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Pioneer Times

Ancestors:
9,053
Total Members:
1,024
This includes:
Life Members: 186
Junior Members: 17
Associate Members: 29

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President's Message: Chuck Bragg

It has been my sincere privilege to represent the members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers in variety of different venues. When speaking to groups at libraries or genealogical society meetings, it is always invigorating to see the interest that is shown by the attendees to the fact that they may have an Indiana pioneer. It is a pleasure to be able to give them the information needed to explore the possibilities of completing the research in order to join our historical society.

I continue to express sincere appreciation to our dedicated Board of Governors and officers who have so willingly given of their time and expertise to expand the completion of projects and goals. The January and June Board of Governor's meetings were well attended with

some members having to travel hundreds of miles. The scanning project continues to proceed forward and the various issues needing thoughtful discussion are being carefully considered.

The two publications sponsored by the Society, *Deep Forest* and *Pioneer Founders of Indiana* continue to be purchased. I would encourage each member to contact their local libraries to ensure that each has a copy. What a treasure of Indiana history these publications contain that needs to be shared.

I wish to express a special thanks to Nelson Price, an SIP Board member and Sue Thomson, of Thomson Travels for their excellent work in making our SIP Pilgrimages so meaningful and successful. Those able to join the Fall Pilgrimage will be heading to Michigan

City/Crown Point historic sites. Amongst other highlights, the trip includes the opportunity to visit the showplace homes from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Members not able to be on the pilgrimage will be able to get some highlights at the Society's November meeting. Our 2018 Spring and Fall tours promise to be historically interesting and enjoyable. Plans are being made for 2019 and instead of two trips, may offer only one pilgrimage of three days to Cumberland Gap. More details on each will follow.

It is with pride in the purposes and missions of our organization that I and the membership committee encourage each member to reach out to at least one other person and let them know about The Society of Indiana Pioneers and help them search for their Indiana pioneer ancestor.

Genealogist—Michele Kerr

As the excitement over the State's Bicentennial and our own Centennial celebration quiets down, I have had a chance to really take in what took place over the past two years. I can safely say that it was a non-stop continual influx of not only new members, but also members revisiting their own lines to add additional ancestors as well. And you would think that after 100 years we would be at the point that there wouldn't be as many new ancestors added, but they still continue to come in right along with their new descendant members!

We have a grand-total of 9,052 ancestors that have been added over the past 100+ years. I think that is quite incredible and I have always found it amazing when we

consistently receive those new ancestors, but I guess that I really shouldn't since the population of Indiana in 1840 was 685,866. So, we certainly have room for growth and that bodes well for a continuation of excitement as descendants of those pioneer ancestors find their way to our group.

Since we are talking about numbers, I have to say that our FaceBook group continues to grow and members continue to share their excitement as well. Since the only requirement to join this group is that the person has an Indiana ancestor or love of Indiana history, we have some members that are not actual members of our Society but we have had a number that have joined in the past couple of years which is exciting. I think that their insights continue to

encourage others to take that step towards paying tribute to their own ancestors.

When asked why someone should join, I have to say that it is always a personal thing. Some members joined as a tribute to their parents or grandparents who were members. Some members joined to place their ancestor's name onto our growing list of pioneer ancestor. Some members joined in order to have a place to archive their work they have done on their Indiana pioneer ancestors. Some members have joined as family units such as parents, children and grandchildren or those that have joined as siblings or cousins. Some have joined as a source of pride – pride in their ancestors and pride in their home State.

There really is no right or wrong reason. What was yours? I'd love to hear...

ANNUAL MEETING

*Saturday,
November 4, 2017
Meridian Hills
Country Club*

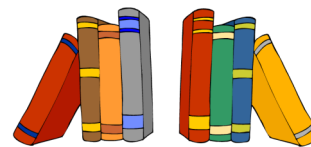


Support Indiana History by Donating SIP Books to Libraries

Many counties and small towns throughout Indiana have a library with little budget for new books. The funds they have may go for current best-sellers, not for books of history. Consider making a donation of either *Deep Forest* or *Pioneer Founders of Indiana* or both to a library near you. Librarians will appreciate the contribution of new books of local interest, and the books will then be availa-

ble for years for library patrons in your county. You can order both books from the Society office. *Deep Forest* is \$25.00, and the *Founders* books are \$25 softback and \$35 hardback. Add \$5.00 postage for each address, if you wish the Office Manager to send the book directly to the library or to you, so you can present it

personally to the library. You will be making a significant contribution to having Indiana history resources available to people in your area.



Annual Meeting to be Held on Saturday, November 4

The Annual Meeting of The Society of Indiana Pioneers will be held on Saturday, November 4. The meeting and luncheon will be held at Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis. Members

will hear reports of the year's activities and elect seven persons to serve as Governors on the Governing Board for three-year terms expiring in 2020.

A formal meeting notice and reservation forms will be mailed to all members in late September. Plan to attend this important gathering.

2017 Spring & Fall Hoosier Heritage Pilgrimages



Spring Pilgrimage
OHIO RIVER CRUISE, HISTORIC MANSIONS & MORE
Saturday, June 10, 2017



Fall Pilgrimage
HOOSIER HERITAGE FALL PILGRIMAGE 2017
Showplace Homes on the Dunes
Friday & Saturday, October 13-14, 2017

Fun Pilgrimages!

SPRING PILGRIMAGE:

The Spring Pilgrimage was another sold-out event.

A maximum-capacity of 55 Pioneers traveled on the motor coach from Indianapolis to southern Indiana, with some joining the group at the first destination in Jeffersonville. In addition, about eight other Pioneers met the group at the steamboat just to enjoy the cruise and luncheon aboard the Belle of Louisville.

See more about this trip and photos on the Society's website.

FALL PILGRIMAGE:

Lafayette, Beverly Shores, La Porte, Michigan City and Crown Point, Indiana are some of the places to be visited.

A rare opportunity to tour showplace homes from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair – that were brought by barge across Lake Michigan to the resort town of Beverly Shores on the Indiana Dunes – will be among highlights. Overnight at the Hampton Inn, La Porte

Price

Double occupancy:
\$399.00 per person
Single occupancy:
\$457.00

Special Option for the Fall Pilgrimage:

If you live in northwestern Indiana and have visited the travel sites, join SIP travelers for dinner! Only 8 spaces available at Heston Supper Club in La Porte for Friday evening cocktails and dinner. [\$34—reservations required]

For more information and to get a reservation form, contact Sue Thomson:

Thomson Travel
5764 E. Fall Creek Pkwy, N.
Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46226

Welcome New Members:

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined from 15 Sep 2016 through 20 Jul 2017.

Associate Members:

Beesley, Sue Ann
Fishers, IN
Child, Rev. Barbara
Nashville, IN
Tempero, Richard Marius
Indianapolis, IN

Regular Members:

Alexander, Kenneth Ross
Evanston, IL
Baker, Myra Garrett
Fishers, IN
Baker, Nancy Brown
Shoals, IN
Bandy, Rebecca Catellier
Safety Harbor, FL
Baumberger, Cheryl Sinnett
Evansville, IN
Bayne, James Manuel
Culpeper, VA
Boswell, Cathy Moore
Roselawn, IN
Brandenburg, William Philip
Orlando, FL
Brogan, John Thomas
Greenwood, IN
Clements, Randall Scott
Houston, TX
Corliss-Bland, Susan
Harrells, NC
Curry, Thomas Ross
Fishers, IN
Dale, Marlene Greer
Chesterfield, MO
DiBerardino, Catherine Haynes
Orlando, FL
Emminger, Karen Elizabeth
Indianapolis, IN
Emminger, Rachel Marie
New Palestine, IN
Emminger, Sarah Ann
New Palestine, IN
Frederick, Mary Elizabeth
San Francisco, CA

Gross, Marcia Hawbaker
Fishers, IN
Hiatt, Jennifer Elaine
Southport, IN
Hiatt, Patricia Heylmann
Greenwood, IN
Hochstetler, Sharon McKinley
Franklin, NC
Hoffman, Wanda Hickey
Lebanon, IN
Holmes, Richard Wellington
Bonita Springs, FL
Kinker, Kandace Libka
Carmel, IN
Konopka, Glenda Bunyard
Greenwood, IN
Koverman, Nancy Weber
Brunswick, OH
Kronenberg, Tammy McKinley
Mesa, AZ
Kudla, Pamela Jane
Mooresville, IN
LaVorgna, Sarah Louise
Indianapolis, IN
Lee, Barbara Ann
Indianapolis, IN
Lorch, Amy Needler
Warsaw, IN
Lysandrou, Ph.D., Carolyn
Shields
Bloomington, IN
Marsh, David Allen
Noblesville, IN
Maxwell, Howard Hebbard
Indianapolis, IN
McDowell, Vannetta Ghormley
Evansville, IN
McGaughey, Lawrence Scott
Vincennes, IN
McGuff, Debra Stroup
The Villages, FL
Meyers, Jolene Brown
Newburgh, IN
Morton, Christa Hoffman
Lebanon, IN
Murray, Susan Smith
Rensselaer, IN
Nagy, M.D., Kimberly Ormsby
Downers Grove, IL

Needler, Imogene Clements
Hartford City, IN
Nolan, Jr., Charles Edward
Redford, MI
Null, Rebecca Brothers
Greencastle, IN
Papy, Anne Ellison
Wiesbaden, Germany
Pogue, Stephen Jeffrey
King of Prussia, PA
Potts, April Simpson
Francesville, IN
Radley, Elizabeth
Brooklyn, NY
Roll, Lydia Shanklin
Lexington, KY
Rybolt, Nancy Wersel
Cincinnati, OH
Short, Charles Earl
Kokomo, IN
Smith, Ph.D., Jo Ellen Hinshaw
Morrice, MI
Smith, Marwin Anne
Gainesville, FL
Spears, Errol Clyde
Fishers, IN
Stites, Roger Glenn
La Habra, CA
Stroup, Richard Delphin
Lebanon, IN
Swift, Cheryl Dalton
Penn Yan, NY
Thompson, Don Arthur
Mesa, AZ
Vilchuck, Ann Lee
Batavia, IL
Waible, Margaret Sellers
Poseyville, IN
Wright, Gloria Smith
Portland, OR

Junior Members:

Clements, Baylie Mackinsey
Indianapolis, IN
Waldroup, Mason Daniel
Brownsburg, IN

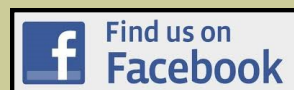
Fellowships Support Study of Early Indiana History

To support the object of our Society to honor the memory and work of our pioneer ancestors, the Board of Governors established the Society of Indiana Pioneers Fellowships to promote scholarly research in Indiana history of the pioneer period. All eleven Indiana colleges and universities that offer graduate degrees in history are contacted to solicit applications by worthy students for these awards.

Awards Committee Chair William Rhodehamel announced the 2017 winner of a \$2,000 Fellowship is Alexis Smith, a doctoral candidate at Indiana University Bloomington. Her dissertation topic is "Blurred Bondage: Native American and African American Slavery in the Ohio River Valley, 1600-1820." In her application for the award, Alexis writes that the fellowship would permit her to spend an

extended period of time at the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Library both of which house vast holdings of original documents including slave registers, letters and diaries, travel logs and treaties which will aid significantly in her research. Alexis has been invited to discuss her work as our guest at the annual meeting on November 4.

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