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

Spring 2016

Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Noelle Szydyk, state director of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is the featured speaker at the twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Indiana State Archives on Tuesday, April 19, at the Indiana State Library, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis.



Our Volunteers Did It! 100,000+ Hours and Counting

Indeed, our volunteers have accumulated more than 100,000 hours of service since 1991. That's a truckload of

acid-free folders!! And we're still going strong. Anne Rodick is our last active volunteer from that 1991 group.

State Representative and Friends of the Indiana State Archives Board Member Matt Pierce helped us celebrate this monumental achievement with a House Resolution acknowledging the volunteer work and presented at the Statehouse on February 29th. Bravo!!

You can be part of the 100,000+ group. Contact volunteers@fisa-in.org

A buffet luncheon and brief Friends business meeting will precede the presentation. The luncheon and meeting will begin at noon. The price of the luncheon is \$16.00, payable at the door but you must reserve a lunch in advance. Please call Barb Wood at 317-313-6561 or e-mail b.wood@att.net by April 14 for reservations. Checks should be made payable to FISA. Individuals may attend the talk at no cost.

For directions and information about parking, visit the State Library's website at <http://www.in.gov/library/2348.htm/> Come and join in celebrating this year's accomplishments of the Friends!



Indiana at 200

In 1911, the Indiana Legislature created a Centennial Commission to recommend a site and suggest plans for a permanent memorial in recognition of the state's first 100 years. They recommended a Library and Museum. In *Suggestive Plans for A Historical and Educational Celebration in Indiana in 1916*, published in 1912, the Commission stated "A splendid Library and Museum of the monumental design and fitting environment contemplated, will supply an urgent present need, typifying the patriotic and intelligent spirit of the Commonwealth today; and stand a hundred years hence to proclaim with dignity the high character of citizenship in 1916." The Commission was not empowered to go farther than recommending a site and prepare plans for a permanent memorial.

The Indiana Historical Commission was created in

1915 to help the state celebrate the 100th anniversary of statehood. The duties of the commissioners were to publish documentaries dealing with the history of the State of Indiana and to plan a historical and educational celebration of the State Centennial and to encourage public interest in the celebrations. There were pageants, school programs, lectures, musical presentations, and many other activities.

The Commission encouraged the people of Indiana to place permanent memorials throughout the state. The promotion of a system of state parks as a Centennial memorial was the most successful idea. Citizens of 1916 were very concerned about air pollution and felt that undeveloped land with clean air would be vital. The parks system featured tracts or buildings associated by history or tradition with the development of the state. The first state park was McCormick's Creek State

Park, July 4, 1916 followed by Turkey Run, 1916.

The Indiana State Archives holds the twelve boxes of correspondence, committee reports, county reports and centennial programs, reminders of meetings, and Western Union telegrams. There are files for each county filled with correspondence and a number of letters from the Commission to prospective chairs of the local centennial committees. A few of the letters contain gracious language accepting the charge. There are many more that decline the opportunity and the enormous amount of work. There are 92 counties but at least 100 ways of saying "thanks but no thanks." Some of the committees were local but then, there was the "Grand Committee."

We'll spend 2016 looking into the records of the Centennial Celebration.



Centennial Celebration Committee

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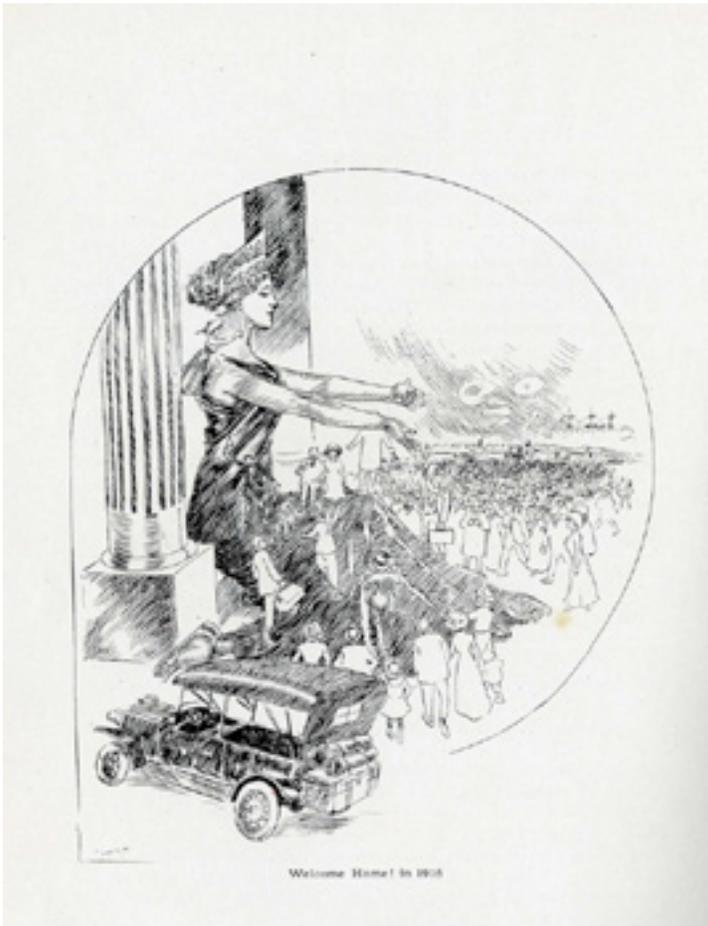
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Tape is Evil

Musty books? Baking soda or clay cat litter can be used to remove musty smells from books:

You will need two containers, one larger and one smaller. Use a trash can or large tote with a lid to hold an inch or two of cat litter or baking soda. Put the musty book (that is mold-free) in the smaller container without a lid. Put the smaller container in the larger container with baking soda or cat litter in the bottom. Don't let the musty item come in contact with the baking soda or litter. Close the lid of the larger container and store in a cool, dry place. Check the progress periodically and change the soda/litter if necessary. The process could take a few days.



Welcome Home! in 1916



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The Archives was present in October, 2015 at the Genealogy and Local History Fair at the Indiana State Library. The speakers focused on the theme of crimes and punishment. Volunteer Sandy Ricketts chose Crime and Punishment for the exhibit. All images were of inmates at Indiana correctional facilities.



Fourth grade students from Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville put Indiana's five Statehouses in chronological order during the December 11, 2015 celebration at the Statehouse.

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your Friends of the
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membership! Consider
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