

THE SOCIETY
OF
INDIANA
PIONEERS



Pioneer Times

Ancestors:
8,730
Total Members:
956
This includes:
Life Members: 192
Junior Members: 16
Associate Members: 25

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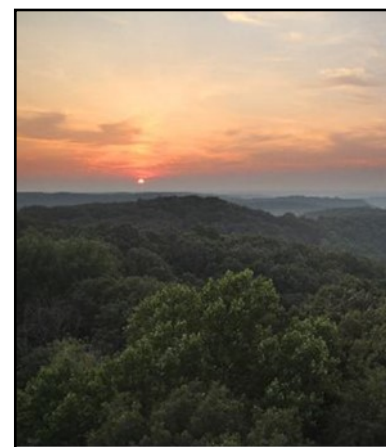
Society to Commemorate Centennial with Publication of *Deep Forest*, a "Lost Novel" of Pioneer Days

Before his death in 1950, Society of Indiana Pioneers President Emsley W. Johnson, Sr., completed a novel of Indiana frontier life during the half-century from the Battle of Tippecanoe to the Civil War. This intriguing story patterned on experiences of Hoosier pioneers, chronicles the challenges and triumphs of early settlers.

Before the book is available to the public, Society members will have an opportunity to purchase copies. Members will receive a pre-publication order form later this year and will receive a 10% discount from the \$25.00 retail price. Proceeds from book sales will go to the Society.

Johnson's 65-year-old manuscript was recently discovered among old family papers that had been passed from attic to attic at busy times when family members moved to a new home or died. The Society is underwriting publication, and award-winning historical writer Nancy Niblack Baxter is editing the manuscript for today's readers. The Society of Indiana Pioneers and Hawthorne Publishing will produce 400 copies as a Commemorative Edition to celebrate 100 years of the Society and 200 years of the State of Indiana. Be sure to get your copy and any copies you wish to give to other lovers of histo-

ry or historical novels. Watch for the order form coming in early fall.



Hoosier Forest at sunrise

President's Message: Jim Fadely 10 "Fun Facts" about the Founding of the Society of Indiana Pioneers

It is with great anticipation that we members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers look toward the year 2016, which marks the centennial of our organization and the bicentennial of Indiana's statehood. As with all anniversaries and moments of commemoration, the events of next year invite our thoughtful reflection. In that spirit, below are ten "fun facts" about the founding of the Society of Indiana Pioneers:

1. In 1915, the Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Historical Commission, which was given the responsibility for planning and conducting the celebration of the centennial of Indiana's state-

hood. John H. Holliday, publisher of The Indianapolis News, was the chair of the Indianapolis committee.

2. In the midst of all this activity, it occurred to Mrs. John H. Holliday that there should be a society composed of people who were descendants of the early settlers of Indiana, the pioneers who opened the state to civilization.
3. Mrs. Holliday discussed this idea with her good friend Miss Katharine Merrill Graydon, Professor of English at Butler University, who then sent a letter to Mr. Holliday

4. summarizing the idea and pledging her best efforts to help make it succeed. The Hollidays and Miss Graydon were longtime residents of Indianapolis, fellow Presbyterians, and active in many civic organizations in the city.
4. The Hollidays and Miss Graydon compiled a list of people who might be interested in such an organization and who might qualify for membership. They were invited to a meeting in Mr. Holliday's office at the Union Trust Company to discuss the matter. There was general approval of the idea. A committee was formed to
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President's Message cont'd.

- develop plans for the new organization. Its members were: Mr. John H. Holliday, Miss Eliza G. Browning, Miss Julia H. Moore, Mrs. Allen B. Philputt, Mr. Charles F. Remy, Dr. Frank B. Wynn, Mr. Amos W. Butler, and Mr. Charles W. Moores.
5. On September 15, 1916, 38 individuals met to hear the report of this committee and its draft of a constitution, which was adopted by the group. This is the "birthday" of the Society of Indiana Pioneers.
 6. Its purpose was "to honor the memory and the work of the pioneers who opened Indiana to civilization." This was to be done by encouraging historical research, forwarding the interpretation and education of state and local history, cooperating with other historical societies, and bringing to the citizens of Indiana information concerning the history of their state and the constructive work done by its pioneers.
 7. The membership of the Society was to consist of people over 21 years of age, one or more of whose ancestors lived in Indiana during the year 1830 or earlier (which would be changed in later years). A member was to pay an entrance fee of one dollar and annual dues of two dollars.
 8. The first election of officers took place at this September 15, 1916 meeting. Mr. John H. Holliday was elected President, a position he held until his death in 1921. Mr. Amos W. Butler became Vice President; Mrs. William Watson Woollen, Secretary; Mr. Charles N. Thompson, Treasurer; and Miss Katharine M. Graydon, Registrar. And the Society elected its first Board of Governors: Mr. Amos W. Butler, Mr. Charles N. Thompson, Miss Katharine M. Graydon, Mrs. William Watson Woollen, and Mr. William H. Insley.
 9. The "public inauguration" of the Society took place at a banquet held in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel on December 19, 1916.
 10. The incorporation of the Society did not take place until 1922.
- We would do well to reflect on the mission of the Society of Indiana Pioneers and to express our gratitude for the work of those individuals who founded and launched it in 1916!

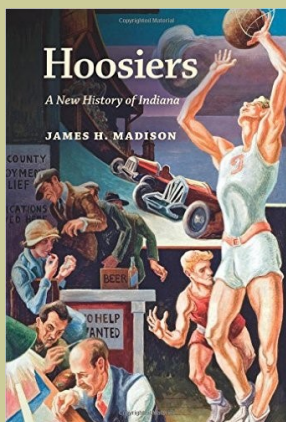
2015 Fall Pilgrimage

State Parks and Bicentennial Heritage
Wednesday & Thursday, September 16-17, 2015 (overnight trip)
Spring Mill State Park Inn, Mitchell, Indiana
McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, Indiana

In celebration of the state's upcoming Bicentennial in 2016, the Fall Pilgrimage will feature a salute to Indiana's glorious State Parks, which were launched thanks to the 1916 Centennial; it also sparked the founding of the Society of Indiana Pioneers. Our two-day trip will include a presentation by esteemed historian **James Madison** of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission as well as an 1840s-themed dinner. Special presentations will be featured during our visits to two of our best-known state parks: Spring Mill near Mitchell (where we will spend the night) and McCormick's Creek near Spencer, our first state park.

Day 1 - Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 (Lunch, Dinner)

- Enjoy commentary on our drive south from pilgrimage chairman **Nelson Price**.
- Stop at Bloomington Visitors Center & pick up southern Indiana travelers.
- Tour the magnificent Monroe County Courthouse in Bloomington. Built in 1908 with a majestic dome, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- At the Monroe County History Center, enjoy a tour of the restored, former Carnegie Library built in 1908 (it was the Bloomington Public Library for 52 years) and a special presentation by **Dr. James Madison**, Honorary Member of the Society, titled "Nearly 200 Years of Indiana History". Signed copies of his book, "Hoosiers: A New History of Indiana", published in 2014, will be available for purchase.
- Savor a catered luncheon at the history center.
- Enjoy a motor coach tour of Maple Grove Rural Historic District, the state's first rural historic district. A local expert will be our guide for the district, which is known for 19th Century farmsteads and "dry wood" limestone fences built without mortar.



Jim Madison's new book

- Visit the renowned Lilly Library on the Indiana University campus. For our visit, the library will have a special exhibit of Indiana books written prior to 1840 or about the Indiana pioneer era.
- Travel to Spring Mill State Park (Lawrence County), which has a restored and recreated pioneer village that includes a large stone grist mill built in 1817 by two brothers. The town of Spring Mill flourished for a few decades, but gradually waned after the railroads passed it by in the 1850s. By the mid-1890s, the village was abandoned. It was revived beginning with the creation of Spring Mill State Park in the 1920s and the recreation of the “Brigadoon-like” pioneer settlement.
- Savor an 1840s-era dinner in the grist mill (Hamer Mill) with commentary by historic interpreters.
- Spend the evening at the Spring Mill State Park Inn, which was built of Indiana limestone and has hosted national conferences on state parks. All rooms have double queen-size beds and are non-smoking.

Day 2 - Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 (Breakfast, Lunch, Appetizers)

- Enjoy breakfast at Spring Mill with a speaker about the park, which features an array of log structures, including many moved to the site (and rebuilt) during the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- At Blue Springs Caverns in Lawrence County, enjoy a boat tour of the intriguing cave system discovered in the 1800s. Blue Springs has the third longest cave in the state and is known for its captivating features. For travelers who prefer not to ride the boats, a docent-led walking tour of geological sites will be available.
- Travel to McCormick’s Creek State Park, which was established in 1916 as Indiana’s first state park in an area long cherished by nature lovers and geologists.
- Savor a buffet lunch at the Canyon Inn at McCormick’s Creek.
- Enjoy a presentation about the Civilian Conservation Corps by the park’s naturalist, **Sam Arthur**, in a structure the CCC built. We also will have a walking tour of the area.
- Travel to Bloomington for a guided tour of the Wylie House Museum, the historic home built in 1835 for I.U.’s first president, Andrew Wylie, and his family. The Federal and Georgian-style house is one of the few pre-1840 structures remaining in Bloomington.
- Stop at Oliver Winery for Indy travelers; snack will be given to those departing at Bloomington.

Regular Pricing

\$359.00	double occupancy
\$409.00	single occupancy
\$344.00	triple occupancy
\$339.00	quad occupancy

Society Member Pricing

Special rates may be available for Society members and their guests. Contact Sue Thomson for reservations and pricing.

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 Indianapolis, IN 46226
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To make a reservation or for answers to any questions, contact Sue Thomson at (317) 908-9602.

Fun Facts: Indiana State Symbols

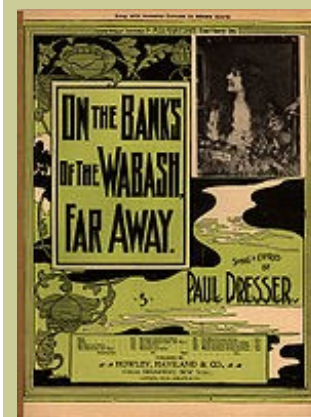
Everyone knows the state bird is the cardinal and the state flower is the peony, but did you know that the state pie is sugar cream pie? Or that the state soil is Miami soil? Miami soil is brown silt loam. It is used to grow corn and soybeans and is highly productive and readily available in Indi-

ana. “Indiana” is the state poem written by Arthur Franklin Mapes, the former Indiana State Poet Laureate. The state song chosen on 14 March 1913 is “On the Banks of the Wabash Far Away” by Paul Dresser. Indiana even has a state rifle—the Grouseland Rifle chosen March 6, 2012. It

was made by gunsmith John Small in the early 1800s. The state river is the Wabash River and is the longest river in the state.



Spring Mill State Park



Presidents Circle Luncheon

Continuing a tradition begun by co-presidents Carolyn Rose and Stanley Evans, President Jim Fadely hosted the biennial gathering of the Presidents Circle, the past presidents of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Past presidents Allen Moore, Leigh Morris, Bob Rati, Tom Ewbank, Joan Everitt, Jamia Jacobsen, Carolyn Rose, and Stanley Evans met at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site in Indianapolis. The group first had drinks and hors d'oeuvres, at which President Fadely gave an update on current Society activi-

ties, especially those in preparation for the Pioneers centennial and the state bicentennial in 2016. There was then a luncheon in the office of Charles Hyde, the President & CEO of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, who joined them. The luncheon was catered by the University Club of Indianapolis, located just one block south of the Presidential Site. Benjamin Harrison was the first president of the University Club. Afterward, Mr. Hyde presented a fascinating exhibit, specially arranged for the Presidents Circle, of the "Top Ten"

artifacts held by the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site.



Genealogist's Report—Michele Kerr

Hello! I'm Michele Kerr, the genealogist for The Society of Indiana Pioneers. As I am writing this article, I am taking a break from reviewing a record-breaking 42 applications that have come in over the past 2-3 weeks. It is just amazing the number of applications that we have been receiving – it's keeping me busy and I like it!

If you are a member of The Society of Indiana Pioneers and would like to submit an additional-line ancestor, I have some directions below that will help. Many members have decided to go ahead and add all their possible pioneer ancestors in preparation for the upcoming Centennial celebration in 2016. If you have any other pioneer ancestors that you have been thinking about adding, there is no time like the present to get them done. It is fairly simple.

If it is a spouse of one of your already approved ancestors, then you can simply send in a new top sheet with all the information filled in along with a check for \$15.00 for the additional line application fee. I will take care of the rest.

If it is a child that you have previously documented within an earlier application, then send in a new top sheet as well w/ check for \$15.00 for the additional line fee. If

you need to further document residency dates, then simply add any necessary documentation with the application and once again, I can take care of the rest. If you add a new line, then you will need to submit a new application with all the information filled in on pages 1-4. We will need documentation on any generation that has not been previously documented; please make sure that all generations tie in together

Just as a reminder, we do have a Facebook group that you can request to join. It is a closed group, so you simply need to ask to join and you will have access to our group. Insights into the approval process, as well as helpful tips for researching in Indiana are added regularly. Members have joined in the conversation and even share events happening around Indiana of interest to our group. As we continue into the Centennial Year of 2016, I will add information on upcoming activities!

If you are a twitter user, I post myself

(@MicheleKerr), and for the group (@IndianaPioneers.) Twitter is an excellent way to stay on top of all things "genealogy!" I have a wide variety of Indiana organizations that I follow as well as many well known genealogy-minded people. It is a little like opening up a newspaper and getting updates on breaking news within this sector – all in short bursts.

If you have any questions that you would like to have addressed on the Facebook group or personally, concerning an application, don't hesitate to send them to me either through the office at societyofindianapioneers@yahoo.com or at Michele@itsalifestory.com where I live the other half of the time!



Welcome New Members:

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since 17 Sep 2014 through 31 July 2015.

Associate Members:

Fryer, Kenneth Dale
Louisville, KY
Hoffman, Anne Carlson
San Diego, CA
Weakley, Thomas J.
Indianapolis, IN

Regular Members:

Ahrlrichs, Karl James
Carmel, IN
Angus, Glenda Martin
Clarksville, TN
Armstrong, Lisabeth Dickinson
Westfield, IN
Bain, Robert Jeffrey
San Francisco, CA
Barton, Nikki Nelson
Lebanon, IN
Bolas, Margaret Ward
Lombard, IL
Brammell, Linda Lecklider
Lafayette, IN
Brewington, Beth Ann
Anchorage, AK
Brewington, Jacqueline Wilson
Chandler, AZ
Butler, Amy Jo
Alexandria, VA
Caddy, Jean Lempke
LaPorte, IN
Carlson, Jane Anderson
Fishers, IN
Clements, M.D. Robert Eugene
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Conrad, William Roland
Indianapolis, IN
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Jeffersonville, IN
Crawley, Pierce Robert Earle
Jeffersonville, IN
Crawley, II Zev Fitzgerald
Jeffersonville, IN
Davis, Gloria Martin
Clarksville, TN
Dillon, M.D. James Christian
Carmel, IN
Dillon, Susannah Harger
Carmel, IN
Dornisch, Corliss Cox
Anniston, AL
Dorocke, Diane Roberts
Carmel, IN
Dykema, Leigh Dickinson
Zionsville, IN
Emmons, Martha Eminger
Sun City, AZ

Ernst, Victoria Scott
Pleasant Hill, CA
Fitzpatrick, Kelly Darrin
Cedar Rapids, IA
Floyd, Gracia Johnson
Indianapolis, IN
French, John Marion
Lebanon, IN
Garcia, Rhoda Justice
Tampa, FL
Garrison, Nancy Brattain
Noblesville, IN
George, J. David
Bedford, IN
Gerbens, Martin Lee
Delphi, IN
Hare, Sharon Warner
St. Charles, IL
Harlin, Rodney Craig
Sulphur Springs, TX
Harris, Steven John
Palmdale, CA
Hartman, O.D. Jeffrey Michael
Liberty Township, OH
Hosier, Jr. Richard Paul
Orlando, FL
Ide, Patricia Brown
Mesa, AZ
Jarboe, Karen Cox
Haubstadt, IN
Jones, Chelsea Elizabeth
Bloomington, IN
Lewis, Laura Dickinson
Cicero, IN
Likens, Wanda French
Lebanon, IN
Liles, Charles Andrew
Indianapolis, IN
Lynn, Eva Crum
Charlestown, IN
Metz, Ph.D. William David
Austin, TX
Meyer, Charles Johnson
Carmel, IN
Miller, Jr. Earl L.
Edinburgh, IN
Miller, Jeffrey George
Scottsdale, AZ
Milton, Lisa Terri
Bloomfield Hills, MI
Moore, Bonnie Biddle
Flora, IN
Moore, 2nd Don Robert
Flora, IN
Moore, Gary Gene
Monticello, IN
Moore, Phyllis Davis
Delphi, IN
Morgan, Kevin Niles
Indianapolis, IN
Morris, Martha Vaughan
Greenwood, IN
Morris, Ronald Vaughan
Centerville, IN

Murnan, Janice Barlow
Venice, FL
Murrell, Justin David
Rockledge, FL
Myers, Joshua Aaron
Martinsville, IN
Newman, Richard Stephen
Santa Barbara, CA
Newman, Timothy Paul
Lake Forest, IL
Norris, Donald Joseph
Indianapolis, IN
Owen, Dale Elmer
Billings, MT
Pavlech, Susan Kromer
West Chester, OH
Petri, Alexandra Attkisson
Washington, DC
Pickett, Alfred Stanton
Whiteland, IN
Potts, Randy Lee
Summerville, SC
Randall, Mary Coster
Aiken, SC
Rosenthal, Denise Reprogle
Cicero, IN
Ross, Janice Rochelle
Bloomington, IN
Ross-Dedloff, Laura Jean
Saint Peters, MO
Rubenstein, Betty Metz
Key West, FL
Ruf, Betty Jo Davis
Troy, NY
Schmelzer, Andrew Neal
Indianapolis, IN
Schmelzer, Scott Hubbard
Indianapolis, IN
Skelton, John Fitzgerald
Avon, IN
Slaughter, Irene Lempke
Cornelius, NC
Smith, Steven Douglas
Indianapolis, IN
Steiner, Barbara Metz
Largo, FL
Stenhjem, Constance Armfield
Nokomis, FL
Stevenson, Franklin Dennis
Danville, IL
Trivett, Diana Ward
Elk Park, NC
Varner, Geraldine Batman
Terre Haute, IN
Vercellino, Carole Breilh
Pleasanton, CA
Vescelus, Stephen John
New Ulm, MN
Vogler, Kristi Woodard
Howe, IN
Widau, Linda Shannon
Lake Waukomis, MO
Wilkins, Gene Edward
Indianapolis, IN

Save the Date



Next

Annual Meeting

Saturday,

November 7, 2015

Board Member in the News — Roberta Graham

Board of Governors member Roberta Graham and her husband Jim were featured in two recent articles in The Indianapolis Star. In 2005, Indiana National Guard soldiers serving in Afghanistan discovered a seriously ill infant, Qudrat Wardak and made arrangements through Rotary Clubs in Central

Indiana and Riley Hospital for Children for him to come to Indianapolis for life-saving heart surgery. After the surgery, Qudrat and his father Hakim were taken in by the Grahams and they became the boy's "American grandparents." Sadly, upon Qudrat's return to Afghani-

stan he died. However, his father was inspired by his time in America and then went on to college. The Grahams raised \$300,000 to help Hakim build two schools and a medical clinic, which serve women, as well as men and helped bring hope to his native village.

1816 Convention Delegates - Searching for Descendants

The Society of Indiana Pioneers is looking for today's descendants of the delegates of the 1816 State Constitutional Convention. It looks to honor the delegates through their descendants as part of Indiana's Bicentennial in 2016. If you are or know of any descendants of the delegates listed below, please contact our office in Indianapolis. The Society will provide more information about our planning process in a forthcoming issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, spread the word to your local genealogy or historical society. What a great way to commemorate Indiana's 200th birthday!



1816-2016

1816 DELEGATES:

From the county of Clark:
Jonathan Jennings
James Scott
Thomas Carr
John K. Graham
James Lemon.

From the county of Dearborn:
Ezra Ferris
James Dill
Solomon Manwaring

From the county of Franklin:
Robert Hanna,
James Noble
James Brownlee
William H. Eads
Enoch McCartney

From the county of Gibson:
David Robb
James Smith
Alexander Devin
Frederick Rapp

From the county of Harrison:
Dennis Pennington
Davis Floyd
Daniel C. Lane
Patrick Shields

From the county of Jefferson:
David H. Maxwell
Nathaniel Hunt
Samuel Smock

From the county of Knox:
John Johnson
John Badollet
William Polke
John Bennefield

From the county of Perry:
Charles Poke

From the county of Posey:
Dan Lynn

From the county of Switzerland:
William Cotton

From the county of Warrick:
Daniel Grass

From the county of Washington:
John De Pauw
William Lowe
Samuel Millroy,
Robert McIntire
William Graham

From the county of Wayne:
Joseph Holman,
Jeremiah Cox
Patrick Baird
Hugh Cull

Marketing Team Spreads Society's Story

To introduce others to the Society and to encourage participation, the Marketing Team uses a variety of media:

* **Facebook and Twitter:** Society pages designed, maintained by Michele Kerr (See separate report.)

* **Society Website:** www.indianapioneers.org - maintained by Joanie Everitt.

* **Radio and Website:** Hoosier History Live! program co-sponsored on WICR-FM-Indianapolis and streamed online 6 weeks of February and

March - hosted by Nelson Price.

* **Magazines:** **DAR Daughters, DAR Spirit, SAR** - Ads placed by Sally Fadely and Bruce Oakley.

* **Newspapers, History Groups and Genealogy Societies:** News releases sent to these and included in a newsletter to all Indiana libraries. First release was on the Founders Project. Second release is on membership. Others are expected to be on the Holliday Prize and a historical marker.

* **Radio:** Interview with Bob Everitt on WBAT - Marion, announcements recorded by Jim Fadely for

WHUN - Columbus, public service announcements and news releases emailed to other stations.

* **Brochure:** Revision by Andy Olson and Ed Hultgren. Printing to be handled by Stanley Evans.

* **Book Promotion:** Multiple media to be utilized. (See separate story.)

Team Members: Stanley Evans, Ed Hultgren, Andy Olson, Carolyn Rose, Martha Sue Batt - Chair

Prominent Hoosiers Who Served as Leaders of The Society of Indiana Pioneers (Part 1)

As we approach the centennial of The Society of Indiana Pioneers and the bicentennial of Indiana's statehood in 2016, it is both interesting and instructive to re-visit our heritage and history. Over almost a century, many prominent Hoosiers have honored the memory and the work of their pioneer ancestors by taking leadership roles in The Society of Indiana Pioneers.

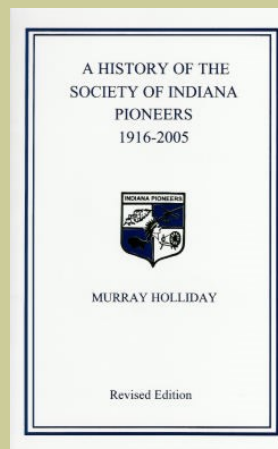
Any history of the Society begins with its founder and first president, **John Hampden Holliday (May 31, 1846 – October 20, 1921)**. Holliday's granddaughter, Evaline Hitz Rhodehamel, is a current member of Pioneers. She wrote a biographical sketch of her grandpar-

ents for the updated edition of *A History of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, 1916 – 2005*. Here is a portion of the sketch from that history that highlights the lesser-known role of her grandmother:

"It is not a coincidence that the celebration of the Indiana Centennial in 1916 was the year of the founding of the Society of Indiana Pioneers. Many of the first members were active in the several committees planning for the events and activities to take place in the capital city and across the state that year. John H. Holliday chaired one of these groups. Although he served as the first president of the Society until his death in 1921, it was his wife, Evaline MacFarlane Rieman Hol-

liday, a native of Baltimore, who first proposed an association of the descendants of Indiana Pioneers. The purpose of the Society was, and remains, to honor the memory and achievements of those early settlers. She may have been inspired by the existence of some other lineage societies begun a few years earlier. She was already a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. She was ineligible for Pioneer membership but was appointed as the Society's first Honorary Member and enjoyed her association with the group until her death in 1929."

This is the first of 20 prominent Hoosiers who will appear over the next several newsletters.



Pioneer Founders of Indiana—Carolyn Rose & Stanley Evans

We are thrilled to report that the fifth and final Pioneer Founders of Indiana booklet is in the final stages of completion. The deadline for nominations of July 15th has passed with a total of over 165 new submissions for the 2014/2015 booklet. The next phase will be to edit the material, layout the final composition and print copies for the 2015 Society of Indiana Pioneers Annual Meeting in November.

The program was started back in 2010 for the purpose of offering an opportunity for

members and non-members, Hoosiers and non-Hoosiers to write about their Indiana pioneer ancestors in Indiana's 92 counties. Each year the response has grown and the program now has surpassed the 500 submissions mark. All of those contributors to the program are to be thanked and we hope that the future generations will at some time check out their ancestor's stories that are now in print and on file with the society, DAR, libraries and perhaps on the family geneal-

ogy shelf. In today's electronic age history can be erased and forgotten at the click of a thumb! Again we thank all who have participated in the program.

So now we have five booklets. What is next? The Board of Governors has voted to combine all five booklets and make such valuable information available sometime during the centennial year of 2016. A committee has been formed to study the various types of publication and will make its recommendations to the Board. Members will be kept advised as the process unfolds.

John Hampden Holliday Prize

In anticipated celebration of the Society's centennial and the upcoming bicentennial of the State of Indiana in December of 2016, the Society of Indiana Pioneers has launched an award for the promotion of the highest quality of scholarship, research and writing about Indiana Pioneer History from pre-history to and including the year 1851.

The John Hampden Holliday

Prize will be awarded to up to three individuals who make the most significant contribution to the field of Indiana pioneer history in works published in the years 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016.

The top prize will be the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), with second and third prizes being awarded in lesser amounts.

The prize will be awarded at the Centennial Gala at Conner Prairie in June 2016. Nominations must be submitted on or before February 1, 2016.

For additional information, please go to the 2016 CENTENNIAL tab on the home page of the website.

*John
Hampden Holliday
Prize*

\$5,000

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