the chain of ownership. He has previously served on the Town Council and as Town Recorder; currently he is the Town Treasurer.

Bob's talk was cancelled in January due to bad weather. We are happy that he is able to present it for the April quarterly meeting.

Recent donations - MCHS received a new book to the archives/genealogy files. *The Life and Times of Charles and Eula Belle Hale* is more than just family history, it is a look back at the town of Waiteville in the early 1920's. Included is a little history of Potts Valley, the Waiteville Post Office and Store and many great photographs. Donated by member Bernie Radford.

Woven Coverlet - Mrs. Betty Townsend donated a colorful overshot coverlet woven by her great-grandmother "Grandma Smith".

