

THE SOCIETY
OF
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PIONEERS

TO HONOR THE MEMORY
AND THE WORK OF THE
PIONEERS OF INDIANA

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UPCOMING
EVENTS:

Wednesday, September 10
Fall Pilgrimage;
"Food Heritage & Historic Man-
sions"

Saturday, October 25
ISL Indiana Genealogy & Local
History Fair

Saturday, November 1
Annual Meeting



Pioneer Times

Ancestors:
8,599

Total Members:
932

This includes:
Life Members: 190
Junior Members: 21
Associate Members: 25

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President's Message: Michael Miller

It has been said that with great power comes great responsibility; I agree. Many of us have heard this or understood the connection with this as it relates to business or governmental leaders. I suggest it also applies to the pursuit of genealogical work and the association of history to an individual or family group. The "power" to which I refer is the power of knowledge and the access to that knowledge.

When I started up my path of genealogical research on my family lines it required me to go to the places I had had been told each of the families had last resided. This meant going to a specific map location and visiting the local library, going to the courthouse to see the county clerk or recorder, going to the cemeteries through the town, township or county; in other words generally getting your hands dirty. This was a genealogist's world before the "internet." Personally, I still find this to be the most self-fulfilling form of sleuthing.

Today, as we know, the advent of the "internet" easily provides access to many of the resources a genealogist would previously have happily driven miles to dig for and discover are now readily available just by clicking through with a mouse. This is very beneficial to an individual unable to travel around the country to do such research because they do not have the means or the physical strength to undertake such travel. Today, equipped with a web address or an email

address instead of a street address a genealogist has the power of great knowledge and resources at her/his fingertips. The tools, resources and programs available today are absolutely amazing. I must say many individuals are doing a great job of sharing some of their assembled research findings in very collaborative ways. Some family surname groups have built entire websites just for folks who share the same last name (and variants thereof). As an example of such a website I have found The Strong Family Association of America, Inc., which is rich with historical information and focusses on promoting recognition of Strong Family heritage - I'll admit a bit of bias here as I have two connections to this family, only through marriage but both in early Indiana (pre-1850); one in Wayne Township, Marion County and the other in Delaware Township, Delaware County and they were brothers. This website offers the visitor a multitude of offerings to gather more information about the Strong family; however, the most powerful dimension of the entire site is the information for the annual Strong family reunion.

In my research I have not, as yet, found other websites that seek to reconnect the widely distributed branches of surname families by planning and hosting a large reunion for its online viewership. I am sure there must be more; I hope! With such great power to communicate and share, surely

more family surname sites must be doing this. It is wonderful that we have such power to research our families looking backward. Over two hundred years many brothers (and sisters) from the same parents have scattered with familiar connections completely severing over the years. I fear that with such great power and the ease of its use and access to it that some if not most of us will become complacent and not take the responsibility to reach out to find the living branches of their families. The willingness to risk reaching out to the living descendants of the branches formed by the separated brothers & sisters from way back when takes courage and effort. Lineage societies such as the Society of Indiana Pioneers can help many along these lines. However, I am afraid that the next few generations and those thereafter might lack that courage to take the risk and assume the responsibility with this new found power. I hope I am wrong!

Actually getting up out of their chair and sitting down face-to-face to discover their long-lost, newly found, living relative is the best. The next generations have been given the power, now let us hope they recognize and assume the responsibility. That might mean additional commitment and work on their part! Understand the past is a key to the future. I can say I didn't get into genealogy just to learn my specific history buried in the past. I believe, for me, the real enjoyment of genealogy is to be found in seeking out those still living and breathing branches of the tree.

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 contributions 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 a Centennial-Bicentennial Banquet in December of 2016, along with appropriate trophies. 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.

Welcome New Members:

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since March 31, 2014:

Regular:

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Indianapolis, IN

Ceo, Nicola Strain
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Lexington, KY
Hoffman, Clay Thomas
San Diego, CA

Associate:

Jones, Mary Berna
Scottsburg, IN

Volunteer Opportunities:

The Society is looking for volunteers to help staff its table at a conference coming up later this year.

The Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair is Saturday, October 25, Indiana State Library. The times are from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Any amount of time would be

greatly appreciated.

Please contact the office to sign up for fun and camaraderie with fellow members!.

2014 Fall Pilgrimage:

Food Heritage & Historic Mansions Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Price: \$136 per person

(Includes transportation, continental breakfast, luncheon, light dinner, admissions, gratuities, and donations to participating sites.)

Our glorious food heritage in Indiana will be showcased on the Fall Pilgrimage, which will have a "farm-to-table" theme and include visits to historic homes, with presentations about aspects of our Hoosier culinary history. Highlights will include a tour of Wick's Pies in Winchester, the largest maker in the country of Indiana's official "state pie": sugar cream pie. We will watch the process from making dough and forming the shell to filling and baking a pie at the multi-generational, family-owned business. Wick's also makes pecan, pumpkin, peanut butter cream and other pies. We also will visit Abbott's Candy in Hagerstown, which was founded in 1890 and owned by descendants of the same family until re-

cently. Abbott's is renowned for caramels and other candies. At the historic Huddleston Farmhouse, which was built by a Quaker family in 1841 on the Old National Road, we will tour historic, heirloom and community gardens as well as enjoy a tasting of various herbs. Joe Frost of Indiana Landmarks, the popular speaker at our 2013 annual luncheon, will make a presentation about the evolution of canning in Indiana homes. (Think of Mason Jars and the Ball Brothers.) Our day also will include visits to two stunning mansions – both on the National Register of Historic

Places – that are intertwined with history in far-eastern Indiana. They are the Garr Mansion, which was built in 1876 and includes a farm machinery museum, and a mansion that was the lavish home of the Gennett family, owners of the renowned Starr Piano Company.

For more information, go to the Society's website:
www.indianapioneers.com

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John Hampden Holliday Prize



\$5,000

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