

History dedicated to 'The Pioneers'

Monroe County's second history was undertaken by a publisher closer to home than the 1884 version sold by a Chicago firm.

B.F. Bowen and Co., Inc., of Indianapolis put a 1914 copyright date on its *History of Lawrence and Monroe Counties, Indiana: Their People, Industries and Institutions*. Unlike the earlier history, Bowen's has not been indexed for the benefit of genealogists and history buffs. Considerable page-thumbing is usually in store for anyone searching for a particular person who is not the subject of one of its biographical sketches of "prominent" citizens.

THE 1914 history has a flower dedication on the back of the title page. It reads: "This work is

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respectfully dedicated to THE PIONEERS, long since departed. May the memory of those who laid down their burdens by the wayside ever be fragrant as the breath of summer flowers, for their toils and sacrifices have made Lawrence and Monroe Counties a garden of sunshine and delights."

Unlike the 1884 history, the more recent one's preface does not con-

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