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“Orinoco Furniture Company” state historical marker will be dedicated in Columbus, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for April 28, 2007. The state historical marker commemorating the Orinoco Furniture Company will be dedicated at the company’s former location at 1720 17th Street, Columbus at 11:00 A.M.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Orinoco Furniture Company”:

Incorporated and its factory built here 1890. Reorganized 1891; William H. Lincoln then led the company to great success, stressing quality and artistic merit in fine, high-grade furniture. By 1895, production included parlor, library, and tea tables and ladies' desks; furniture was sold throughout U.S. Lincoln Chair Company established 1913. The companies were important in Columbus' economy; they were part of Indiana's extensive furniture industry. Employees included many skilled craftsmen. Lincoln died 1935; the companies were reorganized into Lincoln-Orinoco, Inc. The company closed 1940; buildings and all assets were sold at auction. Buildings have had various uses over time.

Everyone is invited to attend this ceremony that commemorates Orinoco’s part in Indiana’s furniture industry, an industry that ranked as the fourth largest in the nation in 1919.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. For more than 80 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

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