



During the early years of Indiana's statehood, financial genius James Franklin Doughty Lanier set our state on a solid financial course that has continued to this day. As a result of his activities in banking and railroad development, he became one of the most important and influential figures in Indiana's history in the first half of the 19th century. After inheriting his father's debt as a teenager, Lanier worked his way up to becoming the President of the Madison Branch of the Indiana State Bank. By 1851 Lanier formed an investment bank to sell railroad bonds nationwide and moved to New York to continue his work. He distinguished himself by loaning the state of Indiana over \$1 million to keep Indiana's troops active in the Civil War. His actions kept Indiana an active participant on the Northern side during America's greatest conflict. By 1870, these loans were repaid with interest. Lanier died in 1881.

Completed in 1844, the Lanier Mansion is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the country and considered to be the "Crown Jewel" of Madison's Historic District. This National Historic Landmark has many original Greek Revival features including the full porch with Corinthian columns on the south side, stylized decorations and Doric plasters around the windows, and the massive and detailed white cornice along the roofline. Inside the house features 14 foot tall ceilings, decorative plaster detail and Ionic columns in the beautiful double parlors.



Spaces available for use

Mansion Block: Electricity Available

- North lawn (north or south ellipse or gazebo)
- South portico seats 40 auditorium style, less at tables
- South lawn

Kendall Lot: No Electricity

Visitors Center

- Presentation room (seats 60 auditorium style, seats 35 at tables)
- Conference room (seats 20)

Hours

Lanier Mansion Historic Site is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (The site is closed on some major holidays.)

Visitors Center

- **Monday–Friday** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Saturday–Sunday** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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