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The 2016 Indiana Bicentennial Commission Endorses an Indiana State Archives Solution

In December 2011, former Governor Mitch Daniels appointed a fifteen member commission, chaired by former Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and former Congressman Lee Hamilton, to oversee the planning and execution of a statewide celebration for Indiana's 200th birthday. Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial celebration aims to honor our state's 200 years of history, but do so in a modern way that engages all 6.5 million Hoosiers and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations. The commission will encourage each community in Indiana to take part in this unique celebration. First Lady Karen Pence serves as the official Bicentennial Ambassador.

Recently, the Indiana Bicentennial Commission endorsed the "Indiana State Archives Solution" as a Signature Project. The Commission has visited the Archives and marveled at the collection while at the same time was appalled at the

condition of the "warehouse" archives building.

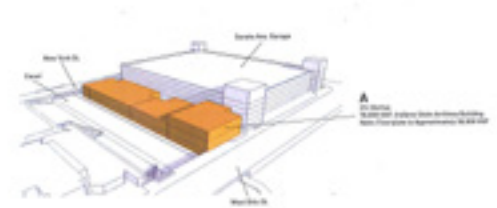
The Bicentennial Commission notes that of the three major bicentennial projects, the Indiana Archives Solution is the most fluid at this time. The state's real estate portfolio is being reviewed for a possible secure site for the Indiana archives. The solution may include a new building and protecting and preserving the state's valuable documents - possibly including digitalization.

The Indiana Commission on Public Records also submitted two projects which have been endorsed by the Bicentennial Commission "Honoring Indiana's Founding Fathers" is a project designed to both educate Hoosiers about, and commemorate the 43 delegates that drafted Indiana's first constitution. The month-long program will honor each delegate with a wreath laying ceremony at their gravesite, using the delegate's heirs and local youth organizations (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies). Each ceremony

will include brief biographies about the delegate, their accomplishments in life and at the convention.

"Birth of a State: The Indiana Exhibit" will be a traveling exhibit expected to visit up to nine sites across Indiana for three week intervals to provide access to the public to see the state constitution, state's historic rifle, the first state flag, territorial documents, early laws and judicial decisions and other significant Indiana historical items from the territorial and first years of Indiana's statehood periods

You can track Bicentennial plans at www.Indiana2016.org.



A possible Archives solution would be a new building. Here is a rendering of a potential building located along the canal and the parking garage between New York Street and West Ohio Street in downtown Indianapolis.

Archives Assists with Central State Cemetery

In early June, Indianapolis city government unveiled a marble monument bearing the names of 575 patients buried in a small cemetery across the street from the Central Indiana Hospital for the Insane (later Central State Hospital). Marilyn Pfisterer, City-County Councilor led the movement to clean up the cemetery and establish a cemetery rehabilitation program stated “This is to preserve the history of patients who have been overlooked and forgotten.” Pfisterer contacted Alan January, Director of Patron Services, Indiana State Archives, to assist in gathering the names of the patients for the monument and the history of the hospital. We were happy to help, Councilor Pfisterer.

and the Indiana State Archives will have a booth filled with hints and tips and handouts to assist you. For more information check www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots or call 317-232-1882.

from a physical, mental and spiritual standpoint; to provide for the delivery and holding of lectures, exhibitions, public meetings, classes and conferences, calculated directly convenient to its business; to organize and



At last year's Roots Conference Barbara Wood (standing), Jennefer Burk, Alan January, Director of Patron Services, and Tom York met and talked with conference attendees.

establish branch schools in other countries in this state and in other states and to have one or more offices, conduct business, purchase, own, mortgage, lease and convey real

Midwestern Roots 2014 – August 1-2

Exploring Frontiers: What would your Pioneers have Tweeted? Well, that's a good question. Join Hoosier genealogists and family history enthusiasts on August 1st and 2nd at the Marriott East, Indianapolis. It's your chance to keep updated on the latest technology changes in family history research, resources and methodology. There will be more than 30 stimulating lectures

New School, 1923

In 1923, The Myrtle Yount Cripe Institution of Right Thinking, Incorporated filed Articles of Incorporation with the State of Indiana. Question number 3 of that document asks “the business to be done by this corporation is” - and here is the answer:

To establish courses of study and carry on as institution where students may obtain on moderate terms a useful knowledge of the scientific laws of life and spiritual harmony

and personal property or any estate therein in any part of the work and do any and all other things necessary for the furthering or attaining any of its objects; subject always to local laws.

Well, that's a mouth full! Thanks again to Archives volunteer Tom York who works with the Secretary of State's Dissolved Corporation Records and found this citation. This business lasted until 1936.

Tom also found the Articles of Incorporation of the Clean Politics Publishing Company, June 17, 1909. “The Objects of the promotion of said company shall be the manufacture, by printing, or legal blanks, stationery, books,

magazines,[leaflets], and newspapers and the purchase and sale of the same.” This company didn’t last either.

The Heart of Healthcare

In the early 19th century, women in Indiana had little or no opportunities for formal education and training, and most worked as homemakers and farmers in their own families. Nursing care for the sick was also a family matter, provided primarily by untrained family member. Care for the poor was inferior or nonexistent. Growing populations, epidemics of disease, and injuries and diseases affecting soldiers during the Civil War made the need for formally trained nurses in Indiana all to clear.

Training for nurses was first made available by religious and women’s organizations, and later by hospital schools for nursing across the state. The first hospital training school was the Indianapolis City Hospital School of Nursing started in 1883. The first hospital training school was the Indianapolis City Hospital School of Nursing started in 1883.

The Indiana State Archives and Indiana Medical History Museum have partnered to create

The Heart of Healthcare: Professionalization of Nursing in Indiana an exhibit using photographs and documents from the collections of the Indiana State Archives and objects from the collections of the Indiana Medical History Museum.

The exhibit is open at the Indiana Medical History Museum until September 3, 2014, www.imhm.org.



The first nursing class at the Indianapolis City Hospital School of Nursing, 1883.



Sarah Halter co-curated the nursing exhibit with Elizabeth Hague, Conservation Technician, Indiana State Archives. She is standing in front of a portion of the exhibit. Halter is the new executive director of the Indiana Medical History Museum beginning in late June.



Tape is Evil

Tips for soggy ephemera from flooded basements: Act ASAP to minimize mold growth. Mold will grow in less than 48 hours in temperatures above 70° and 65% humidity.

To help dry out damaged items, have a fan running in the same room to circulate the air. Aim it towards the ceiling so it does not blow directly onto wet papers, etc.

If the items are thoroughly soaked with dirty water, they may be rinsed lightly with clean water to remove debris. Do not open books when doing this. Support any single sheets of paper with fiberglass screen when rinsing them.

Mold often suggests bleach BUT DON'T. Save the bleach for the bathroom tile.

FISA News

At the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Indiana State Archives it was announced that long time treasurer Tom Krasean would no longer be treasurer but would accept a position as a member of the Board.

He was elected to serve a three year term. Virginia Terpening will serve as interim treasurer until the end of Krasean's term as treasurer.

Elected to serve an additional three year term are Lloyd Hosman, James W. Merritt, Jr., Matt Pierce, and Elizabeth Osborn.

Friends of the State Archives Board of Directors:

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April rains cause more damage at the State Archives.

Don't forget to renew your Friends of the Indiana State Archives membership! Consider Volunteering at the Indiana State Archives (volunteers@fisa-in.org)

