

The Monroe County Historical Society  
Thirty-Fourth Anniversary  
1921-1955



A Museum Room

STROUD COMMUNITY HOUSE

Built 1795

Ninth and Main Streets  
STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Dr. Nathan G. Meyer, President

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*James' Brother*  
*Jacob Stroud*  
10¢ + postage

## Origin and Growth

The Monroe County Historical Society was organized at a meeting called by Dr. Mary Erdman on April 8, 1921, and consisted originally of 40 members. The interest of this small group and especially the enthusiasm of the late Dr. Erdman has made the society a strong influence in the county. The organization now is comprised of 165 members. In addition, nine Junior Historical Societies have been organized in the public schools of the county under the sponsorship of the senior society in order to insure a strong and enduring interest in local historical research.

## Objectives

(a) to promote and encourage historical research and study, particularly the discovery, collection and preservation of the history, historical records and data pertaining to Monroe County.

(b) the collection of and preservation of books, newspapers, magazines, maps, manufactures and commerce in this county; also the acquiring of the traditions and folklore of the county.

(c) the acquisition of by purchase, donation, or loan of tools, appliances, and objects of antiquarian interest and the support and maintenance of a historical museum.

## Membership

(a) any reputable person may be elected to membership in the society at any regular or special meeting.

(b) dues for membership shall be two dollars per year.

(c) any person paying the sum of fifty dollars shall become a life member of the society and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the same.

(d) the society may from time to time elect to honorary membership any person who by reason of distinguished achievement in harmony with the society's objectives has become worthy of this honor.

## Headquarters

The official home of the society is located in the Stroud Community House at Ninth and Main Streets, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The house was built in 1795 by Jacob Stroud as a home for his son, John, but later became the home of Daniel Stroud. The Monroe County Historical Society occupies the entire

first floor and a large room in the basement. On the first floor are displayed the noted Indian collection of Luke Broadhead, oil paintings of Stroud descendents, maps, Pennsylvania German birth certificates, and furniture and relics of old families. There are also exhibits of treen, tole and slip ware, antique dishes and needle work. In the basement room are found the Gould and Dr. Charles S. Flagler Indian collections, antique surgical instruments, hand made historical dolls and the Burlingame World War I exhibits.

## Meetings

Meetings are held twice a year, on or about January 15, the birthday of Jacob Stroud, and on or about July 15.

## Papers on File in the Society Library

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| An Acquaintance with the Wildflowers of Monroe County—Dorothy W. Grant.                            | History of Stroud Mansion — Mrs. Clifford Heller.   |
| Brodhead Family in Pennsylvania—Charles Dingman Brodhead.  | History of Stroudsburg Schools — Dr. Robert Brown.  |
| Brodhead - Predmore Family — Charles V. Predmore.  | History of Sunday School of Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church — Dr. Robert Brown.                   |
| Col. Stroud and old Fort Penn during the Revolution—Elizabeth Stroud Colbert.                      | History of Tanneries of Monroe County—William Lesh.   |
| Descendants of Barnet Fenner of Fennersville (Sciota)—Mrs. Horace G. Walters.                      | Hollinshead Family — Elizabeth Hollinshead Bell.  |
| Early Post Offices—Vere J. Banks.  | Houser Family—Mrs. Chester H. Rhodes.   |
| Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Red Cross—Dr. Lee Hanchett.                                   | Indian Lore—Tunis Banks and Dr. Nathan G. Meyer.  |
| Flagler Family—Steward Flagler.  | Kunkle Family — Rev. George J. Kunkle.  |
| Genealogy of Stroud and McDowell Families—Elizabeth Stroud Colbert.                                | Local relief of Soldiers during the Civil War—Dr. LeRoy J. Koehler.                               |
| Great Pine Swamp—Asa McIlhanev.  | Merchandising in Monroe County one hundred years ago with William Wallace — Dr. LeRoy J. Koehler. |
| History of County Superintendency of Monroe County 1854-1954 — William S. Lesh.                    | Moravian Dairies — Dr. W. N. Schwarze.  |
| History of Banking in Monroe County—Frank M. Michaels.   | Morgan - Kurtz Family — Mabel Kurtz.  |
| History of Pocono Township 1750-1951—Junior Historical Societies of Pocono High School 1949-50-51. | Nicholas DePui—Elizabeth Stroud Colbert and Luke Brodhead.  |
| History of Medicine in Monroe County—Dr. Charles S. Flagler.                                       | Old Family Customs — Vere J. Banks.   |

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| Organization of Monroe County—Dr. Robert Brown.           | The Hauserville Union Chapel — Dr. Fannie Hurd Brown.      |
| Quakers in Stroudsburg—A. Mitchell Palmer.                | The Political Career of A. Mitchell Palmer—Jerome C. Muys. |
| Sayre Family—Robert Sayre.                                | Van Campen Family—Charles Van Campen.                      |
| Smithfield Dutch Reformed Church —Mrs. Horace G. Walters. | Van Etten Family—Lila Van Etten Huddy.                     |
| Stokes Family—Dr. Joseph Stokes.                          | Wyckoff Family—Anna Wyckoff.                               |
| The Bench and Bar—Arlington W. Williams.                  |  |

## Publications Under Sponsorship of the Society Or Its Members

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| Hillman, R.R. and Ridgway, Ralf, Old Dansbury, now Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania and the Moravian Mission. Buffalo, New York: The Kenworthy Printing Company, 1934. | Koehler, LeRoy J., The History of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, during the Civil War. Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania: The Engel-Truitt Press, 1950.       |
| Hoffman, Luther S., Unwritten History of Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania: The Art Craft Press, 1938.           | Palmer, Louis DeForest, Heroism and Romance, Early Methodism in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania: The Engel-Truitt Press, 1950. |
| Keller, Robert Brown (Ed.), History of Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania: The Monroe Publishing Company, 1927.                             | Wildrick, John R. Jr., Manual of Local Government in Monroe County, Pennsylvania: State Teachers College, East Stroudsburg, Penna.—1950.            |
| Koehler, LeRoy J. (Ed), The Founding of Monroe County. Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania: The Monroe Record Press, 1936.  | Wilt, L. E., Historical Map of Monroe County, Pa. Archives Pub. Co. of Penna., Towanda, Pa.—1944.   |

## Markers

The Society, with the aid of the State Historical Commission, has erected appropriate markers at the following historical sites:

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| Fort Hyndshaw .....                         | Bushkill            |
| Fort Hamilton .....                         | Stroudsburg         |
| Fort Norris .....                           | Kresgeville         |
| Fort Penn .....                             | Stroudsburg         |
| Grave of Dr. Jacobus Josephus Aertz (Smith) |                     |
| Smithfield Township                         |                     |
| Home of Nicholas Depuy .....                | Shawnee-on-Delaware |
| Dansbury Mission .....                      | Stroudsburg         |
| Brinkers Mill .....                         | Hamilton Township   |
| Learn's Tavern .....                        | Tannersville        |
| Chowder Camp .....                          | Pocono Township     |
| Hungry Hill .....                           | Tobyhanna Township  |
| Brodhead Family Homestead .....             | East Stroudsburg    |
| Grave of Rev. William Colbert .....         | Stroudsburg         |

## Monroe County Historical Society Library

The Society Library contains over eight hundred volumes of catalogued books. There are also over fifteen hundred pamphlets which are listed, not catalogued. About three hundred volumes relative to the Wyoming Valley are from the Edward Tillotson Collection. The Colonial Records of Pennsylvania (with index) and the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 2 to 10, (with index) are on hand on the shelves. Recently, the Society has made a earnest effort to acquire all published material pertaining to our region. The following bound files of local newspapers are located in the basement:

Jeffersonian (1840-1900) microfilm-ed by State Library.  
 Monroe Democrat (1860-1865) Four Volumes.  
 Stroudsburg Times (1888-1910).  
 Daily Times (1894-1902).  
 Monroe Record (1908-1911).  
 Daily Record (1910-1911).  
 Monroe Democrat (1910).  
 Morning Sun (1913-1938).  
 Times Democrat (1918).  
 Daily Record (1919-1920).  
 Monroe Record and Times Democrat (1921).  
 The Daily Record (1941-1950).

### Church Records

Beakleyville Baptist (1843-1926).  
 Cherry Valley Methodist (1853-1947).  
 Christ Church, Lutheran and Reformed, Hamilton Township (1752-1829).  
 Christ Episcopal, Stroudsburg (1897-1950).  
 Delaware Water Gap Methodist (1869-1908).  
 East Stroudsburg Methodist 1872-1888).  
 East Stroudsburg Presbyterian 1892-1948).  
 German Evangelical Reformed, Hamilton Township (1830-1949).  
 Hamilton Lutheran (1828-1941).  
 Middle Smithfield Methodist, Brick Church, Sand Hill and Pine Ridge (1862-1913).  
 Middle Smithfield Presbyterian, Coolbaugh (1833-1893).  
 Salem Reformed (Keller's), Cherry Valley (1823-1933).

Shawnee Presbyterian (1853-1948).  
 Smithfield Dutch Reformed (1741-1807).  
 Smithfield Lutheran (1803-1852)—Incomplete.  
 St. John's Lutheran (Custard's), Bartonsville (1846-1895).  
 St. Mark's Evangelical and Lutheran, Appenzell (1846-1903).  
 St. Mark's Lutheran, Minisink Hills (1896-1943).  
 St. Paul's Lutheran, Craig's Meadows (1855-1944).  
 Stroudsburg Monthly Quaker Meeting (1818-1839).  
 Zion's Evangelical and Reformed, Stroudsburg (1893-1938).  
 Zion's Lutheran, Middle Smithfield (1853-1943).

### Published Church Histories

History of Neola (Woodville) Methodist Church, Jackson Township, by William S. Lesh.  
 100th Anniversary St. Mark's Union Church, Appenzell, by William S. Lesh.  
 Bicentennial Anniversary of Shawnee Presbyterian Church (1752-1952) by Mrs. Horace G. Walters.  
 100th Anniversary of Delaware Water Gap Presbyterian Church (1854-1954) by Francis Drake.  
 Golden Anniversary of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Stroudsburg (1896-1946) by Rev. Jacob S. Kistler.  
 100th Anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church (1851-1951), Middle Smithfield Township, by Rev. Richard D. Bergman.

### Cemetery Inscriptions

Arnold, Hamilton Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Beakleyville Baptist, Stroud Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Bossard-Heller, Hamilton Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Brick Methodist Episcopal, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Calno, Pahaquarry, N.J.  
 Canadensis, Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Cherry Valley Methodist Episcopal, Shaw's Meadows, Pa.  
 Coolbaugh Presbyterian, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa. (published)  
 Dansbury, Stroudsburg, Pa.  
 Delaware Water Gap, Delaware Water Gap, Pa.  
 DePue, Pahaquarry, N.J.  
 Gower, near Saylorsburg, Pa.  
 Hamilton Square Christ Church, Hamilton Township, Monroe County, Pa. (published but not complete).  
 Hollinshead, Stroudsburg, Pa.  
 McComas, Price Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Michael, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Middle Smithfield Presbyterian, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa. (published).  
 Millbrook, Millbrook, N.J.  
 Overfield, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Pike County, Pa.  
 Poplar Valley, Stroud Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Ransberry, Paradise Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Rock's, Hamilton Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Salem Reformed (Keller's), Cherry Valley, Pa.  
 Sand Hill Methodist Episcopal, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa.

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Shafer's School, near Stroudsburg, Pa.  
 Shawnee Presbyterian, Shawnee, Pa. (published).  
 Smith, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Storm, Stroud Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 St. John's Lutheran (Custard's), Bartonsville, Pa.  
 St. Mark's Lutheran, Minisink Hills, Pa.  
 St. Paul's Lutheran, Craigs Meadows, Pa.  
 Wooddale, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa.  
 Zion's Lutheran, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pa.

### Ledgers, Letters, Maps and Deeds

Aaron DePuy Ledger (earliest entry 1743).  
 Bardwell Collection of DePuy papers.  
 Brown-Brutzman Deeds (1780-1864).  
 Burson Collection of Stroud papers. Census Pocono Township (1830).  
 Colbert Collection of Colbert-McDowell-Stroud papers.  
 Coolbaugh Store Ledger—1795.  
 Hollinshead Drug Store Ledger—1795.  
 Learn Family Ledgers (1801-1834).  
 Map of Dansbury (now the Stroudsburgs) 1755.  
 Map of Monroe and Carbon Counties 1860.  
 Middle Smithfield Township Tax List 1844.  
 Price Township Tax Lists (1849-1859).  
 Ransberry Docket Books and Ledgers (1802-1853).  
 Shawnee Ledgers & Docket Books (1797-1830).  
 Snygersville Store Ledgers (1830-1886).  
 Stroudsburg House Ledger (1859-1867).  
 Stroud Township Tax List 1845.  
 Vail Collection of Deeds and Letters of Stroud descendants.  
 Will of Nicholas DePuy 1745.

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