



# Archives Current

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

## Education in Early Indiana

The Indiana Archives presents Education in Early Indiana, an exhibition focusing on the development of education and its impact on the State's people. Drawn largely from the Indiana Archives' newly acquired collections from Vincennes University, this exhibition showcases the many factors that helped shape Indiana's educational system.

Long before Indiana achieved statehood, pioneers established opportunities to learn where few had existed. Settlers believed education would shape Indiana's future for generations.

Visitors will see rare, fragile and historic books and documents from some of Indiana's earliest libraries and the establishment of education.

Education in Early Indiana opens March 7 and runs through July 31, 2018 (Monday through Friday) in the Archives' Reading Room. The exhibition is free and open to the public.



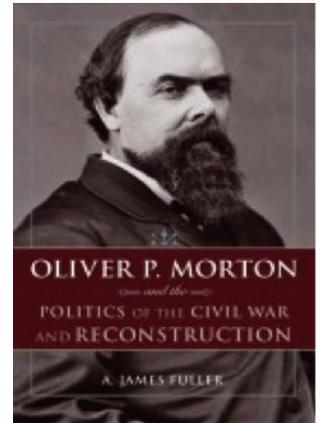
## Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018

A. James Fuller, associate professor of history, University of Indianapolis is the featured speaker at the twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Indiana State Archives on Tuesday, April 10, at the Indiana State Library, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis.

Fuller teaches courses on Early American Republic and Civil War. Among his many publications are *The Election of 1860 Reconsidered*, *Chaplain to the Confederacy: Basil Manly and Baptist Life in the Old South*,

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1798- 1868; *America, War and Power: Defining the State, 1775-2005* (coedited with Lawrence Sondhaus); *and Soldiers of Christ: Selections from the Writings of Basil Manly, Sr., and Basil Manly, Jr.* (coedited with Michael Haykin and Roger Duke). Most recently, *Oliver P. Morton and the Politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction* was published by Kent State University Press, 2017. Fuller will speak about Oliver P. Morton on April 10.



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, 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 6 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/> or call toll free 1-866-683-0008.

**Come and join in celebrating this year's accomplishments of the Friends!**

# January Retires!

Alan January retired from the Indiana Archives on January 31, 2018. January joined the Archives in 1990. Anyone who has used the Archives in the last 28 years has met Alan January. He received a PhD in American History from the University of Iowa. He joined the staff of The Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly in 1978. He edited the two volume Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly and co-authored *A Century of Achievement: Black Hoosiers in the Indianan General Assembly, 1881-1986*.



*January holds the 1816 constitution*

After reaching the Archives he served as Special Projects Coordinator (1990-1993), Archives Department Head (1993-2001), Co-Director and State Archivist, Indiana Commission on Public Records (2001-2005), Director of Patron Services, and Indiana State Archives (2005-2018).

January spent time working with the volunteers (who reached 113,000 hours of service in 2017) and countless outreach hours working with Midwestern Roots, Black Expo, Indiana Statehood Day and other genealogy and history organizations and events.

**Enjoy retirement, Alan!**



*Friends, volunteers and staff wish January well.*

## Friends Make Plans

On a bright Saturday morning in December, the FISA board met for a strategic planning retreat. Led by Mo Merhoff of OneZone, the board reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the board and identified opportunities and threats to FISA and the state archives.

Board members identified several short and long-term goals and have created workgroups/committees to address several of the short-term needs of the organization. The groups include:

- **Communication** - chaired by Noraleen Young
- **Governance** –
- **Membership** – chaired by Jim Corridan
- **Building** – chaired by Matt Pierce

The workgroups will report on their initial progress at the April Annual Meeting.

*If you have an interest in working with one of these groups, please contact  
Noraleen Young, [noraleenyoun@sbglobal.net](mailto:noraleenyoun@sbglobal.net)*

## Uniforms made in Indiana

Many uniforms worn in World War 1 were manufactured in Jeffersonville, IN at the Jeffersonville Quarter Master Depot. This Federal facility, built in the early days of the Civil War, was enlarged in 1917 by an act of Congress. In the Clothing and Manufacturing Branch, garment production increased from 600,000 to 8,500,000.

By November 1918, Jeffersonville produced between 600,000 and 700,000 shirts a month! The Depot was known as “the world’s largest shirt factory.” Shirts were only part of what was manufactured. They produced 750 service coats and 1,000 pairs of breeches per day.

Seamstresses would often sew their name and addresses in the pockets of the shirts, hoping to become pen pals with the soldiers. Four days after the war’s end, the plant went back to pre-war production putting 18,000 women out of jobs. The plant was permanently closed in January 1922 when the operation was transferred to Philadelphia.





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