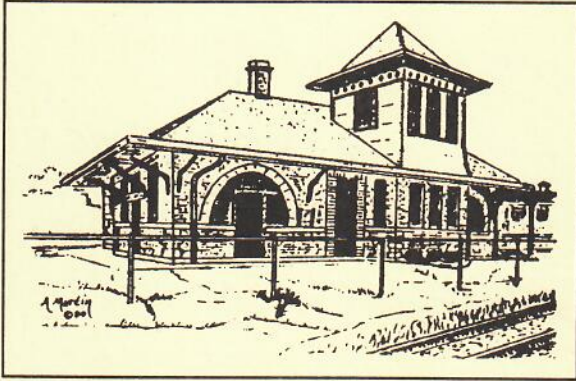


Monroe County Historical Society

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The Depot

This brick Victorian structure, finished in 1899, contains three rooms of permanent exhibits on Monroe County history. Particularly notable here is the printer's stand Joel Chandler Harris used when he worked for the Monroe County Advertiser, 1867-1870.

The Baggage Room

The brick structure close to the Depot, finished in 1917, contains memorabilia related to Tift College and to Monroe Academy.

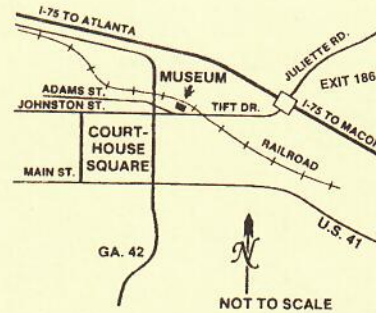
The Caboose

Visitors are welcomed to go into the caboose. Ask the volunteer on duty.

The Stone Depot

This building, now named the Conley Building, completed in the mid 1840's, served for over 50

years as the passenger and freight depot for Forsyth. Through these doors, soldiers, wounded in the fighting in the Civil War, arrived to go to Forsyth's hospitals. Through these doors also



passed bales of cotton from Monroe County destined for cotton mills in New England and abroad. From time to time, this building now houses special exhibits.

Research

The Society has a collection of materials specifically related to Monroe County and its people. The most important of these is a series of family files with information on families that have lived in the county. In addition, there are topical files and a file of identified photographs.

The Society also has a small collection of printed works with a focus on Monroe and the surrounding counties.

Hours

Volunteers for the Society keep the Depot open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Appointments can also be arranged for times outside the regular hours by calling 478-994-5070.

There is no charge to visitors to see the exhibits or use the research materials. Donations, however, are always appreciated.