

THE SOCIETY  
OF  
INDIANA  
PIONEERS



# Pioneer Times

Ancestors: 8,830  
Total Members:  
976  
This includes:  
Life Members: 181  
Junior Members: 16  
Associate Members: 26

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AND THE WORK OF THE  
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### President's Message: Jim Fadely

(From the President's Message in the 2016 Yearbook)

Welcome to the centennial year of The Society of Indiana Pioneers and to the bicentennial year of the state of Indiana! We have an exciting and historic year ahead of us. The Society will mark this milestone year in the following ways:

- The John Hampden Holiday Prize will be awarded to the best contributions to Indiana history published in 2013, 2014, 2015, or 2016. The first-place prize is \$5,000, second-place \$3,000, and third-place \$2,000. This award honors our founding president and has been endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission as a Bicentennial Legacy Project.
- The publication of *Deep Forest*. This long-lost manuscript was written by Emsley Johnson, Sr., who was president of Pioneers in 1940-46. It is a deeply researched and beautifully written historical novel about pioneer Indiana. *Deep Forest* is an endorsed Bicentennial Legacy Project.
- The publication of *Pioneer Founders of Indiana*. For five years, beginning in 2010, the Society solicited submissions of biographical sketches of pioneers from all 92 counties. This democratic outreach effort by the Society resulted in a book with fascinating personal stories of the

Indiana frontier. *Pioneer Founders of Indiana* is a Bicentennial Legacy Project.

- Our Hoosier Heritage Spring Pilgrimage will visit our first state capitol in Corydon, where we will plant an American elm on the capitol grounds to mark our centennial year and the state's bicentennial. We chose an elm as a nod to the famous Constitutional Elm under which our 1816 Constitution was written. We will go on to Cedar Farm, a restored 1837 Greek Revival house on the banks of the Ohio near Laconia, owned by the Cook family, and then to Madison for a tour of their 133-block National Historic Landmark District.
- Our Hoosier Heritage Fall Pilgrimage will go to the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, New Harmony, where we will tour this National Historic Landmark District and stay overnight at the renowned New Harmony Inn, and Vincennes, where we will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in William Henry Harrison's Grouseland, a National Historic Landmark in Indiana's oldest city.
- Finally, our centennial gala will be held on Monday, June 27, at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park near Indianapolis.

I encourage all members to actively engage their Society this year and to participate in as many activities as possible! For information about these centennial activities and projects, and about the Society itself, you may visit our website at [www.indianapioneers.org](http://www.indianapioneers.org), call our office in the Indiana State Library at 317-233-6588, or write to the office at 140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. This would also be a wonderful year to encourage family members and friends to join The Society of Indiana Pioneers! Our genealogist and office manager stand ready to help in any way!

Happy centennial year!

### Save the Date



**Centennial Gala**  
**Monday, June 27,**  
**at Conner Prairie**  
**History Park**



## Write A Review of *Deep Forest* for Your Local Paper

As part of our state's Bicentennial celebration, the Society is sponsoring publication of the only official fiction project of the Bicentennial: the publication of former Society president Emsley W. Johnson, Sr.'s "lost 1950 novel." *Deep Forest: A Novel of the Indiana Frontier* was found in granddaughter (and board member) Martha Sue Batt's attic. It was updated for publication and has found real welcome in the history community in the state.

The reception to this one-of-a-kind historical publication, which combines Johnson's own lifelong research of the frontier in Indiana with his family heritage, has been enthusiastic. Since the November annual meeting release, the book has been bought by over 200 readers and sold on Amazon and at

the Conner Prairie gift shop. It has enhanced the reputation of the Society, brought knowledge of the group to people all over the state, and been praised as a novel for its literary appeal and specific information of early Hoosiers.

Now Society members have an opportunity to take the book one step further and also to enhance their own historical writing credentials by reviewing the book for local sources. Do you have a city paper, county magazine, historical-interest publication or blog? Radio station for a personal interview about the book? Would you read and review the book in a 300-400-word review to further

knowledge of this Society project for the 200<sup>th</sup> year? If you are interested in reviewing *Deep Forest*, please contact the Society office for a set of brief instructions and a fact sheet about the book and its discovery. It is important to have reviews in outlets all over the state. Many newspapers have already printed information on this bicentennial project; a follow-up review could be welcomed.

If you need to buy the book, contact Sally Fadely at the Society office. (317-233-6588 or [societyofindianapioneers@yahoo.com](mailto:societyofindianapioneers@yahoo.com)) This is an opportunity to participate personally in the celebration of our state's birthday—and to honor the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

## 2016 Spring & Fall Pilgrimage SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL TRIPS:



Spring Pilgrimage  
**CORYDON, CEDAR FARM and MADISON**  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016



Fall Pilgrimage  
**NEW HARMONY, LINCOLN & VINCENNES**  
Tuesday/Wednesday, September 13-14, 2016 (overnight)  
The is still room on the waiting list

## Going, Going, Gone!

For the first time in recent memory, both pilgrimages planned for the year sold out within weeks of their announcement. The spring pilgrimage featuring visits to Cory-

don and Madison on May 4 was first announced in late September and was fully subscribed with a waiting list by early January. The fall pilgrimage featur-

ing an overnight at the renowned New Harmony Inn and a stop at historic Vincennes was filled just 30 days after the first notice went out in late January.



Corydon, Indiana



Cedar Farm



Grouseland

## Genealogist—Michele Kerr

Finally, our centennial year has begun and if this first month and a half is any indication, we should have record numbers in new ancestors as well as new members! As 2015 closed out, I participated once again in the Statehood Day Celebration at the Indiana State House with the help of Board Members, Julie Newhouse and Charles Bragg who also enlisted the help of his lovely wife, Karen Bragg. Interacting with 4th graders for even 5-6 minutes at a time, becomes very reassuring when I get positive responses to questions such as, “What is an ancestor?” and “Can anyone tell me what a family tree is?” I am looking forward to this year’s Statehood Day as we will be closing out quite an exciting year in Indiana history!

While we are getting a large number of first-time members, it has also become pretty common to see members joining their children and other family members to recognize this Bicentennial/Centennial year. This can be a fairly easy and painless process as I can help by only requiring that you submit the first page of the application. Here’s an example: If you have a son or daughter that you would like to add as a member, you would only need

to fill out the top page, enclose their birth certificate that confirms their generational information, and submit the application fee and first year’s dues (\$50.) Of course, if they are married, then we will need to have the spouse’s documentation and marriage record, but with those items in hand, I can easily fill out the rest of the application for you. (I do ask that you submit a note explaining their relationship to you as the member!)

If you would like to add your parent as a new member, then it gets even easier! I just need a top page filled out along with the application fee and first year’s dues (\$50.) Because their documentation is already on file, then we do not require that you submit their information again! (Please refer to your application.) It is the same thing for siblings since you have submitted their parents’ documentation along with your own initial application.

The interesting part of being a member that you might not be considering is that one hundred years from now, it will be our names that our descendants will find listed as members in this

group and how exciting for them to know that we felt so strongly about our own Indiana heritage that we took the time to locate documentation and submit it for approval. I think that way of the earlier founders of our group and I am sure that our descendants will be extremely happy to find the records that we have uncovered!

As we continue to migrate into the social media age, I have found that we have quite a community of FaceBook members that love to engage in Indiana history. If you would like to contribute or simply just read what others are saying, our group is a great place to learn and to share. You can find our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/312593771083/>. It is listed as Society of Indiana Pioneers and is a closed group so you will need to request to be added.



## Prominent Hoosiers Who Served as Leaders of The Society of Indiana Pioneers (Part 2)

Below are other prominent Hoosiers who have served on the Board of Governors (with years of service):

- Mary Quick Burnet (1936-38) – Author of the seminal Art and Artists of Indiana.
- Donald F. Carmony (1984-89) – Professor of history at Indiana University, editor of the Indiana Magazine of History, author of Indiana, 1816-1850: The Pioneer Era, and was made an Honorary Member of The Society of Indiana Pioneers in 2001. He was known to many as “Mr. Indiana History.”
- Ralph D. Gray (2008-11) – Author and Indiana historian. His books include Alloys and Automobiles: The Life of Elwood Haynes, Meredith Nicholson: A

Writing Life, Gentlemen from Indiana: National Party Candidates, 1836-1940, Public Ports for Indiana: A History of the Indiana Port Commission, The Hoosier State: Readings in Indiana History, and IUPUI: The Making of an Urban University.

- Byron P. Hollett (1962-64) – Indianapolis attorney and personal attorney for Eli Lilly. His ancestor Jeremiah Sullivan of Madison provided the name for the city of Indianapolis.

- Alexander R. Holliday (1925-26) – Son of John H. and Evaline R. Holliday. He also served as vice president (1925-26).

- Floyd D. Hopper (1969-74) – Hoosier artist regarded as the

“dean of Indiana watercolorists,” who studied at the Herron School of Art and Design and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

- Eli Lilly (1936-46) – Grandson of Col. Eli Lilly, founder of Eli Lilly and Company, and son of Josiah K. Lilly, Sr. He was president of the company and then chairman of the board of directors.

- Josiah K. Lilly, Sr. (1927-29) – Only child of Col. Eli Lilly, founder of Eli Lilly and Company, and later president of the company.

*This is the second installment of 20 prominent Hoosiers who will appear over the next several newsletters.*



1816-2016

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**



**Saturday,  
November 5, 2016  
Meridian Hills  
Country Club**

## Annual Meeting 2015



New Board Members:  
Greg Hinshaw  
Martha Barnhart &  
Janet Barb



**William Rhodehamel** (center) presented the Society of Indiana Pioneers' **John H. Holliday Junior History Award** to the **Brownsburg High School History Club** – **Thomas Reinhart**, President (left) **Matt Walsh**, Social Studies Department Chair (right)



Young Voices of Indianapolis conducted by Marian Pardue-Bender

More than 100 members and guests of The Society of Indiana Pioneers met on Saturday, November 7, at Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis for the 2015 Annual Meeting.

The membership elected the following members to the Board of Governors:

For a one-year term ending in 2016:

Janet Lempke Barb  
Indianapolis

For three-year terms ending in 2018:

Ann Boggs Bader  
Oxford, OH  
Martha Gee Barnhart  
Churubusco

J. David Cook\*  
Indianapolis

Gregory P. Hinshaw  
Farmland

A. Andrew Olson III\*  
Glenview, IL

J. Nelson Price\*  
Indianapolis

William A. Rhodehamel\*  
Brownsburg

\*Nominated to serve a second full term.

The Board elected the following as officers of the Society for one-year terms:

President

Dr. James P. Fadely

Vice President/President-elect

Dr. Charles F. Bragg

Secretary

Robert H. Everitt

Treasurer

Bruce W. Oakley

Registrar

Marcia Ahrens Krieg

Yearbook Editor

Joan Rothrock Everitt

President Fadely recognized retiring Board member Jinsie Bingham for her six years of service and Board member Dan McCain for his three years of service.

The President noted that membership in the Society stands at 984 with a goal of surpassing 1,000 members during the centennial year 2016. He delivered a summary report of the many activities of the Board in 2015 and activities leading up to Society's centennial and Indiana's bicentennial in 2016:

Deep Forest. Copies of the historical novel by former Society President, the late Emsley Johnson, Sr., are selling briskly. The only piece of fiction endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission to date, it makes a wonderful gift for persons interested in early Indiana history.

Centennial/Bicentennial Gala.

To mark the Society's centennial and the bicentennial of Indiana statehood, a gala event is planned for Monday, June 27, at Conner Prairie History Park. A highlight will be to honor descendants of the signers of Indiana's 1816 Constitution. The committee is working with Friends of the Indiana Archives in planning the event.

Education Initiatives. No applications for the Society's grants for graduate students studying Indiana history were received. The amount set aside will be rolled over for future years.

Jr. History Award. Representatives of the Brownsburg High School History Club were guests of the Society for lunch to receive the check as winners of the 2015 Society of Indiana Pioneers John H. Holliday Award.

John Hampden Holliday Prize.

The 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. Board member Julie Newhouse is chairing this effort, a project that has also received endorsement from the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

Marketing/Publicity.

Board member Martha Sue Batt has been quite busy with a new brochure, press releases, radio public service an-

nouncements and ads in publications of the DAR and SAR to promote the Society.

Pioneer Founders. The 2014 publication of contributions to the Pioneer Founders collection was distributed at the Annual Meeting. The Board has approved publication in 2016 of the compilation of all submissions, another project endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

Pilgrimages. The 2016 pilgrimages will focus on marking the centennial of the Society and bicentennial of Indiana statehood.

Awards Chair William Rhodehamel introduced Matt Walsh, chair of the Social Studies Department at Brownsburg High School, and Thomas Reinhart, President of the BHS History Club. The Brownsburg club was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Society of Indiana Pioneers John H. Holliday Award, presented annually to a class or club that submits a nomination describing participation in a project, program or activity related to early Indiana history in the current school year. A check for \$300 was presented to Mr. Walsh and Thomas. Congratulations to the BHS History Club and its sponsor Dawn Crone.

Elizabeth Cruft Holliday, mother of Board member Evie Rhodehamel, led the first roll call at a meeting of Society members in the Riley Room of Indianapolis' Claypool Hotel in December, 1916. This year, William Rhodehamel, grandson of Elizabeth Holliday (Hitz) and great-grandson of John H. Holliday, led the Roll Call!

Forty-five young singers from Young Voices of Indianapolis conducted by Marian Pardue-Bender performed a very well-conceived "Hoosier Bicentennial Medley". The presentation included a number of musical selections and a recitation of a James Whitcomb Riley poem interspersed with some notes of historical interest which were well-researched and delivered by the young performers. The audience expressed its appreciation with a standing ovation at the program's conclusion.

## Welcome New Members:

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined from 1 Sep 2015 through 25 Feb 2016.

### Associate Members:

Clements, Jillian Hofman  
Indianapolis, IN  
Finney, Margo H.  
Carmel, IN  
Kennedy, Grace E.  
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Lehman, Randall P.  
Geneva, IN  
Mohler, Patricia Davis  
Fishers, IN

### Regular Members:

Anderson, Sandra Richardson  
Huntington, IN  
Behrs, Kenneth Earl  
Fort Wayne, IN  
Biddle, James J.  
Markleville, IN  
Bolles, Peggy Biddle  
Pendleton, IN  
Bragg, Ed.S. Karen Kriegbaum  
Fishers, IN  
Brown, Rachel Clark  
Springfield, IL  
Bruhn, Jane Kinsey  
Indianapolis, IN  
Collier, James Dean  
Zionsville, IN  
Davies, Linda Colberg  
Leesburg, FL  
Dunwoodie, Ronald Teats  
Inverness, FL  
Elliott, John Richard  
Carmel, IN  
Fouts, Kurtis Glenn  
Delphi, IN  
Giffin, Dawn Arbuckle  
Noblesville, IN  
Grachis, Sharon Rooks  
Jacksonville, FL

Guy, D.D.S. Steven Charles  
Watertown, NY  
Hammock, Melanie Myers  
Indianapolis, IN  
Hansen, Carol Davis  
Carmel, IN  
Hart, Susan Sprunger  
Huntington, IN  
Hensley, Harve  
Lafayette, IN  
Herder, Sr. John Kyle  
Indianapolis, IN  
Hunt, Brenda Rushton  
Mooreville, IN  
Jaquess, James Fletcher  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL  
Jones, Carol Miller-Harrison  
Rushville, IN  
Lempke, Steven Ruben  
Boiling Springs, PA  
Lerch, Kathryn Wilsey  
Indianapolis, IN  
Lewis, Jr. Lloyd Stanley  
Canton, GA  
Mansbach, Jacqueline Carol  
Ridgewood, NJ  
Martin, Judith True  
Knightstown, IN  
Massey, Jan Logan  
Spotsylvania, VA  
McCammack, Marshall Dean  
Delphi, IN  
McDonald, Angela Lynn  
Vallejo, CA  
McKnight, Marilyn Gerbens  
Flora, IN  
Metzmeier, Angela Tanner  
Floyds Knobs, IN  
Metzmeier, Bryan William  
Floyds Knobs, IN  
Michael, Barry Daniel  
Frankfort, IN  
Mosby, Sr. John Albert  
Mt. Vernon, IN  
Palma, Carolyn Kuster  
Brownsburg, IN  
Parkison, Ph.D. Kathy  
Rensselaer, IN

Reasoner, Glenn David  
Burbank, CA  
Richwine, Margaret Wright  
Fountaintown, IN  
Roaks, Linda Lambert  
Madison, IN  
Robb, Alan Ray  
Danville, IN  
Shields, Charles Louis  
Crown Point, IN  
Sievers, Theresa Kocher  
Vincennes, IN  
Small, Cynthia Moffit  
Carmel, IN  
Smith, MD Greg Nelson  
Jeffersonville, IN  
Smith, DVM Laura Ann  
Indianapolis, IN  
Smith, Sheryl Robertson  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
Smither, Robert Dale  
Maitland, FL  
True, Jerry Arnold  
Greenfield, IN  
Tyner, Ellen Castle  
Indianapolis, IN  
Vaughan, Andrew Grist  
Downers Grove, IL  
Vaughan, Julia Grist  
Kensington, London, England  
Weaver, Lana Davis  
Winston Salem, NC  
Weaver, Mary Lou  
Castle Rock, CO  
Weddle, Bonnie Ann  
Shelbyville, IN  
Winkler, Janice Cox  
Westfield, IN  
Yeley, David Robert  
Columbus, IN

### Junior Members:

Bragg, Braxton Timothy  
Noblesville, IN  
Everitt, Lincoln David  
Indianapolis, IN  
Small, Christian Scott

## John Hampden Holliday Prize

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The prize will be awarded at the Centennial Gala at Conner Prairie on Monday, 27 June 2016. Nominations must have been submitted on or before March 1, 2016.

Seven nominations are being adjudicated now by the JHH Prize committee. The nominees are:

- *Dr. David Sackett, M.D.* by Rachel Stella
- *Indiana Bicentennial* by Bob Ostrander

- *Winona at 100 Third Wave Rising* by Terry White
- *Our Hoosier Heritage and Its Foundation 1680-1820* by Ronald Bell
- *Hoosiers: A New History of Indiana* by James Madison
- *Hoosiers and the American Story* by James Madison and Lee Ann Sandweiss.
- *There is No History in Switzerland County* by Helen Parks, illustrated by Donna Cole.

The  
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66  
new  
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*John  
Hampden  
Holliday  
Prize*  
  
*\$5,000  
Grand Prize*  
  
*7 Nominees*

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*Hometown and year of term expiration follows each name.*

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**Helen M. Dickinson**, *Indianapolis 2016*

**Jan Aikman Dickson**, *Indianapolis 2017*

**Terri L. Gorney**, *Fort Wayne 2016*

**Roberta R. Graham**, *Brownsburg 2017*

**Gregory P. Hinshaw**, *Farmland 2018*

**Edward L. Hultgren, Jr.**, *Carmel 2016*

**Hon. Eric Koch**, *Bedford 2017*

**Andrea D. Neal**, *Indianapolis 2016*

**Julie H. Newhouse**, *Rushville 2016*

**A. Andrew Olson, III**, *Marco Island, FL 2018*

**J. Nelson Price**, *Indianapolis 2018*

**Dr. George F. Rapp**, *Indianapolis 2017*

**Robert D. Rati**, *Carmel 2017*

**Evaline H. Rhodehamel**, *Indianapolis 2016*

**William A. Rhodehamel**, *Brownsburg 2018*

**Karen S. Ward**, *Monticello 2017*

## Recognition of Newsletter Contributors

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