



## This Week in Indiana History

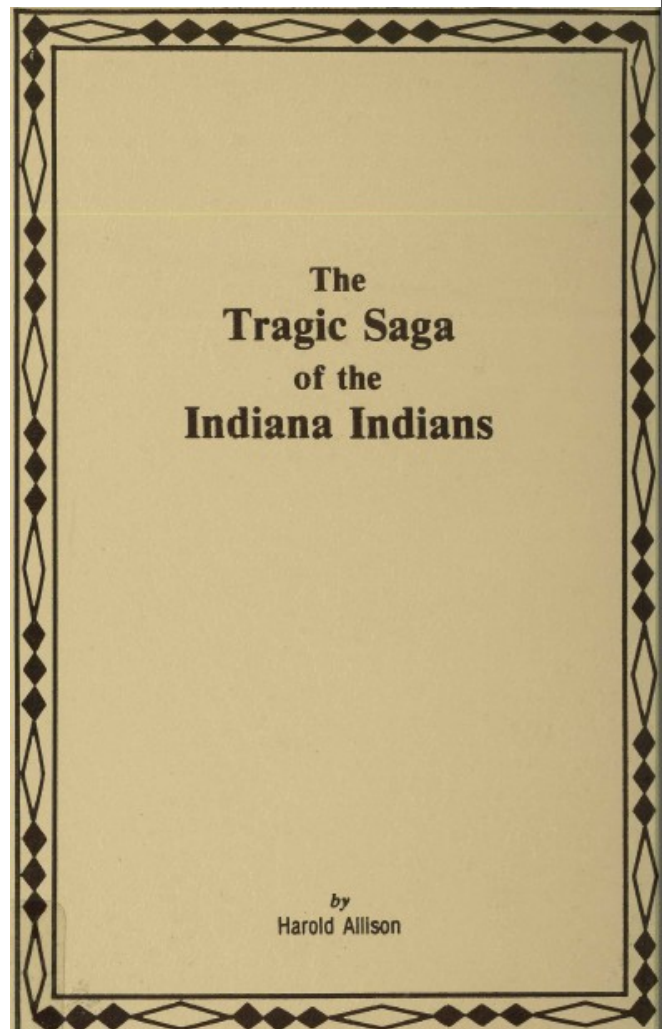
March 22, 1824:

### The Fall Creek Massacre

On this day, a group of white settlers attacked and killed nine peaceful Native Americans in what is now Pendleton, Indiana. The atrocity quickly gained national attention, due to the brutality of the crime and fears of reprisal across the mid-west. Government agents travelled to the various tribes and assured them that the killers had been caught and they would face justice.

On December 1st of the same year, James Hudson was the first of many to be sentenced to death by hanging for his part in the massacre. This was the first case of a white settler being sentenced to death for the killing of a Native American in American history.

*The Tragic Saga of the Indiana Indians by Harold Allison is one of the many books at the Indiana State Library that covers this topic of our state's history. Come visit us to learn more.*



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