

*The Society of Indiana Pioneers
Hoosier Heritage Fall Pilgrimage*

**EXPLORE the RICH DIVERSITY
of WAYNE and HENRY COUNTIES**

**Basketball, Underground Railroad, Model T Cars, Historic Church,
Quaker History, and a Congressman's Historic House**

Saturday September 12, 2020

Price: \$165

(Includes transportation, luncheon, heavy appetizers reception, admissions, gratuities & donations to sites and driver)

**Deadline: June 12, 2020 for Pioneers/guests
(After that, also opens to the public.)**

Guests are welcome; number may be limited. Minimum: 25 travelers; Maximum: 50

- Enjoy commentary from Nelson Price on the motor coach on the drive east.
- In New Castle, tour the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, a museum with interactive exhibits about the evolution of the high school sport from its debut in the state during the 1890s to recent seasons. The Hall of Fame has memorabilia, photos and artifacts associated with such icons as Larry Bird, Oscar Robertson and John Wooden.
- Tour perhaps the most significant site in the state's Underground Railroad history: the Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site in Fountain City. As civic leaders before the Civil War, the Coffins helped hundreds of escaped slaves. In 2016, an interpretative center opened, and the Smithsonian named it as one of the twelve museums around the world to visit. It also has been featured on the History Channel. Ron Morris will provide commentary for our eastern Indiana sites.
- Enjoy a luncheon at the Old Richmond Inn. It will include a presentation about the music history in Richmond during the 1920s and '30s by Gennett Records. Jazz greats including Hoagy Carmichael and Jelly Roll Morton recorded at Gennett's studio, a division of the Starr Piano Factory, one of the largest employers in Richmond during the era.

Reserve early! Before it is open to the public!

To make a reservation, mail the tear-off form (completely filled out) along with check payable to:
Thomson Travel, 5764 East Fall Creek Parkway, N. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226. thomsontravel@gmail.com
For answers to questions, contact Sue Thomson at 317-908-9602

To make a reservation for "The Rich Diversity of Wayne and Henry Counties" trip:

Name(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Cell (required if you have one) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

PICKUP LOCATION (circle one): **INDIANAPOLIS** **NEW CASTLE**

Checks only! # of reservations: _____ @ \$165 = \$ _____

ITINERARY CONTINUED

- Tour the Model T. Museum in Richmond to explore the pioneering “car for the common man”. Located in the city’s historic depot district, the museum has a collection of early automobiles, including one of the first during the Model T era (1909-1927).
- Visit Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, which was built in 1906 and has a stunning array of dozens of Tiffany windows. The Gothic-style church has been closed and its fate is uncertain. Our visit to the church, which is on the “10 Most Endangered Sites” list of Indiana Landmarks, may include a concert on its historic organ (subject to availability).
- On the motorcoach, drive by the site of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church founded before the Civil War by Bishop William Paul Quinn, a traveling missionary active in the Underground Railroad.
- At Earlham College, enjoy an opportunity to see the Quaker Archives with its collection of rare materials documenting Quaker national and world presence. Enjoy a presentation from eminent historian Tom Hamm before a visit to Stout Meeting House where unprogrammed worship continues.
- Visit the beautifully restored 1830s home of influential U.S. Congressman James Rariden (1796-1856), a Whig Indiana state senator and Indiana representative. Our visit will include a reception with heavy appetizers, wine, beer and cider. Pioneers board member Ronald V. Morris, who owns and restored the home on the Old National Road, will share insights about Rariden and notable politicians who visited the house, including Henry Clay.

DEPART: INDIANAPOLIS: 8 a.m. promptly from Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Please arrive 15 minutes early for prompt departure. Park at lower level of parking lot, north of church.

NEW CASTLE: Arrive by 8:45 am at the parking lot at Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, 408 Trojan Lane, New Castle, IN

RETURN: NEW CASTLE at 7:30 p.m. (approx.) to Basketball Hall of Fame parking lot.

INDIANAPOLIS at 8:40 p.m. (approx.) to Second Presbyterian Church.

Cancellation policy:

A \$10 cancellation fee applies for any cancellation. After Aug. 1, 2020 no refund unless we have someone on the wait list to take your place. If there isn't a wait list, you are welcome to find a replacement to fill your spot.

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