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**CLUES TO OUR PAST**  
 March 10 - November 18  
 Permanent Collection  
 Items &  
 Research Library

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
 Friday, May 18 &  
 Saturday, May 19  
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Historic Gas Station

## GREENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



### CLUES TO OUR PAST

The first exhibit of 2018 at the History Center is titled "Clues to Our Past." This exhibit is composed entirely of items donated to the Greentown Historical Society, which help to interpret the history of eastern Howard County, Indiana. Our collection of objects, photographs, books, and documents contains a wide variety of information dating back to the mid-1800's. The three oldest objects in our collection are a preemption certificate signed by President Zachary Taylor in 1849, records of the Liberty Township Advisory Board beginning in 1853, and a handmade textile covering dated 1787-1897. The exhibit features many different kinds of items about the military service of local residents, civic organizations, schools, churches, and local businesses. The exhibit will be open from March 10 through November 18, on Saturdays and Mondays from 1-4 p.m., Sunday from 2-4 p.m., and by appointment by calling 765-628-3800. The History Center is located at 103 East Main Street, Greentown and is handicap accessible.



## NEW ROOF IS COMPLETED

The Greentown Historical Society Board is grateful for the generous response to our request for donations to apply to a new roof on the Annex (former State Bank of Greentown building). The amount donated, with supplement from existing funds, enabled us to put on a much-needed new roof. Recent leaks had made this a high priority. As any owner of a building knows, the integrity of a roof is essential. Again, Thank You!

Rachel Jenkins, Building Chr.

Below is a list of GHS Roof Donors:

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| Charlotte Agnes                        | Bob McCauley               |
| Doris Countryman                       | John & Ellen McCurtain     |
| Ellen Cranor                           | Jane and Robert Millspaugh |
| Jan David                              | Betsy Mitchell             |
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| William & Gwenn Eldridge               | Fred C Odiet               |
| Steven and Patricia Ellis              | Nella Padfield             |
| Darwin & Martha Freeman                | Thomas G Patterson         |
| Greentown Lions Club                   | Kim & Russ Patton          |
| Art & Joyce Hammond                    | Carole Petro               |
| Ann and Roger Harris                   | Katie Regan                |
| Chester & Lorena Hendricks             | Dean & Susan Schaaf        |
| Peggy Ann Hollingsworth                | Dwayne Schaaf              |
| George & Carolyn Howell                | Dwight Schaaf              |
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| John and Janice Knot                   | Greg & Melody Sumpter      |
| Joyce and Michael Lantz                | Connie Voorhis             |
| B. J. & Helen Matchett                 | Joyce Yager                |



Joyce Yager, Kim Patton, and Rachel Jenkins attended the dinner meeting of the Greentown Lions Club on Monday, January 8 and received a check for \$1500 for the new roof. Thanks Lions for your hard work in the community and generous donation to the historical society of Greentown.

Cash contributions of \$8410 and \$1204 in in-kind contributions were donated. If names were omitted it was unintentional, and we apologize.

## GREENTOWN COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

The Greentown Historical Society will be participating in the Greentown Community-Wide Rummage Sale on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19.

**Location:** The historic gas station at the corner of Main and Howard Streets. The public is invited to bring items to that location beginning 6:00 a.m. each day to donate. Items should be marked with the price and any other helpful information. Please do not bring clothes, although hats and purses are welcome.

If the item does not sell and you want it back, pick it up before 4:30 p.m. on May 19.

**Hours:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please call Rachel Jenkins at 765-860-3746.



## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Please consider having this quarterly Greentown Historical Society Newsletter emailed to you instead of being sent through the post office. Not only does this method save money, but the quality and color of the newsletter is much better. If interested, please send me your email address at [1kim.patton@gmail.com](mailto:1kim.patton@gmail.com). Your consideration in this matter is appreciated.

## PERMANENT EXHIBIT

The permanent exhibit will feature the bank vault with memorabilia from the original bank. The history center is in need of a teller's cage and any other artifacts from that era.



## SPECIAL THANKS

Board members and others in the community have been working diligently repairing doors and monitoring other parts of the building that may need future repairs. We thank all who have lent helping hands to keep the building in good shape.

## PHOTO ARCHIVES PROJECT

Rachel Jenkins began donating negatives in 2016 from the 50-year collection of Jenkins Studio in Greentown. There are over 1,300 scanned images from 1962-1965. Fred and Rachel Jenkins created professional images of individuals, families, weddings, senior school pictures, Eastern sports and musical programs, the 4-H Fair, the Lions Club, committees, and many others.

Sorting and repackaging negatives is the first step in the photo archiving process. Rachel and several volunteers have prepared many archival-quality boxes of repackaged negatives in folders. These will be preserved by the Greentown Historical Society.

Scanning the negatives is the second major step in the process. We need more volunteers who are willing to learn how we scan and save the images. There is one scanner for negatives, but two volunteers can work together to keep the scanner busy, and a written procedure is available to follow. Training is provided.

Finally, we need volunteers who can document everything known about each picture: date, time, event, names, location, etc. We call this cataloging. Training is available. Cataloging is fun, especially when you remember faces and names or work with another volunteer. Soon you will be able to search for pictures in our online database. It is not unusual to find loved ones in photos you have never seen before! If you would like to scan or catalog the Jenkins collection, please leave a message at the History Center (765-628-3800), call Bruce Shrock at 765-432-1538 or e-mail us at [greentownhistory@comcast.net](mailto:greentownhistory@comcast.net). Volunteers are encouraged to come by and help in Photo Archives. If interested, please contact Rachel Jenkins at [rjenkins.grapevine@gmail.com](mailto:rjenkins.grapevine@gmail.com) or call her at 765-860-3746.

## Like computers and history? We have openings for volunteers.

**Needed:** experienced website designer or someone who would refresh the GHS website and add features such as adding the capability for donors to make contributions online and also to be able to designate how the donation is to be applied.

**Needed:** volunteers to scan negatives into a program. Familiarity with Windows 10, file naming, file moving and organizing in folders would be beneficial. Must be able to commit to a regular schedule. Training will be provided.

**Needed:** Catalogers to enter as much information as they can provide about scanned images as to people, places and events. People with a history of living in Eastern Howard County (1962 to now) would have an advantage. If interested, contact Bruce Shrock at 765-432-1538 or [beshrock@yahoo.com](mailto:beshrock@yahoo.com).

## **Our Mission**

- ▶ To promote public awareness and appreciation of the unique history of Eastern Howard County, Indiana and its citizens
- ▶ To carry out historical research, preservation, and education
- ▶ To provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences

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