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Newsletter of the Friends of the Indiana State Archives, Inc.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS A HOOSIER, AN EXHIBIT



Photograph of Abraham Lincoln's Indiana Home. Indiana State Archives.

From ages seven to 21, the boy who was to become the nation's sixteenth president called Indiana his home, forging ties that remained with him throughout his life. To celebrate Lincoln's many connections to the Hoosier state, the Indiana State Library hosted "Abraham Lincoln Was a Hoosier: An Exhibit" in partnership with the Indiana Supreme Court, the

Indiana State Archives, and Indiana Historical Bureau. Items on display included letters from Lincoln to prominent Hoosiers like Governor Oliver P. Morton, maps, photographs, traditional stories of Lincoln's boyhood, letters about Lincoln written by Indiana Civil War soldiers to their families, newspaper articles, and sketches of President Lincoln lying in state in the old Indiana State House.

"Indiana's state agencies have a tremendous treasure of cultural resources to share with the public," said Jim Corridan, State Archivist and Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. "Hoosiers can



Military Pass issued to J.C. Roberts, October 24, 1864, by Indiana Governor Oliver P. Morton to go home to vote. Indiana State Archives.

view this exhibit, some of which has never before been publicly displayed, as a small sample of what resources we have within the State's collections."



Detail from letter by John G. Nicolay to William T. Dennis, Secretary, Indiana State Board of Agriculture, July 13, 1860, declining the invitation to Abraham Lincoln to attend the Indiana State Fair. Indiana State Archives

The exhibit opened on July 29, 2006, as a complement to the keynote speech of the Chief Justice of Rhode Island, the Honorable Frank Williams, "Abraham Lincoln and Indiana: A Time and Place to Grow," during the annual meetings of the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators.

Located in the Library's Indiana Authors Room on the second floor, the exhibit was open to the public July 31 through August 25.



RECEPTION FOR ABRAHAM LINCOLN EXHIBIT



On Sunday, August 27, the Friends of the Indiana State Archives hosted "A special Wine and Cheese Reception" for the exhibit "Abraham Lincoln Was a Hoosier" at the Indiana State Library.



Friends' members were given a special opportunity to view the exhibit prior to its closing at the end of August.



The proceeds from the event will support an architectural feasibility study for a downtown location for the Indiana State Archives.

The exhibit was on display in the Indiana Authors Room on the second floor of the Library.



Visit the Indiana State Archives Exhibit

Native American Genealogical Resources

on display

December 2006 through March 2007

at the

Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division

Indianapolis, Indiana

VOLUNTEER NEWS

The following is a progress report for the Volunteer Projects as of October, 2006.

Information and images from the early records of the State Board of Agriculture, processed by Barbara Gibson and Sandy Ricketts, were used this year in the State Fair's 150th celebration.



Barbara Gibson has completed processing the History of Indiana Libraries Collection. She has placed the records in acid free folders and arranged them in alphabetical order by town.

Progress continues on several on going projects including: the Civil War Service Cards - we have completed the letter "W" and are working on the letters C, R, S, & T; the Land Office Records from Vincennes and Crawfordsville; the Indiana State Prison mug shots; naturalization records from Allen and St. Joseph Counties.

Sandy Ricketts is processing additional collections from The Board of State Charities.

The names of Jim Davis, Don Price and Marjorie Weiler-Powell have been added to the 100 Hour Plaque and Dale Armstrong, Barbara Gibson, Diamond Mather and Anne Moore are the newest members of the 500 Hour Club. Boyd Obermeyer reached the 1000 hour mark in November. The original plaques for 100 and 500 hour volunteers have been filled and we are working on the 2nd plaque for each of these levels.

We have recently interviewed several prospective volunteers. The recruits are from Lloyd Hosman. Thanks to Lloyd for his continued work on our behalf.

Barbara F. Wood
Volunteer Coordinator

For more information about *The Great Indiana State Fair*, or to purchase a copy, please go to the Indiana Historical Bureau web site at <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/publications/>.

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The Friends of the Indiana State Archives, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization of citizens concerned with helping the Indiana State Archives fulfill its role as the permanent repository for official records of state and local government in Indiana. The Friends supports the management, preservation, and responsible use of Indiana's public records and serves as an advocate for the Indiana State Archives. Join other Hoosier citizens in an effort to save Indiana History. Enroll today.

Enclosed is my check made payable to the Friends of the Indiana State Archives, Inc. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter and invitations to workshops, special events and the annual meeting. Gifts to the Friends are tax deductible.

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Upcoming Events

December-
March "Native American Genealogical
Resources" exhibit at the Indiana State
Library, Genealogy Division, 140
North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis

January 9
Noon Quarterly Meeting of the Board of
Directors, at the Indiana State
Library.

April 10 Annual Meeting, location to be
announced.

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