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# Pioneer Times

Ancestors:  
8,476  
Total Members:  
920  
Regular Members:  
872  
(186 of these are life members)

Junior Members:  
21  
Associate Members:  
27

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## New Society DVD Debuts on Website and in Libraries

Go to indianapioneers.com, to see the new video about the Society of Indiana Pioneers, its projects, and its benefits for members. You can also view five shorter video segments online by clicking on the VIDEOS tab on the home page. These are on Membership and Genealogy, Pilgrimages, The Holliday Prize, The Founders Project, and Education and Fellowships.

Copies of the full DVD have been donated to the Indiana

State Library, Indiana Historical Society, Allen County Public Library Genealogy Section, The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and the Library of Congress. The videos are also on YouTube and Vimeo where you can download them free of charge. Some Society members put links on their personal Facebook page, so their contacts can view the video. The Society's new QR code is being added to all Society brochures, so that the code

can take you directly to the website to see the video.

The DVD is available free for prospective members, genealogy societies and conferences, school history clubs, and others. Thanks go to Mark Smith, who is distributing the DVD to Carroll County schools, libraries, and other interested groups.



## President's Message: Michael Miller

For a moment in time, I will digress. Each of us has been witness to amazing and sometimes challenging leaps in technological advancement. My perspective, as a university student: Lotus 1,2,3® and the earliest Apple® had just made their entry to the marketplace. As an accounting & operations "geek" my world was about to change forever. My newly found "mechanical" pencil was about to be shown the sideline. A glimpse into the life of a university student in the late 1970's and early 1980's if you desired to be organized. Computers were still not widely available; let alone inexpensive.

Leap forward with me to today, many of us are presented with tools beyond imagination of a "pioneer;" a time we love to understand and seek to find connection with. Some call it a 'genealogy bug,' I perceive it as our birth-right. How did each of us get here

today? Our ancestors lived life and did what was required just to get through the day. Survival was sometimes the best focus. Life, for most, was not about writing things down or keeping track of every piece of paper. Even beyond our pioneer ancestors, many families in the 1990's, chose to burn or otherwise destroy records of lives lived in our past. We can't fault them as they made decisions based on what was right for them at the time; carry the paper or protect their loved ones. Bulletin: please spread the word - put those historical records in the care of the Indiana Historical Society or the Indiana State Library; later generations will thank you. Each is a wonderful home to preserve your histories and the families who lived out our early Indiana history.

You and I live in a period of incredible advancement in technology. We must use it to our advantage in the under-

standing of our pioneer, Indiana ancestors. Ancestry.com® is just one of a variety of great "roadmaps" I use when I am lost. All of the internet sources are wonderful tools. My caveat: you still must do your own work to ensure "you" are comfortable with any lineage you are seeking to outline. The "buck" stops with you. It's your family. Make sure you are personally satisfied with your work, with supporting back-up. Looking back, unfortunately, many of our personal family records were lost or never kept. The "computer age" assists us with means to re-discovering a "roadmap" charted long ago. For many, to places they may never physically go... However, maps change and wrong information is sometimes included in a map. Question everything you see. If you're comfortable with the trail, please present your findings and back-up (supporting proof) to a real, live genealogist to confirm your understanding. We look forward to working with you on charting your past.

## Marketing and Advertising

The Society recently placed ads in over 90 newspapers across Indiana in an attempt to introduce Indiana residents to our historical organization and invite them to join. Our objective is to offer all Hoosier descendants of our Indiana pioneers the opportunity to honor, with us, their pioneer ancestors. In the last three years we placed newspaper ads in only those counties which

were being highlighted in the Pioneer Founders of Indiana program. This year, we focused on the entire state using the ICAN program of newspaper advertising. A new feature in the ad is the addition of a QR (quick response tag for smart phones) which will send the reader directly to our website and the newly

developed Society video. We should have the results of our ad effort to report in the next newsletter.

## Speakers Bureau

On January 21, past presidents Carolyn Rose and Stanley Evans represented the Society at two PEO Chapters in Crawfordsville at the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, hosted by Society of Pioneers member Carol Homann. Before the presentation, Carolyn and Stanley enjoyed a delicious dinner with the twenty three PEO members in attendance. The program was enjoyed by all.

On May 2, Carolyn and

Stanley will be at Flora, Indiana to represent the Society to the Rotary Club. We would like to thank Dick and Jane Bishop for the invitation. Jane is a new Society member. Also in Flora, Anne Briggs of the Charles Carroll Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has invited Carolyn Rose and Karen Ward to speak at their spring meeting.



Crawfordsville PEO meeting showing member Carol Homann & Carolyn Rose

## 2013 Spring and Fall Pilgrimages:

### **Spring Pilgrimage 2013 Thursday, May 16, 2013 Columbus Architecture Homes & Gardens of the Miller Family & Other Historic Sites Columbus, Indiana**

Have you been among those eagerly waiting to visit the mid-modern J. Irwin Miller House and Garden in Columbus, now owned by the Indianapolis Museum of Art? This is a chance for a private tour of the recently renovated, Mid-Century Modern house commissioned in 1953 by the late philanthropist J. Irwin Miller, who built Cummins Engine into a Fortune 500 company.

Designed by renowned Finnish architect Eero Saarinen, the 6,700-square-foot Miller House is a National Historic Landmark & considered one of the best examples in the country of the modernist movement. Also on the

tour is the home's thirteen-acre garden created to harmonize with the house & designed by landscape architect David Urban Kiley.

Of course, no trip to Columbus would be complete without a tour of architectural sites, including churches of various denominations, that have made the city famous.

For additional information and/or reservations, please go to the EVENTS tab on the home page of the website.

Offered by: Sunrise Tours  
Price: \$149 person

### **Friday, September 6, 2013 Limberlost, Amish and Berne Geneva and Berne, Indiana**

Following the popular Spring Pilgrimage last year to the Rome City/Wildflower Woods (second) cabin of acclaimed naturalist Gene Stratton-Porter, this tour will visit her cherished home, the original Limberlost cabin in Geneva.

During her 25 years in Geneva,

she burst to fame and wrote thirteen books about the Hoosier region that inspired her, including the international best-seller "A Girl of the Limberlost" (1909).

Other highlights of the trip to northeastern Indiana will include visits to an Amish school & home; a local expert will share insights about the faith community & their distinctive way of life.

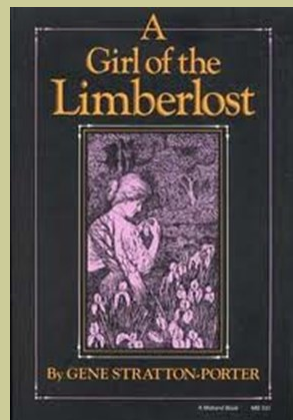
Also included is the historic town of Berne, which was founded by Mennonites in the 1850s & designed to resemble a Swiss village. The town has a new, 160-foot glockenspiel, the Muensterberg Clock Tower. The contractor who built it will greet and address the tour.

For additional information and/or reservations, please go to the EVENTS tab on the home page of the website.

Offered by: Sue Thomson Travel  
Price: \$119 per person



J. Irwin Miller House



## 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 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 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.

## John Hampden Holliday Prize

### \$5,000

## Welcome New Members:

The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since September 15, 2012:

### Regular:

Bobbitt, Susan Edmundson  
Cincinnati, OH  
Boton, Glenda Rogers  
Munster, IN  
Bowdish, Matthew Stiles  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Brandt, Joyce Anne  
Zionsville, IN  
Brewer, Sylvia Adkison  
Springfield, IL  
Denihan, Connie Ware  
Columbia City, IN  
Dorsey, Sandra Hoover  
Fallbrook, CA  
Ekeler, Abigail Catherine (J)  
Bloomington, IN  
Ekeler, Cameryn Lynn (J)  
Bloomington, IN  
Ekeler, Isabella Margaret (J)  
Bloomington, IN  
Ekeler, Jackson James (J)  
Bloomington, IN  
Ekeler, Michael John  
Bloomington, IN  
Engber, Kimberly Sue  
Wichita, KS  
Engber, Sara Ann  
Prairie Village, KS

Ervin, Barbara Thatcher  
Saint Augustine, FL  
Fortune, Priscilla Beth,  
Fishers, IN  
Head, Molly Ann  
Indianapolis, IN  
Hess, James Paul  
Wolcottville, IN  
Hight, Marybeth White  
West Palm Beach, FL  
Jackson, Ruth Howerton  
Santa Maria, CA  
Jacobs, Carol Wilkinson  
Pendleton, IN  
Kaufman, Janet Combs  
Castle Rock, CO  
Lankford, Ronald Barry  
Newburgh, IN  
Latko, Caelum Andrew (J)  
Highland, IN  
Latko, Cavan Bradley (J)  
Highland, IN  
Price, Phillip V.  
Indianapolis, IN  
Rogers, Joshua W.  
Indianapolis, IN  
Rose, Sandra Anne  
Quincy, IL  
Sallee, Stanley K.  
Indianapolis, IN  
Schlagenhauf, Mary Anne Metz  
Indianapolis, IN  
Smith, Mark Alan  
Brookston, IN

Stella, Rachel Foster  
Richmond, IN  
Truchon, Martha Wilkinson  
Westlake, OH  
Waldroup, James Wm. (J)  
Fishers, IN  
Welch, Janette  
Saint Augustine, FL  
Wiley, Bonnie Jeanne  
Cambridge, IL

### Associate:

Fadely, Sally Fehsenfeld  
Indianapolis, IN  
Pearlman, Elaine  
West Lafayette, IN  
Robbins, Judith  
New Castle, IN  
Wilkinson, Marlene Rathbun  
Westlake, OH

(J)= Junior Member

## 2016 Indiana Bicentennial & The Society of Indiana Pioneers Centennial

The Society of Indiana Pioneers representatives Michael Miller and Jeffery Baldwin are attending the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial planning meetings held at the Indiana State Library by various groups within state government. It is introducing our Society to many important connections within our state. It is still early in the process and action is being planned by the group for important celebrations surrounding the 200th year anniversary of our

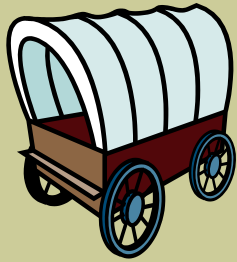
great state. One of the most important projects that our Society membership can get



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involved with is the Indiana DNR project to identify pioneer cemeteries throughout the state. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering directly, we suggest going to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3744.htm> to get involved. There will be more to follow in coming editions, so please stay tuned.





**“Everybody has  
a family story  
to tell.”**

**Carolyn Rose  
Past –Co-  
president**

## WANTED: Pioneer Founders of Indiana

Everybody has a family story to tell. The Society of Indiana Pioneers wants to hear about your family that lived in Indiana by 1840.

This year the following counties will be highlighted: Blackford, Brown, Clay, Daviess, Dubois, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Greene, Jackson, Kosciusko, Madison, Newton, Porter, Randolph, Vander-

burgh, and White. Remember ---if you have a story to write and the county was in our 2010, 2011, or 2012 booklets, we are accepting stories from all counties so now is the time to write up ancestors who helped build this great state. It is never too late to submit your story!

Recently press releases were sent to 160 newspapers

who are members of the Hoosier Press Association telling about the Pioneer Founders of Indiana. These press releases covered most of Indiana. Please send your stories to Sally Fadely, office manager. Put your family in the archives of The Society of Indiana Pioneers!!

### 2010 Counties

Allen  
Carroll  
Cass  
Clinton  
Delaware  
Harrison  
Jefferson  
Johnson  
Knox  
Marshall  
Montgomery  
Putnam  
Scott  
Shelby  
Starke  
Switzerland  
Vigo  
Wayne

### 2011 Counties

Benton  
Boone  
Clark  
Crawford  
Dearborn  
Floyd  
Fulton  
Hamilton  
Hendricks  
Henry  
Lawrence  
Monroe  
Morgan  
Ohio  
Orange  
Perry  
Pike  
St. Joseph  
Tippecanoe  
Washington

### 2012 Counties

Bartholomew  
Elkhart  
Hancock  
Howard  
Huntington  
LaPorte  
Lake  
Miami  
Noble  
Parke  
Posey  
Rush  
Sullivan  
Tipton  
Union  
Warren  
Wells  
Whitley

### 2013 Counties

Blackford  
Brown  
Clay  
Daviess  
DeKalb  
Dubois  
Fayette  
Franklin  
Gibson  
Greene  
Jackson  
Kosciusko  
Madison  
Newton  
Porter  
Randolph  
Vanderburgh  
White

## Photos from the Last Annual Meeting



Officers: (from left to right) Robert Everitt, Joan Everitt, Michael Miller, Marcia Krieg, Bruce Oakley, Carolyn Rose, James P. Fadely, and Stanley Evans.

*Save the Date*



*Next  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday,  
November 2, 2013*



Erik Peterson, winner of the 2012 Society of Indiana Pioneers Fellowship Award, performs at the annual meeting. His thesis: "Learning and Playing Music in Early Middle Indiana".



New members of the Board of Governors: (from left to right) Andy Olson, David Cook, Charles Bragg, Jinsie Bingham, Dan McCain, and Nelson Price. William Rhodehamel (also a new board member) was not in attendance .



## Society Officers & Staff

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**Sally Fadely**, *Indianapolis*

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*Hometown and year of term expiration follows each name.*

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**Charles F. Bragg**, *Fishers 2015*

**Maxine Fosta Brown**, *Corydon 2014*

**J. David Cook**, *Indianapolis 2015*

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