

# History of counties has valuable information

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at the Citizens Loan and Trust Company and the Building and Loan Association. Other interests were The Sterling Fire Insurance Company and the American Mortgage, Loan and Guarantee Company of Indianapolis.

J.D. Showers' biography is less flowery and more factual than that of his brother. The reader is informed of the dimensions of the furniture factory buildings and the assets of the Citizens Loan and Trust Company of which he was the president. In the final paragraph, however, Showers was described as "a well-informed man and a most interesting conversationalist and companion."

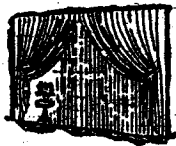
It would be interesting to know whether the citizens of Lawrence County felt that they had been shortchanged by the Bowen research/writers. A comparison of the coverage of the two counties indicates that Lawrence County received 189 pages of actual historical description (excluding biographies) as opposed to 270 pages of Monroe County history.

PART OF THE difference is due to a 29-page section devoted to the history of Indiana University, including a chronological table of important events in IU's history and

biographical sketches of its presidents from Andrew Wyllie through William Lowe Bryan.

In spite of its stilted style, the 1914 Monroe County history, like its 1884 counterpart, contains a vast amount of valuable information for the serious research buff or the casual browser, who wants to know more in a general way about early life here. It can be found in the Indiana Room of the Monroe County Public Library.

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