



Pioneer Times

Proven Ancestors:
9,204
Total Members:
1,032
These include:
Life members: 183
Junior Members: 18
Associate Members: 27

Note new phone number:
317-441-8293

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President's Message - Greetings to each of our SIP Members,

I am thankful for this opportunity to express to all Society of Indiana Pioneers members that it has been an honor to serve our membership and to become acquainted with so many of you that have a like interest in the history of our state and our ancestral pioneers we admire.

It is with pleasure to inform you that the scanning of (1) the Society's yearbooks and (2) the minutes of the meetings from 1916 (the inception of our society) to the present has progressed to the current years.

At last year's annual meeting, a resolution passed that 23 Northern Indiana counties would have a membership qualification date of December 31, 1850, due to the later settling of those Indiana counties. Libraries and historical societies in these counties were notified of this action by personal contact and with hand-delivered letters, February through April of 2018.

Once again, it is with appreciation to the SIP officers, board members and office staff, that we continue to make strides in keeping members informed of the Society's actions. Our society was represented by members, Martha Barnhart, Chuck Bragg, Karen Bragg and Michele Kerr for four days, August 22-25, 2018, at the annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies at the convention center in Fort Wayne, IN. Many prospective members stopped by the booth and expressed interest.

It is a privilege to encourage each member to attend the annual meeting of our membership on November 3, 2018, at the Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis. This is an opportunity to meet new members and to visit with those who you are not able to see throughout the year.

God Bless you all,
Charles F. Bragg,
President, Society of Indiana Pioneers

Legislature Targets Cemetery Vandalism

In 2017 the Indiana General Assembly, in recognition of the increasing problem of cemetery vandalism, passed House Enrolled Act 1406, which increased the penalties for cemetery mischief.

"Cemetery Mischief" is defined by Indiana statute as recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally damaging a cemetery, burial ground, or a facility used for memorializing the dead; damaging the grounds owned or



rented by a cemetery or facility used for memorializing the dead; or disturbing, defacing, or damaging a cemetery monument, grave marker, grave artifact, grave ornamentation, or cemetery enclosure.

Previously, causing damage under \$2,500.00 was a Class A misdemeanor and over \$2,500.00 was a Level 6 felony. Under the new law, causing damage under \$750.00 is a Class A misdemeanor, between \$750.00 and \$50,000.00 is a Level 6 felony, and over \$50,000.00 is a Level 5 felony.

State Senator Eric Koch, a member of the Board of Governors of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, was the Senate Sponsor of the legislation.

In furtherance of its mission to honor the memory and the work of the Pioneers of Indiana, the Society of Indiana Pioneers has launched a public awareness campaign. The effort includes encouraging law enforcement to increase patrols of cemeteries and engaging its members and the public in support of reducing cemetery vandalism.

Anyone who observes suspicious activity at a cemetery or who has information that could lead to the arrest and conviction of cemetery vandals should contact law enforcement. Those who would desecrate graves, and cause grief and expense to those families, should be held accountable for their actions and prosecuted.

Several years ago we made an effort to pull together as many Indiana Pioneer ancestor photos as possible. As they came in, I added them to a scrapbook album. I'm guessing that we might have a more successful go at it this time if the response I received on Facebook is any indicator.

Note from the Genealogist Michele Kerr

If you have a photo of your Indiana Pioneer ancestor or his/her child and their family, please think about forwarding it on to our office with whatever detail you might have about the photo. You can either email it or if you are in our Facebook group (anyone is welcome to join!), then please feel free to add it on there if that would be more convenient!

When you do submit it, please also include a note that gives us the ability to post the photo or possibly add it to any future books that might highlight all the Indiana Pioneer ancestors that have been added over the 102 years.

We do have some photos that have been submitted with applications and it will take a bit of time to work through them, but we will try to pull as many as we can.

One extra note: If you would like to add a spouse of your Indiana Pioneer and they have already been proven within the original ancestor's application, it might literally be as easy as submitting a new top page, a note explaining what you would like to do and a check for the added line! I will handle the rest and they both can be noted together.

If you have any other genealogical questions, send them off to me directly at my new email: genealogist@indianapioneers.org.

Welcome New Members

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined from 15 Sep 2017 through 15 Sep 2018.

Associate Members:

Beaty, Judith E.
Indianapolis, IN

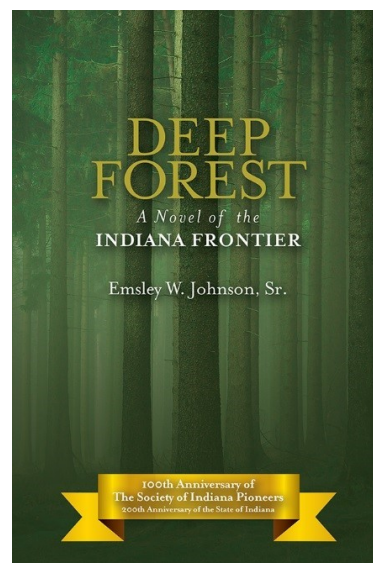
Regular Members:

Adams, Jaxson Tate
Peru, IN
Adams, Kristen Benn
Peru, IN
Anderson, Diane Schrader
Bloomfield, IN
Beaty, Judith E.
Indianapolis, IN
Benn, Claudia Delaney
Logansport, IN
Black, Virginia Ann
Lafayette, IN
Carlson, James Wesley
Fishers, IN
Carrigan, Patricia Boring
Rushville, IN
Clark, Neal Alan
Bentonville, AR
Doto, Travis Matthew
Muncie, IN
Ebers, Alison Leake
Manchester, MO
Edwards, Shelley Norton
Sunrise, FL
Elliott, Janice Miller
Soddy Daisy, TN
Fisher, Allan Everett
Wheaton, IL
Gee, Helen Diane
LaPorte, IN
Grenisen, Claudia Butler
Rushville, IN
Hedrick, Carol Hunt
Fishers, IN
Jorgenson, June Nally
Indianapolis, IN
Keck, Richard Allen
Fishers, IN
Lamb, Christopher Delaine
Phenix City, AL
Landrigan, George Bruce
Indianapolis, IN
Landrigan, L. Penelope Savage
Indianapolis, IN
Lindsay, Katherine Ann
Austin, TX
Maddock, Todd Lee
Spokane, WA
Marshall, Marianne Perry
New Palestine, IN
McFarland-Idema, Janet Fisher
Jenison, MI
Miller, Caroline Taylor
Georgetown, TX
Morgan, Joy Reddick
Crossville, TN
Murphy, John Clay
Louisville, KY
Myers, Justin Robert
Fishers, IN
Nelson, Beverly Ellison
Littleton, CO
Oliver, Rhonda Harris
Albion, IN
Paige, Wendy Wiseman
Marble, NC
Pfaff, Ph.D., Robert Carl
Rensselaer, IN
Pike, Roberta Kay Porter
Glenwood, IN
Powell, Marcia Ann
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
Powers, Elten Leo
Pleasant Lake, IN
Reddick, Ann Rosemary
Carthage, IN
Robinson, Harold Michael
Owensboro, KY
Robinson, Jack Ray
Rockport, IN
Scofield, Christina Brogren
Indianapolis, IN
Slaughter, Chase Harrison
Plainfield, IN
Snyder, Mary Kay Handy
Carmel, IN
Standish, Linda S.
Pepper Pike, OH
Stewart, Mary Ann Hall
Indianapolis, IN
Stogsdill, Jr., Dr. Willis Wordsworth
Carmel, IN
Stults, III, Russell Sanders
Cicero, IN
Thomas, Jo Ann Turner
West Lafayette, IN
Tilton, Maydean Fetty
Cibolo, TX
Tutt, Rhoda Pyburn
LaGrange, TX
Vagstad, Allan George
Fishers, IN
Ward, Robert Max
Plainfield, IN

Welch, Ph.D., Christopher J.
Indianapolis, IN
Williams, Julia Lynn
Laurel, DE
Wright, Florence Kern
Fort Wayne, IN

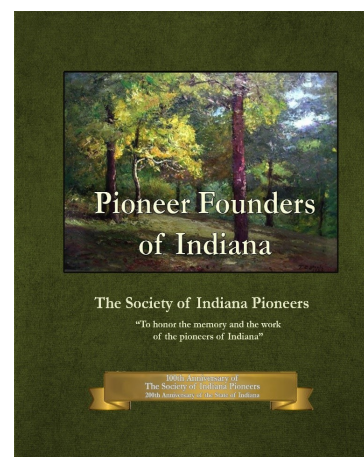
Junior Members:

Adams, Jaxson Tate
Peru, IN
Adams, Aiden James
Peru, IN
Stults, III, Russell Sanders
Cicero, IN



Deep Forest—2nd Printing

Demand for *Deep Forest* (\$25) was such that a 2nd printing was ordered. If you didn't get your copy first time around or would like another, copies are now available and will be for sale at the Annual Meeting.



Pioneer Founders of Indiana

Hard cover (\$35) & soft cover (\$25) copies are also available.