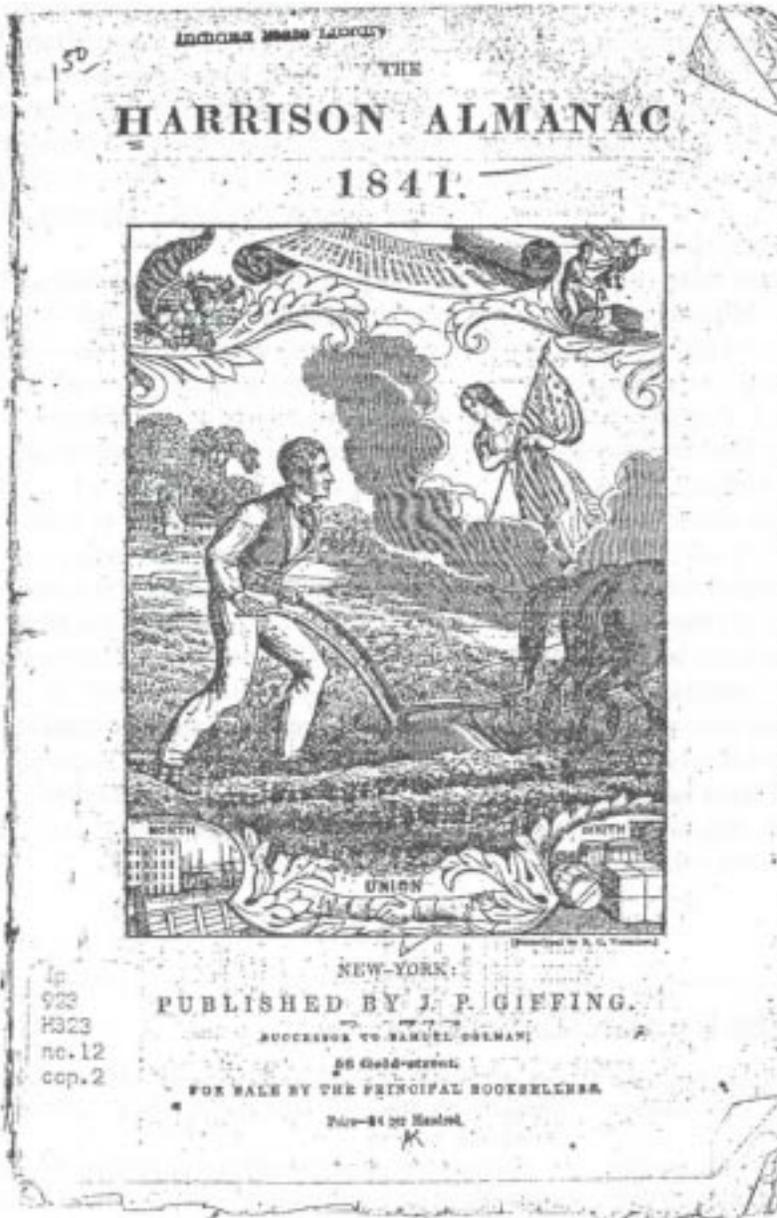


INDIANA ALMANAC

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William Henry Harrison, Governor of Indiana Territory and military commander, was elected President of the United States in 1840. His election campaign literature, like this almanac, depicted him as a common man of the west, a farmer.



THE INDIANA HISTORIAN EXPLORING INDIANA HISTORY

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Focus

This issue of *The Indiana Historian* is a change from our usual format. Rather than focus on one topic, we have broadened our approach.

Most people today are familiar with timelines or chronologies to present historical information. We have reached back to a format called an almanac. The almanac presents information using a calendar approach. Perhaps, the most famous almanac is the *Farmer's Almanac*, which provides daily weather, lunar, and other information.

The inspiration for this *Indiana Historian* has been a series from the Indiana Historical Bureau's *Indiana History Bulletin* from 1946 to 1952. The December issue in each of those years was a historical almanac, including daily entries and subject essays. The first almanac did not have a specific subject. The other almanacs focused on the following topics: transportation (1947), agriculture (1948), literature (1949), manufacturing (1950), education (1951), and religion (1952). The entries in this issue have been selected from those *Bulletin* almanacs.

We have not reresearched the information presented here because that time commitment would have been impossible. We trust that earlier researchers have been accurate. We also trust that our

readers will contact us if they find any inaccuracies in the information printed here.

Illustrations are an important part of any almanac. We have used this opportunity to find and present one illustration for each month that relates to an entry for that month. The illustrations have been selected to provide a broad sampling of the primary source documents that can be used for local history research. Often we have been able to use only excerpts of items because of space considerations.

The Apple, too, is a bit different. It includes some related student reading, as usual. It presents, however, some standard Indiana history references for further research and some notes about resources for local history research.

Part of the inspiration for this *Indiana Historian* was the desire to use the information contained in those original *Bulletin* issues. That information has been entered into a computer database. As Access Indiana—the statewide computer network—is developed and the Bureau goes on-line, we expect to make this database available. This capability for the Bureau is not in the immediate future, but we will keep you informed.

You Be the Historian

- Research the concept of almanacs. Have almanacs been produced in your community? Have almanacs been used in your family or community?
- The almanac entries in this issue cover the entire state and its history. Each month, select entries to follow up and research in more depth in order to find out more about the history of Indiana.
- Work on an almanac for your area, community, or school. Search your resources for local history research to find interesting facts for every day of the year. Perhaps this could be a collaborative project among classes, Indiana Junior Historical Society clubs, the library, and the historical society, for example. Perhaps, a publication could result. Please send us any almanac information that you compile so that we can expand our Indiana history database.
- Since the data we used was published in the 1940s and 1950s, there are no later entries. Set a starting point at 1950 and compile an almanac of Indiana history up to the present time. Please send us that information too.
- As you produce your own almanac information, consider creating a school or community database. Your database should include specific information for each entry: year, month, and day of the event; broad subject area; source for the information; and the text of the entry.

January

1st 1909. Manufacture of steel in Gary by the Indiana Steel Co. begins.

2nd 1781. Virginia grants land in Indiana to George Rogers Clark and his men.

3rd 1838. Indiana Pottery Company, Troy, petitions U.S. Congress for land grant.

4th 1880. Lafayette Car Works (railroad cars) established.

5th 1948. *Ratnree County*, by Ross Lockridge, Jr., published.

6th 1851. Mother Theresa Hackelmeier of the Order of St. Francis arrives in Oldenburg from Vienna, Austria, to found a congregation of teaching sisters.

7th 1861. Society of Friends opens Westfield High School.

8th 1790. Governor Arthur St. Clair and party reach Falls of Ohio on tour of western country.

9th 1841. Incorporation of Saint Gabriel College in Vincennes.

10th 1825. General Assembly holds first meeting in Indianapolis marking transfer of capital.

11th 1805. Act approved separating Michigan Territory from Indiana Territory effective June 30, 1805.

12th 1853. Robert Underwood Johnson, poet, editor, born in Washington, D.C.; lived Wayne County, Indiana.

13th 1890. Elmer Davis, journalist, short-story writer, radio commentator born in Aurora.

14th 1850. Incorporation of Presbyterian Female College in Salem.

15th 1794. Governor Noah Noble born in Virginia.

16th 1836. Passage of Internal Improvement Bill celebrated.

17th 1834. Patent issued to W. Miller and E. Rogers, Connersville, for washing machine.

18th 1850. Railroad from New Albany to Salem completed.

19th 1843. Flint Island Union Lyceum, Perry County, organized.

20th 1820. Act approved establishing State Seminary (now Indiana University).

21st 1785. Treaty of Fort McIntosh (on Ohio River, below Fort Pitt) signed.

22nd 1820. Act approved for locating and laying out first system of state highways.

23rd 1900. Miriam E. (Mason) Swain, author of juvenile stories, born in Goshen.

24th 1938. Isalah M. Miller gives 700-acre farm near Upland to Purdue University for experimental purposes.

25th 1887. Yorktown Natural Gas Co. formed.

26th 1826. "Boatload of Knowledge" arrives in New Harmony.

27th 1937. Ohio River reaches its highest flood stage at Jeffersonville.

28th 1818. Incorporation of the county libraries of Dubois, Ripley, Randolph, Lawrence, Monroe, Vigo, Vandeburgh, Spencer, Perry, and Crawford.

29th 1831. Shelby County Seminary organized.

30th 1888. Elkhart Carriage & Harness Mfg. Co. incorporated; later made automobiles.

31st 1871. Land purchased for U.S. Quartermaster Depot, Jeffersonville.



No. 258.—CANOPY-TOP SURREY.

The Elkhart Carriage and Harness Mfg. Co. published The Elkhart Magazine which also served as its catalog. This description of a canopy-top surrey is in the March, 1898 issue.

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No. 258 is just as the cut shows, one of the best styles of four-wheeled surreys made; it has double fenders; cushions and backs are stuffed with heavy, all-wool green cloth; iron harness with leather

when ordered; back has springs; top is lined and has good fringe; standards are easily connected; has Brussels carpet in bottom; rubber steam spring; rubber side and back curtains; has 14-inch double-collar steel axles; 1-inch steel tire; has Bureau patent wheels, unless half-dodge spoke wheels are ordered. Some as others will for \$125.00 and \$135.00. It is complete with top, rubber side and back curtains, steam spring, seatbolts and levers.

W. B. Frost, Jr., *Worcester, Va., Aug. 15, 1898.*
Dear Sir: I received the surrey on the 12th inst. It is all O. K. It is more than I expected. It is a beauty. Many thanks for the same. I will put up the bits that you sent to me this afternoon. If I can make a sale of a surrey for you, I will do so. When I was getting the surrey up or I could draw it home there were a good many men there to see it. They all pronounced it a real beauty. *Yours in haste,*
ROBERT HEYENKA.

Price, C. O. D., with pole or shafts \$85.00
 Cash with order \$5.00
 Extra for hook pole and shafts 5.00

February

1st 1870. Railroad bridge built over Ohio River at Jeffersonville.

2nd 1832. Charters granted for five railroads.

3rd 1871. T. Horton Co. founded in Bluffton to manufacture corn planters, later washers and ironers.

4th 1927. Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Association incorporated.

5th 1819. Brookville Enquirer and Indiana Telegraph established.

6th 1837. State geological survey authorized.

7th 1825. Union County Seminary incorporated.

8th 1827. Jeremiah Cox purchases first land in what was later Wabash County.

9th 1866. George Ade born in Kentland.

10th 1763. Country north of the Ohio River ceded by French to British by the Treaty of Paris.

11th 1866. Second Christian Church, a black institution, founded in Indianapolis.

12th 1861. President Abraham Lincoln speaks in Indianapolis en route to Washington.

13th 1851. Incorporation of Indiana Female College, Indianapolis.

14th 1851. Act approved forming State Board of Agriculture and providing for local agricul-

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891 Eight hundred and ninety one lb Bacon	9 1/4	84 65
800 Eight hundred lb Sugar	6 1/2	52 00
570 Five hundred and seventy lb Coffee	13 1/2	75 60
350 Three hundred and fifty lb Rice	7	17 50
900 Nine hundred lb Star Kauls	18	16 20
240 Two hundred and forty lb Soap	4 1/4	11 40
8 Eight Bushels Beans	120	12 00
57 Five and one half Bushels Salt	30	1 65
87 Eighty four gal Sugar	9	2 56
		443 59

The items listed above were received, May 22, 1861, at the Commissary of Camp Morton in Indianapolis. During the Civil War, Camp Morton served as an assembly point for Indiana volunteers, a camp for Confederate prisoners, and a hospital for United States soldiers. (Thornbrough, Civil War Era, 395)

tural societies and a state fair.

15th 1882. Olds Wagon Works, Fort Wayne, incorporated.

16th 1848. Union Literary Institute, Randolph County, incorporated.

17th 1838. Incorporation of La Porte University.

18th 1851. Ida Husted Harper, journalist, women's suffrage advocate, biographer, born in Fairfield.

19th 1909. The Overland Co. (automobiles), Indianapolis, incorporated.

20th 1842. First medical school in state opened as department of La Porte University.

21st 1940. Elephants and other animals roam northern Indiana after fire destroys circus headquarters in Rochester.

22nd 1862. First Confederate prisoners arrive at Camp Morton in Indianapolis.

23rd 1875. Patent issued to Charles G. Conn, Elkhart, for mouthpiece for musical instruments.

24th 1836. Bethel African Methodist Church founded in Indianapolis.

25th 1779. George Rogers Clark captures Fort Sackville, Vincennes from British.

26th 1886. Organization of Eaton Mining and Gas Co. in Muncie heralded era of natural gas in Indiana.

27th 1852. Indiana Asbury Female College opens in New Albany under auspices of Methodist Church.

28th 1852. Public reception in Indianapolis honors Louis Kossuth, Hungarian patriot.

29th 1832. Methodist church organized in Marion.

March

1st 1784. Virginia cedes claim to Northwest Territory to United States.

2nd 1827. Land granted by Congress for Wabash and Erie Canal.

3rd 1876. St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville incorporated.

4th 1902. John Herron Art Institute opens in Indianapolis.

5th 1824. First preaching services in the vicinity of Covington, Fountain County, held in the home of Lucas Nebeker by a "New Light" minister.

6th 1865. Indiana accepts provisions of federal Morrill Land Grant Act providing lands for an agricultural and engineering college—became Purdue University.

7th 1823. First issue Indianapolis *Western Censor and Emigrants Guide* (became *Indiana Journal*, 1825).

8th 1915. Indiana Historical Commission created to direct observance of state centennial; became Historical Bureau in 1925.

9th 1889. Indiana Farmers' Institute Act authorizes agricultural extension work.

10th 1853. Medical college opened in Madison; closed after three months due to an epidemic of cholera.

11th 1911. Crawfordsville wins first interscholastic high school basketball tournament.

12th 1906. First stakes set in laying out town of Gary.

13th 1931. Marmon-Herrington Co. founded in Indianapolis; makers of trucks and armored vehicles.

14th 1854. First mass said on site of St. Meinrad's Abbey.

15th 1869. Marengo Academy (Crawford County) opened by J. M. Johnston.

16th 1912. *A Hooster Chronicle*, by Meredith Nicholson, published.

17th 1806. Joshua, Christian Indian, burned at stake on White River for witchcraft.

18th 1853. First train reached Richmond from Dayton, Ohio.

19th 1792. Thomas Craven, co-founder of Eleutherian Institute (Jefferson County) born.

20th 1930. Calumet Electric Casteel Co., Hammond, established; makers of steel castings.

21st 1812. Baptist church organized in Mount Pleasant, Martin County.

22nd 1824. Seneca and Miami Indians murdered near Pendleton by white men, three of whom were hanged for the crime.

23rd 1823. Schuyler Colfax born in New York City.

24th 1913. Floods at Brookville, Fort

Wayne, and elsewhere.

25th 1919. Indiana Federation of Farmers (now Farm Bureau) organized.

26th 1883. Education of Indians began at White's Manual Labor Institute (Wabash County) by Society of Friends with federal aid.

27th 1841. Atchison & Lee began making stoneware pottery at Annapolis, Parke County.

28th 1844. Railroad accident on

inclined plane, Madison.

29th 1917. Metal Forming Corp., Elkhart, established; makers of rolled metal mouldings, welded alloy tubing, etc.

30th 1843. Charles T. Murray, newspaper publisher and correspondent, novelist, born in Goshen.

31st 1902. Pan-American Bridge Co. (steel), New Castle, incorporated.

A REPORT

TO THE

INDIANA STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY,

ON

ASIATIC CHOLERA,

AS IT PREVAILED WITHIN THE STATE OF INDIANA DURING THE YEARS 1848-1849.

BY GEORGE SUTTON, M. D.

In compliance with the duties assigned me, as Chairman of a committee to present a report to this meeting on Asiatic Cholera, as it prevailed within the State of Indiana, I forwarded letters, early in the month of January, to the different members of the committee; but those gentlemen not feeling disposed to engage in the labor necessary to procure the desired information, I undertook the task myself, and addressed letters and circulars to a large number of physicians throughout the State, and have obtained information sufficient to make out the following report, which I respectfully present to you.

In the 1850s, doctors speculated that cholera could be caused by atmospheric conditions, dirt, improper diet, and stagnant water. Many people in Indiana and the United States died from cholera. (Thornbrough, Civil War Era, 664-65)

When, in the winter of 1848-9, it was announced by telegraph that Cholera was prevailing as an epidemic in New Orleans, physicians saw that it was but the announcement that this pestilence—which had been for several years previously progressing through Europe in a westwardly direction—had a second time commenced its desolating march upon this continent, and was destined to invade every State, and leave a widespread impression throughout our land. We watched its progress from New Orleans, as it gradually ascended the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. At first it was principally confined to the steamboats—many of which left their ports crowded with passengers for the north; on these boats it frequently prevailed in its most malignant form. As the season advanced, the disease began to occur amongst the inhabitants of the towns and villages along these rivers; for early in the month of April we saw notices in the public papers of Cholera occurring at different towns below Cincinnati and St. Louis. The cases were sporadic at first, but because of more frequent occurrence as the month advanced; and about the first of May we may consider the disease assuming, in many parts of the West, the form of an epidemic; and before the middle of June it was prevailing in this form at several of the river towns in our State.

April

1st 1904. Indianapolis Glove Co. established with factories in Indianapolis, Marion, Richmond, and Rushville.

2nd 1838. Constitution of Workingmen's Institute for Mutual Instruction, New Harmony, signed.

3rd 1814. Lyon and Eccles tavern opens in Madison at sign of Green Tree.

4th 1918. State accepts Ball Brothers gift of buildings and grounds in Muncie for a state teachers college.

5th 1922. Purdue University granted license for broadcasting station.

6th 1880. Southern Indiana Normal College established in Mitchell.

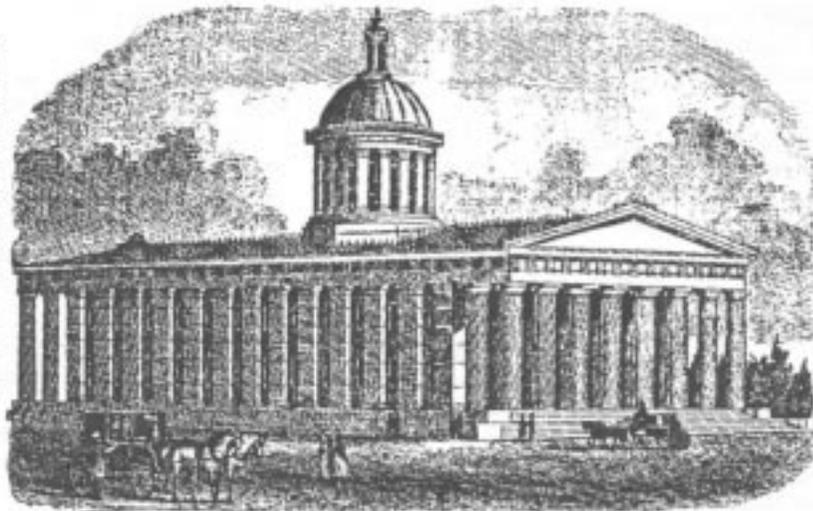
7th 1903. Bobbs-Merrill Co., publisher, Indianapolis, incorporated; successor of Bowen-Merrill Co., organized in 1885.

8th 1865. Albion Fellows Bacon, social reformer, poet, pioneer in better housing, born in Evansville.

9th 1904. John F. Haines (Hamilton County) holds meeting of boys interested in corn growing, forerunner of 4-H Clubs.

10th 1826. Constitution of Blue Spring Community (Monroe County) signed providing for social system similar to Robert Owen's in New Harmony.

One Hundred Indiana General Assemblies (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1977), 3rd ed., 9.



The first Indiana State House was built in 1835. It was replaced in 1888 by the present State House.

11th 1831. Steamboat *General Robert Hanna* reaches Indianapolis.

12th 1822. Proclaimed as day of fasting and prayer by Governor Jonathan Jennings because of great amount of sickness prevalent in all parts of state.

13th 1802. After conferring with Chiefs Little Turtle and Five Medals at Fort Wayne, Quakers from Baltimore select site in present Huntington County for an experimental farm for teaching agriculture to the Indians.

14th 1926. Indiana Limestone Corp., Bedford, incorporated.

15th 1861. Governor Oliver P. Morton calls for 75,000 volunteers for Union Army.

16th 1867. Wilbur Wright, inventor, born near New Castle.

17th 1861. First Indiana volunteers arrive at Camp Morton, Indianapolis.

18th 1945. Ernie Pyle, Hooster war correspondent, killed on island of Ie Shima.

19th 1816. President James Madison signs bill enabling Indiana Territory to form a constitution.

20th 1839. Wabash and Erie Canal opened to Logansport.

21st 1857. Paul Dresser, composer, playwright, author of Indiana's state song, born in Terre Haute.

22nd 1913. First appearance of comic strip, *Roger Bean*, created by Chic Jackson.

23rd 1884. Edwin C. Hill, feature writer, radio commentator, born in Aurora.

24th 1855. Cornerstone laid for first building of St. Mary's

College and Academy, South Bend.

25th 1898. Governor James A. Mount calls for volunteers in war with Spain.

26th 1895. Crawford County records removed from Leavenworth to English, the new county seat.

27th 1876. Martin County courthouse in Shoals burns.

28th 1941. *James Whitcomb Riley*, modern railroad train, begins regular service between Cincinnati and Chicago via Indianapolis.

29th 1828. Patent issued to William Hoyt, Vernon, for corn sheller.

30th 1865. Lincoln's body lies in state in State House, Indianapolis.

May

1st 1813. Corydon becomes capital of Indiana Territory.

2nd 1823. First steamboat to ascend Wabash reaches Vincennes.

3rd 1912. Henderson Motor Car Co., Indianapolis, incorporated.

4th 1860. J.T. Hanna advertises woolen factory near Rochester.

5th 1825. Last of Rappites leaves New Harmony as Owenites look on.

6th 1870. John T. McCutcheon, cartoonist and author, born in Tippecanoe County.

7th 1800. A bill to divide Northwest Territory and create Indiana Territory passes both houses of Congress and becomes law. It became effective July 4, 1800.

8th 1822. Fort Wayne Land Office established.

9th 1842. Randolph County Seminary opened.

10th 1876. Colonel Eli Lilly opened pharmaceutical laboratory in Indianapolis.

11th 1863. First meeting of La Porte Library and Natural History Association.

12th 1825. Lafayette visits Jeffersonville as the guest of the state.

13th 1869. Indiana General Assembly passes an act admitting black children to public schools.

14th 1896. Eastern Indiana Normal University, Muncie incorporated.

15th 1902. Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Indianapolis, dedicated.

16th 1944. George Ade dies at his home near Brook.

17th 1937. James Whitcomb Riley's home in Greenfield opened to public after restoration by Riley Old Home Society.

18th 1824. Schedule of stage coach: leave Louisville 12 noon Saturday; arrive Vincennes 9 a.m. Tuesday. Fare \$8.00.

19th 1681. La Salle holds peace council at South Bend with Miami Indians.

20th 1863. "Battle of Pogue's Run," Indianapolis.

21st 1818. Palestine chosen as first

county seat of Lawrence County.

22nd 1846. Governor James Whitcomb calls for volunteers for Mexican War.

23rd 1609. Second charter of Virginia includes region that became Indiana.

24th 1844. Annie Ellsworth, Lafayette, selects "What hath God wrought" for first formal message to be sent by telegraph from Washington to Baltimore.

25th 1801. Moravian missionaries arrive on White River, near present Anderson, to open a mission station for Delaware Indians.

26th 1888. Diamond Plate Glass Co., Kokomo, incorporated.

27th 1851. State Board of Agriculture organized; Governor Joseph

A. Wright elected president of board.

28th 1820. Commissioners locating state capital enjoy William Conner's hospitality.

29th 1821. John Tipton and Samuel McClintoc complete survey of Indiana-Illinois boundary.

30th 1911. First annual 500-mile race held at Indianapolis Speedway.

31st 1823. Terre Haute Land Office moves to Crawfordsville.

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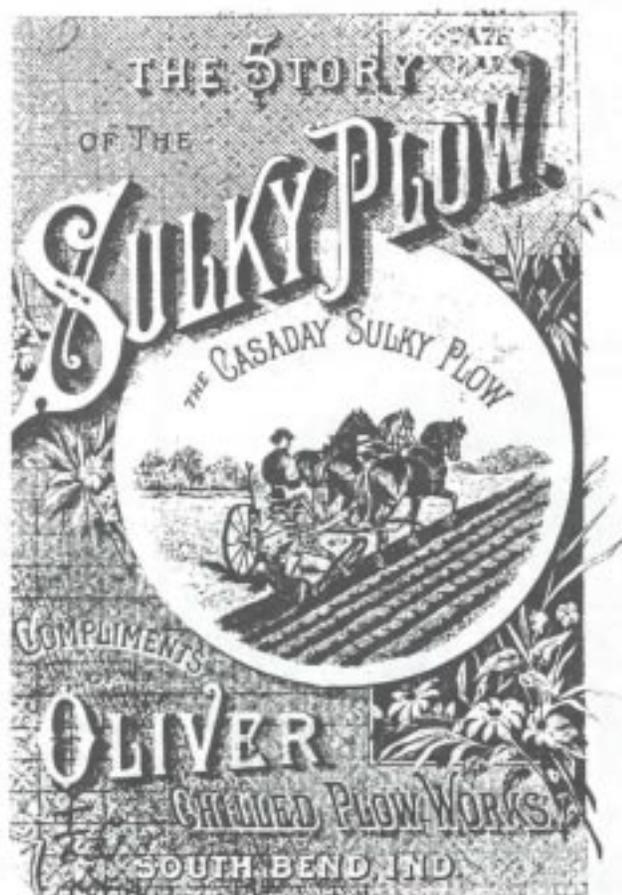


John T. McCutcheon and Clifford Raymond published an almanac for 1922 titled Clifford and John's Almanack. McCutcheon drew this illustration for the month of May.

June

The Oliver Chilled Plow Works was the world's largest plow manufacturer by the late 1870s. (Thornbrough, Civil War Era, 375, 420) The illustration below is the cover of one of Oliver's advertising pieces, circa 1882.

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1st 1879. Indiana Dental College, organized; became part of Indiana University, 1925.

2nd 1817. Meeting in Vincennes of First District Medical Society.

3rd 1903. Standard Forgings Corp., East Chicago, established; makers of railway axles and heavy drop forgings.

4th 1831. Indiana Bible Society organized.

5th 1820. Contract let for first Martin County courthouse in Hindostan.

6th 1934. American Rock Wool Corp., Wabash, organized; makers of thermal insulations.

7th 1820. Site of Indianapolis chosen for state capital.

8th 1839. First boat on Whitewater Canal reaches Brookville from Lawrenceburg.

9th 1893. Cole Porter, composer, born near Peru.

10th 1816. First constitutional convention meets in Corydon.

11th 1802. Lands selected in southern Indiana for Swiss colony.

12th 1837. Indianapolis Female Institute opened.

13th 1842. Stagecoach of former President Martin Van Buren upsets near Plainfield.

14th 1936. George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes dedicated.

15th 1867. Soldiers' and Seamen's Home, Knightstown, opens.

16th 1906. Military camp near Indianapolis named Fort Benjamin Harrison.

17th 1884. Tri-State College in Angola opens.

18th 1885. Supreme Court upholds act empowering school trustees to levy tax for tuition purposes, thus sanctioning free public school system.

19th 1939. Last of public land in

Indiana sold (1/4 acre island near Warsaw).

20th 1790. Knox County organized, embracing present Indiana, and parts of Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

21st 1803. Elihu Stout brings first printing press to Vincennes.

22nd 1819. President James Monroe and General Andrew Jackson entertained at Corydon.

23rd 1802. Jeffersonville platted on plan recommended by Thomas Jefferson.

24th 1807. David Dale Owen, geologist, born New Lanark, Scotland; came to New Harmony, 1828.

25th 1888. Republicans nominate Benjamin Harrison for president.

26th 1833. Cholera epidemic develops in southern Indiana.

27th 1828. First issue of *Indiana Religious Intelligencer* published at Madison.

28th 1934. Ownership of West Baden Springs Hotel transferred to Society of Jesus for use as Jesuit school.

29th 1816. First state constitution adopted.

30th 1857. James Oliver and Henry Little, South Bend, granted patent for chilled-iron plow.

July

1st 1942. U.S. Naval Air Station, Bunker Hill, opens for training.

2nd 1835. Wabash and Erie Canal completed from Fort Wayne to Huntington.

3rd 1915. Fifteen thousand volumes written by Hoosiers collected for exhibition at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

4th 1894. One of the first automobiles in U.S., built by Elwood Haynes, Kokomo, makes trial run.

5th 1829. Daviess County Sunday School Union organized by Reverend Ransom Hawley.

6th 1836. Constitution of Lake County Squatters' Union drafted.

7th 1932. Ohio River bridge at Evansville opens for traffic.

8th 1827. Survey of National Road reaches Indianapolis.

9th 1863. Confederate Colonel John Morgan's men defeat militia, raid stores in Corydon.

10th 1863. At Salem, Morgan's men levy tax of \$1,000 on each mill.

11th 1863. At Vernon, Morgan's men destroy railroad tracks and raid stores.

12th 1863. Morgan's men capture 300 militia at Versailles.

13th 1787. Ordinance for government of Northwest Territory adopted.

14th 1812. Little Turtle dies at Fort Wayne

and is buried with military honors.

15th 1887. Heat wave across state with temperatures reaching 101 degrees. Forty teams of horses used to deliver over 125 tons of ice a day in Indianapolis.

16th 1837. Time of Great Western mail coach is 65 1/2 hours from Washington, D.C., to Indianapolis; ordinary mail coaches, 6 days, 20 hours.

17th 1928. Pokagon park transferred to state.

18th 1834. First issue *Covington Western Constellation*.

19th 1765. Pontiac and other Indian chiefs in conference with George Croghan at Oulatenon promise to receive English peacefully.

20th 1935. Indiana REMC incorporated to handle rural electrification.

21st 1832. Organization of lyceums as a result of an act providing for incorporation of lyceums "for mutual improvement in the arts and sciences."

22nd 1835. Irish laborers on Wabash and Erie Canal riot at Lagro.

23rd 1815. Joseph P. Russell, physician, poet, born in Kentucky; lived in Waveland.

24th 1875. Lake County Old Settlers and Historical Association organized.

25th 1787. Major John F. Hamtramck arrives at Post Vincennes to take command.

26th 1840. African Methodist Episcopal church organized in the black Greenville settlement, Randolph County.

27th 1905. Reid Memorial Hospital, Richmond, dedicated.

28th 1794. General Anthony Wayne

begins march from Greenville, Ohio.

29th 1805. First legislative assembly in Indiana Territory meets.

30th 1825. White River Presbyterian Church organized in Greene County.

31st 1804. First issue *Vincennes Indiana Gazette*, Indiana's first newspaper, published.

April the 22 1808

The Little turtle has Jest come from seing the Shawnese prophet the following are his words verbatim—

the chiefs of the Miamies Eel river Indians Delawars and part of the Shawnese had met at massacemwey on the Wabash . . . they had Sufficent Evidence before them that the Shawnese prophet had determined to settle low down on the Wabash and Draw all the western Indians together and commence war against all those Indians that would not Listen to him these once subdued then he would attack the white people. that it was determined by the council that He the turtle should go with 9 other chiefs and forbid the prophet from Settling on the Wabash—and to point out to him the impropriety of his conduct. and that if He persested in his intentions it would be the Duty of the Indians to Cut him of . . . he had proceeded in search of the prophet and his Band and had found them on the head of massacemwey making cannues to descend that river that He had delivered his messages and that the prophet had replied as follows—That his messages was not acceptable that his plans had been layed by all the Indians in america and had been santioned by the Great Spirit and that it was not in the power of man to interrupt them that He would go on, and nothing could stop him—that the Indians in america was poor and that the Great Spirit had told him the cause of it which He had communicated to the Indians—and that they had unanimously agreeded to meet him and remove the cause of their poverty to effect this it only requereed the Indians to be united—they would then be able to watch the Boundry Line between the Indians and white people . . .

The excerpt above is from a letter wrtten by William Wells to the Secretary of War, Henry Dearborn. The letter was published in Clarence E. Carter, ed., The Territorial Papers of the United States (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1939), Vol. 7, pp. 558-59.

August

ARRIVAL OF THE "JUPITER."
Quite an excitement was produced among our citizens on last Wednesday evening, about half past six o'clock, occasioned by Professor Wain's air-ship "Jupiter" passing over the town. The Professor ascended from Lafayette at half past two o'clock, with the intention of proceeding to the Atlantic seaboard, but owing to the poor quality of the gas he was unable to reach the Eastern current, which he claims exists at a height of three miles above the earth. The "Jupiter" sailed slowly to the southwest, passing almost directly over the town, at an altitude of two miles and a quarter. At seven o'clock she was seen to descend rapidly, in a south-west direction, and a number of our citizens immediately started out with ladders to render any assistance that might be required. It was soon ascertained that the Professor had effected a landing five miles from town, on the farm of Mrs. Depezel. The Professor was brought to town by Dr. T. W. Fry, and on his arrival at the Crane House was greeted with three hearty cheers. The Professor stated to a number of our business men that he designed in the course of another year establishing a regular line of air-ships between New York and St. Louis, and that if our citizens would subscribe stock to the amount of \$50,000, he would guarantee that Crawfordville should be one of the principal stations. His projected air-ships are calculated to carry fifty passengers, with ten thousand pounds of baggage, and to make the trip in ten hours, including stoppages. Stock to a considerable amount was subscribed, many thinking it a rare opportunity to make up for investments lost in the New Albany & Salem Railroad. Paul Knapp is reported to have taken five hundred dollars worth. The Professor is much displeased with the quality of the gas furnished him by the Lafayette people, and at the suggestion of the Hon. James Wilson he intends to have it analyzed. The Professor left the next morning on the early train for Indianapolis.

Crawfordville Review, August 20, 1859, p. 2.

- 1st** 1812. First services in Little Cedar Baptist Church near Brookville.
- 2nd** 1832. Black Hawk War ends in defeat of Indians at Bad Axe, Wisconsin.
- 3rd** 1795. Treaty of Greenville concluded with Indians, assented to by twelve nations.
- 4th** 1896. Berne Witness publishing company acquired its first printing plant.
- 5th** 1882. James Whitcomb Riley's poem, "When the Frost Is on the Punkin", published.
- 6th** 1802. William Conner establishes trading post on White River.
- 7th** 1908. First school bus (horse-drawn) built by Fisher and Bradshaw, Delphi.
- 8th** 1929. Ball Memorial Hospital opens in Muncie.
- 9th** 1889. New factory of Showers Bros. Furniture, Bloomington, starts.
- 10th** 1805. William Henry Harrison opens negotiations with Indians at Vincennes for land in southern Indiana.
- 11th** 1838. John Tipton addresses Potawatomi Indian council hoping to achieve peaceful removal of Indians to lands west of Mississippi River.
- 12th** 1853. Monks of the Order of St. Benedict purchase land in Spencer County for St. Meinrad's Seminary and Abbey.
- 13th** 1841. Jean B. Richardville, Miami chief, dies near Fort Wayne.
- 14th** 1816. Doddridge Chapel (Methodist) near Milton, Wayne County, begins its organization in a class meeting.
- 15th** 1912. Metal & Thermit Corp. Plant, East Chicago, begins operations as detinning plant and maker of welding electrodes.
- 16th** 1838. Swiss Mennonites arrive in Adams County to make their home.
- 17th** 1859. First official air mail flight made by balloon "Jupiter" from Lafayette to 6 miles south of Crawfordville.
- 18th** 1838. Beech Church for Negroes completed near Carthage where there was a large black settlement.
- 19th** 1888. Mary F. Thomas, physician, temperance leader, dies in Richmond.
- 20th** 1794. Anthony Wayne defeats Indians at Battle of Fallen Timbers.
- 21st** 1902. Cole Carriage Co., Indianapolis, incorporated.
- 22nd** 1840. Indiana Horticultural Society organized in Indianapolis.
- 23rd** 1931. Indiana Technical College established in Fort Wayne.
- 24th** 1805. Borough of Vincennes, first municipal organization, incorporated.
- 25th** 1781. Colonel Archibald Lochry and men, on way to join George Rogers Clark, ambushed by Indians in present Dearborn County.
- 26th** 1838. Governor David Wallace visits Potawatomi camp and authorizes raising of volunteers to force Indian removal to west.
- 27th** 1883. Marengo Cave (Crawford County) discovered and entered by Orris S. Hiestand and his sister Blanche.
- 28th** 1883. Organization of New Castle Foundry and Pump Co.
- 29th** 1821. Potawatomi cede strip of land across northern Indiana.
- 30th** 1843. Daviess County offers premiums to encourage silk culture.
- 31st** 1928. First tomato juice canned commercially by Kemp Bros., Kokomo.

September

1st 1827. Mill built for Potawatomi in Fulton County, in accordance with treaty agreement.

2nd 1838. Father Benjamin Pettit, Catholic missionary, asked to accompany Potawatomi to west.

3rd 1783. British cede Northwest Territory to U.S. by Treaty of Paris.

4th 1838. Potawatomi emigrating party of over 800 leaves camp at Twin Lakes (Marshall County) for land west of Mississippi River.

5th 1885. Bowser, Inc., Fort Wayne, organized; makers of gasoline pumps.

6th 1946. Angus steer weighing 880 pounds sold for \$5,280 at Indiana State Fair.

7th 1901. Charles Major's *Bears of Blue River* published.

8th 1823. First poor-house built in Knox County.

9th 1825. William Hoyt, Brookville, granted patent on threshing machine.

10th 1874. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, incorporated as Terre Haute School of Industrial Science.

11th 1895. Manchester College opens as Church of the Brethren school.

12th 1904. Union traction terminal station opens, Indianapolis.

13th 1836. Ground broken at Brookville for Whitewater Canal.

14th 1822. Grey squirrels migrating from east to west destroy corn crops; other migrations 1801, 1811, 1833, etc.

15th 1916. Society of Indiana Pioneers organized as outgrowth of centennial.

16th 1799. First legislative assembly of Northwest Territory convened at Cincinnati.

17th 1891. Opalescent Glass Factory locates in Marion.

18th 1889. Electric streetcar operated in Richmond.

19th 1919. Krick-Tyndall Co. established in Decatur; makers of farm drain tile, hollow building brick.

20th 1858. First session of Western Yearly Meeting of Society of Friends held with about 3,000 present.

21st 1941. Funds raised to purchase Joseph Cox Woods in Orange County.

22nd 1853. First boat to travel entire length of Wabash and Erie Canal reaches Evansville.

23rd 1805. Aaron Burr arrives at Vincennes to confer with William Henry Harrison.

24th 1888. Hillsdale Fire Brick and Tile Co. begins operations in Vermillion County.

25th 1894. Culver Military Academy opens for first regular session.

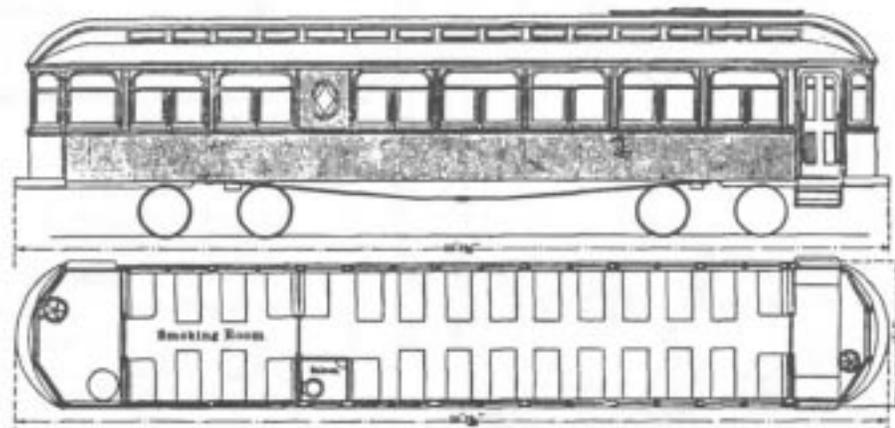
26th 1931. Dedication ceremonies for municipal airport, Indianapolis.

27th 1905. Indiana Central College in Indianapolis opened under auspices of United Brethren Church.

28th 1853. Union Railroad Station, one of first in U.S., opens in Indianapolis.

29th 1919. Elkhart Band Instrument Co., Elkhart, incorporated.

30th 1818. Probably the first literary work published in Indiana, *The Life of Bonaparte*, by a Citizen of the U.S., printed by Patrick & Booth, Salem.



Standard Car, Indianapolis, Columbus, and Southern Line

Electric railroads (interurbans) carried thousands of passengers from city to city from the 1890s through the 1910s. The coming of the automobile brought about the end of the electric railroads. (Phillips, 251-58) The illustration above is from Owen Davies, Interurban Cars Operating in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan During the Year 1906 (Chicago: n.d.), n.p.



October

1st 1843. State School for the Deaf opened in Indianapolis.

2nd 1840. Indiana Conference of the African Methodist Church organized.

3rd 1818. Delaware cede land in central Indiana, by the Treaty of St. Mary's, Ohio.

4th 1897. Huntington College opened by United Brethren Church.

5th 1818. Nancy Hanks Lincoln dies in Spencer County.

6th 1886. First natural gas well in Howard County opened.

7th 1849. James Whitcomb Riley, Hoosier poet, born in Greenfield.

8th 1821. Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends opens in Richmond.

9th 1926. Lanier Home, Madison (built 1844) dedicated as state memorial.

10th 1765. Fort de Chartres located across from St. Louis surrendered to the British, ending French rule in Northwest.

11th 1811. First steamboat on Ohio River, the *New Orleans*, passes Madison.

12th 1912. Chambers Mfg. Co., Shelbyville, incorporated; makers of stoves.

13th 1916. Indiana Centennial Educational Day celebrated in Indianapolis.

14th 1938. Angel Mounds purchased by Indiana Historical Society.

15th 1849. Charity Dye, Indianapolis teacher, author, born in Kentucky.

16th 1826. Potawatomi cede land in north central Indiana, give right of way and additional land for Michigan Road.

17th 1823. Pepin & Barnet circus, demonstrating horsemanship and feats of agility, shows at Mr. Lasselle's lot in Vincennes.

18th 1844. Harvey W. Wiley, pioneer in pure food legislation, born in Kent.

19th 1790. Colonel John Hardin defeated by Miami Chief Little Turtle near Fort Wayne.

20th 1852. First Indiana State Fair begins Indianapolis.

21st 1803. Solon Robinson, agriculturist and journalist, born in Tolland, Connecticut; came to Indiana, 1830.

22nd 1794. Building of Fort Wayne completed by General Anthony Wayne's troops.

23rd 1826. Miami sign Treaty ceding land in north central Indiana and giving right of way for Wabash and Erie Canal.

24th 1817. Tin manufactory established in Madison.

25th 1813. Annual tax rate on 100 acres of first rate land was 75 cents.

26th 1833. Indianapolis *Journal* advertisement by George H. Quigg: "Apprentice Boys taught at half price, and Orphans gratis," at his night school for special training in "Penmanship, the Art of Pen-Making, Arithmetic, and Book-Keeping."

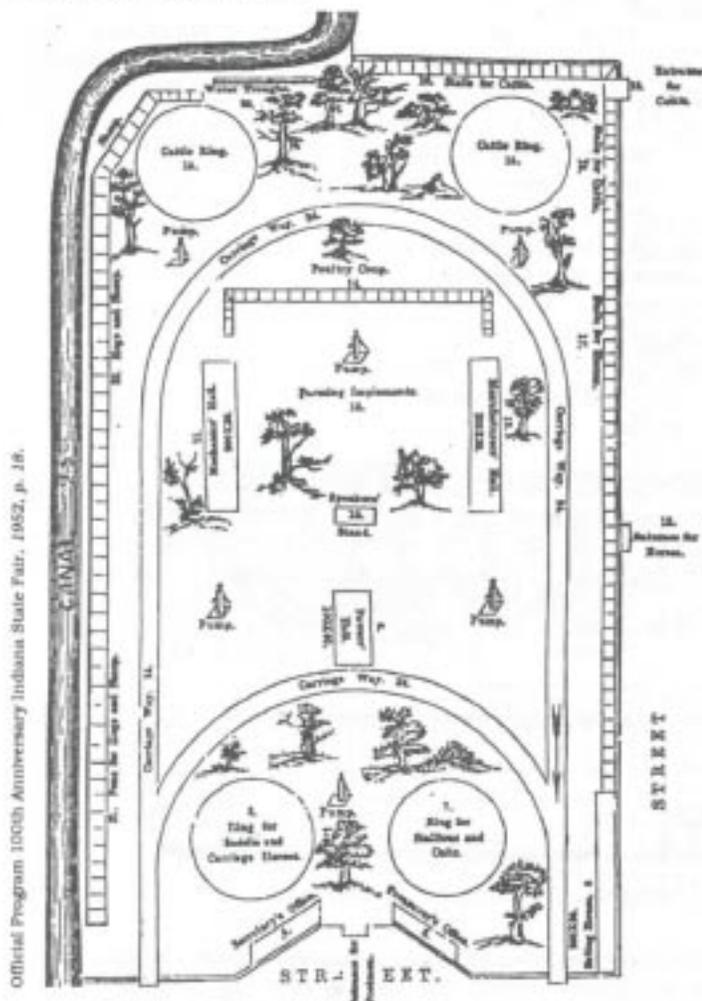
27th 1895. Swift & Co. of Chicago establishes branch meat packing plant in Indianapolis.

28th 1815. Salt mining in Scott County proves successful.

29th 1881. Winchester Wagon Works, Winchester, organized.

30th 1893. Indiana Harbor Works, East Chicago, incorporated.

31st 1902. Auburn Automobile Co., Auburn, established.



Official Program 100th Anniversary Indiana State Fair, 1952, p. 16.

The first Indiana State Fairgrounds was located in Indianapolis in 1852 at what is now Military Park at New York and West Streets.

November

1st 1851. Second constitution becomes effective.

2nd 1778. Frances Slocum kidnapped by Indians from home in Pennsylvania.

3rd 1817. School opened in Madison for teaching of 3 R's, also trigonometry, geometry, geography, history, rhetoric, moral and natural philosophy.

4th 1862. Richard J. Gatling patented a rapid-fire gun; first one made in Indianapolis that year.

5th 1855. Eugene V. Debs, presidential candidate, writer on economics, labor, and socialism, born in Terre Haute.

6th 1868. Benjamin Harrison elected president of U.S.

7th 1811. Battle of Tippecanoe.

8th 1913. Goshen Sash & Door Co., Goshen, incorporated.

9th 1839. Amish settlers move to Adams County from Ohio and establish homes and a church.

10th 1808. Benjamin Chambers reports on laying out early roads.

11th 1916. Turkey Run area purchased for state park as a permanent memorial of state centennial.

12th 1919. Representatives from 37 states meet in Chicago to form American Farm Bureau Federation.

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Eugene V. Debs had been arrested and indicted at Canton, Ohio, June 16, 1918, for a speech against U.S. involvement in World War I. (Phillips, 605)

13th 1850. Robert Dale Owen pleads for women's rights in constitutional convention.

14th 1810. A Reformed Presbyterian church organized in Gibson County.

15th 1890. Central Oolitic Stone Co., Bloomington, organized.

16th 1831. First issue South Bend *North-Western Pioneer*.

17th 1845. Transportation on Whitewater Canal heavy: 200 wagons a day discharge produce at Cambridge City for Cincinnati.

18th 1899. Backstay Welt Co., Union City, established; makers of welts, gimps, and insulating materials.

19th 1752. George Rogers Clark born in Virginia.

20th 1906. John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis, dedicated.

21st 1941. Battleship *Indiana* launched.

22nd 1899. Hoagy Carmichael, composer, born in Bloomington.

23rd 1810. Act forming Jefferson County; effective January 1, 1811.

24th 1889. Salvation Army incorporated in Indiana.

25th 1847. Benjamin F. Trueblood, writer on religion and international peace, born in Salem.

26th 1848. First session of Eleutherian Institute begins.

27th 1928. National Guard acquires Stout Field for training center.

28th 1799. John Rice Jones appointed to carry mail between Louisville and Kaskaskia, via Vincennes, once a month.

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30th 1808. Whitewater horse races.

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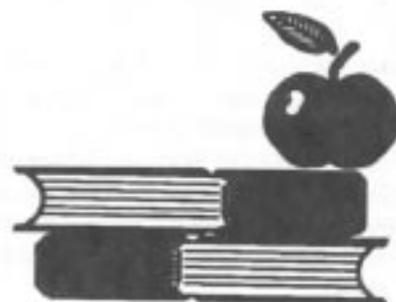
- Local libraries, museums, and historical societies often have local history collections.

- Indiana State Archives, Commission on Public Records, Indianapolis, 317-232-3660, has many records of state and local government.

- Indiana Division, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, 317-232-3671, is a rich source for primary source materials.

- William Henry Smith Library, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, 317-232-1879, is another rich source for primary source materials.

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