



## SURVEY ANNEX

The Office of the Monroe County Surveyor houses:

- A vast collection of unrecorded survey records (*some are available digitally*)
- A digital version of all of the survey records on file in the Auditor's Office (*available digitally*)
- The paper version of all large-format surveys recorded in Monroe County after July 1, 2018 (*available digitally*)
- Miscellaneous flat files including highway maps, street maps, and USGS quad maps (*not available digitally*)
- FEMA maps (*available digitally*)
- The Auditor's tax maps (by section) from 1976, unfortunately, maps covering the city limits are mostly missing and their whereabouts are unknown (*available digitally*)
- The deeds that were current when the Auditor's tax maps (by section) were drawn in the mid-1970s. Unfortunately, some entire townships are missing. (*not available digitally*)
- 1929 surveys of Indiana Limestone property in Monroe & Lawrence County (*available digitally*)
- A reference library of surveying books donated by Kevin P. Enright, former Monroe County Surveyor (*not available digitally*)
- The survey records of John Stapleton, former Monroe County Surveyor (*available digitally*)
- The survey records of Michael Mundy, local professional surveyor (*not available digitally*)
- The Monroe County survey records of Nelson Prall, former Lawrence County Surveyor (*some are available digitally*)
- The Monroe County survey records of Kenneth Anderson, former Hoosier National Forest Surveyor (*some are available digitally*)

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## SURVEYOR BIOS

### *JOHN TRACY STAPLETON SR.*

John Stapleton was appointed surveyor in 1941 to complete an unexpired term and then was elected as a Republican for the next 20 years. Prior to this he worked for the City of Bloomington and at Camp Atterbury as an engineer. He also owned and operated Stapleton Engineering & Surveying Services. During his career he laid out many of the county's major subdivisions and industrial sites. His grandson noted that he was defeated in the 1964 Democrat landslide and after the county had begun using a mechanical system that made it more difficult for voters to split their tickets.

His [1948 cadastral map](#) of the City of Bloomington is an invaluable resource for local surveyors as it contains detailed right-of-way information that is not available elsewhere.

In 2009, then-County Surveyor Kevin Enright was informed that five boxes of Stapleton's survey records were in the Indiana Room of the Monroe County Public Library. The library's board decided



these records could be transferred to the Monroe County Surveyor Office to be archived. The volumes of information in the files filled a huge void in the public knowledge of surveying in the county in Stapleton's era. The Surveyor Office decided to undertake the digitization of the valuable survey records, some 18,000 pages of material. In 2017, Stapleton's grandson, Jeff Stapleton, sent the Surveyor Office his grandfather's "stone book" and the Surveyor Office digitized it that same year. In 2018, his subdivision records and client records were digitized.

The Stapleton archives include the following records:

- File Drawer 1: Subdivision Records- filed alphabetically (*available digitally*)
  - This drawer has been digitized
  - Many of the recorded subdivision plats that were produced in the 1940s through the 1960s are difficult to read or missing important curve data. The original drawings and calculations for subdivisions that Stapleton designed (of which there are many) are filed in this drawer, and they can often provide valuable insights to modern surveyors who are struggling to interpret illegible recorded plats.
- File Drawer 2: Client Records – filed alphabetically and by range of years (*available digitally*)
  - The alphabetical filing method makes these files difficult to find unless you know the owner name or buyer name and the general date of the survey.
- File Drawer 3: Client Records – filed alphabetically (*available digitally*)
  - These are generally larger clients or bigger projects. This drawer also contains some miscellaneous records such as perc tests, well locations, and bridge specs.
- File Drawer 4: Loan Surveys, Field Books, Indexes, Stone Book, Plat Book, and Ledger
  - The loan surveys are organized alphabetically by client name
  - The indexes, Stone Book, and Plat Book have all been scanned and uploaded to our website (*available digitally*)
  - Many of the field books are missing. We have Books 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 64A, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 112A, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 120, 122, and 123.

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**MICHAEL MUNDY**

Mike Mundy worked as a private land surveyor, primarily in Monroe County, Owen County and Green County. He was also one of the original members of the Surveyor Review Board when it was established



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during the Enright administration. His complete survey records were obtained by the Surveyor Office after his death in 2006 and includes field books, survey records and corner records. Mundy was diligent about recording his surveys. The archive includes surveys and notes from the following townships:

T02N-R03W	T06N-R03W	T08N-R01W	T09N-R02W	T10N-R03W	T11N-R03W
T03N-R01W	T06N-R04W	T08N-R02W	T09N-R03W	T10N-R03W	T11N-R04W
T03N-R02W	T06N-R06W	T08N-R03W	T09N-R04W	T10N-R04W	T12N-R01E
T03N-R03W	T07N-R01W	T08N-R04W	T09N-R05W	T10N-R04W	T13N-R01E
T04N-R01W	T07N-R02W	T08N-R05W	T09N-R06W	T10N-R05W	
T04N-R02W	T07N-R03W	T08N-R06W	T10N-R01W	T11N-R01W	
T05N-R01W	T07N-R04W	T08N-R07W	T10N-R02W	T11N-R02E	
T05N-R02W	T07N-R05W	T09N-R01W	T10N-R02W	T11N-R02W	

For additional Mundy survey information, contact the Surveyor Office.

***NELSON L. PRALL and KENNETH ANDERSON***

Nelson Prall held degrees in both civil engineering and law. He was a land surveyor from 1950-1990 and served as Lawrence County Surveyor for many years. He became an attorney in 1959 in order to better argue his position on land surveys. He served as Chairman of the Indiana Professional Land Surveyors Legislative Committee and wrote several bills defining the duties of land surveyors, and they are still on the books today.

Kenneth Anderson was employed with the US Forest Service from 1960 to 1994. From 1978 to 1994 he was the Forest Land Surveyor on the Hoosier National Forest. After leaving the Forest Service, he worked for himself with a small private practice surveying business until his retirement in 2018.

Prall passed away in 2003, and his records were acquired by Anderson. In 2018, Anderson donated his records and the Prall records for each county to the corresponding county surveyor.

From the files donated to Monroe County, the signed-and-sealed final versions of the plats, as well as select other documents deemed potentially useful were digitized and published on the Internet Archive. The complete job folders also include deeds, field notes, and calc sheets, most of which have not been digitized but are available for review in the Survey Annex.

**LOCATION OF LOCAL PRIVATE SURVEYOR'S RECORDS**

***This list is incomplete. Please contact the Monroe County Surveyor's Office***



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*if you have any additional or updated information.*

Surveyor	File Location
Allen, Corey D.	Bledsoe Riggert Cooper James
Anderson, Kenneth W.	Monroe County Surveyor's Office
Archer, Steven W.	Bledsoe Riggert Cooper James
Arena, Michael D.	Bledsoe Riggert Cooper James
Brunnemer, Robert W.	Gary Cobb
Cobb, Gary D.	Gary Cobb (MCSO offered to purchase the Cobb and Brunnemer records from Mr. Cobb, but their offer was declined)
Dorman, Henry J.	ASA Land Surveying (Greencastle) – some were destroyed by flooding in 2008
Farkas, Edmund O.	Trico
Fowler Jr., Marston R.	Gabhart Land Surveying & Development (Davie County)
Graham, Charles D	Bledsoe Riggert Cooper James
Graham, Raymond	Bledsoe Riggert Cooper James
Howell, Harold W.	Unknown
Mundy, Michael D	Monroe County Surveyor's Office
Potter, Kevin Burton	Kevin Potter
Prall, Nelson L.	Monroe County Surveyor's Office
Sipes, Robert C.	Records were destroyed
Stapleton, John T.	Monroe County Surveyor's Office
Strong, James S.	Unknown
Utt, Lee	Deckard Land Surveying
Zimmer, James	Oser Surveying & Mapping (Bloomfield)



## LIST OF MONROE COUNTY SURVEYORS

Jonathan Nichols 1818 – 1820	G. W. Vannoy 1879 – 1880	Ulysses S. Hanna 1921 – 1922
William D. McCulloch 1821 – 1826	M. H. Buskirk 1881 – 1885	Howard Chestnut 1923 – 1924
James Borland 1827 - ?	Andrew G. Dillman 1886-88	Ulysses S. Hanna 1925 – 1930
Henry Tanner (Farmer?) 1847-1849	M. H. Buskirk 1889-1890	Fred Huntington 1931 – 1936
James Woodburn 1850 – 1852	George B. Rader 1891 – 1892	Raymond Harris 1937 – 1938
J. W. Spencer 1853 – 1854	E. E. Buskirk 1893 – 1896	Victor A. Netcott 1939 – 1944
John J. Paynter (Poynter?) 1855-1855	Charles Bowers 1897 – 1898	John Stapleton 1945 – 1964
J. W. Spencer 1856 – 1859	Frank P. Wood 1899 – 1900	Raymond Graham 1965 – 1980
Isaac S. Buskirk 1860 – 1863	Lewis Deckard 1901 – 1902	Edmund O. Farkas 1981 – 1992
J. W. Spencer 1864 – 1864	Charles M. Bowers 1903 – 1904	Michael W. Friley 1993 – 1996
J. W. Alexander 1865 – 1867	E. Buskirk 1905 – 1906	Kevin P. Enright 1997 – 2000
E. P. Cole 1868 – 1870	* Charles Bowers 1907- 1910	Steven V. Farkas 2001-2004
A. C. Spencer 1871 – 1872	* Charles Bowers 1911- 1912	Kevin P. Enright 2005 – 2016
Henry Henley 1873 – 1876	* C. R. Wittaker 1913 – 1914	Trohn Enright-Randolph 2016 –
M. H. Buskirk 1877 – 1878	Elmer Buskirk 1915 – 1920	* Discrepancy in records