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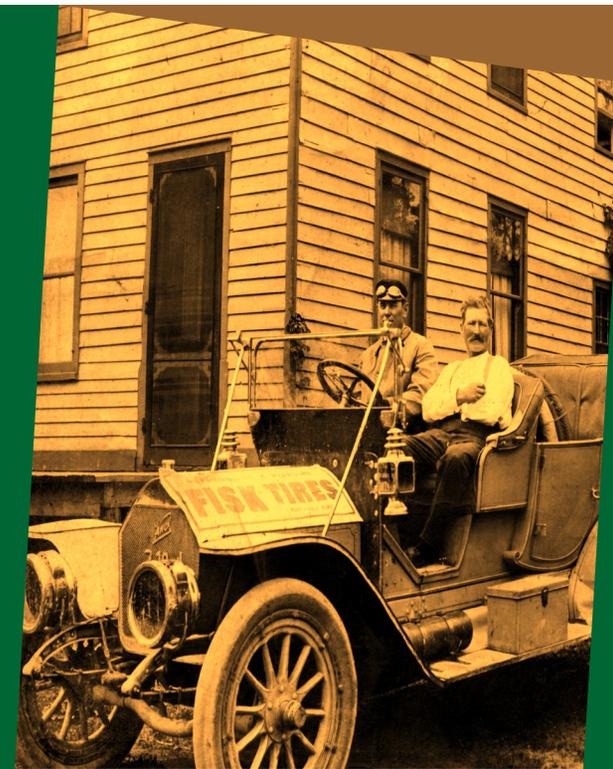
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Munster History Museum

*Located in the 1910 Kaske House
on the southeast corner
of Ridge Road and
Columbia Avenue
Munster, Indiana*

*Visit www.munsterhistory.org
for museum information
(times/dates/programs/events)
Watch for the Museum Open sign.
Limited parking available.
Brick entrance is just south of Ridge
Road, east side of Columbia Avenue.*

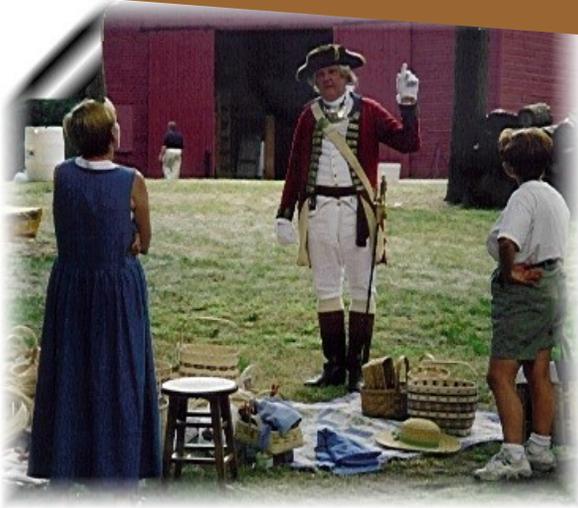
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**Munster
Munster
Historical
Society**

**Moving Forward
to Preserve the Past**

Moving Forward



History of the Society

In time to plan for the Town of Munster's contribution to the American Bicentennial celebration, the Munster Historical Society (founded by Norma Benoit and Jerry Gillespie) was established in 1975. The first board of directors was comprised of Norma Benoit, Robert Griffin, Evelyn Freese, Mary Martin, Dorothy Tanis, Michael Aurelius, and Jerry Gillespie (the first president).

In 1986, the Town of Munster purchased the 11-acre property now known as Heritage Park that was the site of the 1845 Brass Tavern, a stagecoach inn. In 1993, Society members served on a committee to create a feasibility study and master plan for this historic park. In 1995, the Munster Park Department restored the circa 1890s Stallbohm Barn and the 1910 Kaske House. In 1997, the Society celebrated the opening of its new museum at the Kaske House. As long-standing preservation advocates for this property, members of the Society continue to operate the museum, promote and participate in a wide variety of projects, and are actively involved in plans for the future of Heritage Park.

The Munster Historical Society

The Munster Historical Society collects, preserves, and promotes the history of the Town of Munster, located in Northwest Indiana just east of the Illinois state line.

The Society's headquarters, office, archives, and original photo collections are conveniently accessible just inside the front door of the Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road. Depending on volunteer availability, the office is open by appointment or Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Residents and those who can add to Munster's known history by donating newspaper articles, personal letters, deeds, written anecdotes, or photographs related to Munster's history are always welcome. Individuals willing to be interviewed are especially appreciated. Researchers can schedule an appointment by calling the office at 219-836-6530 (a signed research form available online is required).

The Society, as a member of the Northwest Indiana historical community, benefits from a reciprocal relationship with other local historical, preservation, and service organizations.

Volunteer Opportunities

Members are encouraged to contribute to the goals of ***Moving Forward to Preserve the Past*** by volunteering to serve on various committees, as museum docents, officers, board members, or as participants in the Society's activities and projects. Special events such as the Kaske House annual holiday open house, Munster's 2007 Centennial, and Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial serve as inspiration for historical preservation and offer everyone an opportunity to celebrate Munster's rich and interesting history.



Jacob Munster
Civil War Veteran



Munster History Museum

The Munster History Museum is located in the 1910 Kaske House, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. Built on the woodland site of the Brass Tavern and Inn established in 1845, the museum offers visitors an opportunity to "step back in time in the heart of town" and to learn about local history and nature.

Honored by the Munster Centennial Committee as a Town landmark, the Kaske House is featured on the Munster Civic Foundation's South Shore poster ***Riding the Ridge***, representing a century of Munster history.

Staffed by volunteers, the museum is open during various events/programs/activities and by appointment for school/scout tours. Watch for the "Museum Open" sign!

Opening the door to local history for the young and the young at heart.



Preserving the Past