

THE SOCIETY
OF
INDIANA
PIONEERS



Pioneer Times

Ancestors:
8,586
Total Members:
932
This includes:
Life Members: 194
Junior Members: 21
Associate Members: 24

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

Issue 10 - Spring 2014

ORGANIZED 1916
INCORPORATED 1922
Office: 140 North Senate Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2207
www.indianapioneers.com
societyofindianapioneers
@yahoo.com
317-233-6588

Inside this issue:

Pioneer Founders of Indiana	2
2014 Spring Pilgrimage	2
Members in the News	2
John Hampden Holliday Prize	3
Upcoming Events	3
Volunteer Opportunities	3
2014 Fall Pilgrimage	3
1816 Convention Delegates	4
Introducing New Board Members	4
Welcome New Members	5
Genealogist's Report	5

President's Message: Michael Miller

Genealogists are sometimes a bit like dogs. Now, none of you should take that personally! It is really meant as a compliment when you realize just how perceptive dogs can be when it comes to recognizing one of the many overlooked animals of the forest; the squirrel. Perhaps many of you have seen the film "Up" where one of the animated feature's stars is a dog named "Dug." Now I had seen the film on the big screen with my then five year old twin boys and enjoyed the childlike humor expressed in the film that captured their immediate attention.

One recent afternoon, while into my third or fourth day of genealogical research at home, I decided to take a break and found myself looking through the few DVD's we purchased for the boys over the past few years to weed out the one's that needed to be donated to the next generation of younger, little people. I found the "Up" video and decided to sit down by myself to watch it again with a more "adult" focus on the film. My favorite character was Dug the dog. Now here is the "leap" into our shared world of genealogy...

I have a good friendship with a newly discovered distant cousin. He and I are very active in the pursuit of our genealogical background. We

strive to understand as much the person(s) as we do their immediate surroundings and circumstances. We seek to learn as much as we can about the individual(s) first and then blend in the bigger picture of the history of the place(s) they have been surrounded by over their life.

This means our research efforts together start with one common purpose that we both have identified as the best place to start (our first squirrel). Invariably one of the two of us stumbles onto something else (our second squirrel) as we look for the first item we both agreed we would set out to prove. This new branch of thought begins another mental path of "oh, we need to get on to this too." So he and I agree that one of us will follow the first subject path we started with and the other will take the new idea (our second, first squirrel) and see where that idea leads. This same pattern then begins to happen to each of us independent of what the other is working on, constantly finding new elements (additional squirrels) we wish to explore on this ever widening path of discovery. Sometimes, both of us have then long forgotten the primary item (our first squirrel) we had set out to research in the first place (but not always).

So, without telling you too much about the movie (in case you haven't seen it), I think it is safe to say that many genealogists might be able to relate to Dug the Dog much like I did. In the movie, Dug would be engaged on a worldly pursuit with one of the other cast of characters and completely stop in his tracks; essentially freezing his current action to recognize something away from him that he felt much more relevant to his day/life at that moment; a squirrel. This happens throughout the film repeatedly. See any parallels? Ever experienced this?

I might only suggest what my cousin and I have found out to be a solution to our research "squirrels," we write down the original task we started with and then each subsequent squirrel moment we have (our diversions, our squirrels), so we don't lose track of things we know we want to come back to. We found in our early work together, we could not remember all of the squirrels we had seen and just where we had seen them... This form of brainstorming and allowing your perception to take you all over the map (so to speak) is often the most valuable discovery process a genealogist can have. Embrace your squirrels! So, as a suggestion, leave yourself a written trail through the woods to help you keep track of your squirrels. And, if you have time, take in a film.

DID YOU KNOW?

Step number 303 in the stairs leading to the top of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Indianapolis' Monument Circle is dedicated to the Society of Indiana Pioneers. It was made possible by a gift from a member of the Society in Washington, D.C.



Pioneer Founders of Indiana Project

The Society of Indiana Pioneers is delighted to offer the fifth and final year of the Pioneer Founders of Indiana program. The first four years have been highly successful as hundreds of descendants of Indiana pioneers have submitted stories relating to the trials and triumphs of our great early settlers.

This year, the last 18 counties are highlighted and listed below. Please submit your nomination from these counties by the deadline of September 15, 2014. Nomination forms are available

at the office and for downloading from the PIONEER FOUNDERS section of the website.

If you missed the year that represents your ancestor's county, we have good news for you. In addition to the 2014 counties, we are encouraging and accepting nominations, this year, from all 92 Indiana counties!

Hoosiers and out-of-state residents have shown and demonstrated, over the last

four years of the program, an outstanding interest in honoring their Indiana pioneers which runs concurrently with The Society of Indiana Pioneers motto "To Honor the Memory and Work of the Pioneers of Indiana"

2014 Counties:

Adams, Decatur, Grant, Fountain, Jay, Jasper, Jennings, LaGrange, Marion, Martin, Owen, Pulaski, Ripley, Spencer, Steuben, Vermillion, Wabash, and Warrick

2014 Spring Pilgrimage:

Benjamin Harrison and More: Special Insights into 19th Century Indy Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Price: \$126.00 per person

(Includes transportation, continental breakfast, luncheon, wine & cheese, admissions, gratuities and donations to participating sites.)

The Spring Pilgrimage will feature special opportunities at historic sites deeply associated with Benjamin Harrison as well as Indianapolis-area sites connected to the lives of other early political leaders of the Hoosier state. Harrison, the 23rd President of the United States and the only one elected from Indiana, was designated an Honorary Member of The Society of Indiana Pioneers in 2006. You

will see the Harrison Presidential Site as you've never seen it before.

We also will visit several sites in the historic Lockerbie neighborhood. In addition, the day will include a private tour of scenic Crown Hill Cemetery, the burial site of President Harrison, three U.S. vice presidents (more than any other cemetery in the country), and other distinguished Hoosiers. At Crown Hill, we will visit the Pioneer Cemetery, which includes

graves moved from several "lost" burial sites of early Indiana settlers.

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

Or contact:

Sue Thomson,
5764 East Fall Creek Parkway,
N. Drive,
Indianapolis, IN 46226
thomsontravel@gmail.com



Save the Date

Next

Annual Meeting

Saturday,

November 1, 2014

Members in the news:

Terri Gorney contributed to an article in *The News Sentinel* titled, "Fort Wayne woman discovers interesting stories while researching area's early conservationists" by Kevin Kilbane on Saturday, February 15, 2014. Go to [\[sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140215/NEWS/140219786/1005\]\(http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140215/NEWS/140219786/1005\) to check out the story.](http://www.news-</p>
</div>
<div data-bbox=)

Andrea Neal wrote an article titled "Constitution crafted under a sprawling tree" for *The Star Press* on March 6, 2014 commenting on Indiana's bicentennial in 2016. She quoted Society member, **Jo Ann**

Schoen, who is a descendant of Patrick Shields, a delegate to Indiana's 1816 constitutional convention.

Go to <http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20140307/OPINION/303070013/Indiana-bicentennial-Indiana-History-Indiana-Constitution-Andrea-Neal> to view her article.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, June 10

Saturday, June 14

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 1&2

Wednesday, September 10

Saturday, October 25

Saturday, November 1

“Harrison and More” Pilgrimage

Meeting of Board of Governors

Midwestern Roots Conference

“Food Heritage & Historic Mansions” Pilgrimage

ISL Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair

Annual Meeting

Volunteer Opportunities:

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

The Midwestern Roots Conference Friday & Saturday, Aug. 1&2, Indianapolis Marriott East.

The times are 8am to 8 pm on Friday and 8 am to 4 pm on Saturday. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

The Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair is Saturday, October 25, Indiana State Library. The

times are from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Again, 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 Genett family, owners of the renowned Starr Piano Company.

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

Or contact:

Sue Thomson,
5764 East Fall Creek Parkway,
N. Drive,
Indianapolis, IN 46226
thomsontravel@gmail.com

*John
Hampden
Holliday
Prize*



\$5,000



1816-2016

1816 Constitution Convention Delegates Searching for Descendants

The Society of Indiana Pioneers is looking for today's descendants of the delegates to the 1816 Constitutional Conventions. It looks to honor the delegates through their descendants as part of Indiana's Bicentennial in 2016. If you are or know of any descendants of the delegates listed below, please contact our office in Indianapolis. The Society will provide more information about our planning process in a forthcoming issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, spread the word to your local genealogy or historical society. What a great way to commemorate Indiana's 200th birthday!

1816 DELEGATES:

From the county of Clark:
Jonathan Jennings
James Scott
Thomas Carr
John K. Graham
James Lemon

From the county of Dearborn:
Ezra Ferris
James Dill
Solomon Manwaring

From the county of Franklin:
Robert Hanna
James Noble
James Brownlee
William H. Eads
Enoch McCarty

From the county of Gibson:
David Robb
James Smith
Alexander Devin
Frederick Rapp

From the county of Harrison:
Dennis Pennington
Davis Floyd
Daniel C. Lane
Patrick Shields

From the county of Jefferson:
David H. Maxwell
Nathaniel Hunt
Samuel Smock

From the county of Knox:
John Johnson
John Badollet
William Polke
John Bennefield

From the county of Perry:
Charles Poke

From the county of Posey:
Dan Lynn

From the county of Switzerland:
William Cotton

From the county of Warrick:
Daniel Grass

From the county of Washington:
John De Pauw
William Lowe
Samuel Millroy
Robert McIntire
William Graham

From the county of Wayne:
Joseph Holman,
Jeremiah Co
Patrick Baird
Hugh Cull

New Board Members: Andrea Neal and Julie Newhouse

At the Annual Meeting on November 1, seven persons were elected to serve three year terms expiring in 2016 on the Board of Governors. Elected to a second successive term were Jeffrey Baldwin, Helen Dickinson, Terri Gorney, Edward Hultgren and Evaline Rhodehamel. The following persons were elected to the Board for the first time:

Andrea Davis Neal, Indianapolis, teaches Language Arts to grades 6 and 7 and U.S. History to grade 8 at St. Richard's Episcopal School. Prior to becoming a teacher in 2003, she spent 22 years as a journalist working for the United Press International and the Indianapolis Star. She is Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site,

an active member of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Indiana and was recently appointed by Governor Mike Pence to the State Board of Education. Her pioneer ancestors were residents of Hendricks County and Henry County.

Julie Hughes Newhouse, Rushville, is a practicing attorney in her hometown with her husband Tracy J. Newhouse in the firm of Newhouse and Newhouse. Active in professional organizations, Julie has held leadership positions in the Indiana State Bar Association and the Indiana Bar Foundation. In her local community, she has served the Rush County Historical Society as past Treasurer, is a member of the Administrative Council of St. Paul's Methodist



Andrea Neal (left) and Julie Newhouse

Church and is currently the President of the East Hill Cemetery Company. Active in the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, she has held leadership positions both locally and at the district level. Her pioneer ancestors were residents of Clark County and Decatur County.

Welcome New Members:

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since September 11, 2013:

Associate:

Frost, Joseph W.
Cambridge City, IN
Sims, Howard
Brownsburg, IN

Junior:

Hill, Avery Michelle
Poplar Grove, IL
Hill, Kendall Lauren
Poplar Grove, IL

Regular

Anema, Brian T.
Mountain Home, AR
Bowman, Judith Stumpf
Carmel, IN

Bragg, Jeffrey Daniel, Ed.S.
Noblesville, IN

Bragg, John William
Indianapolis, IN

Bragg, Richard Curtis
Carmel, IN

Brasie, Rosemary Lafuze
Dearborn, MI

Brattain, George Albert
Terre Haute, IN

Gunthorpe, Lucy Ayres
Melbourne Beach, FL

Harrold, Jeannine Ann
Muncie, IN

Helton, Pat Mundy
Fremont, IN

Hunter, Gregory Bowman, Sr.
Winston Salem, NC

Jackson, Ruth Howerton
Santa Maria, CA

Koch, Hon. Eric Allan
Bedford, IN

Lange-McGill, Kenneth
Herman, III

Charlotte, NC
Miller, Elaine Williams

Fort Wayne, IN
Morris, Joyce Brons

St. James City, FL
Morton, Alice Louise

Indianapolis, IN
Mueller, Elaine Cowan

Oak Ridge, TN
Nelson, Lee Thomasson

Chino Valley, AZ
Richeson, Becky McConnell

Francisco, IN
Schwartzman, Kathleen Bakoss

Porter Ranch, CA
Strainer, Nita Hightshue

Lebanon, IN
Walden, Kanda McConnell

Princeton, IN

Genealogist's Report – Michele Kerr

What an exciting time this is for The Society of Indiana Pioneers. As we look forward to 2016 and the Centennial celebration of our group and the bi-centennial celebration of Indiana's statehood, interest in our group seems to be increasing. Just recently, I had an inquiry into membership solely because the prospective member wanted to be a part of this important time in Indiana's history.

More and more, I find that our current members are once again shaking their trees and deciding to add additional lines including spouses of approved ancestors and the ancestor's children who might also qualify within the cutoff date of 1840. If you are one of those taking a look at your own trees, please know that we can help to make the additional line process even easier than the initial application.

When you originally applied for membership, you presented documentation on your generations leading back to your pioneer ancestor. If you have additional lines, you need only provide documentation on the generations that are different from your original application. For example, you wouldn't have

to resubmit generation one's documentation (for yourself) because you have already done that in your initial application. To be helpful, please note that in the documentation area. I do ask that you go ahead and fill in the names, dates and places again in the additional line applications, but we do not need duplication of documentation (helps to save on paper as well!)

If your additional line applications are specifically for a spouse or child of an approved ancestor, it is actually just a matter of providing a new top sheet with the ancestor's particular information filled in and copies of pages 2-4 of the original application. If you have the original application stored on your computer or have a copy of it available, you can place them under the new top sheet and simply send them into the office with your \$15 additional line fee. If you don't have a copy of your original application, please let us know and we can help with that as well.

Our FaceBook community for The Society of Indiana Pioneers has grown since the last newsletter as well. It is growing in its wide variety of postings made by myself and the group's members. If you are on FaceBook and would like to join,

please search for The Society of Indiana Pioneers and request to join our group. We currently have 95 members and I find that it is a great place to specifically mention upcoming items that are time sensitive and possibly of value to the members.

A note of interest: I recently came across a 1917 application where the applicant, Louisa Chitwood, provided an original letter dated May 31, 1832. She was the granddaughter of John Cope and Rebecca Ann Rariden. The letter was written to her father, Aquilla Rariden and has the front portion of the envelope that included her father's name and address. In her note to the Society, she wanted to join as a way to honor her Indiana Pioneer ancestor. [I'm sure that the centennial celebration of Indiana's statehood in 1916 was one of the reasons that she felt compelled to join our group and submit such a wonderful document! As someone whose family didn't leave much in the way of historical memorabilia, this paper is extremely fascinating.]

Society Officers & Staff

President

Michael H. Miller, *Noblesville*

Vice President/President-Elect

James P. Fadely, *Indianapolis*

Secretary

Robert H. Everitt, *Indianapolis*

Treasurer

Bruce W. Oakley, *Indianapolis*

Registrar

Marcia A. Krieg, *Indianapolis*

Yearbook Editor

Joan R. Everitt, *Indianapolis*

Immediate Past Co-Presidents

Carolyn Rose, *Lafayette*

Stanley Evans, *Lafayette*

Genealogist

Michele Kerr, *Carmel*

Office Manager

Sally Fadely, *Indianapolis*

THE SOCIETY OF INDIANA PIONEERS



Office: 140 North Senate Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2207

www.indianapioneers.com
societyofindianapioneers@yahoo.com

317-233-6588

Newsletter Editor: Sally Fadely

Board of Governors

Hometown and year of term expiration follows each name.

Jeffrey K. Baldwin, *Danville 2016*

Martha Sue Batt, *Indianapolis 2014*

Jinsie Scott Bingham, *Greencastle 2015*

Charles F. Bragg, *Fishers 2015*

Maxine Fosta Brown, *Corydon 2014*

J. David Cook, *Indianapolis 2015*

Helen M. Dickinson, *Indianapolis 2016*

Jan Aikman Dickson, *Indianapolis 2014*

Robert W. Dora, *Noblesville 2014*

Terri L. Gorney, *Fort Wayne 2016*

Roberta R. Graham, *Brownsburg 2014*

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

T. Daniel McCain, *Delphi 2015*

Andrea D. Neal, *Indianapolis 2016*

Julie H. Newhouse, *Evansville, 2016*

A. Andrew Olson, III, *Marco Island, FL 2015*

J. Nelson Price, *Indianapolis 2015*

Robert D. Rati, *Carmel 2014*

Evaline H. Rhodehamel, *Indianapolis 2016*

William A. Rhodehamel, *Brownsburg 2015*

Karen S. Ward, *Monticello 2014*

Recognition of Newsletter Contributors

President's Message _____	Michael Miller
2014 Pilgrimages _____	Nelson Price
New Members _____	Joan Everitt
1816 State Convention Delegates _____	Andy Olson
John Hampden Holliday Prize _____	Jeffrey Baldwin
Pioneer Founders _____	Carolyn Rose/Stanley Evans