

Monroe towns disappear

Monroe County's early rural settlers who didn't want to make a wagon trip all the way in to the county seat to buy supplies, got the basic necessities at the general stores in the little communities of Newgene and Fleener.

IT WON'T DO YOU any good to look for either one on a county map, because that's not what they're called today. (Considering that three Monroe County towns changed their names, you would think that the early settlers had trouble making up their minds. You may recall that the village of Richland was transformed into Ellettsville.)

The only mystery about the name "Newgene"

Looking back

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was how in the world its first residents came up with it. The *History of Lawrence and Monroe Counties, Indiana* lists all of the first land buyers in Clear Creek Township, and not a one

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