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**Notes about the early meeting minute book of Monroe County Library**

The writings were transcribed, to the extent possible, as they appear in the book. The handwriting is often difficult, sometimes impossible to decipher, the language is stilted, the terminology is often strange to our modern usage and the spellings and abbreviations are many and varied, even for the same word or words. For the most part, they have been typed as they appear. In a very few cases, a name that appears often with different spellings was eventually “rounded off” to a spelling most used in other documents. Example: Bourland, Borland, Borlan is most often shown here as Boreland. There are one or two others.

For the benefit of any who wish to compare what appears in this document with the handwriting in the book, references have been added indicating where each book page ends, e.g. (End of p. xxx). Occasionally a word or phrase was literally crossed out, and those same words/phrases are shown that way. Handwriting that is unreadable is so noted.

Phrases are interesting. A meeting would be called “according to adjournment” which meant that the meeting date had been set when the *previous* meeting was adjourned. At least one meeting was adjourned *sine dei* or without any date stipulated for the next.

Throughout the minutes are lists of books to be purchased, and those actually purchased appear with the cost of each. An attempt has been made to transcribe the numbers accurately (some are not clear), but no attempt has been made to verify the addition.

Purchase lists were created from unspecified sources but clearly they were intended to provide knowledge of history, civil and moral laws, geology, geography, science, and other scholarly topics. The few volumes of lighter reading are in the realm of “classics.” Most often the lists gave abbreviated references only to the title or author of a work. A small effort was made to determine possible complete names and/or authors of a sampling of them. Some could not be found, a few possible results (as found in OCLC) have been shown in bold italics.

The library constituted one room in the court house building. Descriptions and drawings of this building are available from other sources. The floors were of wood that had occasionally to be replaced. From time to time a new desk, table, chair, or book case had to be acquired, and the transactions are noted in the Trustees’ minutes.

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Only members could borrow from the library, and membership initially was available only to registered voters of the community. This clearly meant that only men could use the facility and in fact minors were specifically ruled out. The cost of membership early in its history was 50 cents per year or 12½ cents per quarter.

Initially the library was open only on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In June 1848, the Board indicated that “on Wednesdays from 9 A.M. to 12, library would be open for the accommodation of Ladies, and on Saturdays for the public in general.” (p. 142)

In the by-laws of April 1853, transient persons became able to obtain books from the library by depositing some kind of security, e.g., the value of the book, or support in writing by some responsible person. (Unnumbered page 154).

The library of the 1830s to 1850s was not the friendliest place. Patrons were expected to safeguard library materials. (On p. 29 the Trustees ordered “that those who take books out of Monroe County Library shall cover the same with paper or cloth and keep the same covered while in use. For each failure thereof be fined 12¼ cents.”) A member could be fined 12½ cents for lending a library book to a non-member. If a volume appeared “injured” when it was returned, the librarian would report it to the Board and the Board would review the injury and assess a fine ranging from 25 cents to as much as the value of the book. The fine had to be paid before further borrowing was allowed.

Financial support for the library was stipulated by the State when libraries were sanctioned: 10% of the sale price of public lands. From time to time the treasurer was instructed to contact the County Board to receive its proper share.

Some of these funds were put out as loans. Some borrowers were members of the Board of Trustees; others were apparently businessmen of the community. The practice led to some difficulties, however, when repayment was not received in a timely fashion. Several meetings of the Trustees were called simply to discuss outstanding loans and ways to recoup them; legal action was occasionally needed. Near the end of the book is a lengthy list of borrowers, the principle and interest due.

Both the treasurer and the librarian had to provide surety bonds in amounts up to \$2,500. There were few, if any, qualifications for the job of librarian beyond the ability to be bonded and to keep the place organized and open on schedule. There were a number of duties: he had to keep the area neat and orderly, maintain the required records, receive money for memberships and see that it was given to the treasurer, and have the library

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open for the required hours as well as for any Trustee meetings. At one time, in 1822 (noted on p. 37) members were divided into two classes: “one class who wish to take (and so subscribe) books every two weeks shall pay one dollar. The other Class who wish to take (and so subscribe) books every four weeks shall pay fifth cents annually for the use of said books.” Even the return dates were stipulated by the subscriber’s class.

The librarian was expected to keep a list of all the books, assign a number to each, properly note when and by whom books were taken out and returned, check for damages, and refer them to the Trustees if any were found. He was required to occasionally prepare a list of all the holdings. For all of this work he was paid the sum of \$2 per month.

The earliest notes about purchasing materials reveal an interesting aspect: At that time there was no central banking system to simplify transactions; payments were made in Kentucky paper, Vincennes Paper, Virginia bank notes, and specie. An agent was engaged to handle these purchases which came mainly from Philadelphia by way of Louisville, KY. It is interesting to note that a purchase of \$150 was often packed into a box that cost \$1, shipping a little more, and carriage slightly more as well.

In 1841, a Mr. Tarkington was allowed to use the Library Room as City Auditor, and was also appointed Librarian. The board was asked to “secure the books by means of a green curtain screen to protect them from dust.” (Unnumbered page 116?) In 1842, the \$2 per month thought to be due the Library for rent of the Library Room was refused by the County Board.

In 1848, the resignation of S. H. Buskirk as librarian left the office vacant. A Mr. Browning was appointed librarian, and rather than receiving compensation for his service, he was allowed to use the Library room as an office.

For a listing of board members, see Appendix A.

*Mita Wilsey Glass, MLS*  
*Volunteer, Indiana Room*  
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Outside cover: John M. Todd

James Batterton

Inside front cover: BLANK BOOKS  
of every size and pattern,  
Made and sold by  
PHILLIPS & SPEER,+  
Sign of the Bible, Main Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio

In handwriting, significance not apparent:  $62 \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\frac{3}{4}$   
 $157 \frac{3}{4}$

**April 7, 1821**

This day the board of Trustees for Monroe County Library met. Viz, David H. Maxwell, Pres.; William D. McCollough, Jonathan Nichols, James Bourland & Joshua O. Howe. (The other members to wit: John Kilihonn, Roderick Rawlins & John Owens being absent.)

After having organized, the board proceeded to elect a Trustee to fill the vacancy of Roderick Rawlins, resigned, and the votes of the members present being taken, Michael Buskirk was unanimously elected; wherefore it was ordered that the Clerk of said Board notify the said Buskirk of his election.

On inspection of the books in the Library, it was found that No. 73 was damaged while in the possession of William Lowe, as per the Librarian's report. The board therefore assess the fine upon the said William to 25 cents.

No. 21 also damaged by William Cust. Damages assessed and fine \$1.00

Ordered by the board that no damaged book be loaned from the Library previous to its being inspected by two Trustees, before assessment.

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Ordered also that John Owens, Joshua O. Howe, James Borland, A. Smith & John Forbes, be appointed a committee to select Books for the Library and that A. Smith be instructed to procure books from Louisville on the account of William Lemon. On motion the board adjourned to the next regular meeting.

*(End of p. 1)*

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1821 at Librarian's room.**

The Board of Trustees met at the librarian's room. (Michael Buskirk and John Owens absent)

On inspecting the books in the Librarian's cases, it was found that No. 38 had been damaged while in the possession of George Tharp, whereupon they assess a fine upon the said George Tharp to the amount of fifty cents.

Ordered that the Clerk of said board gave notice to the qualified voters of this county that an election will be held on the first Monday in Sept. next to elect a President and 7 Trustees of Monroe County Library – to supply the terms of the present board whose Terms of service will have expired on that day.

Adjourned *sine dei*

It was also considered by the Board that John Forbes have the privilege of a subscriber for one year gratis as compensation for his attendance upon the Library during 7 weeks absence of the Librarian                      June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1821

**May 11th 1822.**

The board of Trustees for the Monroe County library, viz John Hight, Peter Batterton, David Killough, David Armstrong & William Alexander who was sworn into office according to law; absent, James Borland and Addison Smith the latter being elected President refused to qualify, whereupon David Armstrong, one of the above named Trustees was elected president *(End of p. 2)* pro tem and was sworn accordingly.

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On motion, William Alexander was elected secretary of said board. On motion, ordered by the board that Jacob B. Lowe be credited with the amount of his subscription as charged by the librarian for services rendered. On motion, ordered by the board that Addison Smith, librarian, be charged with twelve dollars and fifty cents, the amount rec'd by him for the loan of books belonging to said library. On motion, ordered that Addison Smith librarian be requested to exhibit a fair and correct list of his proceedings as librarian up to this date and report the same to the next meeting of the board on Saturday next. On motion Addison Smith tendered his resignation as librarian which was accepted whereupon Dudley C. Smith was appointed librarian and that he be requested to call on the former librarian for the keys, books, papers, etc. belonging to said library. On motion, it is ordered that any person or persons who may wish to become subscribers to the library shall pay to the librarian the sum of fifty cents per year or at the rate of twelve and a half cents per quarter. On motion, John C. Smith was elected for a trustee by the board to fill the vacancy of James Borland, who refused to qualify. Samuel Hardesty was also elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of David Armstrong to the presidency.

On motion, this board stands adjourned until Saturday next at 1 o'clock.

Attestor

*Signed*

William Alexander, Secy.

David Armstrong, Pres. Protem

*(End of p. 3)*

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**Bloomington, Indiana, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1820**

At a meeting of the President and Trustees of the County Library for the County of Monroe, the President and Trustees, being sworn according to law, proceeded to elect Jonathan Nichols secretary.

On motion: resolved that the County Library for Monroe County be nominated The Bloomington Library.

On motion: John Borland was elected Treasurer

On motion: James Borland, W. D. McCollough, J. M. Jenkin, R. Rawlins, J. R. Howe were nominated as a Committee to Draft Rules and Regulations for the government of the President and Trustees of the Bloomington Library.

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On motion: Resolved by the President and Trustees of the Bloomington Library that John Borland, their Treasurer, be requested to call on B. Parks, agent for the Monroe Co. for the ten per centum of moneys paid to him for lots sold in Bloomington as the Law requires, and report to the next meeting of the Trustees on the second Monday in May.

On motion: resolved that John Borland, Treasurer, be required to give Bond and Security to the President and Trustees and their successors in office in the sum of one thousand dollars.

On motion: resolved that the President of the Bloomington Library be requested to receive from John Borland, Treasurer, his bond with security within ten days, and deliver it to the Trustees at their next meeting.

On motion, this board adjourns till the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May next and then meet at William D. McCollough's by eleven o'clock a.m. *(End of page 7)*

The President & Trustees of the Bloomington Library met according to adjournment.

On motion: The following rules and regulations were ~~adopted~~ or the Constitution for the government of the President and Trustees of the Bloomington Library.

1<sup>st</sup> At each meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bloomington Library, it shall be the duty of the President to preserve order among the members of the Board, to propose such matters and things for their consideration as may relate to the proper Management or Interest of the Library—put to vote all questions which may be brought regularly before the Board of Trustees, and sign all orders of the Board upon the Library Treasurer.

2<sup>nd</sup> The manner in which all subjects shall be brought before the Board of Trustees shall be by Motion, and that Motion seconded by another member.

3<sup>rd</sup> The President shall not vote on any questions unless the Votes of the Trustees are equally divided and he shall then give the deciding or casting Vote.

4<sup>th</sup> The Secretary shall preserve a correct record of the proceedings of the Board, and countersign all orders which may be drawn upon the Library Treasurer.

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5<sup>th</sup> Each member, while engaged in transacting the business of the Library, shall observe proper decorum & avoid all language calculated to irritate or wound the feelings of any other member.

The Treasurer reported to the Board that he has received of B. Parks, Agent, the sum of \$452.72 . On motion, the Board adjourned till the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of May.

The President & Trustees met according to adjournment. Adjourned to the 20<sup>th</sup> July

Met according to adjournment.

*(End of p. 8)*

On Motion, James Borland, Joshua O. Howe & John Owen were nominated as a Committee to draft a code of By-Laws for the government of the Librarian and for other purposes. The Board adjourned till the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Board met according to adjournment. The Committee appointed to draft bylaws for the use of the Bloomington Library submitted them, and after receiving some amendments, were adopted as follows:

Bylaws for the Bloomington Library.

Whereas by the Constitution of the State of Indiana, each County formed after the adoption of said Constitution in the State of Indiana is entitled to certain privileges therein specified for the erecting of County Libraries, and whereas the Legislature of the State of Indiana by an act entitled An Act Incorporating in the County of Dubois and other counties therein named approved January 28<sup>th</sup> 1818, have granted to the qualified voters of certain counties within this State the privilege of establishing county libraries, and whereas the qualified voters of the County of Monroe have taken the necessary preparatory steps to effect the establishment of a County Library in the town of Bloomington—

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Therefore we, the President & Trustees being duly elected to govern the concerns of said Library, do adopt the following by-laws for the government of the same:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup>           The title of this Library shall be the Monroe County Library

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup>           The regular meetings of the President and Trustees aforesaid shall be on the last Saturdays of Sept., Decem., March & June annually at the Librarian's Room & at such other times & places as a majority may direct.

Art 3<sup>rd</sup>           The President & Trustees at each of their regular meetings aforesaid, shall examine the State (*End of p. 9*) of the Library & the situation of the Librarian's books, and do and perform such other acts as may at any future time be particularly provided for.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup>           The Librarian shall be a resident & qualified voter of the County of Monroe.

Section 1<sup>st</sup>       He shall keep a fair a regular entry of all books, Pamphlets, Charts, etc., which he may let out or receive into the Library and deliver the same to the President and Trustees at any time they may require it.

Section 2<sup>nd</sup>       He shall not permit a Book, Pamphlet, etc. to be taken out of the Library except it be by a qualified voter of this County or by his order in writing. (This section repealed July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1824.)

Section 3<sup>rd</sup>       It shall be the duty of the Librarian to report all injuries by tearing or otherwise of Books, let out by him to the President & trustees at their regular meetings, and it shall be the duty of the Board to assess all fines for injuries done to books Maps, etc., aforesaid, and cause the same to be collected forthwith.

Section 4<sup>th</sup>       It shall be the duty of the Librarian as often as required, to lay before the Board a true and perfect list of all books, pamphlets, maps, etc., which shall have been received into the Library, and also a list of all receipts and expenditures of any monies belonging to the Library which shall have passed through his hands and it shall be his duty to number all the books in the Library and keep a catalogue of the same for the inspection of those entitled to access book from the Library.

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Section 5<sup>th</sup> Each person entitled to receive books from this Library shall have the privilege of drawing books from the same after the following manner & not otherwise, viz. no book or books at any one time unless paid for in advance, nothing herein contained should prevent the Librarian from permitting any person  
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entitled to the same to take from the Library any pamphlet, map, chart, etc., which shall enable more perfectly to understand any book he may have drawn therefrom.

Section 6<sup>th</sup>: Every person entitled to receive books from this Library shall not keep the same a longer time from the Library than four weeks unless prevented by sickness or other good cause under the penalty of 6¼ cents for every day he shall so unlawfully detain the same; and every person who shall in any wise blot, grease, tear, fold the leaves, or otherwise injure any book, pamphlet, map, chart or deface the title page of any book or pamphlet or permit the same to be done whilst they or either of them shall be in possession, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding the value of the work so injured; and any person who shall loan from his or her possession any book, pamphlet, map, chart, etc., belonging to this Library, or permit the same to be taken from his, or her, possession, shall be fined in any sum and not less than \$.12½ or more than \$5.00 at the discretion of the Board.

Section 7<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Librarian to attend at the Library Room from the hours of 11 o'clock A.M. till 2 o'clock P.M. on every Saturday for the purpose of giving & receiving books. (Section 7 repealed July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1824)

Article 5<sup>th</sup>: Each person who may receive books from this Library shall have the privilege of returning the same on every Saturday between the hours aforesaid & of receiving others in lieu thereof.

Article 6<sup>th</sup> Whenever any person shall have kept a book for the term of four weeks he shall have a preference if he requires it, of taking out the same for four additional weeks, which shall be the ultime of detention in succession.

Article 7<sup>th</sup>: Each person receiving books from this Library shall pay to the Librarian the sum of 75 cents in advance per annum & at the rate of 25 cents per annum, at the rate of 25 cents quarannually. Adopted July 22, 1827.  
Jonathan Nickels, Clerk, David (*unreadable*)

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Adopted July 22, 1820.  
Jonathan Nickels, Clerk

David Wi...? Prest.  
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**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1824**

According to the acts of the general assembly of the State of Indiana, an election was held in the County of Monroe in said State for a President & Trustees for the County Library of the said County; which resulted in the election of Benjamin Freeland, President, William Matlock; Edward Boreland, Craven P. Hester, James Mitchell, David Killough, Jacob Bloun, Joseph Campbell, Trustees who, on the day and year aforesaid after being sworn, took their seats and proceeded to elect their officers – Smith Elkins elected Librarian and John M. Jenkins Treasurer.

Ordered that John M. Jenkins give bond in the sum of \$2500.00 security and that Smith Elkins give bond in the sum of \$3000.00 cents both to the President and trustees.

Ordered that the present Librarian call upon the former Librarian for all the books, maps, charts, and other papers belonging to said Library.

Ordered that the present Treasurer call on the agent for said County, for all the invoices (the ten per centum) due said Library and receive the same for the use of said Library.

Ordered that Books be loaned at 25 cents per year or 6¼ cents per quarter.

Ordered that all persons wishing to borrow books out of said Library make his payment to the Treasurer and get his receipt therefore, which when presented to the Librarian will authorize the loan.

Ordered that the Board adjourn until the 12<sup>th</sup> of June next.

Benj. Freeland, President  
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The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment. Ordered that John M. Lee be appointed Clerk.

Report of the former Treasurer:

9 <sup>th</sup> May 1820, rec'd of Benj. Parks		<u>\$452.72 cts.</u>
Expended open bill of books/No. 1	237.45½	
“ “ “ No. 2	11.37½	
“ “ “ No. 3	30.50	
Black book 50 cents speci or one dollar paper	<u>1.00</u>	
Paid over monies remaining in my hands in Vincennes bills		<u>280.33</u>
		<u>172.39</u>
Do	120.00	
	<u>50.00</u>	
		<u>170.00</u>
Due the library		2.39
Ordered that the expenses be charged with		<u>29.43¾</u>
		<u>31.82¾</u>
Paid over to Treasurer		8.00
Do		15.00
Do		<u>8.00</u>
		<u>31.00</u>
Remainder due the Corporation		.82¾
In Kentucky paper or 41¼ cents specie		

John Borland

Ordered by trustees aforesaid that the said 41¼ cents be relinquished to the said Treasurer for his services and also that he have the privilege of two applicants for books for 1 year.

Delivered to John M. Jenkins present Treasurer		
in Vincennes paper		\$120.00
in specie		4.00
in Kentucky paper		3.00
in Virginia bank bill		10.00

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Ordered that the Treasurer Jenkins be charged with keeping a balance)  
 due on Fuller (?) note principal & interest in Kentucky paper, )  
 all of which rec'd of the former Treasurer. ) 6.80

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Ordered that the present Treasurer be	\$42.00
charged with the specie (rec'd of the Agent)	
in Virginia paper do	<u>50.00</u>
	\$92.00

Ordered that the meeting adjourn until meeting in course

Benj Freeland, pres,  
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**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 1823**

At a session of the Trustees and President of the corporation of the County Library of the County of Monroe, President Benjamin Freeland and president and James Mitchell, Joseph Campbell, Edward Borland and C. P. Hester, trustees met pursuant to adjournment and Addison Smith, Agent for said County, reported to the Corporation aforesaid that he has received as Librarian of said corporation for books loaned, six dollars in current coins of the United States and six dollars and seventy-five cents on notes on the State Bank of Indiana. Whereupon it is ordered by said Corporation that the Treasurer of said Corporation charge said Addison Smith with the same.

Addison Smith reported to the Library Corporation that he had purchased, in pursuance of the request of the former president and trustees of the said Library Corporation, the following Books for said Library, to wit:

State papers 12 volumes	39.00
Miltons Works, 4 v.	.75
Jefferson's notes, 1 v.	1.25
Don Quixote, 4 v	4.00
Popes Works	5.00
Expense of carriage	<u>3.00</u>

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\$53.00

which are received by said Corporation.

Therefore be it ordained by the President and Trustees aforesaid that the Treasurer of said Corporation credit said Smith as agent for said County with the sum of fifty three dollars aforesaid; and also that the Librarian of said Corporation receive said Books in the Library and receipt for the same; and loan the same out according to the former rules of this Corporation.  
*(End of p. 16)*

Ordered by the Corporation aforesaid that the Treasurer of said Corporation (John M. Jenkins) call upon former Agent Benjamin Nash and Addison Smith, present Agent for the County of Monroe for the ten per centum of the proceeds of the sale of the town property of Bloomington in the County aforementioned, of the amount which has been collected or received in any manner by them or either of them and receipt for the same; and charge the said Agency or either of them with whatever shall be received.

Ordered by the President and Trustees aforesaid that said Treasurer receive no other kind of money from said Agents or either of them, but current coin of the United States.

Ordered by the president and trustees aforesaid, that said Corporation adjourn until the last Saturday in September next (the time of a regular meeting) at the Court House in Bloomington.

Benjamin Freeland  
C P Hester  
James Mitchell  
E. Borland  
J Campbell

Trustees

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At a special meeting of the trustees of the County Library for the County of Monroe, State of Indiana at the Clerk's Office in said town. Present, Jacob B. Lowe, Joseph Campbell, David Killough, Edward Borland and C P Hester, trustees, viz

The president of said trustees for said library being absent, therefore it is ordered that Joseph Campbell be appointed president pro tem, who thereupon took his seat as such

Be it ordained by the trustees aforesaid that all orders, ordinances, and resolutions passed by said trustees signed by the president thereof and attested by the Clerk, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if the same were signed by the trustees and president.

It appearing to the satisfaction of said trustees that Smith Elkins the former librarian for said Library had removed out of the county aforesaid and the office of said Librarian thereby vacated.

Therefore be it ordained that John Borland be and he is hereby appointed Librarian for said Library who therefore executed a bond to the trustees aforesaid in the penal sum of twelve hundred dollars with his security and was thereupon delivered to said John Borland the following books: *[nothing listed]* (End of p. 19)

Be it ordained that said Board of Trustees adjourn until the first Saturday in July next.

Joseph Campbell, pres. pro tem , C. P. Hester, David Killough, Edward Borland, J.B. Lowe (End of p. 20)

At a special meeting of the trustees for the County Library of the County of Monroe held in the Court House for said County on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1823

Ordered by the Trustees aforesaid that the following report be certified to the Commissioners Court for the County aforesaid; first, that said Board of Trustees have in pursuance of an act of assembly in such case made and provided:

Ordered that the treasurer of said board receive from the Agent of said County receive all the monies in the possession of said Agent belonging to said Library, and from his said Treasury report and other documents in our possession, it appears that the Treasurer of said Library has received from the Agent, Addison Smith, present Agent. the sum of one hundred sixty three dollars and twenty five cents, and also that said agent as yet has failed in paying the balance coming to said Library, and also that Benjamin Parks, former agent for said County, paid to the former Trustees of said Library four hundred and fifty two

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dollars and 2½ cents, and also the said Library Trustees ordered the Treasurer to call on said Parks as agent, for all monies belonging to said Library if any, and that the Trustees of said Library has reported that he did accordingly call but that Benjamin Parks replied he had no monies in his possession belonging to said Library. Edward Borland, pres pro tem , David Killough, trustee *(End of p. 21)*

Joseph Campbell, trustee Craven P Hester, trustee, Joseph, Jacob B. Lowe, Trustee

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Then met the Trustees of the Library, to wit, Harvey Mitchell, president pro tem; Joseph Campbell, Edward Borland, David Killough, C. P. Hester and William Matlock, trustees.

Be it ordained by the trustees aforesaid that the Librarian for said Library let no books be out of the Library except he receiving the Certificate for the money paid to the Treasurer of said Library, together with an endorsement thereon signed by some good security approved by the Librarian, that he will be responsible for the safe and secure delivery of the book or books. And that the second section of the by laws and all other rules inconsistent with this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed.

Be it ordained by the Trustees aforesaid that the Librarian shall attend at the room of the Library on every Saturday for the purpose of delivering out and receiving in, Books and shall not be compellable to attend on any other days unless at his own choice and that the 7th section of the bylaws be and the same are hereby repealed.

*(End of p. 22)*

It appearing that Jacob A. Lowe has purchased for the Library, Josephus at \$6.00, therefore be it ordered that said Josephus be delivered to, and received by the Librarian which is done, and that John M. Jenkins, Treasurer, pay to the said Jacob B. Lowe, \$6.00 for said book.

Ordered that C. P. Hester purchase the book for said library.

Ordered that the Board adjourn until last Saturday in September next.

James Mitchell, Edward Borland, C P Hester, D. Killough, J. Campbell

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**October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1824**

I, as Clerk of the Election, do certify that the following person was elected to manage the Library, to wit, William Alexander, President, John W. Lee, J. B. Lowe, Edward Borland, C P Hester, James Mitchell, P. M. Dorsey and Daniel Rawling, trustees.

William Lowe, clerk of the Election , clerk of the election

State of Indiana,

Monroe Co.

Personally appeared before us William Hardin, Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid William Alexander, President, and John W. Lee, P. Dorsey, Edward Borland, Craven P. Hester, trustees for the County Library for said County and took the oath required by law. Given under my hand and seal, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1824. William Harden

At a special session of the Trustees of the Monroe County Library, present William Alexander, President, John W. Lee, P. Dorsey, Edward Borland, C P Hester, trustees

On motion of Edward Borland it is ordained by the Board of Trustees aforesaid that the Treasurer receive seventy five cents per year or 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cents per quarter from each person who is a subscriber for books in said Library. *(This paragraph is circled)*

The above law repealed by subsequent ones.

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**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1824**

On motion of P. Dorsey, William Lowe is appointed Treasurer for the Monroe County Library and that he give bond in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars with Enos Blair, his security and that said Treasurer receive from the former Treasurer of said Library all the papers and money in his hands belonging to said Library. And also that said William Lowe be appointed secretary for said Board of Trustees.

It is ordered by the Board of Trustees aforesaid that John Borland be Librarian for said Library.

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Craven P. Hester Agent for said Library reported that he had purchased the following Books for said Library, to wit:

1 set Henry, History of England	\$25.00
1 set Franklin works	20.00
1 set Plutarch lives	10.00
1 set Ramsey Universal History	40.00
1 volume Locks Essay	3.00
1 set of Josephus (4 vol.) purchased of ( <i>unreadable</i> ) _____	6.00
Total	104.00

Which books are received by the said Board of Trustees and deposited in said Library.

On motion of John W. Lee, it is ordered that each officer of the Library be entitled to this same privilege of a subscriber without paying anything therefore.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to the next session in course.

William Alexander, Pres, Wm. Lowe, clerk

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**January, the 8<sup>th</sup> day 1825**

The trustees of Monroe County library met according to appointment.

Present William Alexander, president and James Mitchell. John W. Lee, Craven P. Hester, Prindowell Dorsey,

Ordered that the following list of books be purchased to wit,  
Chambers Addition of Addition of Roses encyclopaedia;

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Goldsmith's Animated Nature; (*probably A History of the Earth and Animated Nature*)  
Constitution of the States,  
Matier's Moral License  
Marshall's Life of Washington (*probably John Marshall, The Life of George Washington.*)  
Clark's Ancient Israelites  
Memoirs of Bonaparte written by himself, 4 vol.; (*Possibly Memoirs of Lucien Bonaparte, Prince of Canino – OCLC lists five books that could include the 4 indicated here.*)  
Mor.... (*unclear*) Church History  
Ferguson's Roman Republic (*probably Adam Ferguson, The history of the progress and termination of the Roman republic*)  
Twelve Cesars of Rome; (*possibly Serviez, Jacques & George James. The lives and amours of the empresses, consorts to the first twelve Caesars of Rome.*)  
Prideaux on the Septuagenl Version;  
Bucks theological dictionary, Nashville Addition (*possibly Charles Buck, A theological dictionary of all religious terms*)  
Ferguson Astronomy continued (*possibly Ferguson, James; Ferguson's lectures on select subjects in Mechanics...corrected and enlarged.*)  
Baty on truth  
Newton on the Prophecies (*possibly Isaac Newton's observations on the prophecies of Daniel and the apocalypse of St. John.*)  
Harmon's (*unreadable*) Observations translated by Clark;  
Theory of the world by Couvier, Emerson & Mitchel  
Doctor Darwins's Temple of Nature, Botanic Gardner & Tasmania;  
Volney's travels through Egypt & Syria (*probably Travels through Egypt and Syria in the years 1883, 1884, and 1885 ... by Constantin-Francois Volney*)  
Volney's Ruins of Empires; (*probably The ruins, or the meditations on the revolutions of empires... Constantin-Francois Volney*)  
Payne, Wrights of Man;  
Stewart's Philosophy  
Shakespear;  
Riley & Paddock's narrative (*possibly Riley, James; a narrative of the Shipwreck of the sax Oswego, on the coast South Barbary and of the suffering...*)  
History of South America; Cook's voyages.

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**January the 8<sup>th</sup> day of 1825**

Ordered that it be noted in this book that at the this session James Mitchell took an oath of office before Esq. Willough.

Ordered that the librarian be instructed to furnish the next board of the Library trustees with a compleat list of books belonging to said library.

Ordered by the board that books be let out of the library in future at the rate of twelve and a half cents per quarter of a year

Ordered by the board of Trustees of the County Library that Craven P. Hester be and he is hereby appointed as Agent for the purpose of purchasing books for the Monroe County Library and that he receive the funds accordingly & according to the foregoing list of books.

Ordered by the Trustees that they adjourn until the last Saturday in May.

William Alexander, Pres.

*(End of p. 27)*

**July 25, 1825 Special meeting**

Present William Alexander, (President  
James Mitchell &  
Edward Rowland, ( Trustees of  
Craven P. Hester, ( Monroe County Library  
John W . Lee,  
Jacob B. Lowe

Ordered that the following list of books purchased by Craven P. Hester ordered for the County Library of Monroe Co3unty be and the same is approved.

And ordered that Craven P. Hester, Agent for the County Library of Monroe County be and he is authorized to receive from William Lowe, treasurer of said Library, three hundred and five dollars eighty nine cents for the purpose of paying the amount of books sent on from Philadelphia and now deposited at Bakewells at Louisville. Or if the

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treasurer has not said amount to deliver to said Hester, what he has and said Hester's receipt shall be a sufficient discharge.

William Alexander, Pres  
 William Lowe, secretary

At a special session of the board of Library trustees for Monroe County held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1825 at the Libray Office in Bloomington, and Addison Smith, County Agent exhibited receipts of monies paid to the treasurer of said Library which are following, to wit: *(End of p. 28)*

**August 30, 1825**

1825	Monies paid Library Treasurer	\$
Sept	Cash paid Lukins	92.00
Octr 1924	Cash paid Lee	24.25
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cash paid Lee	84.00
August 3	Cash paid Lee	<u>30.00</u>
	Total	230.25
Monies paid William Lowe, treas.		
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cash paid said Treasurer	30.00
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cash paid said treasurer	18.00
1825		
Jany 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cash paid Lee	35.00
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cash paid Lee	45.00
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Cash paid Lee	99.87½
		<u>\$229.57½</u>
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	cash	1055.00

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Ordered by the board that those who take books out of Monroe County Library shall cover the same with paper or cloth and keep the same covered while in use. For each failure thereof be fined 12 ½ cents.

Ordered that the following books which were purchased by C. P. Hester, agent, be rec'd by the Librarian and which is now done.

Rees (?) Encyclopedia, 41 vol., 24 vol. plates	\$220.00
Goldsmith, animated nature, 5. vol.	12.00
Constitution of the U.S., 1 vol.	1.00
Baty's Moral Science, 2 vol/book	1.00
Marshals Washington, 5 vol.	13.34
Clark's Ancient Israelites, vol. 1	.62
Los Cases Memories of Bonaparte, vol. 4	5.33
Marshals Church History, vol. 4	<u>8.00</u>
	\$261.29

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**August 30<sup>th</sup> 1826**

Brought over	\$261.29
Ferguson's Rome vol. 3	9.00
Buck's Theological dictionary, vol. 1	2.00
Baty On Truth vol. 1	.67
Ferguson Astronomy, vol. 2	5.67
Cuvier's Theory, vol. 1	2.67

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Botanick Garden, vol. 1	3.00
Zenomie, vol. 2	4.00
Volnies Ruins Vol. 1	.75
Shakespeare, vol. 10	7.00
Bonecastle (?) South America vol. 1	2.00
Parks, (unreadable) vol. 1	.84
Cook' voyage vol. 2	1.67
Brackenridge's late war, vol. 1	1.00
Smith Sermons, vol. 2	3.33
Payne's Rights of Man, vol. 1	
Deideaux connections , vol. 3	
Commercial regulations, vol. 1	_____
	\$304.89
Box	_____
	1.00
	\$305.89

Ordered by the Board that the treasurer of said Library loan out at 6 per cent, all the surplus monies in his hands or seek, payable to him as treasurer or his successor, on demand by taking good free hold security, and also the same to extend to such monies as may come into his hands.

Ordered by the Board that the library trustees meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sep. next at which time it is adjourned.

William Lowe, clerk

William Alexander, pres't.

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Trustees of the Library, **September 17<sup>th</sup> day 1825**

Present: William Alexander, president  
 James Mitchell  
 Edward Borland  
 P. M. Dorsey  
 C. P. Hester  
 John W. Lee

+J. B. Lowe  
 Dan'l Rawlins

It appears that Craven P. Hester, Agent, has purchased books for the Library at different times, to wit:

From Louisville to the amt. of	\$104.00
“ Philadelphia	305.89
Carriage from Louisville for books from Phila	3.62½
Carriage “ on Louisville books &	
Hester’s allowance	<u>3.00</u>
	\$416.51½

It appears that Craven P. Hester has received from the treasurer, John M. Jenkins, the sum of	\$249.50 cents
From William Lowe, treas	<u>230.67½</u>
When added	\$480.17½

which sum of items rec’d by Hester, deducted from the amount of Books by him purchased, and furnished to the Library leaves due from him to the Library \$63.60

Ordered that two Volumes Clarks Commentaries on the Bible be and they are received into the Library, the same being furnished by C. P. Hester, and ordered that when he can procure the remaining volumes now published the librarian receive them into the library.

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*(undecipherable markings here)*

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Board of Trustees of the Library, **Septem'r 17<sup>th</sup> 1825**

Ordered that in future, books of the libra be let out at \$1.00 per year

Ordered that in future all persons taking books from the Library have 4 weeks from the time of so taking until the return day which in future must be on Saturday.

Board adjourned until the first Saturday in April next.

William Alexander, pres

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**May 29, 1826**

Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library

Present William Alexander, Pres't.

John W. Lee

Craven P. Hester

Prindowel M. Dorsey

Edward Borland

Daniel Rawlins and Jacob B. Lowe produced their certificates from John Borland, Esq., that they taken the oath of office required by law as trustees to the Monroe County Library, and they then took their seats as such trustees.

At the time John Borland, Esq. former Librarian presented his resignation as Librarian which was accepted and filed.

Ordered that William Lowe, treasurer of this Library, be and he is charged with Six dollars thirty one and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cents monies in his hands arising from subscriptions to the Library up to this date.

At this time William Lowe, Treas. of the Monroe County Library presented his resignation which was accepted and filed, and also secretary.

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Ordered that the following book (except those marked not present) be received from the former librarian, to wit:

American Revolution 2 vol.  
 Blains Lectures 1 “ (not present)  
 Burns Poems 1 “ (lost by I A Wright, map torn  
 Chataubriands Travels 1 “  
 Chitty’s Pleadings 3 vol. (not present) Sold  
 Chesland’s Blackstone – *possibly a book by William Blackstone, Sr (1783-1780) who wrote about the mysterious science of law 4 vol.)*  
 Crossure Task 1 “  
 Conan’s Speeches 2 vol  
 Elements of Philosophy 2 vol  
 Ewings Natural “, 2 vol  
 Federalist 1 vol  
 Gibbon’s Roman Empire 8 vol 1<sup>st</sup> 4 of 8 vol. backs injured  
 Goldsmiths Works 4 Vol (5 volumes Hurt in Clarks house)  
 Johnson’s Dictionary 1 “ (while Smith was Librarian)  
 Lay of the Minstrel 1 “ damaged  
 Lewis & Clark’s travels 2 vol. Vol 1<sup>st</sup> not present)  
 Life of Henry 1 “  
 Lyric Poems 1 “ (not present)  
 Manners & Customs 2 “ (2 not present, much injured)  
 Manions Life 1 “  
 Memories of the Phila Agricultural Society 3 vol.  
 Modern Europe 5 volumes  
 Nicholson’s Encyclopedia 12 volumes, vol. 2, 4 & 12th much injured - Sold  
 Olive Branch 1 volume  
 Ossians Poems 2 vol’ms  
 Reeds Works 4 volumes  
 Robison’s Charles the 5<sup>th</sup> 3 volumes  
 Rollim Ancient History 8 volumes, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 injured  
 Salmigundi 2 volumes (1 Vol. lost by J. A, Wright)  
 Sauvins Sermons 7 volumes Vol 1<sup>st</sup> injured (End of p. 34)  
 Scottish Chiefs 2 volumes (much worn)  
 Smileys Philosophy 1 v  
 Solitude Swvented? 1 v  
 Spectator 8 volumes, 1<sup>st</sup> volume injured in the back and fifth leaf torn  
 Thompsons Seanons 1 v

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Travels of Anacharsis 4 vol Vol 1<sup>st</sup> injured in the back  
Vattels Law of Nations 1 vol  
Wealth of Nations 2 vol  
Paleys Philosophy 1 vol  
Jefferson's Notes 1 vol  
Mellon's Work 1 vol (lost by J. A. Wright)  
Popes Work 2 vol. 1 vol injured on the back  
Don Quixote 4 vol  
State Papers 12 vol, plates of Presidents likenesses torn out  
before Boreland was Librarian and when Smith  
was, lost or mislaid. Smith accountable  
Vicar of Wakefield.  
James History of England, by J Heims Smallet Hapett contunued 9 volumes  
Franklin's Works 6 volumes  
Plutarchs Lives 8 volumes  
Ramesey's Universal History 12 volumes  
Lock's Essays 1 vol  
Josephus 4 volumes (1<sup>st</sup> vol. back injured) Lost  
Rus Cyclopedia 41 volumes (~~Vol. 12 absent~~) and 24 volumes of plates  
Goldsmith Animated Nature 5 Volumes  
Constitution of the United States 1 volume  
Battins Moral Science 2 vol. in one Book  
Marshall Washington 5 volumes with 1 vol. plates  
Clarks ancient Israelites Vol. 1  
Las Cases Memoirs of Bonaparte 4 vol. Plate in the first volume loose.  
Mosheims Church History 4 volumes  
Ferguson's Rome 3 volumes  
Burks Theological Dictionary 1 volume (End of p. 35)  
Beatie on Truth 1 volume  
Ferguson Astronomy 2 volumes  
Cei--- Theory 1 volume  
Botanic Garden 1 volume  
Zoomania 2 volumes  
Volney's Ruins 1 volume (Lost by W. Lowe)  
Shakespeare 10 volumes (2 vol. Lost by J. A. Wright)  
Bonny Castles (of) South America 10 volumes  
Park's Travels 1 volume  
Cooks Voyages 2 volumes

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Breckenridgs Late Works 1 volume  
Smiths Seminars 2 volumes  
Paynes Rights of 1 Volume  
Pridsey's Connections 3 Volumes  
Commercial Regulation 1 volume  
Clarks Commentaries 2 volumes  
Clarks Commentaries 3 volumes

The Board proceeded to elect by ballot a treasurer, and after counting the votes it appears that David Killough obtained six votes, and therefore duly elected Treasurer of the Monroe County Library for such that he gives bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.

The board proceeded to elect by ballot a secretary and after counting of the votes it appears that Benjamin V. Tael (*or Tell*) has for the same six votes and therefore is duly elected to Secretary to the board of Trustees for the said Monroe County Library.

Ordered that proceedings of the Trustees of the Monroe County on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of this Instant, by reason that Daniel Rankin, one of said Trustees and without whom there was not a quorum was not sworn into office he and they are hereby considered illegal, and of none effect.

The Board proceeded to elect a Librarian, and after counting the votes it appears that William Lowe has four votes and James Whitcomb two votes. And the said William Lowe (*End of p. 36*) is duly elected Librarian for the Monroe County Library and ordered that the Librarian give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.

Ordered that the subscribers to the Library be dived (*divided?*) into two Classes, one class who wish take (and so subscribers) books every two weeks shall pay one dollar. The other Class who wish to take (and so subscribe) books every four weeks shall pay fifty cents annually for the use of said books. And the return day for books taken by the subscribers of the two week class be every second Saturday and that the return days of the second or four week class be every fourth Saturday. That the Library Room shall upon even'g of the above Saturdays be kept open from ten o'clock in the fore noon until four o'clock on the after noon.

Ordered that the Librarian keep a book in which he shall enter in one column the name of the person subscribing, in another the date when taken in another column, the class of the subscriber, the name and condition of the book, and when the book is returned the date when, the class of the subscriber, and the condition of the book. And that the Librarian report at each meeting of the Board any injury done to any and every book and the person

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by whom injured And on failure of reporting above he shall be accountable for the injury so done.

And that the Librarians report any person, who shall neglect to return a book or books on the regular return days.

And that no minor shall be a subscriber to the Monroe County Library.

Ordered that next Saturday be the first day for the opening of the Library and letting out of books, and that every second Saturday thereafter be the return day and the days for letting books. *(End of p. 37)*

Ordered that any one of the Trustees of the Board be and they are authorized to sell Nicholson's Encyclopedia for any sum not less than eighteen dollars.

Ordered that the Books be delivered once to William Lowe appointed Librarian at the term, and it is accordingly done.

Ordered that the Treasurer, David Killough, *(unreadable)* his bond to the President and Trustees in the sum presented in a former order, with William D. McCollough and Richard Hardesty his security and deposit the same to Secretary within two days. And that said bond be conditioned for a compliance with such order as the Board of Trustees shall make.

Ordered that the Librarian William Lowe give bond payable to the President and trustees in the penalty aforementioned with Enos Blair.

Security conditioned for a compliance with such orders as the Board shall make within two days herefrom.

Ordered that we adjourn until the first Saturday in September next and that if any member fails to attend he shall be fined such sum as the Board shall think reasonable.

Benjamin V. Tell, Secretary

William Alexander, Pres.t.

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**December 3, 1827**

Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library.

Present:       Jacob B. Lowe  
                  James Mitchell  
                  Craven P. Hester  
                  Edward Borland

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Pindrewell M. Dorsey

On motion, James Mitchell was appointed President pro tempore

On motion, Somerville E. Leonard was elected President of this Board

On motion, Paris C. Dunning was elected secretary to this board

To the board of trustees, I hereby resign my office as Trustee of the Monroe County Library.  
William Alexander

To the board of Trustees, I hereby resign my office as Trustee of the Monroe County Library  
Edward Boreland

To the board of Trustees, I hereby resign my office as Librarian of the Monroe County Library.  
William Lowe

On motion, Isaiah Peak & Peter Batterton were elected Trustees of the Monroe County Library to fill the vacancies of Daniel Rawlings, deceased, & Edward Boreland, resigned, who appeared and took the oath of office.

On motion, Joseph A. Wright was elected Librarian who appeared & gave bond & security which was approved by the board. *(End of p. 39)*

**December 3, 1827**

Sommerville E. Leonard appeared & took the oath of office of President of this board.

On motion, ordered that the board receive the three first volumes of Clark's commentaries on the bible from Craven P. Hester who was authorized to purchase said book by a previous order & that he be entitled to a credit of fifteen dollars it being at the rate of five dollars per volume.

On motion, ordered that Joseph A. Wright the present Librarian be authorized to call on Addison Smith, the former Librarian for the vicar of Wakefield 1 volume of the price of said books & on failure to return the same the present Librarian is further empowered to prosecute a suit therefore.

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On motion, ordered that Somerville E. Leonard & Pinderwal M. Dorsey be appointed a committee to settle with Addison Smith, the county Agent, & ascertain from him the amount yet due for the use of the Library & report at our next meeting.

On motion, ordered that the present Librarian be authorized to purchase a cast stove of convenient size which is not to exceed fourteen dollars in price exclusive of the pipe & also to purchase a pipe for the use of the Library & that he be authorized to call on the Treasurer for said money.  
*(End of p. 40)*

On motion ordered that Addison Smith & William Lowe, former librarians, be entitled to the use of the books of the Library as individual subscribers free of any expense until September 1828.

On motion ordered that this board now stand adjourned until Saturday the fifteenth of this month.  
S. E. Leonard, Pres  
Paris C. Dunning, secretary

Special meeting of Trustees of the County Library for Monroe County held on the **29<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1827**. Present: S. E. Leonard, President; P. M. Dorsey, Peter Batterton, Isaiah Peake and Craven P. Hester, trustees.

It appearing that William Lowe has paid Joseph Wright for the use of the Library six dollars and thirty-one and a fourth cents, therefore it is ordered that he be credited with the same which appears to be the balance due from as charged heretofor against him.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the library collect the interest annually on all notes in his hands due the library or have the same renewed including principal and interest

Ordered that the Trustees of the Library adjourn to the last Saturday in January next.

Sect. P. E. Dunning                      S. E. Leonard, President                      *(End of p. 41)*

**February 2, 1828**

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Present: S. E. Leonard, President  
Isaiah Peak  
John W. Lee  
Jacob B. Lowe  
Pindrewell M. Dorsey

Ordered that the Librarian be authorized to call on the Treasurer for one dollar to purchase sweet oil for the use of the Library.

Ordered that it shall hereafter be the duty of the Treasurer of the Library to present at the next term an exhibit or report of the persons names and the dates & amounts of all obligations for monies belonging to the Library fund.

**May 21st, 1828**

Special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees. Present  
S. E. Leonard, President  
Jacob B. Lowe  
John W. Lee  
P. M. Dorsey  
Peter Batterton  
Craven P. Hester

Ordered that Craven P. Hester be added to the committee who were previously approved to settle with the Agent of this county respecting the library fund. *(End of p. 42)*

Ordered that the committee appointed to settle with the agent report to the next meeting of the board.

Ordered that the board adjourn to meet again on the last Saturday of this month.

Paris Dunning

S. E. Leonard, Pres't.

Special meeting of the board of Trustees for the Monroe County Library held on the **26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1828.**

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Present: S. E. Leonard, president, James Mitchel, Isaiah Peak, Peter Batterton & P. M. Dorsey.

Ordered by the board that James Mitchel & P. M. Dorsey be appointed on the part of the board to call on Addison Smith, Agent, and proceed to make a settlement and ascertain the full and complete amount of all monies due from said Agent to the Monroe County Library and make their return on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September next.

Ordered by the board of Trustees that the Treasurer call on Joseph A. Wright and take his note with good & sufficient security for the sum of eighteen dollars with interest thereon from date thereof. The above sum is in value for Nicholsons Encyclopedia sold to said J. A. Wright. Board adjourns until 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September.

P. M. Dorsey, Secretary

S. E. Leonard, Pres.

*(End of p. 43)*

**September 20, 1825**

Board of Trustees, Monroe County Library. Board met according to adjournment.

Present: S. E. Leonard, president  
J. B. Lowe  
P. M. Dorsey  
Peter Batterton  
James Mitchell

Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet again on the second Saturday October.  
S. E. Leonard, Pres't

**October 11, 1828**

Board met according to adjournment.

Present James Mitchell  
J. B. Lowe  
Pete Dorsey  
P. Batterton  
Jas. Peak

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S. E. Leonard, president, being absent on motion Isaiah Peak is appointed as president pro tem.

Ordered by the board that the papers handed in by the committee appointed to make settlement with the Agent be received & retained for disposal of the Trustees.

*(End of p. 44)*

Ordered by the Trustees of the Monroe County Library that David Killough, Treasurer of Monroe County Library call on Addison Smith, agent of said county & Library funds, & make demand of all monies due said Library & receive & collect the same from said Smith that said Smith furnish a list of all lots sold by order of the board of commissioners or board of Justices that is not on record with their prices, times of sale & installments and on all relinquished lots with the sums paid thereon before relinquishment with the amount of the second sale thereon; also a statement of all bad debts and the number of lots on which said failures happened, also a statement of all the lots unsold with their numbers and produce said report or bill on the second Saturday of November next to the Trustees of said Library and that David Killough, treasurer, be ordered to furnish Addison Smith, Agent with a copy of said order immediately.

Ordered by the board of Trustees of the Monroe County that P.M. Dorsey be and he is allowed the sum of eight dollars and fifty cent for eight and ½ days services rendered on Settlement with Agent, and that the Treasurer of said library by the same. Ordered by the board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library that James Mitchel be and he is allowed, the sum of eight & fifty cents for eight ½ days services rendered on Settlement with Agent and that the treasurer of said library pay the same. (Issued)

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Ordered by the board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library that Paris C. Dunning be and is allowed the Sum of four dollars for 6 days services in preparing to settle with the town agent and that the Treasurer of said Library pay the same. (Issued)

Ordered by the board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library that Joseph A. Wright be and he is allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty for articles furnished the Library Board and that the Treasurer of said library pay the same. (Issued)

Ordered that the board adjourn and meet on the second Saturday in November.

Paris Dunning, secretary

Leonard Peak, Pres't pro tem

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**September 8, 1828**

The board met according to adjournment. Present:

James Mitchel  
P.M. Dorsey  
C. P. Hester  
J. B. Lowe  
Peter Batterton  
Isaiah Peak

On motion Mr. Peak was appointed president pro tem

On motion P. M. Dorsey was appointed secretary pro tem

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Ordered by the board that Joseph A. Wright be and he is allowed the sum of five dollars for fire wood keeping fires in the stove and oiling books up to the present time and that the Treasurer pay the same.

(issued)

On motion, the board adjourn until the first Monday in December.

Isaiah Peak, Pres. pro tem  
P. M. Dorsey, Secretary

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1828**

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present: S.E. Leonard, President, Craven P. Hester, J. B. Lowe, James Mitchell, P. W. Dorsey, Peter Batterton & Isaiah Peak

On motion, order that the loan of monies of the Library to William Batterton be continued upon his paying the usual interest.

Order that the County Library defray out of her funds her proportionable part of the expenses of the purchase and sale and necessary incidental expenses of the town of

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Bloomington that is to say said expenses to be paid out of the common county and Library fund previous to the calculation of the Library's ten per centum.

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Ordered that this Board will not lose the Library's proportionable part of the discount allowed at different times by the Boards of Commissioners and Justices to debtors for Town lots, and a demand be made of the Agent of the town of Bloomington for the same.

Order'd that the Board of Trustees will not lose the proportionable part of interest of the Library in the contracts rescinded by the county board of Commissioners or justices as the case may be.

Order'd that monies received by the Agent be exempt from the payment of interest (by him) from the sum received by this Board or its representatives for that purpose

Order'd that the Library will not lose its proportionable part of the amount of loss sustained in bank paper received by he Agent of the Town of Bloomington.

Or'd that John W. Lee be allowed that sum of two dollars and fifty cents for services on a Committee appointed preparatory to a settlement with Addison Smith. (issued appears in margin.) Iss'd to R.Graham per order of Lee.

Or'd that John Hite, he having paid 75 cents into the Treasury of the Library for which he received no books owing to the Library being shut up, be allowed the privilege of a subscription for 9 months.

Board adjourns without day. (?)

S. E. Leonard, pres't. *(End of p. 48)*

**December 5<sup>th</sup> 1828**

Present: S. E. Leonard, President, S. Jacob Lowe, P. W. Dorsey, Isaiah Peak, Peter Batterton, Craven P. Hester

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Ordered that an order made at the last formal session of this Board “that monies received by the Agent of the Town of Bloomington be exempt from the payment of interest (by him) from the time received until demanded by this Board or representative for that purpose,” be and the same is hereby repealed.

**November 12<sup>th</sup> 1829**

Present S. E. Leonard, President, & Jacob B. Lowe, Craven P. Hester, Isaiah Peak, Pell Dorsey, James Mitchell, John W. Lee.

Ordered that W. C. Foster be appointed Secretary to the board to act for the present meeting only.

Then appears to be due from Craven P. Hester by a former settlement with him as agent for monies in hand	\$63.66
There appears to have been paid by him since that time for 5 vol. of Clark’s Commentaries	<u>25.00</u>
	38.66
Interest on the same for one year	<u>2.31¼</u>
Total Amt.	40.97¼

Ordered that Craven P. Hester execute his note to the Treasurer of said Library for the said amount of \$40.97¼

Ordered on motion that Jesse Raper be fined one dollar for injury done to the 2<sup>nd</sup> volume of Josephus. Paid

Ordered that William Lowe be fined 25 cents for injuring the 20<sup>th</sup> volume of the Cyclopaedia  
*(End of p. 49)*

**November 12. 1829**

Ordered that William Batterton be fined the sum of 75 cents for injuring the 4<sup>th</sup> volume of the Spectator (paid)

*(A note in the margin reads: “It was an unjustified fine for he repaired it and made it better than it was.”)*

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Ordered that John Hite be (*undecipherable, looks like mulet'd*) in the sum of seventy-five cents for injury done to Thomson's Seasons by his apprentice, Anderson Haines.

Ordered that a catalogue of the books of the Monroe County Library together with such of the bye laws as the librarian may see proper to select, be published in the "Indiana Gazette."

Ordered that the papers and documents in possession of Messrs. Dorsey & Mitchell relative to a settlement with the agent Addison Smith be handed over to C. P. Hester, the Library attorney.

On motion, ordered that the Librarian be a committee to wait upon the board of Justices of Monroe County and suggest to the propriety of removing the present beech floor in the Library and substituting in lieu thereof a plank floor.

Ordered that Joseph A. Wright, the Librarian be, and he is hereby allowed, the sum of five dollars for services rendered in furnishing firewood oiling books etc. for the past year and etc. (issued)

Ordered by the board that Joseph A. Wright be allowed 62½ cents for furnishing five panes of glass and a quire of paper for the use of the Library. (issued) (*End of p. 50*)

Ordered that the Librarian cause the following books to be bound, viz. "Lay of Last M...", 8<sup>th</sup> volume "Gibbon's Rome," 1<sup>st</sup> vol. Manners & Customs", 1<sup>st</sup> vol. Scottish Chief," 1<sup>st</sup> Vol. Josephus, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> vol. Animated Nature, 1<sup>st</sup> vol. Travels of Anacharsis (*possibly Travels of Anacharsis the younger of Greece, Barthelemey, J. J., 1716-1795 and William Beaumont.*) "Thomson's Seasons" and the following to be repaired viz. 1<sup>st</sup> Vol. Gibbon's Rome," 3<sup>rd</sup> vol. of Josephus, and 26<sup>th</sup> volume of Cyclopaedia.

Ordered on motion and second and by the election of the Trustees of Monroe County Library that M. C. Foster be appointed permanent secretary.

Ordered that the Librarian be authorized to collect all fines imposed by this board.

Ordered, moved, and seconded that the board now adjourn until the first Monday in January, 1830.

S. Leonard, Pres't

W. C. Foster, sec'y

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**January 4<sup>th</sup> of 1830**

The board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, S. E. Leonard, President, Jacob B. Lowe, C. P. Hester, Isaiah Peake, James Mitchel, and John W. Lee.

Ordered, on motion, and second that James Mitchell and W. C. Foster be appointed commissioners on the part of this board, to meet any two that may be appointed by the board of Justices, to arrange finally the claims of the Library Trustees for (*unclear*) due them by the County Court, accruing from the sale of the town lots of Bloomington.

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Ordered that William C. Foster be fined the sum of twelve and a half cents for injury done to the 3rd volume of "Gibbon's Rome". (Paid)

Ordered, moved and seconded, that the board now adjourn to Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> January to meet at 2 o'clock P.M.

W. C. Foster, secy

S. E. Leonard, Pres't.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1830**

A special meeting of the board being called, present S. E. Leonard, Pres't., C. P. Hester, John W. Lee, Peter Batterton, Jacob B. Lowe, and Isaiah Peak.

Ordered that Joseph A. Wright's resignation as Librarian be accepted.

Ordered that the board proceed to the election of a librarian, whereupon John M. Todd was duly elected.

Ordered that the Librarian John M. Todd give bond for the faithful performance of his duty in the sum of \$2000 dollars, to the President and Trustees of the Monroe County Library.

Ordered that it be recollected that Joseph A. Wright delivered up all the books belonging to the Library with the exception of the following, viz.

Chateaubriand's Travels	1 volume
Salmagurdi	1 <sup>st</sup> volume
Miller's Poems	1 volume
Beatty on Truth	1 volume

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Shakespeare 2<sup>nd</sup> volume *(End of p. 52)*  
 Josephus 1<sup>st</sup> volume taken out by Armstead Pruitt, upwards of 12 months since

Ordered that Blackstone's Commentary, and Chitty's Pleadings" be sold to the highest bidder, provided, they bring the amount of the original cost.

Ordered that Joseph A. Wright, (having purchased the above books), execute his note with approved security on a credit of twelve month for thirty two dollars to the Treasurer of the Library of which sum fifteen dollars is to draw interest from the date of the last sum being for Chitty 's Pleadings.

Ordered that when any fine is assessed, it shall be the duty of the Librarian to collect the same within thirty days, under the penalty of the amount so assessed, provided that no extraordinary circumstances take place to prevent the collection of the sum.

Ordered that Joseph A. Wright be allowed the sum of one dollar, twenty five cents for services rendered as Librarian from the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1829.

Ordered that the Librarian hand out to J. A. Wright one or both of the above named works on the receipt of the Treasurer's certificate for that purpose.

~~Ordered that Joseph A. Wright be allowed on settlement, Thirty seven~~

Joseph Wright, having collected fines from William Batterton	.75
from W. C. Foster	.12½
	.87½

Which is taken from his allowances

*(End of p. 53)*

For his services as Librarian from the 12 <sup>th</sup> day of Nov. last , which is	1.25
Leaving a balance in favour of said Wright of	.37 ½
and that the treasurer pay that sum.	

And also that the present Librarian collect the following fines, viz.

From (Jesse?) Rafer	1.00
From William Lowe	.25
From John Hite	.75

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Ordered that the Board adjourn until next Thursday evening.

M. C. Foster, sec'y

S. E. Leonard, pres't.

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**May 10<sup>th</sup> 1830**

A special meeting of the board of trustees of the Monroe County Library. Present, J.B. Lowe, Isaiah Peak, Peter Batterton, C. P. Hester, and P. M. Dorsey

On motion: Peter Batterton was appointed President Protem,

Ordered by the Board that John Todd be and he is hereby allowed, the sum of two dollars and fifty cent for one lock for the library door and repairs on the windows thereof, and that the treasurer pay the sum.

On motion, P. M. Dorsey was appointed Clerk Protem.

On motion, ordered that the Debate on Christianity be purchased for the library.

On motion, James Borland was unanimously elected President of the Board of the Library Trustees.

On motion, ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library, that David Killough, treasurer of said board, be and he is hereby requested to make out a full statement and amount of all moneys by him received for books loaned. Also a fair statement of all notes in his possession for monies loaned, with the person's names, with the amounts *(End. of p. 55)* of each note. Principle and Interest and also the date of each note and that he make the said report issued on Thursday next, the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, and that the clerk make out a copy of this order and deliver it to the Treasurer. The board adjourned until Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Peter Batterton, P.P.M.C.L

P.M.Dorsey, secretary P.tem

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The board met according to adjournment.

James Borland produced his certificate of being sworn in as President of the board of library trustees, and took his seat as president of the same.

Present, John W. Lee, C. P. Hester, Isaiah Peak, P.M. Dorsey, J.B. Lowe, James Mitchel.

On motion

Ordered by the board that David Killough be and is hereby credited with the sum of four dollars & fifty, the amount paid William D. McCollough for shelves in the library room.

On motion

Ordered by the board that C.P.Hester be and he is hereby added to the committee heretofore appointed by the board consisting of James Mitchell & Wm. C. Foster to settle with the board of Justices, and that they or any two of them call on the board of Justices on the first day of their next July term for a (final or financial?) settlement and make a demand of all the money due said library from the county.

On motion

Ordered that the librarian meet on the board of Justices at their July term next and request them to remove the dirt and beech floor from the library room and cause to be put instead thereof a plank floor. *(End of p. 57)*

On motion

The board adjourned 'til the second Monday in July next.

James Borland, P.T.

P.M.Dorsey, secretary P.T.

Special meeting of the board of trustees of the Monroe County Library  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1830**

Present, James Borland, President, J. B. Lowe, Peter Batterton, James Mitchel, Isaiah Peak, P.M. Dorsey

On motion, P.M.Dorsey was appointed Clerk Protem

On motion ordered that Wm. Batterton be and he is hereby appointed Librarian of the Monroe County Library in the place of John M. Todd, resigned, and that he give bond

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with security payable to the President & trustees of said library or their Successors in office in the sum of \$2000.00

On motion ordered that John M. Todd, former librarian, be allowed the sum of two dollars for Services as Librarian from the 25th of February to the present time – and that the treasurer pay the same. *(End of p. 58)*

On motion, ordered that the following books be entered as damaged:

2<sup>nd</sup> vol. Ramsay's Universal History damaged on the back; Life of Henry, damaged on back & on the inside; Scottish Chiefs, 1<sup>st</sup> vol, Damaged on back; Popes poems 1, 2, & 3 vol. Damaged on back; 1<sup>st</sup> vol. Laurins Sermons, Damaged on back; 9<sup>th</sup> vol. Shakespeare, Damaged on back; 2<sup>nd</sup> vol. Manners & Customs, Damaged on back; 3<sup>rd</sup> vol. Modern Europe, Damaged on back; 1<sup>st</sup> vol. Travels of Anachorsis, Damaged on back; 1<sup>st</sup> vol. Reids Works, Damaged on back; 2<sup>nd</sup> vol. Goldsmith animated nature, Damaged on back; 2,3,4,& 8<sup>th</sup> vol. Gibbons Roman Empire, Damaged on back; Park's Travels, Damaged on back; Brackenridge's History of the Late War, Damaged on back; Mosheines Church History, Damaged on back.

On motion ordered that the Librarian be and he is hereby authorized to have the above named books repaired in the best manner and on the best terms he can get them done.

On motion ordered that Stepen Roach be and he is hereby fined, 25 cents for damage to the 2<sup>nd</sup> vol. Cook's Voyages. Paid

On motion ordered that Benj. Bots be fined 37½ cents for damage to Brackenridge's History of the Late War. Paid

On motion ordered that the Librarian be and he is hereby authorized to collect the above fines. *(End of p. 59)*

On motion, ordered that the president librarian be and he is hereby authorized to call on Joseph A. Wright, a former librarian for the following books, to wit:

Chatabriand's Travels one vol; Salmagundi, first vol.; Milton Works, one vol.; Shakespeare's 2<sup>nd</sup> vol.; and if said Wright will not deliver up said books, the present librarian is hereby authorized to bring suit and collect the amount of said books in money from said Wright.

Ordered that the Librarian proceed in the same manner with Wm. Lowe, a former librarian, for Volney's Ruins.

On motion, the board adjourned until the last Saturday in August.

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**September 6<sup>th</sup> 1830**

The board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present        James Borland, Pres't.  
                   Peter Batterton  
                   James Mitchell  
                   C. P. Hester  
                   Jacob B. Lowe

The committee consisting of Messrs. Hester, Mitchell, and Foster appointed by the board to settle the affairs of the Library with the county board of Justices, made their report, which report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be recorded as follows, viz.

The joint committee consisting of Messrs. Killough, Reeves, Mitchell, Hester, and Foster, appointed on behalf of the county court, and the board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library, to arrange the affairs of said Library, beg leave to report; that after a tedious and laborious investigation, they have come to the following result:

Whole amount of first sale in lots June 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1818, one fifth in hand, and the balance in four semi-annual payments	\$4326.85
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Ten per cent of the above belonging to the library including interest is	2378.12
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Whole amount of expenses attending first sale, including interest (that is Library 10 percent)	<u>432.59</u>
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Balance due Library for 1 <sup>st</sup> sale in lots	1,945.53
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Whole amount of second sale in lots Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1818, payable in three annual installments	12,274.75
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Ten per cent of the above belonging to the Library including interest is	1,945.52
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Ten per cent of expenses attending said sale, including interest	22.30
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Balance due library from 2 <sup>nd</sup> sale in lots	1,923.22
Whole amount of first sale of out lots Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1819, one fifth in hand and the balance in four nine months installments	1,219.62½
Amount of second sale of out lots Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1820, payable in three annual installments is	976.00
Amount of third sale of out lots Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 1821, in five annual installments is	815.00
Lots sold to Rawlins, Blain, Brown & amounting to	287.50
Whole amount due library from 1 <sup>st</sup> sale of out lots including interest is	189.05
Amount due library including interest from the second sale of out lots is	144.75
Amount due library from third sale of out lots including interest is	108.35
Amount due library from lots sold to Blain, Brown, Rawlins including interest is	<u>37.22</u> 479.35
Expenses selling out lots including interest is	<u>20.78</u> 458.57

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Whole amount of the ten per cent due Library from the first sale of out lots after deducting expenses is	1,945.53
ditto ditto ditto 2 <sup>nd</sup> sale in lots is	1,923.22
Whole amount of the ten per cent due Library from the different sales of out lots, including lots sold to Rawlins, Blair, Brown & after deducting expenses is	<u>458.57</u> 4,327.32

Amount of funds received by Library	\$2,428.14
Share of twenty-five per cent loss	357.00
Loss occasioned by bad debts	10.60

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Loss occasioned by rescinded lots	<u>258.90</u>	
	3,054.64	<u>3,054.64</u>
Balance due Library up to Jul. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1830 is		1,272.68

all of which is respectfully submitted by:

James Mitchell  
 C.P. Hester  
 W. C. Foster  
 Joseph Reeves  
 David Killough

P.S. In coming to the above result, we did not include in the credits of the County, two items of credit of \$11.00 and \$48.00, the first of which appears by A. Smith charges as agent against the Library board to have been paid Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1826, the other July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1826. Inasmuch as we had no evidence that he made said payments, and neither have we included in the claims of the Library,, against the County, the Library’s claim accruing from unsold lots.

*(End of p. 63)*

**September 6<sup>th</sup> 1830**

On motion, ordered that W. C. Foster be allowed the sum of six dollars, for six days service rendered as commissioner in settling the account of the Library with the committee appointed by the board of Justices for that purpose. Also James Mitchell five dollars for five days served as above mentioned, also C. P .Hester \$2.50 for 2 ½ days served as commissioner, and that the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same.

(Issued)

Whereas it appears that an order was passed Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1829, that C. P .Hester was required to execute his note to the Treasurer of the Library for \$40.97¼ cents and it appearing from the statement of the Treasurer that said Hester has complied with same order,

Ordered that the board now adjourn *sine dei*

W. C. Foster, Secy

James Borland, Pres’t

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**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1831**

Then met the Trustees of the Library, present John M. Lee, James Mitchell, Peter Batterton and Craven P. Hester, trustees, and it appearing that D. M. Dorsey had resigned and removed from the county, therefore William C. Foster is elected a trustee to fill the vacancy of said Dorsey and Tilghman A. Howard, Esq. is elected clerk in the place of William G. Foster.  
*(End of p. 64)*

And it further appearing that there is no president for this board, it is therefore considered that the Trustees proceed to elect a president who accordingly elected Craven P. Hester, a member of this board as their president.

C. P. Hester, Peter Batterton, James Mitchell, W. C. Foster (*this name is smudged, intended to be erased?*), John W. Lee

After the foregoing proceedings were had, the board proceeded to organize themselves, the president elect Craven P. Hester, Esq. in the Chair, present Peter Batterton, James Mitchell and John W. Lee, treasurer. Dr. William C Foster, the trustee elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of P.M. Dorsey, presented to the board, now here in session, the following affidavit, to wit:

“State of Indiana  
Monroe County

“On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1831, personally came C. Foster, before me a justice of the peace for Bloomington, and county aforesaid, and took an oath to discharge the duties of trustee of the Monroe County library according to law and the best of his abilities.

“Given under my hand and seal this date above written

G.H. Johnston

Justice of the Peace

Whereupon the said trustee elected was admitted to take his seat as a member of the board of trustees.  
*(End of p. 65)*

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The board then took into consideration the propriety of ordering the purchase of an additional number of books for the library and after having examined into the state of funds it was considered expedient to provide for the purchase of the following works, that is to say,

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Brown's Philosophy; Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws; Raymond's Political Economy; Cooper's Novels; Bigland's history of France; Irving's Columbus, Knickerbocker, Sketch Book, Brace Bridge Hall, Tales by a traveler (all by the same author); Henry's Chymistry; an approved treatise on mineralogy, Richlieu Bible of reason; some approved histories of Ireland & Scotland, Gillie's Greece; Weem's Marion; Lempriere's biographical & classical dictionaries (*possibly Lempriere's classical dictionary of proper names mentioned in ancient authors writ large*); Morgan's anti-masonic; works with the continuation (*possibly Morgan, William, Morgan's freemasonry exposed and explained...*), Herodotus,; Barlamaqui on National law; Moral tales; Whitsley's compend; convenations on Chymistry, Eiphenom Manual, Life of Andrew Jackson; Voltair's philolophical dictionary; Duncan's logick, Holback on good sense; Watts on the mind; Volney's Ruins; Scott's novels; four copies of Weem's life of Washington,

Which works, having been selected by the board, it was ordered that the president through Craven P. Hester, Esq, as agent of the board, correspond with such booksellers & others as he may deem expedient, both in Louisville & Philadelphia, respecting the prices at which the said works can be obtained, and that he purchase the same, and (*End of p. 66*) make all needful arrangements for the conveyance of them, and their delivery at Bloomington. And it is further ordered by this board, that the president draw upon the treasurer for all sums which may be necessary for the purpose of making said purchases and defraying the expenses of transportation and all other expenses attending the same.

And thereupon, the board adjourned

C.P.Hester, president     T, A. Howard, secretary of the board.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 1831**

The Board of Trustees of the Monroe County library met; present;

The President, Craven P. Hester, Esq., Wm. C. Foster, Jacob B. Lowe, John W. Lee constituting a quorum.

On motion of W. C. Foster, it is ordered that there be stricken out of the list of books ordered to be bought by the president, by the board at last meeting, the following works that is to say, Volney's Ruins, Voltaire's Philosophical Dictionary, Holback on good sense; Bible of reason), three copies of Weem's life of Washington.

Ordered that Morgan's anti Masonick Works be stricken out – and it is further ordered that the following works be added to the list to be purchased, that is to say.

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Seneca's Morals, A History of the French revolution, Campbell's poems; Barlow's Columbiad; Pope's Homer, Dryden's Virgil; France's Horace; Devereaux, Pelham, Disowned; Darnley, Elements of Chemical Philosophy & of agricultural chymistry by H. Davy  
*(End of p. 67)*

Ordered that the president have leave to purchase two works on Masonry; one to be in favour of Masonry and the other anti Masonic.

And the board adjourned.

C. P. Hester, pres't

Attest: C. A. Howard, secretary of the board.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, A.D. 1931**

The board of trustees of the library met. President Craven P. Hester, Esq. president, William C. Foster, Jacob Lowe and Isaiah Peake, members of the board

On motion of William C. Foster, it is ordered that the treasurer, on behalf of the board, cover the sum of seventy-five dollars for the term of three months bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum for the purpose of meeting the liability incurred in the recent purchase of books under the order of the board, and that the treasurer give his note, therefore, as treasurer and pay the same out of the first monies which may come into his hands and which are not otherwise appropriated.  
*(End of p. 68)*

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, A.D. 1831**

On motion of William C. Foster, it is ordered that the seal of the board be of the following device, that is to say, on the margin shall be the initial letters of the (style?) of the board to wit "M.C.L." and also "Ind." and in the center an open book – and that the secretary procure the same, and submit it to the board at some subsequent meeting thereof. And further that the secretary call upon the treasurer for the price thereof, who is duly authorized to advance the same.

On motion, ordered that hereafter no note from an individual borrowing money from the Monroe County Library shall be taken for a greater sum than one hundred dollars, & if any individuals shall hereafter borrow or now owes more than one hundred dollars, he shall give two different free holder securites for each hundred dollars so borrowed or owed. Ordered that the board adjourn.

C. A. Howard, Sec

C. P. Hester, president

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**June 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1931**

This day the board of trustees met, present: Craven P. Hester, Esq., pres't and Jacob B. Lowe, W. C. Foster and Peter Batterton.

The books hereafter ordered to be purchased, were rec'd and consisted of the following works, to wit:

Brown's Philisophy, 2 vol	\$3.	\$3.00
Montesgueu, Sp. of L 2	5.75	5.75
Raymond's Pol. Econ, 2	5.	5.00
Cooper Nov. complete, 9	13.50	13.50
Bigland's France, 1	.50	.50
Irving's Columbus 2	4.50	4.50
"    Works 4	6.	6.00
Island Inland 5	7.50	7.50
Scott's Scotland 2	1.75	1.75
Gillies Greece 1	1.50	1.50
Weems, Marion 1	.50	.50
Lemp. Bio. Dic 2	10.	10.00
Belony Herod 1	2.50	2.50
Burl. Lany 2	2.50	2.50
Edgworth, Taly 3	1.20	1.20
Whelp Compend 1	1.00	1.00
Conv. On Chemistry 1	1.00	1.00
Eip. Manual	.63	.63
Life of Jackson 1	.62	.62
Duncan on Logick 1	.50	.50
Watts on the Mind 1	.45	.45
Scott's novels 23	26.	26.00
Weems Wash. 1	.50	.50
Sen. Morals 1	.50	.50
M...French Rev.	2.00	2.00
Camp. Poems 1	1.00	1.00
Barlow, Columb. 1	8.00	<u>8.00</u>
		107.90
		<i>(End of p. 70)</i>
Homer's works 4	5.00	5.00
Dryden's Virgil V	.75	.75
Francis' Horace 1	1.00	1.00

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Disowned	1	1.50	
Pelham	1	1.50	
Deveraux	1	1.50	
Darnly	1	1.50	6.00
Davy's Chem. Phis	1	1.75	1.75
Agric. Chem.	1	.67	.67
Morg'n Masonry	1	.25	.25
Dialogue of D...	1	.67	<u>.67</u>
			16.00
Amount forw'd			<u>107.90</u>
			123.90

which we ordered to be placed in the care & custody of the librarian to be subject to the rules, restrictions & regulations to which the other books of the library are subject.

On motion, Paris C. Dunning is elected a member of this board of trustees, and having been duly sworn in, admitted his seat in the board.

The president then left the Chair, and Gen. Lowe took it pro tempore

The president thus presented hi account as follows:

Dr. (debit?) to amount of Cash, rec'd of the treasurer D. Killough		\$135.00
Cr. By price of books as above		\$123.99
Carriage		6.36
Postage		.75
Services		<u>2.00</u>
Balance in president's hands		1.90
		<i>(End of p. 71)</i>

It appearing also that the sum of eight dollars and thirty cents, had been advanced by the president for the purchase of books for W.C. Foster who was to have a loan for that amount and the said Foster having executed his note for that sum with security it is ordered that the president be allowed a credit for so much and the sum of \$8.30 from which deduct the sum of 1.90 leaves a balance in the president's favor of six dollars and forty cents to be

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paid to him by the treasurer and also this further sum of fifty cents for a box  
for the books, in all 6.90

The president resumed his chair and on motion, the board adjourned.  
C. P. Hester

L.Howard, sec.

The treasurer of the Monroe County Library has settled with me the above order and he is  
entitled to a credit for the same sum Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1831 C. P. Hester

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1832**

This day the board of trustees met , present:

Craven P. Hester, President, and Jacob B. Lowe, John W. Lee, W. C. Foster, P. C.  
Dunning.

*(End of p. 72)*

Ordered that William Batterton be allowed and he is hereby allowed the sum of Fifteen  
dollars for his invoices as Librarian up to the present date including his expenses in  
furnishing firewood, paper, broom, and that he be allowed to draw upon the Treasurer  
for the above sum.

On motion of W. C. Foster, the president of the board is directed to procure a copy of the  
“Diplomatic Correspondence of the Revolution” granted to which incorporated library by  
an act of congress.

Ordered that William Batterton, the librarian, be directed to procure some workman to  
lay a rough ash floor, and dispose of the tiles which compose the present floor, to the best  
advantage, said floor to be laid in the course of the present summer, and the workman to  
be paid five months after he has completed it.

And the board adjourned  
W. C. Foster, sec. pro tem

C. P. Hester

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1833.** This day the board of Trustees met. President C. P. Hester, Jacob  
Lowe, Peter Batterton, S. C. Dunning and W. C. Foster

The board then proceeded to elect as Clerk in the place of I.S. Howard, removed  
when F. T. Butler was elected.

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Ordered that William Batterton, Librarian, be directed to substitute Oak Plank in lieu of Ash, this being done as an amendment to the above order. (*End of p. 73*)

On motion of William Foster, it is ordered that the treasurer of the library be ordered to collect the interest of money loaned by him annually, and in case of failure, to bring suit against those individuals who neglect to pay the interest annually or who may be in his opinion considered doubtful.

And the board adjourned  
F. T. Bretten, sec.

C P. Hester

**27<sup>th</sup> January 1835**

This day the Board of Trustees met pursuant to adjournment. President C. P. Hester, Jacob B. Lowe, Wm. Foster, Peter Batterton, P. I. Dunning & John W. Lee.

Wm. Batterton, the Librarian, offered his resignation which was received. The Board then proceeded to an election for Librarian, which resulted in the choice of Joseph G. McPheeters for the space of six months.

Ordered that the Librarian be required to give bond.

Ordered that the Library room be opened on every Saturday from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M.  
Ordered that Peter Batterton and David Killough pay for Library floor and other articles.  
Adjourned

**February 20<sup>th</sup> 1835**

The board met. Present C. P. Hester, prst., – Jacob B. Lowe, Wm. C. Foster, P. C. Dunning, Peter Batterton and John W. Lee

Ordered that John W. Lee sell this title belonging to the highest bidder. (*End of p. 74*)

Orderd that the librarian have the privilege of appointing one deputy.

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Ordered that a sign be purchased for Library and placed over the door with the inscription "Monore County Library" and that John Lee superintend to same.

Ordered that the Librarian procure the rebinding of such books as he may think worth binding.

Ordered that no entry be made of the list of books adopted at last meeting.

Ordered that persons paying \$1 shall be entitled to the use of the Library one year. Books to be taken out weekly (or daily optional with the Librarian) the payment of fifty cents shall entitle a subscriber to take out a book semi-monthly or monthly at his option.

Ordered that the following books be purchased for the Library

Six last vols. of Waverly works  
Conquest of Granada (by Irving)  
Harpers Family Library  
Bulwar's works, excepting the first two vols.  
Stuart's Philosophical Essays  
Scorby, Account of the Arctic Regions (*An account of the Arctic regions with a history and description of the northern whale-fishing. William Scoresby, 1789-1857*)  
Burk's works  
Scottish Chiefs  
Salem Witchcraft  
Commercial History by Anderson  
History of Russia  
History of the Turks from their first settlement in Europe  
English translation of Cicero & Demosthenes, Speeches  
Johnsons works  
Lismunde Literatun of the South  
Biography of the Signers of the Declaration  
Witherspoon's Philosophical Works (End of p. 75)  
Captain Maryatts works  
Jefferson's posthumous works if the cost will not exceed \$12  
Poet Admiral  
Lubattem  
Insurgents  
The Alcoran

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Crocus – Du Jun Gentimus  
 Tookes Pantheon  
 Spunzheim’s Phrenology  
 Venitian History  
 Tookes Devinions of Purley

Ordered that Dr. W. C. Foster be requested to act as agent for the purpose of corresponding with some one of his friends in Philadelphia to ascertain for what sum the above books can be delivered in the City of Louisville – and that the agent lay such information as he may receive before the board for their further consideration..

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 1835**

At a special meeting of the board, present C. P. Hester, P Dunning, Peter Batterton and W. C. Foster

Oredered that the agent accept the proposals of Corey & Hart Booksellers, and order on to this place the before named books, together with such other books as he may select, provided the whole amount shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollar.

Ordered that the agent, W. C. Foster, be directed to draw on the Treasurer of the Library for *End of p. 76*) the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars when it shall be ascertained that the books have arrived at Louisville, and have them conveyed to this place, by such agents as he may think proper to select for that purpose.

C. P. Hester, Presd’t-

At a special meeting **Oct. 20**, the following members were present, C. P. Hester, W. C. Foster, P. Batterton, and J.B. Lowe – Ordered that the following books be secrd (secured?) from the agent, W. C. Foster, viz.

Eugene Aram, England the English, vol. 2		
Paul Clifford	2	\$3.50
Ross, Voyage	1	2.25
Tales Koran	2	3.50
Scottish Chiefs	3	1.00
Jefferson’s Memoirs	4	7.50
Johnson’s works		4.00
Demosthenes’ Speeches	1	.87

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Port Admiral	3	1.75
Insurgents	2	1.75
Calavas	2	1.75
Spurheim's Phrenology	2	3.50
McKensus receipts	1	1.00
Reynold Voyage	1	3.75
Allen Breck	1	1.25
Ebon Erskine		
Stanley Buxton 4 vols.	4	2.50
National Calendar	1	1.50
Stewart's Philosophy, Vol. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		1.50
Burke's works	3	6.50
Marryatt Novels	12	6.50
James Crengle, Cruise of the Nied... ( <i>unclear</i> )		
Man of ( <i>unreadable</i> )	7	4.00
Biographhy of Sigurd	5	7.50
		<i>(End of p. 77)</i>
Swallow barns & horse show	4	3.50
Guy Rivers & Lufidel	4	3.50
Henry Martinson Richelieu		
Marslon Hall, Mary of Burgundy	8	5.00
Temassie	2	1.75
Polish Chiefs	2	1.25
Cavaliers of Virginia	2	1.75
Grumeniti Soz	1	1.75
Down Easter	2	1.75
Whigs of Scotland	2	1.75
Three Years in the Pacific	1	2.25
Buccaneers	2	1.25
Cicero	3	2.00
Salem's Water Witch		.50
Family Library	72	40.00
Staff Officer	2	1.25
Cooper's Novels	4	5.00
Conquest of Grenada	2	1.50
Last Days of Pompeii	2	1.25
		<u>\$144.85</u>
Postage		2.75

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Freight from Louisville to Bloom'tn		<u>3.31 ¼</u>
		\$150.91 ¼
Received from Treasurer by W. C. Foster		150.00
Balance due agent		0.91 ¼
Rec'd by agent from Bowland	75 d	
"        "        Hester	<u>50</u>	<u>1.25</u>
Balance due library		.33 ¾

Ordered that it be considered that W. C. Foster has settled his accounts in full

Adjourned  
C. P. Hester, Pres't

*(End of p. 78)*

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1835**

At a special meeting of the Board, present J. B. Lowe, Paris C. Dunning, J. W. Lee, Peter Batterton & W. C. Foster

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of a Librarian, and assistant librarian when J.P. Lowe was elected librarian and Wm. Smith assistant librarian.

Ordered that the Librarian prepare and have printed a catalogue of the books in the library.  
J. B. Lowe, Pres't pro tem

**August 29, 1830**

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, members present to wit J. B. Lowe, Dr. W. C. Foster, J. W. Lee, P. C. Dunning, C. P. Hester, president, at which meeting Darwin Maxwell was appointed Librarian. They then appointed Lafayette Blair as Treasurer to the Board of Trustees as successor to David Killough, deceased. Said Blair is required to enter into bond in the sum of four thousand dollars to approve of by the Board of Trustees, which bond was approved and accepted by the board. It is further ordered by the board that the treasurer call upon all persons owing said Library to renew their several (?) notes on or before the first day of October, 1836, and pay all the interest there is due, and said treasurer is authorized to loan out all the interest to some responsible person who is to pay the same with interest on the same at rate of eight per cent per annum On

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demand, all the notes except those for interest are to be drawn twelve months after date at the rate of eight per cent interest. *(End of p. 79)*

It is further ordered that the treasurer call upon the administrator of David Killough, deceased former treasurer, to deliver up to him all books, papers and moneys or any other thing belonging or in any wise appertaining to said County Library.

Ordered that the librarian label on the inside of each book belonging to the same, the words Monroe County Library.

It is therefore ordered that said Librarian enter into bond in the sum of two thousand dollars for his performance as librarian to approval of the secretary with in one week of this date.

Ordered that the Treasurer make a full and detailed statement of all the books, papers, and other things relating to said library at our next meeting on the last Saturday in October 1836.

Ordered that the board adjourn until the last Saturday in October.

F. T. Butler Secy

C. P. Hester, Prest.

*(End of unnumbered p. 80)*

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1836**

At a special session of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library began and held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1836 at the Library room; present C. P. Hester, President, Wm. C. Foster, Peter Batterton, P. C. Dunning.

On motion of P. C. Dunning, ordered that Jesse Lowe be and he is hereby allowed the sum of three dollars and seventy-five cents for repairs in the Library room and that the Treasurer pay the same.

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Ordered that Dr. C. G. Ballard be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of Monroe County Library in the place of Lafayette Blair, who resigned and that he execute a bond in the (?) sum of four thousand dollars conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of Treasurer with good security to be approved of by the secretary of this board. such that when he shall have so executed said bond that he call upon and receive from said Blair all the money and papers in his hands belonging to the library.

Ordered that Peter Batteron be allowed four dollars and seventy-five cents for making a desk, and that the Treasurer pay the same.

Ordered that the board adjourn until their next meeting.

C. P. Hester, Pres't

*(End of unnumbered p. 81)*

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1837**

In a special meeting of the Board held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 1837. Present: C. P. Hester, W. C. Foster, Peter Batterton, and John W. Lee.

On motion it was ordered that W. C. Foster be a committee to investigate the concerns of the Library as far as connected with the County since the final settlement of 1830, and to ascertain the payments made by the County since that period, and also to ascertain the amount advanced since the above date by the Treasurer of the Library to procure books, and to make report to the Board at its next meeting.

Ordered that Peter Batterton be allowed the sum of four dollar seventy-five cents for a desk furnished to the Treasure of Library and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

Ordered that when the Board adjourns, it will adjourn unto the first Monday in February

Adjourned.

*(End of unnumbered p.82)*

**July 19<sup>th</sup> 1837**

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At a special meeting of the board held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1837. Present, C. P. Hester, Paris C. Dunning, Wm. C. Foster, Peter Batterton, & John W. Lee. On motion, ordered that W. C. Foster be appointed secretary pro tem.

Ordered that W. C. Foster heretofore appointed a committee to investigate the concerns of the library make report accordingly which report was made and ordered to be received and appeared on this book.

Ordered that C. G. Ballard, Treasurer, make report, to this board relative to the state of the library fund in his hands – which report was made accordingly and ordered to be spread on this book

Ordered by the Board that a committee be appointed to settle with the administrator of the estate of David Killough, dec'd, all matters relating to the library – and said Killough, dec'd, Treasurer of said library, and if they can not be settled the same to take the same to the Probate Court for adjustment. Said committee to consist of C. P. Hester, Wm. C. Foster & John M. Lee – in case said committee have to adjust said claim before the Probate Court. C. P. Hester is to be employed as Attorney for the Board.

Ordered that Dr. C. G. Ballard be and is allowed fifteen dollars for his services as Treasurer. *(End of unnumbered p. 83)*

**July 19<sup>th</sup> 1837**

Ordered that Doc't. W. C. Foster be allowed nine dollars for services as a committee and c & the treasurer pay the sum.

The undersigned submit for consideration of the Board the following report:

Upon settlement with the County in September 1830 the balance in favor of the Library was	\$ 1272.68
Interest until September 1831 a6 6 per cent	<u>76.36</u>
	1349.04
Paid by George Henry, agent of County to David Killough Treasurer of library in notes	<u>443.26</u>
	905.80
Interest for September 1831 to March 1835	<u>190.20</u>
	1096.00

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March 1835 Treasurer of County paid	- <u>150.00</u>
	946.00
Interest from March to September 1835	<u>28.39</u>
	974.39
September 1835 Treasurer of county paid	<u>150.00</u>
	824.39
Interest from Sept. 1835 until March 1837	<u>74.22</u>
	898.61
March 1837 Library assumed the debt due by James Alexander to the county amounting to	<u>614.46</u>
Leaving a balance yet due amounting to	284.17
Respectfully submitted	
July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1837	W. C. Foster
P.S. since the settlement of 1830 George Henry Agent of the County sold lots to the amount of \$197.00, the amount of	197.00
The present agent, P. C. Duning has disposed of	
County lots to the amount of	<u>151.00</u>
	348.00
Ten per cent is	34.80
which is due the Library from the County in addition to the above sum of	<u>284.17</u>
Total amount due Library by the County	318.97

*(End of unnumbered p. 84)*

The Treasurer of the Monroe County Library, begs to report that he received of his predecessor in office in notes the gross sum of \$ 1372.95 which however was found on settlement with individuals to be subject to several abatements on account of monies received and receipted for by David Killough , former Treasurer. The principal of which were as follows (viz) Cost paid by Jonathan Nichols, Esq. on David Armstrong's note which said Nichols holds a receptor for that was not credited on said notes \$50.00

Also a credit on Paris Chitman's note for \$24.19 together with a receipt for \$3.50, making together 27.69

Also S. Lundy's note for 50.00

which should have been paped to the credit of S.D. 127.69

note and also some small sums not now recollected,

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amounting to some ten or twelve dollars 1245.26

Your Treasurer would further report that he has renewed the notes according to the directions of this board of Trustees bearing date October 1<sup>st</sup> 1836 with interest at the rate of eight per cent.

Notes renewed amount to	1199.71
One note in Geo Hardesty, A. Smith security	25.00
Also one note on Jess Barnes for which is out for collection	12.00
Also one on F. T. Butler for	<u>2.37</u>
	1239.08

Allowance made P. Batterton for Treasurer & Librarian's duties	<u>9.50</u>
	1248.58

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Also on the 7 <sup>th</sup> of March last your treasurer received Jas. Alexander's note on account of monies due the Library from the County for the sum of	\$ 614.44
making in all	1,863.02
Also notes taken for unpaid interest	100.08
On the 1 <sup>st</sup> ay of October next there will be due of interest about	<u>128.50</u>
	2,091.60

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. G. Ballard, Treas

Bloomington

**July 19, 1837**

And now is presented the resignation of P.G. Dunning, Trustee of the Library, which is accepted.

And thereupon the trustees proceeded to the election of a trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of said Dunning and upon such election John Barnett was duly elected trustee of this Board.

Ordered that the Board adjourn

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C. M. Hester, pres't

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1837**

At a special meeting of the Board, present C. P. Hester, Pres't, Messrs. Foster, Batterton, and Lee, Trustees

John Bennett who was elected trustee at a former meeting of the Board was sworn by J. W. Lee, a justice of the peace, faithfully to discharge his duties as trustee aforesaid; and who thereupon took his seat as such. *(End of unnumbered page 86)*

On motion, ordered that all notes which the Treasurer shall take for the principal of monies due the Library shall be dated when the notes are executed.

That payments may be made on notes for the principal of monies due the Library either in cash or other notes or notes executed to the Library with such good & sufficient security as shall be approved by he Treasurer, whether the same monies intended to be paid be due then or thereafter to become due.

That if the notes of the Library shall not have been renewed at the regular time, according to an order heretofore made, in regard to the principal of monies of the Library payments as above mentioned may be made by the debtor, and when so made and the note shall not be fully paid, the Treasurer shall indorse the same with the date thereof upon the note.

That whenever notes shall not have been renewed at the regular time for the principal, and the debtor wishes to renew the same, the interest or the same, for which a note has not been executed shall be included in the principal, and the note to be executed shall be for the aggregate amount. But this interest shall only be for the interest which shall have accrued since the last regular time of executing notes for interest.

That no note shall be renewed unless the previous interest which accrued before the renewal shall be paid or note therefore shall have been executed according to the order of this Board.

Ordered that Board adjourn until next Wednesday evening. C. P. Hester, pres't.  
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At a special meeting of the Board held on the **22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1839**. Present, C. P. Hester, W. C. Foster, John Bennett and Peter Batterton

The Treasurer, C. G. Ballard submitted the following report which was directed to be on the Records and made as follows, viz. (*Balance of unnumbered p. 88 is blank.*)

Ordered that C. P. Hester be directed to commence suit at the next court against James Alexander and securities, for the sum of \$614.44, with interest provided however, that the said Alexander renews said note for a principal and interest with good security, said (*unclear*) to be suspended at the cost of the defendant.

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed that from and after this day to loan money at ten per cent interest per annum. (*End of unnumbered page 89*)

Ordered that hereafter none but resident citizens be permitted to take books from the library unless ample security be given to satisfy treasurer.

Adjournment C. P. Hester, Pres't

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library, the **25<sup>th</sup> July 1839**. Present, C. P. Hester, John Bennett, Peter Batterton.

Ordered that David Browning be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of the Board and that he gives bond and security in the sum of \$5000, and which is accordingly done.

Ordered that the treasurer sue on all notes which were not renewed October, 1838.

Ordered that all the notes belonging to the Monroe County Library be delivered to the said Treasurer and which notes are as follows, to wit:

Jon Nichols	Wm. Alexander	April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1838		\$ 47.96
“	“	“	“	5.75
“	Wm. Berry	“	“	31.16
“	“	“	“	143.00
Abraham Buskirk, John Bennett, Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 1858				20.00
Eli P. Farmer, R. M. Farmer, April 1 <sup>st</sup>				212.00
Wm. Alexander, J. W. Carter “				5.49
				\$465.36

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Brought up	\$465.36
Wm. Alexander, J. W. Carter, April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1838	30.50
E. P. Farmer, R. M. Farmer “ “	30.44
J. W. Carter, Wm. Alexander, March 22, 1838	35.00
L. Williams April 1 <sup>st</sup> “	2.50
L. Williams, C. G. Ballard “ “	21.50
Wm. Batterton, Peter Batterton “ “	35.47
“ “ “ “	87.70
Enos Blair, B. R. Byers “ “	5.00
“ “ “ “	27.37
George Ritler, L. H. Carson “ “	4.08
Peter Batterton, Wm. Batterton “ “	24.00
W. L. Wright, T. L. Hardesty, Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> “	2.16
“ “ “ “ “ “	18.00
S. Lundy, G. W. Chambers, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	48.75
“ “ “ “	1.05
John M. Dunning, N. C. Dunning, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> “	16.43
John M. Dunning, P. C. Dunning, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 1828	2.84
John Stiles, R. M. Farmer Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1837	66.68
Geo. Ritter, L. H. Carson, Apl 1 <sup>st</sup> 1838	34.00
J. Hensly, C. P. Hester, Nov. 14, 1838	27.93
George D. Throop, John W. Throop, Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1839	2.00
“ “ “ “ “ “	11.00
J. W. Young M. H. Buskirk, April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1838	60.00
“ “	7.38
W. C. Foster, W. L. Wright, Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1839	56.25
F. L. Butler Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> 1839	2.50
D. Browning, M. L. Deal, Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1932	42.37
Joseph Bought, John Henry, May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 1832	6.68
John Orchard, S. M. Orchard, Aug. 1038	5.13
“ “ “ “ “	35.05
Jas. Alexander, R. D. Alexander, J. W. Spencer, Wm. Alexander, Feb 26, 1939	614.44
J. W. Spencer, Wm. Alexander, Feby 26, 1839	98.00
“ Wm. Alexander, March 16, 1839	24.56
John Bennett, P. C. Dunning 1839	<u>45.00</u>

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C. P. Hester, Pres't.

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**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839**

By vote of the citizens of Monroe, the following gent'm were elected Trustees of the County Library for one year or until their successors shall be appointed, viz.: D. Batterton, J. Fee, W. C. Foster, R. C. Hamill, G. W. Hardin, C. Pering, and T. Watts, as certified to them by the Clerk of the Election.

On Saturday evening of Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, the above named Gentl'n met at the Library Room and after being duly qualified proceeded to enter on their duties by the appointment of a President and subordinate officers, as the law directs.

On counting the votes there appeared for President, G. W. Hardin 5, Secretary C. Pering, 5, Librarian, J. Teall 6, Treasurer J. Campbell (Merchant) 6

Committees were appointed to apprise the above named Librarian and Treasurer of their election, after which the Board adjourned to meet on Friday evening, the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. at candlelighting.

C. P. erring, Sec.

George W. Hardin, President of the Board

**Sept. 20, 1839**

Board met, all the members present. Ordered by the Board that the Treasurer be empowered to advertise a renewal of the Notes, and the payment of Interest on all notes to the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. for a less interest than 10 per cent.

Moved that D. Foster, J. G. Watts, G. J. Fee be appointed a committee to draft a set of by-laws for the gov't of the Board and it officers. *(End of unnumbered page 92)*

Ordered that a Committee be appointed composed of Messrs. Hamill, Fee, & Batterton to examine the books, and prepare and report a Catalogue.

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Ordered that the Treasurer shall receive one per cent per annum for his services.

Adjourned to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in Oct'r.

C. Pering, Sec

George W. Hardin, President of the Board

No quorum

**Nov'r 29<sup>th</sup> 1839**

Board met, present G. W. Harden, Foster, D Hamill, J. Fee, D. Batterton, C. Pering

The Treasurer made a verbal report of the renewal of one Note.

Ordered that all Notes under Twenty Dollars be collected and the other Notes renewed and no more money loaned under ten per cent.

The Board instructed the Treasurer as to what Notes shall be renewed and what additional security required.

The Committee appointed to draft a Catalogue reported progress and were allowed to continue.

Ordered that Marcus L. Deal be allowed his claim of Seven Dollars for printing.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to prepare a Catalogue procure

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printed labels and paste them inside the cover of each vol. in the Library with the No.

The form shall be

Monroe County  
Library

No. \_\_\_\_\_

George W. Hardin, Pres't.

**Feb'y 18<sup>th</sup>, 1840**

The Board met, present the same as in last meeting.

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The Treasurer's Report was presented which showed the am'ts received \$174.31¼  
 And the debtas of the Board 13 dollars leaving a balance in his hands of \$161.31¼  
 On motion the Report was accepted and is as follows.

To the Hon'bl President and Board of Trustees of the County Library, etc.

	\$ Cts.
Mr. Hite's (?) note renewed and interest paid	10.68
Dr. Wm. C. Foster " "	4.50
Mr. Wm. Alexander " "	10.30
Mr. Wm. Batterton " "	16.43
Mr. George Ritter " "	9.15
Rev. Eli P. Farmer " "	32.31¼
Mr. John Bennelds " by Dr. Foster	3.25
Mr. Lundy's Note renewed and int't paid	7.71
Mr. James Carter " "	24.98
Mr. Peter Batterton " "	3.25
Mr. David Browning " "	3.39
Isaac Young " "	16.31
J. Baugh, Esq. Note paid	9.80
Received from Jas. Alexander	5.00
F. T. Butler's Note and interest	2.68
W. S. Wright " "	2.36
Enos Blair " "	9.74
Receipt for the loan of books	<u>2.50</u>
	174.34¼

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The Board Dr. (Debits?)	
To Memorandum Book	.12½
To a Blank Book	1.25
To ½ Quire Letter Paper	.25
To Order from M. Deal	7.00
Claim of F. T. Butler, Esq.	3.12½
To Blank Book for Docket	<u>1.25</u>
	<u>13.00</u>

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Amount received	174.34¼
“ paid	<u>13.00</u>
Balance in Treasurer’s hands	161.34¼

Ordered that the Treasurer continue the suits which he has commenced and use every means to collect the remainder of the Notes and Interest, as per Order passed at a previous meeting.

Ordered that a Committee of 4 be appointed to make out a List of such works as they may deem suitable and submit it to the next meeting.

Messrs. Hamill, Foster, Pering, & Watts were appointed said Committee.

Ordered that Mr. J. Campbell be allowed the customary price (75 cents) for half dozen chairs furnished for the accommodation of the Board.

The labels for the books were submitted by the Committee and an Order on the Treasurer for \$5, signed by the President and Sec. given to liquidate the claim for the printing.

Board adjourned. George W. Hardin, Pres’t.

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**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1840**

The board met, present G. Hardin, Pres’t, C. Pering, sec., Dr. Foster, Dr. Hamill, J. Fee, D. Batterton

The Librarian reported a communication from Dr. C. G. Ballard in reference to a Note of T Williams in which he is security. Also from Mr. Wm. Alexander in regard to Notes of J. Nichols, Esq., deceased in which he is security. Mr. Alexander states that when he signed the notes as security Mr. Nichols informed him the debt belonged to Hamilton’s Estate. He requested the Board to collect from Nichol’s Estate whatever it could pay, and any deficiency he would feel bound in honor to make up. The Board ordered that if Mr.

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Alexander will pay the small Note and the Interest on the large Note, and give his obligation with good security, for the remainder, he may dismiss the suit commenced against him by paying the Costs.

In relation to T. Williams's Note:

Ordered that the Treasurer collect it from Dr. Ballard, and if he please he can have recourse to the Estate of T. Williams for whatever dividend the Estate can eventually pay

The Treasurer reported his having paid

For printing labels	5.00
For half dozen chairs	<u>4.50</u>
Leaving a balance on his hands at this date of	151.84¼

Ordered that the Treasurer pay over one hundred and fifty dollars to the Sec'y and that discretionary power be given to him in the purchasing of books to the amount of \$200 if credit can (*End of unnumbered p. 96*) be obtained for \$50 at N.Y. or Philadelphia or wherever the books may be purchased. The Committee appointed to select suitable books, being unprepared, agreed to meet the following Thursday evening when the Board adjourned.

The Treasurer offered to loan the Board \$50 at the interest usually received on their funds which was agreed to. Previous to the Sec'y leaving for the cost 27 dollars more were paid by different individuals to the Treasurer who handed it to the Sec'y.

George W. Hardin, Presd't

**June 16<sup>th</sup> 1840**

Board met. Present, G. W. Hardin, D. Batterton, J. Fee, C. Pering, & Drs. Hamill and Foster

Report of the Committee for the selection and purchase of books was read and, on motion, received and the Committee discharged

Ordered that the Sec. enter this Report on the Record together with a list of the books purchased and the price of each.

Ordered that the Librarian shall not loan books from the Library to transient persons unless some responsible citizen will be security or the value of the work is first deposited.

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Ordered that a Committee be appointed to draw up rules for the gov't of the Librarian and submit to the next meeting of the Board. Drs. Foster & Hamill & C. Pering were appointed said committee. *(End of unnumbered p. 97)*

The Christian System, 1 vol. was presented to the Library by Mr. D. Batterton , whereupon, on motion of Mr. Fee, it was resolved that the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Batterton for his donation.

Board adjourned to meet again that day week.

The following is the Report of the Committee appointed to select and purchase books for the Library.

That one of their number going eastward during the Month of April, they deemed it a favorable opportunity for effecting this object; and accordingly handed to him a list of such books as were thought desirable, and the Treasurer furnished him with the sum of \$227 in Illinois and other Western notes.

That one of the Books mentioned on the list such as could be obtained he procured, and selected a number of others to the amount of \$270.62½ , at the usual eastern prices but which, by taking only the cheapest from different book sellers, he purchased for \$186 leaving a profit, after deducting \$20, his necessary additional expenses, and paying for them chiefly in eastern funds for which he was charged 2½ per cent premium in Louisville, a saving of \$64.62½.

That the Balance amounting to about \$21, has been handed over to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken for the same.

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The agent reports Illinois and other western money of from 7 to 8 per cent discount in Philadelphia and still higher in New York, but by drawing on funds he had in Louisville, and getting the draft honored in Philadelphia, he was enabled to save to the Board nearly \$10 in the payment of *(looks like afcs)*.

The books are all arrived, and in good condition. Amongst them will be found some of the most celebrated of ancient as well as modern times, together with an assortment of general literature calculated to instruct, as well as to please, nearly every class of readers.

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All of which is respectfully submitted - signed H. C. Hamill, W. C. Foster, C. Pering

The following is a List of the new Books

British Poets (Aikins)	4.00
“ “ (Frosts)	4.00
Combe’s Constitution of Man	.87½
Caesar and (Tallust? Sallust?)	3.00
Herodotus	3.00
Zenosshon	3.00
Livy	5.00
Moore’s Works	3.00
Drake’s History of the Indians	2.50
Robinson Crusoe	1.87½
6 Vols. Cyclopedia	8.00
Fielding	2.00
Romance of the Forest	1.25
Cecilia (by Miss Burney)	1.25
Burkes’ His. Of the French Revolution	.50
Romance of Vienna ( Jno? Trollope)	1.25
Spurrheim’s Elements	.37½
Humphrey Clinker	<u>.87½</u>
	45.75

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Brought Over	45.75
Josephus	3.00
Humorists own Book	.50
Spurschein’s Catechism of the nat’l laws	.37½
Jones’ Practical Phrenology	1.25
Combe’s Moral Philosophy	.75
Phrenological Journal, Vol. 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.25
Fowler’s Phrenology	1.50
Lawrence’s Lectures on Man	2.25
Phrenology in the Family	.87½
Deerbrook (by Miss Martineau)	1.25
Prescott’s History of Ferdinand & Isabella	9.00

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Bancroft's History of the U.S.	5.00
Cooper's Naval History	5.00
Austin's Works	4.00
Hallam's Middle Ages	2.50
Spark's Life of Washington	5.00
Sports & Pastimes of the English	3.00
Poets of America illustrated by one of her painters	3.75
General Hist.Of Civilization (Guirot)	1.50
Northmen of New England	1.50
Jack Sheppard	1.25
Cabinet Minister	1.25
Miriam	1.25
Egypt & Arabia (Stephens)	2.00
Greece & Turkey “	2.00
Opinions of Lord Brougham	2.00
Historical Sketches	2.00
“ “ second series	2.00
Kings (?) of India	1.25
The Path Finder	1.75
Damsel of Darien	1.75
Morton's Hope	1.25
Nix's Mate	1.25
Henry of Guize(?)	1.25
Huguenot	1.25
Shakespeare & His Friends	2.00
	125.45
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Brought up	125.45
Miss Edgeworth's Works, 10 vol.	10.00
Fireside Education	1.00
Lights & Shadows of Scottish Life	.87½
Good Housekeeping (Mrs. Nole?)	37½
Romance of Travel (N. P. Welles)	1.25
Carlyle's His. of the French Revolution	5.00
Olmsted's Astronomy	1.00
Home (Miss Sedgewick)	.50
Hannah Moore's Works	6.00

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29 Vols. Family Library @ 431/3	12.50
Ancient Christianity	1.50
Female Student	1.00
History of the Late War	.75
Liebers' Ethics, 2 Vols.	6.00
Gall's (?) Works, 6 Vols.	8.00
Life and Writings of Lamb	5.00
Murders & Outrages	.87½
Austin Hall	.62½
Life of Milton	.87½
Sedgewick's Private Economy	2.50
Hebers' Works, 2 vols.	4.00
Modern Europe, 3 vols.	6.00
Works of Joanna Bailie	4.00
Sismondi's Rome	3.00
Chevalier's U. States	2.25
Coleridge's Aids to Reflection	2.25
Botta's History, 2 vols.	4.00
Russells U. States	.75
"    France.	.75
"    England	.75
"    Greece & Rome	.75
Bayard on Constitution	.75
Campbell's Letters and Henderson's Journal	2.00
Lockhart's Life of Scott	4.50
Scripture and Geology	2.00

228.82½

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Brought over	228.82½
Physical Theory	1.00
Pascall's Letters	.87½
Sigourney's Poems	1.87½
Martineau's America, 2 vols.	3.00
Lyell's Geology	3.00
Hyperion, 2 vols.	1.50
Letters from the Old World	3.00
Althea Vernon	1.25

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Boz's Sketches, 2 vols	1.25
Pym's Adventures	.87½
Irving's Rocky Mountains	2.00
Times of Geo. IV, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> series, 4 vols.	5.00
Algic Researches, 2 vols.	1.50
Head's Tour in England	1.25
How to Observe	.75
Home, or the Iron Rule	.62½
Pencil Sketches, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> series	2.00
Letters from Palmyra, 2 vols.	2.25
Box & shipping	<u>1.25</u>
	263.07½
Carriage	<u>6.95</u>
	270.02½

George W. Hardin, pres.t

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**December 16<sup>th</sup> 1840**

Board met, present Dr. Foster. D. Hamill, J. S. Watts, Esq. J. Fee, J. C. Pering

On motion of D. Hamill, seconded by M. Watts, Dr. Foster was elected President pro tem. J. W. Hardin being from home.

Ordered that the claim of Ten Dollars for services rendered the Board by C. P. Hester, Esq. be liquidated, and he is hereby empowered to draw on the Treasurer for the amount.

Ordered that the Treasurer's Report be received, and the Balance on his hands of Three Dollars 69/100 be paid to Mr. Hester in part payment of his demand for Ten Dollars.

Ordered that the Treasurer advertise the expiration of the year for which interest is due, and collect the same, and enforce the orders of the Board passed at a previous meeting relative to the claim on Mr. Wm. Alexander as security for Mr. Nichols, and on all small notes generally.

Ordered that C. P. Hester Esq. be empowered by the Board to take such steps as he may deem expedient to collect the judgment against John. Garner and Wm. Armstrong.

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Ordered that Mr. Browning (agreeable to his application) be allowed to occupy the Library Room as Deputy Librarian, and subject to the removal of Judge Teall, or the Board, if his occupancy be found inconvenient.

The Committee appointed to draw up rules for the gov't of the Librarians submitted the following which were adopted:

After which the Board adjourned.

George W. Hardin, Presd't  
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By Laws

1. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep the books in good order and report, at least quarterly, the condition of the Lib.
2. Individuals may obtain books, one vol. if large, and the set if small, weekly, or semi-monthly, by the payment of 12½ cents and 25 cents per quarter, to the Treasurer.
3. No transient person shall have the liberty of obtaining any book or books from the Library without first depositing as security, the value of the set to which the vol. belongs or some responsible person becoming his security in writing.
4. Any person injuring a book shall be liable for its value, or the set to which it belongs at the option of the Board.
5. No person shall have the liberty to keep any book longer than Three weeks under a penalty of 12½ cents per week after that period.
6. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep open the Library every Saturday from 9 o'clock A.M. until 4 P.M.
7. It shall be the duty of the Librarian not only to file the receipts and orders for books which he may receive from the Treasurer but to make a minute of the same in a book appropriated for that purpose.

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8. In making his quarterly report the Librarian shall not only report the condition of the books but also the name of any person who shall have injured any book or kept it longer than the time prescribed. *(End of unnumbered p. 104)*

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 1841**

Board met, present G. W. Hardin, presdt, Dr. Hamill, J. Fee, D. Batterton, J. C. Pering

Ordered that the Treasurer be empowered to suspend the proceedings on the judgment obtained in their favor against Jas. Alexander and securities, for a Note now on the Docket of Chesley D. Bailey, Esq. until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April next, by the defendants paying the costs.

Ordered that the Note on Young for \$60 with M. Buskirk as security be collected by the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Note on Abram Buskirk with Jno. Bennett as security be also collected.

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to select such books as they may deem unnecessary or of little value to the Library, and dispose of them as the Board may hereafter direct. Messrs. Hamill, Fee, & Pering were appointed said com'e

After which the Board adjourned.

George W. Hardin, Presd.

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**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1841**

Board met; present G. W. Hardin Pres't, Dr. Hamill, D. Batterton, Dr. Foster, J.L. Watts, and C. Pering

Ordered that John L. Watts, Esq., be directed to collect the debt due the Library by James. Alexander and others, immediately by execution, with the proviso that if a portion of the debt is paid instanter (*instantly?*) and the balance secured on notes not to exceed \$100 bearing an interest of 10 per cent per an., further time shall be allowed and provided further that the security so taken shall be either by mortgage or real estate, or good

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personal security. Provided further that if a portion of the principal cannot be paid, the interest shall be collected and the balance secured as aforesaid. Application to the Board was made by Abraham Buskirk for permission to renew his note, with good security which the Board granted; and adjourned.

George W. Hardin, presd't.

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**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1841**

At a special meeting of the Board this morning to take into consideration the application of Mr. Spencer, one of the securities on the debt due the Library by Jas. Alexander and others, for further indulgence in regard to the payment of the same, it was ordered by the Board, that the judgment against Jas. Alexander & others be discharged upon the following conditions, viz. That said defendants pay the interest on the judgment instanter, to this date, pay the cost of said judgment, and give seven notes with good and valid security, six of said notes of the denomination of one hundred dollars and one of fourteen dollars 54/100, all of which notes are to be paid after the following order, viz. Two of one hundred and fourteen dollars 54/100 in three months; two of one hundred dollars in six months; and the remainder in twelve months. All of said notes to draw interest at the rate of ten per cent from this date until payment shall be made.

As further securities on the above notes the following gentlemen will be accepted viz. Aquilla Rogers & Wm. Alexander, Jr. It is further ordered that the President of the Board receipt the said judgment on compliance with these conditions.

George W. Hardin, Presd't

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**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1841**

Board met; present C. W. Harden, Pres't, C. Pering, Dr. Foster, Mr. Fee, Dr. Hamill & G. J. Watts, Esq.

The President reported his having received forty three dollars, the interest on the debt due by Jas. Alexander & others, and secured the principal by Notes as described by the last Order of the Board.

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Ordered that the Notes be handed to the Treasurer who will receipt the Presd't for the same and for the money now in his hands, and that the Treasurer be instructed to collect, or institute suit on each Note as it falls due.

Ordered that Mr. Tarkington be allowed to occupy the Library Room as City Auditor (agreeable to his request and the application of the County Board) and that he be appointed Librarian after giving Bond & approved security. The Co. Board are solicited to secure the Books by means of a green curtain screen, to protect them from dust.

Ordered that Jno. L. Watts, Esq., be allowed his A/c (\$15.00) for services rendered to the Board in the case of J. Alexander & others.

Ordered that the Librarian provide a new book for entering the names of subscribers and titles of books loaned to them, and that the Treasurer reimburse him for the same.

Board then adjourned.

George W. Hardin, presd't.

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**Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1841**

At a called meeting of the Board for the purpose of taking into consideration the petition of Abraham Buskirk for farther indulgence and permission to renew his Note

Ordered that the interest on Judge Abraham Buskirk's Note be collected and the costs paid, and that he be permitted to renew it with good permanent security bearing interest at 10 per cent.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

**Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1841**

Board met; present G. W. Hardin, J. Fee, C. Pering, and Drs. Hamill & Foster

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to select and purchase books for the Library to the amt. of \$150.00, exclusive of carriage and other expenses if the funds now in the hands of the Treasurer will admit. The President appointed the same Com'e as before,

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Dr. Foster, Dr. Hamill, & C. Pering; who agreed to meet the following morning and make the selection.

Board then adjourned.

George W. Hardin, presd't.

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**February 7, 1842**

Board met, present C. H. Hardin, Pres't., Dr. Hamill, Dr. Foster, D. Batterton and C. Pering.

The claim of the Library and Jas. Alexander and securities was considered; and a proposal submitted in person by said Alexander, to give a Mortgage on certain property belonging to his son for the better security of the debt was at first disposed to be accepted by the Board. But on further enquiry it appeared that this land belonging to one of his securities was already secured and whatever other property was possessed by the rest of the securities, whereupon it was Resolved that a Committee be appointed to make the necessary enquiries in relation to the affairs of said Jas. Alexander, and report at the next meeting.

Dr. Foster was appointed said Com'e. Board adjourned to meet again this even'g week.

The Committee appointed to select and purchase books for the Library reported that in Nov. last they sent a Draft on Messrs. J & W. Anderson of Louisville to Messrs. Hogan and Thompson, Philadelphia, for \$150 which was duly acknowledged and books to the amt. of 132.30 forwarded to the Treasurer, leaving a balance in their hands, after deducting 7 per cent discount, of about \$7, through an oversight in one of their hands, in laying out the books which they will forward in any books we wish by first opportunity.

Being paid in Western funds, the cash to the Board was about 12½ per cent. The books are all received and in *(End of unnumbered p. 110)* good condition. The prices appear to be moderate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. Foster, R. C. Hamill, C. Pering, Com.

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The Catalogue of the books purchased is as follows:

2 vols.	The Hour & the Man	.65
1	Parks Pantology	2.70
34 vols.	Family Library	13.60
3	A Year in Spain, 3 vol.	2.00
2	Stephen's Central America	4.50
1	Crabbe's Synonymes	2.12
2	Turner's Anglo Saxons	4.50
1	Guy Fawkes	.81
1	Miss Landon's Work	3.37
3	Halls' Works	4.50
1	Combe's Physiology	.40
1	Curiosities of Literatuure	2.50
1	Confessions of an Opiun Eater	.40
2 vols.	Austin's Goëthe	1.70
1	Hallam's Middle Ages	1.80
1	Bakewell's Geology	3.00
1	Walker on Beauty	1.13
1	Combe's Lectures	.87
2 vols.	Deerslayer	1.35
2 vols	DeToqueville Democracy	4.00
2 vols	Schlegel's Philos. of His (History?)	2.00
1	Halleck's Poems	1.00
1	Bryants "	1.00
3 vols	Croye's History of France	1.50
2 vols.	The King's Highway	.85
1	Rogers' Italy	1.75
2	Niebuhr's Rome	3.60
1 3 <sup>rd</sup> vo.	Bancroft's His. U.S.	<u>2.00</u>

69.80

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	Amount brought over	69.80
2 vols.	Mrs. Adam's letters	1.87
4 vols.	Thiers French Revolution	7.20
1	Harry Loneguer	2.00
1	Chas. O'Malley	2.00
5 vols.	Napier's His Peninsular War	7.65

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2 vols	Buckingham's Travels in America	3.50
1	Howiths' Rural Life in Eng'd	2.50
1	Spain Revisited	1.58
10 vols.	Sparks' Life of Franklin	20.25
3 vols	DeClifford	1.80
1	Ancient Regime	.45
1	Book without a name	1.00
1	Eminent Fr. Writers	1.95
1	Lucretia Davidson	1.06
1	Margaret Davidson	1.06
1	D'Aubignes Reformation, 1 <sup>st</sup> vol.	.88
1	Wilson's American Ornithology	4.75
	Box. Etc.	1.00
		132.30
	Carriage to Bloomington	6.28 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

George W. Hardin, presd't

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**Feby 11<sup>th</sup>, 1842**

At a called meeting of the Board this evening there were present G. W. Hardin, Pres't, Dr. Foster, D. Batterton, J. Fee, and C. Pering.

The proposal made by Jas. Alexander at the last meeting, after hearing the Report of the Committee in relation to his affairs, was unanimously accepted, and Dr. Foster & J. T. Watts, Esq. were appointed to receive a Mortgage for one year. It was therefore Ordered that on Jas. Alexander's paying up the interest due on the Notes up to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec'r last, and the costs of suit, all proceedings against him shall be stayed.

Ordered that the Librarian (Mr. Tarkington) be authorized to procure a new Stove Pipe for the use of the Library rooms; and that the Treasurer pay for the same out of the Library funds.

Ordered that the County Board be charged \$2.00 per month rent for the Co. Auditor's use of the Library Room and that the Librarian present the A/c to the Co. Board, and draw the amount for his own use and benefit.

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Board then adjourned.

C. Pering, Sec't  
George W. Hardin, presd't  
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**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1842**

Board met, present G. W. Hardin, Esq., Dr. Hamill, J. Fee, & C. Pering

The Board were made acquainted with the resignation of David Batterton, and the appointment by the Commissioner's Court of Jno. Graham to fill the vacancy.

Ordered that whereas the conditions agreed on at the last meeting of the Board have not been complied with on the part of Jas. Alexander, the Board have resolved to prosecute the suit against him & securities as though no such proposal had been made.

Board adjourned.

George W. Hardin, Pres  
C. Perring, Sec.  
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**April 27<sup>th</sup> 1842**

Board met, present G. W. Hardin, Esq., Dr. Foster, J. Fee, J. Graham & C. Pering.

Ordered that a Com'e be appointed to meet and confer with a Com'e of the County Commissioners to arrange the affairs and settle the claim due to the Library by the County. Drs. Foster & Hamill appointed.

Ordered that a Com'e be appointed to make an estimate for presses with glass doors, for the better preservation of the books, and report at our next meeting.

Mr. Graham and Dr. Hamill appointed.

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Ordered that a Com'ee be appointed to confer with Mr. Tarkington in reference to compensation for his services as Librarian. J. Fee & C. Pering appointed.

Board then adjourned to meet that even'g week.

G. W. Hardin, presd't  
C. Pering, Sec.

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**May 26<sup>th</sup> 1842**

Board met; present G. W. Hardin, Esq., Dr. Foster, Dr. Hamill, J. Fee, J. Graham & C. Pering

Application having been made by the securities of Jas. Alexander for a stay of Execution of certain judgments, Ordered that the Board release Jas. Alexander and his securities from the suit now preceding against them in favor of the Library for Six hundred and fourteen dollars with interest and cash on the following terms; viz

That Mr. Spencer be required to execute his note for \$216 with Hugh Campbell as security; and that Wm. Alexander give his note for \$298 with Mr. Seward as security; and mortgage the Lot No. (not given) for \$100.

The above Notes shall be drawn for a sum not exceeding \$100 payable 12 months after date @ 6 per cent interest and the said Spencer and Alexander promptly pay up all the interest now due, and the costs which have accrued.

This is also ordered that these notes shall not be sued on, though made payable 12 months after date so long as the securities are good and the interest on them is regularly paid.

George W. Hardin, presd't  
C. Pering, Sec.

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Board met, present G.W. Hardin, Pres't, J. Fee, Dr. Foster, J. L. Watts, Esq. & C. Pering.

The compensation agreed to be given to the Librarian (viz. \$2.00 per month from Aug't 13<sup>th</sup>, 1841) which was expected to be paid by the County Board as rent for the County Auditors' use of the room, being refused by the Board, on the ground that the room belongs to and is under the control of the County Board, therefore ordered that the same be paid from the Library funds until the relations which subsist between the Library & County Boards be investigated.

Ordered that Dr. Foster be allowed his claim of \$5.00 for services rendered the Library in making a settlement with the County; and that his Report be accepted which is as follows:

That it appears from the records both of the County and Library that in September 1830 the balance in favor of the Library was	1,272.68
That the interest accumulated from that time until March 1837, when the Library assumed the debt due by Jas. Alexander was	369.17
	\$1,641.85

that payments were made at various times by the County amounting, including Jas. Alexander's debt to	1,357.68
	284.17
That the interest from March 1837 until 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1842 is	89.51
	373.68

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That it appears since the settlement in 1830 the County has disposed of Lots to the amt. of \$348, ten per cent of which belongs to the Library which sum amounts to	\$34.80
Whole amount due the library up to June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1842	408.48

Respectfully submitted,  
W. C. Foster

Board adjourned

George W. Hardin, Pres.  
C. Pering, Sec.

**February 9<sup>th</sup> 1843**

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Library Board met, members present Geo. W. Hardin, Pres., Wm. C. Foster, R. C. Hamill, John Fee, John Watts, and C. Perring.

On motion, the claim or note held by the Treasurer on Wm. Berry and Samuel Moore was presented to be taken up by Mr. James Leonard as intimated by him provided the said Leonard give bond and security acceptable to the Treasurer.

Ordered that Judge Teall having acted as Librarian for a period of fifteen months and half, he be allowed \$15.00 compensation.

Ordered that the Treasurer be commissioned to collect or better secure the claims against Stockton Lundy, secured by Charles J Bailey.

Board adjourned

George W. Hardin, pres't  
C. Perring, sec.

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**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1843**

The Board convened this afternoon at the request of the President who informed them that the order of the Board passed at the last meeting in relation to the transference to Mr. Leonard of the claim against Berry & Moore had not been complied with, whereupon, on motion of Dr. Hamill, seconded by Mr. Fee, the order was rescinded, and it was ordered that the name of John Small be inserted in place of Mr. Leonard, provided he give bond and security acceptable to the Treasurer.

Board adjourned

George W. Hardin, Pres.  
C. Perring, sec.

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**Feb. 15, 1844**

Board met pursuant to notice by the president.

Members present, Messrs. G. H. Hardin, Pres't, Dr. Foster, J. Fee, J. Graham, Dr. Hamill & C. Perring

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Ordered that the record be so amended that under date of Feb. 9, 1843, the following memorandum be ordered which at the time was forgotten.

The Legislature having passed a law reducing the rates of Interest on all moneys loaned by corporations to 6 per ct. the Treasurer is instructed to give notice to those who have notes in his hands that if they will come forward and pay up the interest and renew their notes, the amount will be loaned at 6 per cent.

Ordered that Dr. Wm. C. Foster be empowered to settle with James Alexander and others the remaining portion of the Clame of the Library.

Ordered that William C. Tarkington be allowed Twenty four dollars for his services as Librarian from August 12<sup>th</sup> 1842 up to August 12<sup>th</sup> 1843.

Ordered that John Campbell be allowed forty dollars (\$40) for his services as Treasurer of the Library funds including two years from Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1841 up to Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843.

On Motion:

Dr. Hamill & Dr. Foster were appointed as committee to confer with the County board on the subject of the right of the Library room, now claimed by the County.

The board then adj'd.

George W. Hardin, Presd't

Jno Fee, Sec. pro tem

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**May 28<sup>th</sup> 1844**

Board met at the request of the Pres't. Members present, Mr. Hardin, pres't. D. Foster, Dr. Hamill, Mr. Graham & Mr. Fee.

Mr. Fee appointed Sec. pro tem.

Mr. Graham presented his bill for making a press to hold the books of the Library. Sum total \$28.57/100 (Twenty eight dollars, fifty seven cents)

On motion of D. Hamill, Mr. Graham was allowed the amt. of his bill to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury.

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Ordered that the Treasurer of the Library pay Mr. John Graham fourteen dollars twenty-eight & half cents (\$14.28½ ) being one half of the bill; the other half to be paid by the Library provided the County Board does not pay the same.

Dr. Foster reported progress on the subject of Jas. Alexander's liabilities to the Library and was instructed to go on and arrange the matter with said Alexander and others.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to collect forthwith any money in the hands of D. Lunderman, Esq. belonging to the Library.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to call upon David Browning, Clerk, for a settlement; and that he be also authorized to proceed to collect of said Browning any money in his hands belonging to the Library as soon as practicable after his return home (from Iowa.)

Board adjourned

George W. Hardin, presd't

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**Aug't 15<sup>th</sup> 1844**

Board met at the request of Dr. Foster, present G. W. Hardin, Esq., Pres., Dr. Hamill, Mr. Fee, Dr. Foster, J. T. Watts, Esq. & C. Pering

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that the County Com's. have appointed Willis A Gorman, Esq. a member of this Board in place of John Graham, resigned; he was accordingly qualified and took his seat.

On motion, moved and seconded it was ordered that Dr. Foster's written Report be received, and that he be discharged from further duties; and that the Report be put on file *(Vide document E)*

Ordered that the Treasurer take Dr. Foster's note and security in lieu of Messr. Batterton's in relation to the estate of L. Williams; or if that arrangement cannot be made, that he take Mr. Williams' obligation as collateral security.

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Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Ten dollars (\$10.00) for Mr. Madison's Papers on receipt of the vols.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Dr. Foster Ten dollars (\$10.00) for services rendered the Board in adjusting certain claims as set forth in his Report.

George W. Hardin, Pres'd

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**Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1844**

The President called a meeting of the Board this afternoon which was attended by G. W. Hardin, Esq., Dr. Hamill, J. Fee, Dr. Foster, W. A. Gorman, & C. Pering

On motion, moved and seconded it was ordered that suit be commenced forthwith in the case of Alexander and others before Lewis Bollman, Esq. and that the Treasurer (Mr. Campbell) be instructed to take a Transcript of the judgment, after rendition and file the same in the Co. Clerk's office

Ordered that the President be permitted to take such steps as he may think proper in relation to the claim of the Board on Armstrong & others now residents of the State of Ky.

Ordered that Mr. Campbell be allowed Twenty Dollars (\$20) for one year's services as Treasurer, due Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> ult.

Ordered that W. C. Tarkington be allowed Twenty four dollars (\$24.00) for one year's services as Librarian, due the 13<sup>th</sup> of August last.

Ordered that the Treasurer take such steps as may be necessary for securing the balance of the sum due the Library from the Estate of David Killough, dec'd, now in the hands of P. C. Dunning, Adm'r.

Ordered that the Board receive the 3 vols. of Madison's Papers, sent to the Treasurer, and that Mr. Campbell retain the Bill for the same (\$10.00) as his voucher.

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Dr. Foster reported that no settlement had yet been agreed to in relation to the claim of the Library on Messr. Batterton as connected with the Estate of L. Williams, dec'd. Ordered, that if not settled by next Monday suit be commenced.

Ordered that if the Co. pay us a moiety of their indebtedness, the sum, whatever it may be, shall be appropriated for the purchase of more books; and the Treasurer is hereby instructed not to loan the sums.

George W. Hardin, Pres't  
C. Pering, Sec.

**Feb'y 11<sup>th</sup>, 1845**

The President called a meeting of the Board, present G. W. Hardin, Esq., Dr. Foster, Dr. Hamill, W. A. Gorman & C. Pering.

On motion it was

Ordered that the Treasurer make a demand upon the present Clerk of Ct. Court as successor of David Browning former Clerk for the amt. due by said former Clerk to the Library, and if not paid, to proceed to collect the same according to Law.

Ordered that the Treasurer call on Mr. L. Deal, security of the late David Browning, and offer him the option of renewing Mr. Browning's Note, with int. at 6 per cent, or having a suit commenced for the amt. and interest.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mr. Hardin Three dollars for services rendered in the case of Armstrong. *(End of unnumbered p.124)*

Ordered that Mr. Abel be allowed two dollars 50/100 for the History of Indiana sent to the Lib'y by direction of the Treasurer of State

Dr. Foster reported the settlement of the case of the Messr. Batterton in relation to the estate of L. Williams, dec'd. to the satisfaction of the Board.

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State of Indiana) (Bloomington  
Monroe County) (**September 9<sup>th</sup> 1846**)

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The Board of trustees of the Monroe County Library met and were duly organized by electing Dr. Wm. C. Foster President, and John Fee Secretary.

Members present, Messrs. Foster, Reed, Lawrence, Tanner, S H. Buskirk & Fee. Hammill absent. Mr. John Campbell was elected Treasurer and Mr. Wm. C. Tarkington Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk it was ordered that a comt. of three consisting of Messrs. Foster, Lawrence & Fee be appointed to examine the books of the Library and select the damaged books & have such rebound as are worth rebinding and to sell at the best price that can be obtained such books as are not worth rebinding.

Ordered that Mr. Tarkington be paid thirty five dollars for services heretofore rendered as librarian for fifteen months & for labeling books, etc., etc.

Application was made by Mr. Daniel Lunderman to the board, for him to assume the debt of Dr. Wm. C. Foster to the amount of two hundred dollars less or more.

It was ordered that if Mr. Lunderman would give his note with security acceptable to the board, that the arrangement might be made.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk, ordered that the Treasurer of the Library be requested to report to this board on the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant, the condition of the funds of the Library and that he farther be requested (*End of unnumbered p. 127*) to file a bond with security to the amount of six thousand dollars.

Ordered that the Trustees of the Library in remuneration of their services, be allowed their reading without cost, but at the same time shall be restricted to all the other rules and regulations of the library as to time of returning books, damaging books, etc.

Ordered that Lewis Bollman , Danl Lunderman & John Tipton Rogers, S. H. Buskirk be allowed the use of the library for twelve months in consideration of services rendered for the Library. But shall in all other respects be governed by the Bye Laws of the Library.

On motion, it was ordered that the bye laws now in use be readopted.

The board then adjourned to meet the Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst.

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John Fee, Sec

W. C. Foster, Pres't  
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Bloomington Ind **September 16<sup>th</sup> 1846**

Board of Library Trustees met according to adjournment. Present, W. C. Foster, John Lawrence, John Fee, Samuel H. Buskirk, Daniel Reed, Henry Tanner and John Fee.

On motion, ordered that the Treasurer of the Library be allowed the same pay as heretofore. And that the Librarian be allowed two dollar per month – pay to commence on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 1846.

On motion of Buskirk, ordered that a committee of two persons be appointed to draft suitable rules and by-laws for the regulation of the Library. Whereupon the President appointed Buskirk and Tanner said Committee.

On Motion, ordered that Henry Tanner, Saml H. Buskirk and John Lawrence be appointee a Committee to examine the title of the property of W. Lunderman's which is offered in exchange for the Liability of Dr. W. C. Foster to some where about two hundred dollars, more or less. Also the probable worth of the same.

On motion – Ordered that the Treasurer present the claim in the case of Sampson Hensley for the amount of money received by David Browning, deceased, as Clk. of the Circuit Court, to Brownings securities for payment of the same, and that the Treasurer allow all the fees due said Browning as Clerk, if the Library is legally bound to pay the same, and that such sum when so ascertained may be discharged by filing a note with the Treasurer with good security.  
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On motion, Ordered that John Campbell be allowed forty dollars and forty cents for services as Treasurer in full up to the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1846

Ordered that the Librarian sell the desk belonging to Library, and the proceeds to the Treasurer of said Library.

On motion: Ordered that so much of the Resolution passed at the last meeting authorizing a Committee to sell damaged books be and the same is hereby resinded.

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Ordered that the Librarian sell at the best price he can obtain, the damaged books belonging to the Library & pay over the proceeds to the Treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report Sept. 16, 1846**

Assets	Principle	Interest
Note on William Alexander. Austin Seward	314.00	49.68
Note on Enos Blair & David Browning	27.37	7.79
Michael Buskirk & Isaac S. Buskirk	80.50	12.47
Peter Batterton Wm. Batterton	24.00	6.60
Erlem Bratney & Moses Hall	20.00	1.17
David Cathcart & Joseph M. Howe	52.00	3.77
Isiah T. Cron & Findley McCollough & T. McCalla	50.00	2.97
Wm. Millin Sr. & Wm. H. Lurry	15.00	1.31
M. L. Deal & Wm. M. Smith	16.27	.25
James Craig & John Garrison	20.00	2.09
Eli P. Farmer & Robeson Farmer	269.98	16.19
George Eller & Henry Eller	50.00	1.22
Wm. C. Foster, S. & Robison Farmer	50.00	6.00
Wm. C. Foster, Sr. & John Fee	36.23	6.75

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	Principle	Interest
William C Foster, Sr. & Wm. C. Tarkington	73.00	9.27
Wm. C. Foster Sr. & Wm. C Tarkington	100.00	12.69
Wm. C. Foster, Sr. & Elias Able	100.00	8.00
Robert C. Hamill & Thos. McCalla	100.00	8.02½
Robert C. Hamill & Thos. McCalla	60.00	6.84
John Garrison & James Craig	50.00	2.50
S. T. Hardesty & James D. Robison	50.00	5.01
S. T. Hardety & James D. Borison	100.00	10.03
George W. Hardin & Austin Seward	50.00	2.75
John Millin & Wm. Millin Sr.	90.00	2.47
James Millin & Elias Able	40.00	.70
J. & S. M. Orchard & Thos. McCalla	35.05	2.10
Thomas Moore & Wm. Robison	20.00	5.81

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George Ritter & Elias Able	14.00	1.13
Jonathan Richardson, Wm. Alexander & J. J. Alexander	25.00	.18
James W. Spencer & Hugh Campbell	200.00	34.00
James W. Spencer & Wm. Alexander	50.00	6.37
James W. Spencer & James J. Alexander	20.00	.81
John Small. & Joseph Small & John Densmore	<u>225.44</u>	<u>26.66</u>
Bal. brot down	2,447.91	256.64½
Judgment against Sampson Hensley paid over by him to David Browning, Clerk of the Monroe County Circuit Court, January 10 <sup>th</sup> 1842	<u>43.61</u>	<u>12.76</u>
brot down	2,491.52	269.40½
Judgment yet unpaid on John Davis docket against Stostan Lunday & Moses Fox	<u>53.46</u>	<u>3.20</u>
	2,544.98	272.60½

The interest is calculated up to December 1<sup>st</sup> 1846, the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer of the Monroe Co. Library would respectfully report that the amount of money received by him from all sources including the balance on hands on his report to the board of County Commissioners June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1845 till Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1846, is \$327.21¾. The amount loaned and paid (*End of unnumbered p. 131*) out from June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1845 to Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1846 is \$327.24 leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of \$10.02  
 Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1846

(Signed)

John Campbell  
 T.M.C.L

See Report Letter T.

**Bloomington Ind. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1847**

Board of Trustees met. Members present, Foster, Hamill, Buskirk, Lawrence and Fee.

Dr. Hamill was at this meeting duly qualified as a member of the board.

Ordered that the following works purchased by Dr. Foster, the President of the Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. last be legalize, (viz.)

- 1 Sears information for the people
- 2 Sears Pictoral Sunday book

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- 3 Sears Scenes & Sketches on the Continent
- 4 Sears Pictorial History of the Am. Revolution
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sears

Bill of cost

10.00

The Librarian Mr. Tarkington appointed at the last meeting of the board to make sale of damaged books reported his sales. See report below, or his report Letter B.

The Committee consisting of Foster, Lawrence & Fee reported that (*End of unnumbered p. 132*) they had made a selection of such books as are worth rebinding and had present a Specimen of the John Rader binding, which being satisfactory to the board and the committee was instructed to proceed and have such books bound as are complete and require rebinding, and all such books as are not complete to be passed over to the Librarian for to be sold.

Ordered that the Librarian Mr. Tarkington be allowed twenty four dollars for serving as librarian from 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1846 to 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1847.

Ordered that Mr. Buskirk be appointed a comt. to examine the claim of the Monroe Co. library against the Administrator of David Killough's estate, and to take such measures as will secure the same.

The board then adjourned to meet Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant.

John Fee, sect.

W. C. Foster, President.

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Board of Trustees met **22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1847**

Pursuant to Adjournment, members present, Foster, Hamill, Buskirk, Lawrence, Reed & Fee.

The comt. appointed to select such books as require rebinding. Report. That they had proceeded and made a selection of such books as required rebinding, and that they had contracted with Mr. John Rader at thirty five cents per volume for the binding of fifty eight volumes to be completed on or before the 1st March 1848. See Rader receipt.

The treasurer's annual report was presented & received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. See report below.

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Mr. Buskirk appointed at the last meeting to examine the claim of the Library against David Killough's estate reported that he had made a partial examine of the probate docket and found a balance of about twenty five dollars with interest from about 1841, due the library. Leave was granted to Mr. Buskirk to have farther time upon the matter.

The board authorized Mr. Buskirk to proceed and collect the claims of the Library against Enos Blair & David Browning for \$27.37/100 principle and \$9.43 interest. Also the claim against David Browning's sureties for money collected by said Browning whilst acting as clerk of Monroe County Circuit Court from Sampson Hensley, amounting to \$43.61 principle with \$15.44 Interest up to this date.

On motion of Mr. Burkirk: Resolved that the treasurer of Monroe County Library be (*End of unnumbered p. 134*) and he is hereby required to commence suit within thirty days upon every note due the Library, whenever the interest is due upon the same and unpaid.

On motion of Mr. Reed: Ordered that the sallary of the Librarian be abolished and that use of the Library room be substituted in its place.

Mr. Buskirk was appointed Librarian. Ordered that the Treasurer be instructed to retain in his hands the interest that may be collected between this time and next Spring for the purpose of purchasing books.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk: Ordered, That no new note be taken or transfer of any note be made until all interest on the same be paid.

Ordered that the Treasurer, Mr. John Campbell, be allowed his annual salary of one per cent on the capital of the library fund, ending in the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 184 last past.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer of the Monroe County Library reports as follows:

List of notes	Principle	Interest
William Alexander & Austin Seward	\$314.00	\$44.62

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Michael Buskirk & J. M. Buskirk	80.50	17.30
Enos Blair & David Browning	27.37	9.43
Peter Batterton & Wm. Batterton	24.00	9.00
Erlem Bratney & Moses Hall	20.00	1.20
David Cathcart & Joseph M. Howe	75.00	3.37
Wm. H. Curry & Samuel Harbison	50.00	1.00
James Craig & John Garrison	20.00	.90

Taken over

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Eli P. Farmer & Robison Farmer	100.00	6.00
Eli P. Farmer & Robison Farmer	100.00	6.00
Eli P. Farmer & Robison Farmer	42.44	2.54
Dr. Wm. C. Foster & Elias Able	100.00	4.00
Dr. Wm. C. Foster & Wm. C. Tarkington	100.00	4.00
Andrew Fullerton & Samuel Hall	100.00	1.50
Geo. Eller & Henry Eller	50.00	1.25
Dr. Robt C. Hamill & Thos. McCalla	100.00	
Dr. Robt. C. Hamill & Thomas McCalla	60.00	
S. T. Hardesty & James D. Robertson	100.00	2.50
S. T. Hardety & James D. Robertson	50.00	1.25
S. T. Hardesty & James D. Robertson	20.25	.51
John Garrison & James Craig	50.00	5.50
Samuel C. Harbison & Wm. H. Curry	50.00	1.00
George W. Hardin & Austim Seward	50.00	5.75
Andrew Hemphill & Wm. Millin	30.00	1.65
Dr. Abraham McQuiston & Joseph G. McPheeters	100.00	2.50
John S. Millin & James Millin	60.00	1.80
James Millin & Elias Able	40.00	2.20
Thomas Moore & Wm. Robison	24.44	
J. S. M. Orchard & Thomas McCalla	35.05	4.20
James. W. Spencer & Hugh Campbell	200.00	46.00
James. W. Spencer & James J. Alexander	20.00	3.20
James. W. Spencer & Wm. Alexander	50.00	9.50
John Small, Joseph Small & Jno. Dinsmore	100.00	6.00
John Small, Joseph Small & Jno. Dinsmore	100.00	6.00
John Small, Joseph Small & Jno Dinsmore	25.44	1.52
Henry Tanner & Milton McPhetirdge	50.00	3.00

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Jonathan Richardson, Wm. Alexander & J.J. Alexander	<u>25.00</u> 2,571.03	<u>.25</u> 235.11¼
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Cash paid over by John M. Sluss, Sheriff to David Browning, Clerk of the Monroe Circuit Court on a Judgment against Sampson Hensley January 10 <sup>th</sup> 1842	<u>43.61</u> 2,614.64	<u>15.44</u> 250.55¼
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The above calculations of interest are (*End of unnumbered p. 136*) for even months – none later than December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1827.

The amount of principle paid in and lent out again from September 16<sup>th</sup> 1846 to Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1847 is \$424.65½. The amount interest paid into the Treasurer in the same time was \$174.73¼ cents. The amount received for the use of the books in the same time was \$11.91¼.

The amount paid into the treasury by William C Tarkington for desk and old books sold by order of the board was \$7.79/100.

The whole amount lent out and paid out by the Treasurer of Monroe Co. Library from Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1846 to Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1847 was \$593.30/100

Leaving in the treasury twenty five dollars and seventy eight cents, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed:            John Campbell  
                               Treas. Monroe Co. Library

Board of Trustees then adjourned.  
                   John Fee, Sec.     W. C. Foster, President                    (*End of unnumbered p. 137*)

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1847**

At a Special Meeting of the board consisting of Foster, Tanner, Hamill & Lawrence, the Treasurer of the Monroe County Library was authorized to take from Geo. Sluss a note for \$250.00. Also a note from J. H. Spencer for \$64 in place of a note against Wm.

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Alexander & Austin Seward. The parties agreeing to pay the interest that has accrued up to date of transfer. The treasurer to be the judge of the sureties.

Board then adjourned.

John Fee, Sec.

W. C. Foster

**Jany 31<sup>st</sup> 1848**

Board met, members present Foster, Reed, Tanner, Buskirk & Fee.

Mr. Peter Batterton made application to be released from paying ten pr. ct. on his note due the library and that 6 pr ct. be charged instead of ten, which was not granted.

Ordered that the books bound by John Rader be received & the committee appointed to superintend the publication be discharged.

Ordered that the pres't . of the board give John P. Rader an order on the treasurer of the library for amt. of his bill for binding books.

Ordered that the librarian procure three or four hundred labels for the library books.

Ordered that the (*End of unnumbered p. 138*) President Dr. Wm. C. Foster draw from the Treasurer of the library one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of purchasing books for the use of the library.

The board then adjourned.

John Fee, Sect.

W. C. Foster, Pres't.

**Bloomington Ind. Feb 18, 1848**

Board of Trustees of the Monroe County library met. Members present, Foster, Buskirk, Tanner, Lawrence, Reed and Fee. The proposition to have a new floor put in the library room and also to have the east side of the room cased similar to the present one on the west side, came up; after discussion of which it was ordered that Samuel H. Buskirk, John Lawrence, & John Fee be appointed a comt. to let the above Jobs provided the cost should not exceed thirty nine dollars. Ordered that J. Fee be appointed to see to the papering of the South & North Sides of the library room.

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Board then adjourned

John Fee, sec.

W. C. Foster, Prest.

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Bloomington, Ind. **May 15<sup>th</sup> 1848**

Board met by order of the President. Members present Lawrence, Hamill, Tanner, Buskirk & Fee

On motion of Tanner, John Lawrence was appointed chairman pro tem

The committees appointed on the 18th Feb last to superintend the repairs upon the library reported and were discharged. It appears from the report of Lawrence, Buskirk & Fee that the job of laying a new floor & building a new book case on the east side of the library room was undertaken & completed by John Tipton Rogers for thirty six dollars and seventy cents, he being the lowest bidder. See the report of the Comt. filed.

It was ordered that John Tipton Rogers have an order on the treasurer of the Monroe County Library's Mr. John Campbell for \$36.70 the amount of his bill for work above referred to.

The report of J. Fee who was appointed on the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. last to see to the papering of the library room was rec'd and he discharged. It appears from his report that the papering & whitewashing plastering, painting, putting in of glass – new stove feet etc., cost \$6.92. See his report filed.

It was ordered that John Fee have an order on the Treasurer of the Monroe Co. Library for \$6.92 for the amount of his bill for the repairs included in his report. *(End of unnumbered p. 140)* It was ordered that James Woodward and Addison Hill have free access and use of the library for one year from this date for services rendered the librarian in laybilling books.

The board the adjourned

John Fee, Sec

John Lawrence, pro tem

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Monroe County Library Room  
**June 26<sup>th</sup> 1848**

Board met by order of the Prest. Members all present, viz. Dr. Wm. C. Foster, John Laurence, Dan'l Reed, Dr. Hamill, Henry Tanner,, Esq., Saml H. Buskirk Esq. &. John Fee.

Ordered that John Tipton Rogers be allowed two dollars for extra repairs done to Book case & library rooms.

Dr. Foster submitted his report with the invoice of purchase, made by him. See report or invoice below.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the thanks of the board were unanimously tendered (*End of unnumbered p. 141*) to Dr. Foster for his trouble and the satisfactory purchase of books made by him for the Library

On motion the public were to be informed through the Ind. Tribune, by way of communications, that on Wednesdays from 9. A. M. to 12, library would be open for the accommodation of Ladies, and on Saturdays for the public in general.

Invoice of Books purchased by Dr. Wm. C. Foster for the Monroe Co. Library

**Duplicate**

Philadelphia, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1848  
Mr. Wm. C. Foster

Bloomington, Ia

Bought of Grigg Elliott & Co.

Publishers & Book Sellers, Stationers  
No. 14 North Fourth Street

1	Bacon's works 3 vols.	\$ 6.00
1	Janier's Lettrs	.75
1	Bolinbroke Wks. 4 vol. set	6.00

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1	Prescotts Peru 2 vol	3.50
1	Army & Navy of America	1.75
1	Omoa Cloth	1.00
1	Poets America	2.50
1	Prose Writer America	3.00
1	Prescott's Mexico (cloth?)	1.75
1	Boyd's Moral Phil	.67
1	"    Rhetoric	.42
1	Irelands Welcome to Stranger	.87
1	Fosters Celebrated Statesmen	1.75
1	Maryland's Recol.	.37
		<i>(End of unnumbered p. 142)</i>
1	Chambers Cyclop Eng. Lettr	4.50
1	Sansons Overland Journey	1.60
1	Arnold's Revue 2 vol	4.00
1	Life & Correspondence, Arnold	1.62
1	Life Gen'l Hall or Hull	1.62
1	Melville's Typee	.62
1	(Mid Tarigdone?) 2 vol.	2.50
1	DeToqueville's Discovery of America,	2.25
1	McCollough's G(unreadable) 2 vol	5.50
1	D(unreadable) Com'l Dictionary, 1 vol	4.50
	Burnett's N. W. Territory	2.00
1	Mim. & Gery (?)2 vol 80@	3.25
1	Indiana Wigwam	.37
1	Life in N. York	.37
1	Statesman's Manl 2 vol. (set?)	4.00
1	Gother Autobiog'y, 2 vol. do	2.50
1	Fisk's Memorial	.87
1	Belmont Egypt	.45
1	Rays Jansps	1.50
1	Durbine's East 2 vol	1.75
1	Jame's Henry 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00
1	Greenleafs Evangelists	3.25
1	Shaw's Rural Architect	4.00
1	Wrightman's Hints to G. Archtels	1.50
1	American Almanac 1828½ Rus (?)	1.00
1	Chiocliers, U.S.	1.00

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1	Carlyle's Cramwell	.75
1	Wolf's Mission to Bokhara	1.75
1	Stock Raisers Manl	1.50
1	Bible Legends	.40
1	Sismondies Ital. Republics	.55
1	Louis 14 <sup>th</sup> , 6 parts	2.40
1	Sismondi's Liter. Of Europe	1.75
1	Elliotts Poems	.75
1	Crabbs Poems	1.62
	<i>(End of unnumbered p. 143)</i>	
1	Robn Crusoe	.62
1	Quaker City, 2 parts	.67
1	Hoboken	.40
1	Mosley Ernsteen	.62
1	Lippards Wash'n & Genls 1 vol. Set	1.25
1	Blanche Brandywine papers	.62
1	Nazarine	.38
1	Chambers India , 2 vols.	3.75
	To binding, 4 12 Mos. Vol. 37	1.50
	To " 3 8 Mo. Vol. 45	1.55
1	Wilson's American History	1.20
1	Montecristo, b..	1.00
1	American Loyalists	2.12
1	Turnbull's Cuba	1.38
1	Frost's Prests U.S.	2.75
6	Vol. James Novels	1.87
1	Tragedies of Seas	.50
1	Sterns W ks	1.50
1	Liebeg's Che ist??	.75
1	Benthamiana	1.00
1	Norvell's Philos	3.00
	1 box	<u>1.00</u>
		130.77
1	Schmuckers Mead Ifid	<u>.79</u>
		131.56
	5 pr. Ct. off Disc	<u>6.56</u>
		125.00

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Rec'd payment  
Signed Gregg & Elliott & Co.

On motion, the Board adjourned  
John Fee, Sec. W. C. Foster, Pres't *(End of unnumbered p. 144)*

**Monroe Co. Library Room Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1848**

Board met by order of the President. Members present, Foster, Buskirk, Hamill, Tanner, Reed & Fee.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Monroe County Library funds be allowed Twenty dollars for his services as Treasurer for the year ending 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1848.

The Treasurer was requested to hold in his hands the interest on all the notes that he may collect for the purpose of making a purchase of more books some time during the year 1849

Mr. Sam'l H. Buskirk who was appointed at a previous meeting of the board to look after and collect certain claims belonging to the Library made the following report  
See Document letter W.

The board then adjourned to meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
John Fee, sec. W. C. Foster, Prest *(End of unnumbered p. 145)*

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1848**

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Three members present – no quorum. Adjourned.  
John Fee, sec.

**Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1848**

Board met by order of the Prest. Present Wm. C. Foster, R. C. Hamill, S. H. Buskirk, John Lawrence and John Fee.

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Mr. S. H. Buskirk, Librarian, tendered his resignation as Librarian. The Office being vacant, the board proceeded to the appointment of an officer to fill the vacancy. Thereupon Mr. Wm. F. Browning was chosen librarian and to serve as such during the pleasure of the board, and to receive by way of compensation for his Services the use of the Library room as an office.

Ordered that Samuel H. Buskirk be allowed five dollars for his services as attorney in the case of the Monroe County Library vs. David Browning's sureties.

This order should have been entered in the minutes of the meeting of the board held on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant.

Board then adjourned.

John Fee, sec.

W. H. Foster, Pres't.

*(End of unnumbered p. 146)*

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1848**

Board met by order of the President. Members present. Foster, Buskirk, Hamill, Tanner, Reed & Fee.

Mr. Wm. F. Browning the librarian handed in his resignation as librarian. The office being vacant the board appointed Mr. Addison Hill as Librarian during the pleasure of the board and with the privilege of occupying the Library room as a Dentist's Shop as a remuneration for his services as librarian.

Board then adjourned.

John Fee, sec.

W. C. Foster, Prest.

At a called meeting of the Board, held **Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1849**

Present: Read, Hamil, Foster, Buskirk & Tanner

Mr. Read was authorized to make a purchase of books at Cincinnati & draw on the Treasurer for the amount.

John Lawrence & John Fee, members of the Board having left the County, Johnson McCollough & Wm. C. Tarkington were elected to fill the vacancies.

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The Board then adjourned until Monday night, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1849.**

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Read, Foster, Buskirk & Tanner, Messrs. McCullough & Tarkington having duly qualified took their places as members of the Board. *(End unnumbered p. 147)*

The board then elected Henry Tanner Secretary in place of Mr. Fee.

On motion, ordered that Messrs Read, Foster & Tanner be appointed com. to present to the board the names of some suitable person as Librarian.

On motion, ordered that Messrs. Read, Buskirk & Tarkington be appointed a com. to ascertain what books are missing from the library & to report to the board a catalogue of books belonging to library.

On motion, ordered that Jos'h Davis Esq. be allowed one year's reading from library for administering oath of office to Messrs. Tarkington & McCullough.

On motion ordered that Messrs. Read, Foster & McCullough be appointed a Com. to remodel the by-laws.

It appearing that the Hon. G. G. Dunn has presented to the library.

On motion ordered that the thanks of this board be tendered to him for the same.

On motion the Board adjourned.

H. Tanner, sect

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**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1850**

At a called meeting of the board, Present Messrs Hamil, Buskirk, Tarkington & Tanner. On motion Dr. Hamil was called to the chair as President pro. temp., Dr. Foster the President being absent.

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On motion ordered that Paris V. McPhetridge be allowed the sum of twelve dollars for services as librarian up to this time & it is further ordered that he be appointed librarian for one year from this date at a salary of twenty four dollars.

On motion ordered that Messrs. Tarkington & Buskirk be requested to procure an index book for the use of the Library.

On motion the board adjourned. H. Tanner, sec'y (*End of unnumbered p. 149*)

Record of Monroe County Library  
Friday Evening, **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1857**

Board of Trustees of Monroe County Library met at the call of the President.  
Present, Dr. Foster, Dr. Hamill, D. Read & J. McCullough

Mr. Tanner having removed from the County thereby vacating his office. On motion of McCullough, James Hughes was unanimously elected to fill his place.

On Motion, the Librarian was ordered to have the wooden Shutters repaired.

On Motion of Mr. Read a Committee to make a Selection of Books to be purchased consisting of Messrs. Read, Foster & Hamill were appointed & requested to report at next meeting.

On motion Ordered that Messrs, Tarkington & Buskirk be a Committee to report a code of bylaws for the government of the Librarian.

On Motion, Mr. Tarkington was unanimously elected Secty to the Board

Board adjourned to meet on Saturday evening.

Robert C. Hammill

Prest

Pro Tem Secty

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**April 1857**

Board met. Present, Foster, Read, Hammill, McCullough, Buskirk & Tarkington

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The Committee reported the following as a code of bylaws for the government of the Librarian which were adopted.

At a called meeting of the Board held **Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1849**

Present, Read, Hamil, Foster, Buskirk & Tanner.

Mr. Read was authorized to make a purchase of books at Cincinnati & draw on the Treasurer for the amount.

John Laurence & John Fee members of the Board having left the county, Johnson McCollough & Wm. C. Tarkington were elected to fill the vacancies.

The Board then adjourned until Monday night, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sept . 24<sup>th</sup> 1849**

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Read, Foster, Buskirk, & Tanner, Messrs. McCullough & Tarkington, having duly qualified took their places as members of the Board. *(End. unnumbered p. 147)*

The board then elected Henry Tanner secretary in place of McFee.

On motion ordered that Messrs Read, Foster & Tanner be appointed com. to present to the board the names of some suitable person as Librarian.

On motion ordered that Messrs. Read, Buskirk & Tarkington be appointed a com. to ascertain what books are missing from the Library & to report to the board a catalogue of books belonging to library.

On motion ordered that Jos'h Davis, Esq. be allowed one year's reading from Library for administering oath of office to Messrs. Tarkington & McCullough.

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On motion, ordered that Messrs. Read, Foster & McCullough be appointed a com. to remodel the by-laws.

It appearing that the Hon. G. G. Dunn has presented to the Library.  
On motion ordered that the thanks of this board be tendered to him for the same.

On motion the board adjourned.

F. Tanner, sec.

*(End unnumbered p. 148)*

**December 27<sup>th</sup> 1850**

At a called meeting of the board. Present Messrs. Hamil, Buskirk, Tarkington & Tanner.  
On motion, Dr. Hamil was called to the chair as President pro. temp., Dr. Foster the president being absent.

On motion ordered that Paris V. McPhetridge be allowed the sum of twelve dollars for services as librarian up to this time & it is further ordered that he be appointed librarian for one year from this date at a salary of twenty four dollars.

On motion ordered that Messrs. Tarkington & Buskirk be requested to procure an index book for the use of the Library.

On motion the board adjourned.

H. Tanner, sec'y.

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Friday evening, **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1837.**

Board of Trustees of Monroe County Library met at the call of the President. Present, Dr. Foster, Dr. Hamill, D. Read & J. McCollough

Mr. Tanner having removed from the County, thereby vacating his office. On Motion of McCullough, James Hughes was unanimously elected to fill his place.

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On motion, the Librarian was ordered to have the window Shutters repaired.

On Motion of Mr. Read a committee to make a Selection of Books to be purchased consisting of Messrs. Read, Foster & Hamill were appointed & requested to report at next meeting.

On motion Ordered that Messrs. Tarkington & Buskirk be a committee to report a code of bylaws for the government of the Librarian.

On motion, Mr. Tarkington was unanimously elected secty to the Board.

Board adjourned to meet on Saturday evening.

Robt. C. Hamill  
Pro tem, sect.

Pres't.

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ByLaws of Monroe Co. Library  
**April, 1857**

Board met.

Present Foster, Read, Hamill, McCullough, Buskirk & Tarkington.

The committee reported the following as a Code of bylaws for government of the Librarian which were adopted.

By Laws, Monroe County Library

1<sup>st</sup>. Subscribers to the Library shall pay 25 cents per quarter and may obtain books weekly, one volume if large & the set if small.

2<sup>nd</sup>. No subscribers shall keep any book longer than three weeks under a penalty of 10 cents per week after the said three weeks, and shall not have any other book till the damage be first paid. And any person injuring a book over and above the natural wear, shall be liable for the value of the same at the time when taken out, or the set of which it belongs at the option of the Board.

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3<sup>rd</sup>. Transient persons shall not obtain any book or books from the Library, without first depositing as security, the value of the set to which the vol. belongs, or some responsible person becoming his or her security in writing for the value of such books obtained.

Librarian's Duty

4<sup>th</sup>. It shall be the Librarians duty to keep open the Library every Saturday from 9 o'clock A.M. until 4 o'clock P.M., also to open the Library at any time requested by the Trustees for their meetings. He shall keep the books arranged in good (*End of unnumbered p. 151*) order upon the shelves & free from dust. He shall record & file the receipts of subscribers received of the Treasurer of the Library.

5<sup>th</sup>. The Librarian shall enter in a record provided for that purpose, the names of all subscribers or borrowers of books, with the titles, number, date of obtaining & returning the same.

6<sup>th</sup>. The Librarian shall not let out any books which are so injured that the leaves are loose, or would be liable to be lost out of such book or books.

He shall note opposite the subscribers name on the Record who has injured any book more than the ordinary wear, either by writing it the same or otherwise & report that fact to the first subsequent meeting of the Board & such subscriber shall not have any books from the Library till he pays the damages assessed by the Board of Trustees.

7<sup>th</sup>. The Librarian shall annually report the amount of funds the Treasurer has received during the year. Also all books which are so injured that they should not be loaned out according to section 6<sup>th</sup>.

Board adjourned.

W. C. Tarkington, Secty

Prest.

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**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 1857**

Board of Trustees met September 11<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Present; Dr. Hamill, J. McCullough, S. H. Buskirk & W. C. Tarkington, Dr. Hamill acting as President pro tem of the Board.

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Librarians claim \$16.50

On motion, ordered that Paris M. McPhetridge be allowed the sum of sixteen dollars and 50 cts. for services as Librarian Eight Months up to the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 1851, at two dollars per month & 50 cts. for Labels on books.

Board adjourned

W. C. Tarkington, Secy

Pres't.

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Record of Monroe County Library  
Monroe County Library Room,  
Tuesday evening **April 19, 1853**

Present Milton McPhetridge, W. C. Tarkington and Robert Acuff, acting clerk, auditor and recorder in and for Monroe County Indiana and organized as Trustees of said Library under section 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes of 1852.

Whereupon Milton A. McPhetridge was elected President of the Board, Robert Acuff, Treasurer, and Paris M. McPhetridge Librarian.

On Motion the following by Laws were adopted for the Government of the Library and Librarian.

By-Laws.

1<sup>st</sup>. Subscribers to the Library shall pay 25 cents per quarter and may obtain books weekly, but shall not be permitted to borrow more than one book at one time.

2<sup>nd</sup>. No subscriber shall keep any book longer than Forty days under a penalty of 10 cents per week after the Forty days have expired, and shall have no other book until the damage be paid. And any person injuring a book over and above the natural wear shall be liable for the Value of the same at the time when taken out, or the set to which it belongs at the option of the Board.

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3<sup>rd</sup>. Transient persons shall not obtain any book or books from the Library without depositing as security (*End. of unnumbered p 154*) the Value of the set to which the Volume belongs, or some responsible person becoming his or her security in writing for the Value of such books obtained.

Librarian's Duty

It shall be the Librarian's duty to keep open the Library every Saturday from 9 O'Clock A.M. until 4 O'Clock P.M. Also to open the Library at any time requested by the Trustees for their Meetings. He shall keep the books arranged in good order upon the Shelves and free from dust. He shall record and file the receipts of subscribers received of the Treasurer of the Library.

5<sup>th</sup> The Librarian shall enter in a Record provided for that purpose, the name of all subscribers as to numbers of Books, with the title, number, date of obtaining and returning the same.

6<sup>th</sup>. The Librarian shall not let out any books which are so injured that the leaves are loose or would be liable to be lost out of such book or books. He shall note opposite the subscribers name on the record who has injured any book more than the ordinary wear, either by writing in the same or otherwise and report that fact to the first meeting of the Board thereafter, and such subscriber shall not have any books, from the Library, till he pays the damages assessed by the Board of Trustees.

7<sup>th</sup> The Librarian shall annually report the Amount of Funds, the Treasurer has received during the year, also all Books which are so injured that they should not be loaned out according to Section 6<sup>th</sup>. (*End of unnumbered p. 155*)

On Motion, the Treasurer was directed to call on John Campbell former Treasurer of Library, and obtain from him all monies, notes, books, and accounts appertaining to the Library and Report the Amount of the Cash, the name of each borrower with the security attached and amount borrowed and the sum total to this Board as soon as he receives the same.

On Motion, Robert C. Foster was appointed Secretary of the Board

On Motion Board adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Robert Foster, Secy

Milton McPhetridge Pres't.

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Record of Monroe County Library.

Library Room, **May 13<sup>th</sup> 1853**

Board met at the call of President. Present Milton McPhetridge (President) Robert Acuff and W. C. Tarkington. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. John Campbell former treasurer of Library now submit his report and final settlement of his account and on Motion, said report be adopted and be spread on the minutes of this Board.

Treasurers Report	Principle	Interest
2 notes Wm. C. Browning & N.C. Browning	\$160.00	1.60
1 “ John Blair & Thomas Blair	50.00	.25
5 “ Eli P. Farmer & R. M. Farmer	291.50	1.45
1 “ John Floyd, Jesse Wright, W C Foster, M. Floyd	50.00	.25
1 “ Henry Eller, G. Eller, S.H. Buskirk, <i>unclear</i>	50.00	1.00
1 “ W.C. Foster, Sr. & W. C. Tarkington	50.00	6.25
1 “ Same Same	50.00	8.00
1 “ And’w Fullerton, Thos. Kelsey, & N. L. Service	100.00	2.00
1 “ Robt Gilmore & John Gilmore	100.00	2.00
3 “ A. Hemphill, H. Hemphill & J. Henry	250.00	5.00
1 ” Saml C. Harbison & W. H. Carry	50.00	1.00
1 “ Same & Same	25.00	.37
1 “ Jno. Garrison & Jas. Craig	25.00	2.25
1 S. Junkin, D. Junkin & D Cathcart	75.00	1.12½
1 Jas. Millen & Elias Abel	13.45	.06½
1 Robert K. Nelson & D Cathcart	100.00	1.50
1 John Orchard, D. Read & JD. Macxwell	50.00	5.00
1 Same & Thos. McCalla	35.05	7.17
1 J B Shreve, H. Eller & L. Mayfield	83.44	1.24
1 D. Read& M. M. Campbell	50.00	6.25
1 Jas. W. Spencer & H. Campbell	200.00	28.00
1 Same & Jas. I. Alexander	25.00	3.50

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1	Same & W. Alexander	50.00	6.75
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		Principal	Interest
1 note	Jas. W. Spencer, P. C. Dunning & J J Alexander	64.00	8.64
4 notes	Jno. Small, Jos Small, Jno Dinsmore & F McKinley	242.48	4.84
3 notes	G.G.Sluss, J M Sluss & R C Hamill	250.00	20.00
	J .M. Sanders, H. Tanner, & M. Mayfield	46.61	.73
1	J. Richarson, W Alexander & J J Alexander	25.00	
1	William Wylie & Saml Wylie	30.00	.60
1	Same & John Wylie	50.00	.75
1	Same & B Gensley	50.00	1.00
1	Blair's Esate, Judgement Mar 4th 1848	37.21	11.34
1	Jacob Young, J.M.Jowe, & J Orchard	100.00	1.50
1	Jno N Young & H.C.Browning	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1.50</u>
	Cash on hand paid into hands of R.R.Acuff	2,878.74	143.14
	Treasurer of Monroe County Library	<u>132.02</u>	
		143.14	
	Total Principal Interest & Cash on hand	3,153.90	

Respectfully submitted  
 John Campbell , Treasurer of Monroe Co. Library

On Motion, it is ordered that the Treasurer be directed to collect the interest on all notes, due over 30 days.

And it is further ordered that hereafter he take Two freehold securities in any loans he may hereafter make,

And it is further ordered that he procure a suitable book for the use of his office.

On Motion, Board adjourn  
 Milton McPhetridge,

R. C. Foster, Secy . . . . . President

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Prof. D. Read having offered his services to select books free of charge for the Library, the Board hereby accept his kind offer and order him to purchase books not exceeding \$150.

On Motion it is ordered that the Secretary draw an order on Robert Acuff, Treasurer of the Library in favor of Prof. Read for one hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of books for use of library.

On motion, Board adjourn

Rob't C. Foster, Secy

M. McPhetridge, Prst.

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Library Room **Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> '55**

Board met at the call of the President. Present, M. McPhetridge (President), Robert Acuff (Treasurer) and Robt. C. Foster.

On motion, Board adjourned.

. H. Laird, secy

M. McPhetridge, Pres't. *(End of unnumbered p. 162)*

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Account of the Seminary Funds

1824	William Lowe Treasurer of Libra funding,	\$ Dr.
October 9th	to Cash re'd of Addison Smith Esq., and loaned said sum to John Borland	18.00
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1824	John Boreland	Dr. \$ Cts
Oct'r 9	To cash as pr notes for	18.00
Aug. 12 1825	Rec'd of John Borland in full of this note with 80 cents interest.	18.50
November 30	Cash rec'd of Addison Smith, agent	32.00

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1825		
January	To ditto rec'd of A. Smith, agt.	35.00
May	William Lowe, Treasurer	Dr.
1825	To cash rec'd of A. Smith, Agent	45.00
June the	William Lowe, treas'r	Dr
29 <sup>th</sup> , 1825	To cash Rec'd of Adison Smith, Agt	<u>99.87½</u> 211.87½

Rec'd August the 9<sup>th</sup> day 1825 of William Lowe, Treasurer of the Libra funds the sum of Two Hundred & Eleven Dollars and Eighty Seven & a half Cents. Rec'd from  
 Witness I. B. Lowe Craven P. Hester, Agent

Rec'd this 15<sup>th</sup> day August, 1825 of Wm. Lowe Treasurer of the Libra funds, the Sum Of Eighteen Dollars & Eighty Cents Int. The same formerly loaned to John Boreland.  
 Rec'd by me.

C. P. Hester, agent  
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Account of Seminary Funds, 1825

1825	William Lowe, Treasurer of the Libra	Dr.
	To Cash received of Adison Smith	105.00
	Loaned same to Craven P. Hester with Enos Blair, security	

Received of Cravin P. Hester & Enos Blair a note for the sum of One Hundred Five Dollars (County Library funds) dated September the 17<sup>th</sup> day 1825 and to bear Interest from the date given to me.

William Lowe, Treas'r of Said Funds

Rec'd January the 5<sup>th</sup> eay of 1826 a Note for the sum of sixty two Dollars & Ninety two cents on Craven P. Hester & Thomas Dunning pauable to Wm. Lowe, Trasurer & his (?) in Office One day after date

\$61.92  
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Register of Warrants drawn on Treasurer of Library

1833	Name of Person	\$	cts.	Remarks
Aug't 9	Daniel Read	\$150.00		Amt appropriated for purchasing books

*More unnumbered pages...*

Inside back cover:

Librarian authorized to have books repaired P59  
Rules for letting out books 75

*Next to last page of book:*

Two small notes not attached to any particular page or section:

Feby 8<sup>th</sup> 843  
Monroe County Library De.. (unreadable)

To Stephen Seall  
For his services as Librarian from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1839 to the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1841 at two Dollars per month \$47.33 1/3  
For labiling 100 Vollums 2.00  
Whole amount \$49.33 1/3

Also  
Recd by me this ? day of July 1823  
Smith Elkins

6.00

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Money to pay over to Killough Treasurer

	\$	
from James Miller	12½	(Xed out)
from W. B----(unreadable)	25	
from Thomas Smith	50	
from (unreadable) Park	25	(Xed out)
from (unreadable) Buskirk	25	(Xed out)
from John Abram	25	
from N. Moreland	12½	
from Joseph Nicholson	12½	

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from Peter McQuon	12½	
from J. (unreadable)	12½	

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Some of the books listed for purchase. List made from books mentioned throughout book and, after working through mis-spellings, what they possibly were in publication.

*Gilies, John* (1742-1836) The History of Ancient Greece  
Irving, Washington. 1783-1859), Bracebridge Hall, Tales of a Traveller, The Alhambra,  
The Sketch Book  
Lempriere (1765-1824) Classical dictionary of proper names mentioned in ancient  
authors writ large...  
*Montesquieu, Charles de Secondat* (1689-1755) The Spirit of Laws  
Morgan, Wm. (1774-1820), Morgan's freemasonry exposed and explained  
*Raymond, David* (1786-1849) The elements of political economy (in two parts)  
*Scott, Sir Walter* (1747-1832) Scotland  
Weems, 1759-1825; the life of General Francis Marion  
Weems, 1759-1825; The life of Washington

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**Appendix A**

**Members of the Board of Trustees**

*Not a complete list on any date, merely additions, resignations or changes to the list and any worthwhile notes available.*

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1821 (list April 7, 1821)

David H. Maxwell, president  
William D. McCollough  
Jonathan Nichols  
James Bourland  
Joshua O. Howe  
John Kilihonn  
Roderick Rawlins  
John Owens

1821 (list June 23, 1821)

Michael Buskirk, listed as absent

1822 (minutes dated May 11)

John Hight  
Peter Batterton  
David Killough,  
David Armstrong (elected president)  
William Alexander (sworn in on this day) elected secretary  
James Borland  
Addison Smith (elected President but declined to qualify, also resigned as librarian)  
Dudley C. Smith appointed librarian  
John C. Smith elected trustee (replaced James Borland who declined to qualify)  
Samuel Hardesty elected to replace David Armstrong)

1820 (minutes dated March)

Jonathan Nichols, secretary  
John Borland, treasurer  
Committee to draft rules and regulations:

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James Borland  
W. D. McCollough  
J. M. Jenkin  
R. Rawlins  
J(oshua) O Howe  
John Kilihonn  
Roderick Rawlins (resigned in 1821)  
John Owens  
Committee to select books for purchase: A. Smith, John Forbes

May 11, 1822  
John Hight (also written Hite)

March 3, 1820  
J. M. Jenkin

June 23, 1824 – following a county election:  
Benjamin Freeland (President)  
William Matlock  
Edward Borland  
Craven P. Hester  
James Mitchell  
David Killough  
Jacob Bloun (try to verify this name)  
Joseph Campbell,  
Smith Elkins elected librarian  
John M. Jenkins elected treasurer

July 12, 1823

John M. Lee (appointed clerk)

July 26, 1823

Benjamin Freeland, president  
James Mitchell  
Joseph Campbell  
Edward Borland

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C. P. Hester

May 22, 1826

Benjamin V. Tael, (Tell? Tael?), secretary

May 24, 1824

Jacob B. Lowe,  
Joseph Campbell (elected pres. pro tem)  
David Killough  
Edward Borland  
C. P. Hester

July 3, 1824

Harvey Mitchell, pres. Pro tem  
Joseph Campbell  
Edward Borland  
David Killough  
C. P. Hester  
William Matlock

October 2, 1824

William Alexander, President  
John W. Lee  
J. B. Lowe. Appointed Treasurer, and also secretary for the Board  
Edward Borland  
C. P. Hester  
James Mitchell,  
P. M. Dorsey (later called Pindrewell Dorsey or Pete)  
Daniel Rawling

January 8, 1825

William Alexander, president  
James Mitchell  
John W. Lee  
Craven P. Hester Appointed agent for the purchase of books  
Prindowell Dorsey

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Edward Rowland

July 25, 1825

William Alexander  
James Mitchell  
Edward Rowland  
Craven P. Hester  
John W. Lee  
Jacob B. Lowe

September 17, 1825

William Alexander, president  
James Mitchell  
Edward Borland  
P. J. Dorsey  
C. P. Hester  
John W. Lee  
J. B. Lowe  
Daniel Rawlins

May 29, 1826

William Alexander, president  
John W. Lee  
Craven P. Hester  
Pindowel M. Dorsey  
Edward Borland  
Daniel Rawling & Jacob B. Lowe presented certificates & took oath of office  
John Borland resigned as librarian  
Richard Hardesty (secretary)  
William Lowe treasurer resigned as treasurer  
David Killough elected to replace Lowe.  
Benjamin V. Teal (Tell?) elected Secretary  
William Lowe elected librarian

December 3, 1827

Jacob B. Lowe  
James Mitchell

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Craven P. Hester  
Edward Borland resigned  
Prindewell M. Dorsey  
James Mitchell, appointed President pro tem  
Somerville E. Leonard elected president of the board  
Paris C. Dunning elected secretary  
William Alexander resigned as trustee  
Edward Borland resigned as trustee  
William Lowe resigned as librarian  
Isaiah Peak elected trustee  
Peter Batterton elected trustee  
Daniel Rawlings became deceased  
Joseph A. Wright elected librarian  
Sommerville E. Leonard took oath of President

December 29, 1827

S. E. Leonard, president  
P.M. Dorsey  
Peter Batterton  
Isaiah Peake  
Craven P. Hester  
P. E. Dunning

February 2, 1828

S. E. Leonard, president  
Isaiah Peak  
John W. Lee  
Jacob B. Lowe  
Pindrewell M. Dorsey

May 21, 1828

S. E. Leonard, President  
Jacob B. Lowe  
John W. Lee  
P. M. Dorsey  
Peter Batterton  
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August 26, 1828

S. E. Leonard, president  
James Mitchel  
Isaiah Peak  
Peter Batterton  
P. M. Dorsey

September 20, 1825

S. E. Leonard, president  
J. B. Lowe  
P. M. Dorsey  
Peter Batterton  
James Mitchell

October 11, 1828

James Mitchell  
J. B. Lowe  
Pete Dorsey  
P. Batterton  
Jas Peak  
David Killough, treasurer

September 8, 1828

James Mitchel  
P. M. Dorsey (appointed secretary pro tem)  
C. P. Hester  
J. B. Lowe  
Peter Batterton'  
Isaiah Peak (appointed president pro tem)

December 1, 1828

S. E. Leonard, president  
Craven P. Hester  
J. B. Lowe  
James Mitchell  
P. W Dorsey  
Peter Batterton  
Isaiah Peak

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December 5, 1828

S. E. Leonard, president  
Jacob Lowe  
P. W. Dorsey  
Isaiah Peak  
Peter Batterton  
Craven P. Hester

November 12, 1829

S. E. Leonard, president  
Jacob B. Lowe  
Craven P. Hester  
Isaiah Peak  
Pell Dorsey  
James Mitchell  
John W. Lee  
W.C. Foster, appointed secretary pro tem, then permanent secretary  
Joseph A. Wright appointed librarian

January 4, 1830

S. E. Leonard, president  
Jacob B. Lowe  
C. P. Hester  
Isaiah Peake  
James Mitchel, John W. Lee

February 25, 1830

S. E. Leonard, president  
C. P. Hester  
John W. Lee  
Peter Batterton  
Jacob B. Lowe  
Isaiah Peak.  
Joseph A. Wright resigned as librarian

May 10, 1830

J B. Lowe

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Isaiah Peak  
Peter Batterton, appointed president pro tem  
C. P. Hester  
P. M. Dorsey, appointed clerk pro tem  
John  
Borland elected president of the Board  
David Killough, treasurer

May 13, 1830

James Borland, sworn in as president  
John W. Lee  
C. P. Hester  
Isaiah Peak  
P M. Dorsey  
J. B. Lowe  
James Mitchel

August 3, 1830

James Borland, president  
J. B. Lowe  
Peter Batterton, appointed librarian  
James Mitchel  
Isaiah Peak  
P. M. Dorsey appointed clerk pro tem  
John Todd resigned as librarian

September 6, 1830

James Borland, president  
Peter Batterton  
James Mitchell  
C. P. Hester  
Jacob B. Lowe

March 7, 1831

John W. Lee  
James Mitchell  
Peter Batterton  
Craven P. Hester appointed president

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T. A. Howard secretary  
D. M. Dempsey resigned, replaced by William C. Foster  
Tilghman A. Howard, elected clerk in place of William G. Foster  
John W. Lee

March 10, 1831

Craven P. Hester, president  
William C. Foster  
Jacob B. Lowe  
John W. Lee  
T. A. Howard, secretary of the board

May 20, 1831

Craven P, Hester, president  
William C. Foster  
Jacob Lowe  
Isaiah Peake  
T. A. Howard (or C. A.)

June 20, 1831

Craven P. Hester, president  
Jacob B. Lowe  
W. C. Foster  
Peter Batterton  
D. (David) Killough, treasurer

May 19, 1832

Craven P Hester, president  
Jacob B. Lowe  
John Lee, W. C. Foster  
P. C. Dunning

March 23, 1833

C. P. Hester  
Jacob B. Lowe  
Peter Batterton  
S. C. Dunning  
W. C. Foster  
F. T. Butler, elected Clerk in place of I. S.(?) Howard

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January 27, 1835

C. P. Hester  
Jacob B. Lowe  
Wm. Foster  
Peter Batterton  
P. I. Dunning  
John W. Lee

February 20, 1835

C. P. Hester, president  
Jacob B. Lowe,  
Wm. A. Foster  
P. C. Dunning  
Peter Batterton, librarian, resigned that position  
John W. Lee  
Joseph G. McPheeters, elected librarian for two months

February 20, 1835

C. P. Hester, president  
Jacob B. Lowe  
Wm. C. Foster  
P. C. Dunning,  
Peter Batterton  
John W. Lee

June 17, 1835

C. P. Hester  
P. Dunning  
Peter Batterton  
W. C. Foster

October 20 (1835?)

C. P. Hester  
W. C. Foster  
P. Batterton  
J. B. Lowe

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November 7, 1835

J. B. Lowe  
Paris C. Dunning  
J. W. Lee  
Peter Batterton  
W. C. Foster  
J. P. Lowe elected librarian  
Wm. Smith, elected assistant librarian

August 29, 1830

J. B. Lowe  
Dr. W. C. Foster  
J. W. Lee  
P. C. Dunning  
C. P. Hester, president  
Darwin Maxwell appointed librarian  
Lafayette Blair appointed treasurer to succeed David Killough, deceased.  
F. T. Butler, secy

October 1, 1836

C. P. Hester, president  
Wm. C. Foster  
Peter Batterton  
P. C. Dunning  
Dr. G. C. Ballard appointed treasurer, in place of Lafayette Blair

January 2, 1837

C. P. Hester  
W. C. Foster  
Peter Batterton  
John W. Lee

July 19, 1837

C. P. Hester  
Paris C. Dunning  
Wm. C. Foster, appointed secret ary pro tem  
Peter Batterton

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John W. Lee  
P. G. Dunning resigned  
John Barnett elected in his place

January 1, 1837

C. P. Hester, pres't  
Messrs Foster, Batterton and Lee  
John Bennett sworn in as trustee

February 22, 1839

C. P. Hester  
W. C. Foster  
John Bennett  
Peter Batterton  
C. G. Ballard, treas.

July 25, 1839

C. P. Hester  
John Bennett  
Peter Batterton  
David Browning appointed treasurer

September 2, 1839

D. Batterton	All elected
J. Fee	Trustees of
W. C. Foster	County Library
R. C. Hamill	for a period of
G. W. Hardin	1 year or until
C. Pering	successors are
T. Watts	appointed

G. W. Hardin elected president, C. Pering elected secretary, J. Teall elected treasurer

September 20, 1839

D. Foster  
J. G. Watts  
G. J. Fee chosen to draft bylaws  
Hammill, Fee, Batterton chosen to examine books and prepare catalog

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C. Pering, secretary  
George W. Hardin, President

November 29, 1839

G. W. Harden, president  
D. Foster  
D. Hamill  
J. Fee  
D. Batterton  
C. Pering

February 18, 1840

Hamill, Foster, Pering & Watts appointed to committee to list new purchases; George W. Harden, president

March 23, 1840

G. Hardin, president  
C. Pering Secretary  
Dr. Foster  
Dr. Hamill,  
J. Fee,  
D. Batterton

June 16, 1840

G. W. Hardin  
D. Batteton  
J. Fee  
C. Pering  
Dr Hamill  
Dr. Foster

December 16, 1840

Hardin absent  
Dr. Foster, elected president pro tem  
D. Hamill  
J. S. Watts  
J. Fee  
J. C. Pering

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Mr. Browning allowed to occupy Library Room as deputy librarian

January 21, 1844

G. W. Hardin, president  
Dr. Hammill  
J. Fee  
D. Batterton,  
J. C. Pering

April 6, 1841

G. W. Hardin, president  
Dr. Hamill  
D. Batterton  
Dr. Foster  
J. L. Watts  
C. Pering

May 13, 1841

G. W. Hardin President is only officer mentioned by name

August 13, 1841

G. W. Harden, president  
C. Pering  
Dr. Foster  
Mr. Fee  
Dr. Hamill  
G. J. Watts

Mr. Tarkington allowed to occupy library room as auditor, appointed librarian after providing security

October 6, 1841

No names mentioned

October 28, 1841

G. W. Hardin, president; J. Fee, C. Pering, Drs. Hamill & Foster

February 7, 1842

G. W. Hardin, president  
Dr. Hamill

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Dr. Foster  
D. Batterton  
C. Pering

February 11, 1842

W. G. Hardin, President  
Dr. Foster  
D. Batterton  
J. Fee  
C. Pering

March 22, 1842

G. W. Hardin, president  
Dr. Hamill  
J. Fee  
C. Pering, secretary  
David Batterton resigned  
Jno. Graham replaces Batterton

April 27, 1842

G. W. Hardin, president  
Dr. Foster  
J. Fee  
J. Graham  
C. Pering, secretary

May 26, 1842

G. W. Hardin, president  
Dr. Foster  
Dr. Hamill  
J. Fee  
J. Graham  
C. Pering, secretary

September 23, 1842

G. W. Hardin, J. Fee, Dr. Foster, J.L. Watts, C. Pering

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February 9, 1843

Geo. W. Hardin, president; Wm. C. Foster, R. C. Hamill, John Fee, John Watts, and C. Perring, secretary

March 11, 1843

George W. Hardin, President, Dr. Hamill  
Mr. Fee  
C. Perring, secretary

February 15, 1844

George W. Hardin President  
Dr. William C. Foster  
J. Fee  
J. Graham  
Dr. Hamill  
C. Perring, sec protem  
John Campbell, paid for services as treasurer

May 28, 1844

Mr. Hardin, president  
D. Foster  
Dr. Hamill  
Mr. Graham  
Mr. Fee  
David Browning, clerk

August 15, 1844

Dr. Foster  
G. W. Hardin, president  
Dr. Hamill  
Mr. Fee  
Dr. Foster  
J. T. Watts  
C. Perring  
Willis A. Gorman appointed to board, Graham resigned

October 7, 1844

G. W. Hardin, president

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Dr. Hamill,  
J. Fee,  
Dr. Foster,  
W. A. Gorman,  
C. Pering, secretary  
John Campbell, treasurer  
W. C. Tarkington paid for one year's service as librarian

February 11, 1845

G. W. Hardin,  
Dr. Foster  
Dr. Hamill  
W. A. Gorman  
C. Pering

September 9, 1846

Dr. Wm. C. Foster, president  
John Fee, secretary  
Messrs. Foster,  
    Reed,  
    Lawrence,  
    Tanner  
    S. H. Buskirk  
    Fee  
Wm. C. Tarkington, Librarian

September 16, 1846

W. C. Foster  
John Lawrence  
John Fee  
Samuel H. Buskirk  
Daniel Reed  
Henry Tanner  
John Fee  
John Campbell, treasurer?

November 10, 1847

Foster (president), Hamill, officially qualified as member

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Buskirk, Lawrence and Fee  
Tarkington, librarian

November 22, 1847

Foster; Hamill; Buskirk (appointed librarian); Lawrence; Reed; John Fee, secretary; W. C. Foster, president.  
John Campbell (treasurer)

November 23, 1847

Foster, President; Tanner, Hamill and Lawrence (treasurer), John Fee, secretary

January 31, 1848

Wm. C. Foster, president; Reed, Tanner, Buskirk, and John Fee, secretary

February 18, 1848

Foster, president; Buskirk, Tanner, Lawrence, Reed, and John Fee, secretary

May 15, 1848

John Lawrence, president pro tem; Hamill, Tanner, Buskirk, John Campbell, treasurer;  
John Fee, secretary

June 26, 1848

Dr. Wm. C. Foster, president; John Lawrence, Daniel Reed, Dr. Hamill, Henry Tanner,  
Samuel H. Buskirk, John Fee, secretary

November 9, 1848

W. C. Foster, president ; Buskirk, Hamill, Tanner, Reed, and John Fee, secretary

November 18, 1848

No quorum, no meeting conducted

November 20, 1848

Wm. C. Foster, President; R. C. Hamill, S. H. Buskirk, John Lawrence, John Fee,  
secretary, Buskirk resigned as librarian, Wm. F. Browning chosen to the position

December 13, 1848

W. C. Foster, president; Buskirk, Hamill, Tanner, Reed, & Fee (secretary).

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Addison Hill appointed librarian; allowed to use room as a Dentist's Shop as remuneration.

September 22, 1849

Read, Hamill, Foster, Buskirk & Tanner.

John Lawrence & John Fee left the county; Johnson McCollough & Wm. C, Tarkington were elected to fill the vacancies.

September 24, 1849

Read, Foster, Buskirk & Henry Tanner, Messrs. McCullough & Tarkington.

Tanner elected secretary in place of John Fee.

December 27, 1850

Hamill, Buskirk, Tarkington, and Tanner, secretary.

Dr. Hamill appointed president pro tem. as Foster was absent.

Paris V. McPhetridge had been Librarian, and was paid for services, appointed librarian for one year.

April 3, 1857

Dr. Foster, Dr. Hamill, secretary pro tem; D. Read, & McCullough

Henry Tanner had moved from county, James Hughes was elected to his place.

Tarkington & Buskirk appointed to By-Laws committee. Tarkington elected secretary to the board

April, 1857

Foster, Read, Hamill, McCullough, Buskirk & Tarkington

September 11, 1847

Dr. Hamill, president pro tem; J. McCullough, S. H. Buskirk, W. C. Tarkington, secretary; Paris M. McPhetridge continued as librarian

April 19, 1853

Milton McPhetridge, W. C. Tarkington, Robert Acuff, acting clerk, auditor and recorder for Monroe County Indiana.

Milton McPhetridge, elected president; Robert Acuff treasurer, Paris M. McPhetridge, librarian.

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May 13, 1853

Milton McPhetridge, president, Robert Acuff, W. C. Tarkington.  
John Campbell no longer treasurer, but submitted report. R. C. Foster, secretary

May 16, 1853

Milton McPhetridge, president, Robert Acuff, William C. Tarkington, Robert C. Foster,  
secretary

August 9, 1853

Milton McPhetridge, president; Robert Acuff, treasurer; Wm Tarkington, Robert C.  
Foster, secretary

November 13, 1855

M. McPhetridge, president; Robert Acuff, treasurer, Robert C. Foster. C. H. Laird  
appointed secretary and librarian.