



Pioneer Times

Ancestors:
8,745

Total Members:
970

These include:
Life members: 188
Junior Members: 16
Associate Members: 24

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President's Message:

James P. Fadely

Anticipation builds as we approach the year 2016 and the celebration of our Society of Indiana Pioneers centennial and the bicentennial of the State of Indiana! Our mission "To honor the memory and the work of the pioneers of Indiana" remains as relevant and meaningful as ever. Plans continue to unfold for our SIP celebrations in 2016, but a brief summary follows:

1. We will plant and dedicate an American Elm at the first state capitol in Corydon during our spring Pilgrimage in May 2016. This is a tip of the hat to the famous Constitution Elm in Corydon under which the constitution of 1816 was written.

2. There will be a centennial/bicentennial gala in June 2016 at Conner Prairie, where we will celebrate our organization's one hundred years of history and honor the signers of the 1816 constitution and their descendants.

3. We will publish Deep Forest, an historical novel about life in pioneer Indiana, researched and written by Emsley W. Johnson, a past president of the Society (1940-46).

4. Finally, we will publish a non-fiction work, Pioneer Founders of Indiana, during 2016, with biographical sketches of everyday pioneers entered by people across Indiana and the nation.

As you can see, we have an exciting year of celebration ahead! Before that, however, please plan to attend our annual meeting at Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis on Saturday, November 7. Remember to bring family photos to be scanned and included in Joan Hostetler's Indiana Album, a bicentennial virtual historic photo project. Details are included in this mailing.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve as president of our century-old Society. Thank you for the opportunity!

James P. Fadely, Ph.D.
President

Special Program for 2015 Annual Meeting - Saturday, November 7th

Persons attending the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Indiana Pioneers will enjoy a sumptuous luncheon, hear and see highlights of the 2015 pilgrimages, elect members to the Board of Governors, hear plans for the Society's marking its centennial in 2016, and be treated to a performance by the award-winning vocal ensemble, Young Voices of Indianapolis. Founded in 2005, Young Voices is a non-profit community choral organization involving children and young people in grades K-12 in the greater Indianapolis area. The Concert Choir of Young Voices has toured extensively to such places as Chicago, Anaheim, New Orleans and London with appearances in New York City's Carnegie Hall and at the Heritage Music Festival in Dallas. Under the direction of Marian Pardue-Bender, the group will present A Hoosier Bicentennial Medley, a program prepared especially for the Society's annual meeting. Don't miss it. See reservation information in the meeting notice enclosed

Popular Silent Auction!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! A silent auction to benefit the Society of Indiana Pioneers is planned during the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

All members and their guests are invited to participate by donating AND purchasing!

Readers come with your cash! We have a tremendous variety of books.

We have been pleased and somewhat amazed with the variety of items offered for sale in prior years. Items to include are wine, jewelry, decorative items, event tickets and Indiana memorabilia. Let your imagination be your guide.

Bring your checkbook and/or cash and plan to participate. No credit cards, please.

THINK HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

Your donation is also a tax deduction.

For more information or to request pick up, please call:

Louise DeMore 317-938-5147 or
Marcia Krieg 317-698-5077



Welcome New Members:

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since July 31, 2015:

Regular:

Mrs. Martha Barnhart Churubusco IN	Mr. Timothy Lee Jones Rushville IN
Mrs. Mary White Blignaut West Lafayette IN	Mrs. Ruth Ellen Judson Surprise AZ
Lt. Col. Steven Watson Cooper Ludowici GA	Stephen Andrew Kappes Indianapolis, IN
Mrs. Sharon Rose Daniels Laporte IN	Rev. Catherine Louise Kotfila Cambridge NY
Mr. Richard Lee Davis Lafayette IN	Dr. Lloyd William Lempke Battle Ground IN
Mr. James Ray Davis Delphi IN	Mr. Tyler Easton Porter Bloomington IN
Mr. Timothy Edgar Jacobs Pendleton IN	Mrs. Barbara Lee Ward Plainfield IN

John Hampden Holliday Prize - \$5,000

In anticipated celebration of the upcoming bicentennial of the State of Indiana and the Society's centennial in 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 3 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. The prize is being offered by the Society of Indiana Pioneers whose mission is to honor the memory and achievements of those early settlers of the state of Indiana.



History Conference – Volunteers Needed

October presents an excellent opportunity for learning more about Indiana's history at the **Indiana State Library's annual Genealogy and Local History Fair on Saturday, October 25, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Admission is free and open to the general public. This year's theme is "Crime and Punishment in Indiana."

One of this year's speaker is Judy Russell. She is a former journalist and attorney and the author of the popular blog The Legal Genealogist. She writes about genealogy and the law, covering how historic laws affected our ancestors as well as how

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modern laws affect genealogists. She will be speaking about researching your “black sheep” ancestors and using court and prison records to find further information.

Also speaking is Kevin McQueen. He is the author of *Murder and Mayhem Indiana*, *Strange Tales of Crime and Murder in Southern Indiana*, and other books about Hoosier true crime stories. He will be speaking about the strange stories and crimes he has researched while writing his books.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Society staffs a booth at this event and if you would like to volunteer to work an hour or more, please let the Office Manager know.



SIP Auction Item Winner Shares Her Family Reunion Photo!

On May 2, 2014, the Society of Indiana Pioneers was invited to submit an item or service to auction for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association, a support group of the symphony. Not long after, a gala was hosted at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel where Mrs. Janet Lempke Barb won our submitted auction item which included 4 hours of research time and a membership if a qualifying ancestor was located. While almost all the Lempke family lines go to Europe quite soon, Mrs. Barb did have one line that was living in Indiana by 1840 – John Thomas Lingard, son of William Lingard.

Both pioneer father and son came to America from England before 1840 when they purchased land from a George Sparrow who had originally purchased the La Porte County land in 1835. This same land is mentioned in the will of William Lingard and later in the will of his son, John Thomas Lingard.

Since the initial membership was awarded to Mrs. Janet Lempke Barb, she has not only become a Life Member, but has also been instrumental in obtaining memberships for all of her living siblings – all in time for a recent reunion. Left to right: Sharon Lempke Daniels, Lloyd William Lempke, MD, Janet Lempke Barb, Jean Lempke Caddy, Irene Lempke Slaughter, and Ruth Lempke Judson.

We are so happy to welcome the entire family of siblings to our membership!



Genealogist Report – Michele Kerr

I can certainly tell that there is excitement brewing as we continue to receive new applications in record numbers. “Busy” is definitely the correct description as additional line applications keep coming in from current members as well as lots of new members and new ancestors.

If you have been putting off adding those ancestors that you know would qualify, this might be a great time to dust off your research and go ahead and add those lines in time for the 2016 Yearbook that will come out this next March. This will be a special Yearbook since it will represent 100 years since the society was formed in 1916.

Also, we are seeing a surge of new members joining as a result of current members spreading the word about the Society of Indiana Pioneers. Never underestimate how important word-of-mouth is when it comes to our group! Your excitement about your own Indiana pioneer heritage might just be contagious and with the upcoming gala in 2016, it would be wonderful to have everyone that qualifies joining us!

Once again, I encourage you to join our Facebook group,

which is really turning into a community where others are adding information, pictures and receiving help of each other pertaining to genealogy. You can find us by searching for The Society of Indiana Pioneers and requesting to join. I try to add links to information that I think would be helpful to the members either in Indiana history or genealogy research. This is a great place to stay up-to-date on what is happening within our group as well!

If you are really into research, I might suggest Twitter to you as well. You can look for me @MicheleKerr or @IndianaPioneers. If you check out the people I am following, you can get a good start on some very knowledgeable people in the field of genealogy.

As always, let me know if you have any questions about adding new lines. Remember, you don't have to submit documentation on any generation that you have already proven! (Save those trees where we can!)

Indiana Album Project Scan-a-Thon Old Photos Wanted!!!

Do you have interesting historic photographs tucked away in shoeboxes and albums? The Indiana Album Project is an exciting community digitization project that brings Indiana photographs from the attic to the web. Started in 2012, the grassroots group borrows, scans, catalogs, and shares historic photographs from throughout the state for Indiana's bicentennial in 2016.

Volunteers will be on hand during the Indiana Pioneers' annual meeting to register and scan your photographs, so bring your images along with identification (dates, places, addresses, names, stories) and your family documents will be scanned and ready for you to take home after the meeting. Your items will be handled carefully and returned along with information about how to preserve family photographs. Bring along images from all eras and locations throughout Indiana. The project seeks photographs, postcards, or illustrations (even interesting menus or matchbook covers) of houses, farms, businesses, schools, churches, bands, organizations, architecture, street scenes, transportation, or people at work or play (people doing things not just head shots). Studio portraits of people are only copied if they are extra interesting (unusual clothing, occupations, postmortems, well-known folks, or documenting everyday life) or if they are of Indiana pioneers. The project also seeks the earliest photographs made in Indiana, including daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, or tintypes. When in doubt, bring it along and Indiana Album staff will make the decision.

The scans and catalog information will be made available to students, historians, and the general public via Indiana Memory, an online database of the Indiana State Library. This project has been endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission and is partially funded by grants from Indiana Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Indiana State Library/Indiana Memory. If you would like to volunteer, share at another time, learn how to scan and submit your own items, or see some of the great items that others are submitting, like "Indiana Album" on Facebook or email Joan Hostetler, project director, at info@indianaalbum.com.

EXAMPLES:



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