



President's Thanks

by Lisa Stout

Thank you to everyone that has supported me in the last two years as President of the Society. Thank you to the Board of Trustees. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with each of you over the last 9 years. The meetings have been fun and productive and a lot of changes and growth have happened over these years. Thank you to everyone who has been there for me when I have asked for their help and advice. Keep up the good work you are doing.

Indians Exhibit

by Lisa Stout

A new exhibit about early Indian life in Central Indiana is scheduled to open on March 7 and will explore the lives of early Indians in the

Great Miami Reserve Area of Indiana.

"The Great Miami Reserve was the largest Indian Reserve that ever existed in Indiana. For the Miamis, as well as some other tribes of Native Americans, the reserve would serve as their last large region of homelands, used for hunting, camping and gathering. The Treaty of 1818 impacted not only the history of Howard County but the entire surrounding region. Howard County and Tipton County were the last two counties in Indiana formed from Indian lands" (Helen Heath, Tipton County Historian).

Learn the difference between a wigwam and a teepee. Identify different animal furs native to this area. What were the men's and women's roles in the villages? What did they wear and what tools were used? See local arrowhead collections and learn the story of Francis Slocum. A wooden Indian from the Minnetrista Cultural Center has been promised, and several items from the Miami Indian Headquarters in Peru will be on display. If you have any information or items to loan or would like to help, please call Lisa Stout at 765-610-8461.

New Board Members

The Greentown Historical Society welcomes five new board members who will serve terms of three years:

Carolyn Donson is married to Bill Donson and lives on the family farm at 7636 E. 300 N. She has just finished a term of district and state positions with the Indiana Farm Bureau. She was District Women's Leader for 9 years, board member of District 4 Indiana Farm Bureau for 9 years, and District 4 Director for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance for 9 years. Patrons of G.H.S. programs will recall Carolyn's remembrances of her father's veterinary practice during the medical professionals exhibit last year.

Jerry Johnson is married to Jeanne, and they live at 4614 N. 500 E. Jerry has lived in eastern Howard Co. all of his life and is interested in the history of this area. His employer is The Precedent of Indianapolis.

Bonnie Middlesworth lives at 11335 E. 400 N. and was married to Joe Earl for many years until his death. She is the former owner of Carriage Manor of Kokomo and is currently the owner of The Red Sleigh in Metamora. (continued on page 2)

GHS Calendar

- **History Center closed in January and February.**
- **Lincoln Window Exhibit during January - February**
- **Indians exhibit opens March 7**
- **March 21 Junior GHS Members Activity**

Paul Nicholson has been an educator at Eastern Elementary School for 39 years and has been involved in coaching of various athletic teams for most of those years; currently he coaches the varsity boys track team. He has contributed greatly to the maintenance of the exterior of the History Center. He is married to Kimberly and lives at 3960 S. 1330 E.

Connie Voorhis is another new board member who was born and raised in the Greentown area. She worked at State Bank of Greentown for many years and now is employed at Schillinger Associates of Kokomo. She is married to Steve Voorhis and lives in Kokomo.

Junior Members

by Karen Swan

The G. H. S. youth activity committee is planning an activity day for Sat., Mar. 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the History Center. Activities will include exploring the Indians exhibit and making dream catchers. Participants who are not junior members will be asked to pay \$2.00. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling Karen Swan at 628-3565. Memberships for anyone under 18 years of age are \$8.00 per year. Included in the membership fee are participation in three activity days and the Society newsletter four times a year. Tentative dates

for future activity days are Mar. 21, Jun. 20, and Sept. 19.

'09 G.H.S. Officers

President—Rachel Jenkins
1st V-P—Sally Imbler
2nd V-P—Joyce Lantz Sec.—Karen Swan Treas.—Nancy Echelbarger

'09 Chairpersons

Audit—Max Kingseed Budget & Finance—Nancy Echelbarger
Building & Grounds—Dwight Schaaf
Collection Management—Joyce Lantz
Exhibit—Bonnie Middlesworth
Fund-Raising—Sally Imbler
Long-Range Planning—Rachel Jenkins
Marketing & Public Relations—Sue Clouser
Membership—Paul Nicholson
Nominating—Darwin Freeman
Program—Carolyn Donson
Publications—Connie Voorhis
Research—Ron Simpson
Volunteer—Jerry Johnson

Top Volunteer

by Lisa Stout

Sally Imbler was presented the 2008 Volunteer of the Year award at the November Annual Meeting. Of the many nominations received, Sally received over 75% of the votes.

Those who nominated her gave the following reasons. Sally has been tireless in her ideas for fundraising events. Her efforts have resulted in

several thousand dollars which have benefited the Society in so many ways. Sally is always pleasant with a sweet spirit of caring; she is truly interested in people and the mission of saving the history of our area. Many noted her dedication to the Society as a board member, securing gift shop items, organizing the rummage sale, making phone calls and following up in thanking her helpers.

Thank you, Sally, for all you have done and continue to do.

Volunteer Report

by Lisa Stout

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time during October, November and December: Charlotte Agness, Joyce Lantz, Ron Simpson, Jean Simpson, Rita Kingseed, Susan Brooks, Barb Middleton, Nancy Echelbarger, Barb Sorrell, Sally Imbler, Lisa Stout, Connie Voorhis, Wayne Frakes, Darwin Freeman, Sue Clouser, Rachel Jenkins, Kimberly Nicholson, Paul Nicholson, Susann Sumpter, Betty Swisher, Dwight Schaaf, Janelyce Hatton, Max Kingseed, LeAnn Donson, Karen Swan, Carolyn Donson, Bonnie Middlesworth.

As of Dec. 16 there have been 1,985 volunteer hours recorded for 2008. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time this year.

Christmas Home Tour

Thank you to Kent and Bev Evans, Larry and Barbara Hensler, Colleen Ladd, Rebecca Jarrett, and Lamoine and Sue Clouser for opening their homes for the Christmas Home Tour. We appreciate all the many hours it took to decorate for the Christmas season and allowing us to visit their homes on a snowy weekend.

Christmas Trees

by Jean Simpson

There were 11 who decorated Christmas trees to display in the History Center during November and December. Votes were cast by visitors of one cent per vote. The winning tree was "Red, White and Blue" sponsored by the Lowell E. Symons American Legion Auxiliary Unit #317, decorated by Rita Kingseed. Second place was won by "The Medallion Tree" decorated by Charlotte Agness. First place was awarded a \$25 gift certificate to the History Center Gift Shop, and second place, a \$10 gift certificate.

Thanks to those who decorated trees: Leann Gates "Some Enchanted Evening", Elise Mossburg and Angie Sparks "Fairy Tale Tree" and "Old-Fashioned Christmas", Ron Simpson "Bow Tie Tree", Juanita Petty's collection of nativity scenes, Barb Sorrell "Beadcraft Ornament Tree", Vera Carstensen's collection

of Christmas tins, Simpson grandchildren "Character Spoon Tree" and JoAnn Imbler-Clark "Beanie Babies". There were 91 visitors who signed the guestbook during this time period, and we appreciate all of those patrons.

G.H.S. Material Donors for 4th Qtr.

Our thanks to the following persons who generously donated various material items needed for building, programs, events and exhibits during the 4th quarter: Barbara Middleton, Nancy Echelbarger, Paul Nicholson, Dick & Shirley Moser, Rachel Jenkins, Greentown Antique Mall, Plevna Implement, Sue Clouser, Ron Simpson, Karen Swan, Jean Simpson, Steve & Melody Imbler.

G. H. S. Monetary Donors for 4th Qtr.

Our thanks to the following persons who have generously

made monetary donations to G.H.S. for the 4th quarter: Sally Imbler, Nella Padfield, Paul & Sue Hubbard, W.H. Begeman, DDS, Roseland Rayl, Clouser Farms, Paul & Kimberly Nicholson, Dwight Schaaf, Josephine Howell, Give With Liberty—Employee Donation, Matching Donation: Heather Jenkins.

Artifact donations

We thank the following patrons who have donated artifacts to the collections at the History Center from April through December 2008: Janet Winrotte, Sue Clouser, Jim Echelbarger, Nedra Johnson, Phyllis and Ora Sharp, Darwin Freeman, Ron Simpson, Larry Hensler, Rachel Jenkins, Michael Shrock, Carolyn Johnson, Mary Estes McCullar, Larry McKinney, Barb Loomis, Jean Simpson, and Max Estes.

*1908 Taft presidential campaign came to Greentown by train.
Donor: Nida Bryant*



2009 Membership Dues

If your address label has a **red dot** beside your name, we have not yet received your 2009 dues payment. As we grow to include Junior activities for our younger members, we hope this will encourage families to take advantage of what we have to offer. We hope that you will consider joining or re-joining the Greentown Historical Society and helping us continue to serve eastern Howard County history.

Gems Online

Janet Winrotte, our partner in the LSTA digitization grant, reports that the state has finally updated their "COLLECTIONS LIST" online on Indiana Memory and our 2007 LSTA grant digitizing project "Howard County Newspapers" is on it. You can get there by typing in <http://www.in.gov/memories> or through the Kokomo Public Library's link in the Newspaper Collection of Howard County Memory. Click on COLLECTIONS LIST, and we are listed under the [Indiana State Library](#); click on [Howard Co. newspapers](#):

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Picturing Madison County

Starke County Collection

In the upper left corner, type a search word or name in the box and click "search". It will show how many pages have that word, highlight the words in text, and on the right side list the locations of the search word. If you don't have a computer, come to the History Center to read the Gems on CD.

Liberty Twp. Records

by Joyce Lantz

As Collections Manager, I have the privilege of access to very interesting and helpful sources of information about the early history of eastern Howard County donated to the Greentown Historical Society. Some of these sources provide insight into the lives of the hard-working and resilient folks who carved out a new home in our part of Indiana. A good example in our collection is a three-volume set of handwritten records of the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Howard County, dating from 1853 through 1922. The set was donated by Julia DeWitt in memory of Bernard DeWitt, Superintendent of Eastern Schools, and was in the Meridian St. school corporation office for many years.

As we work in the History Center, we encounter patrons who are looking for names of their ancestors in some of our primary sources. To help with such inquiries, the collections

volunteers maintain a vertical file of newspaper clippings commemorating marriages, births, deaths and other life celebrations, and we also have the beginning of a family history vertical file. However, Julia's donation of the Liberty Twp. trustees records has added much more to our knowledge of early family names and property owners in our geographical area. My challenge is to make my way through these three volumes, recording family names, property owners, and other data for our computer file in the History Center in the hope that we can facilitate the public's search for answers to their questions about our area. The following summary condenses the main board activities recorded in 1853 and 1854.

Record No. 1, entitled Greene Township, is a leather-bound record book of lined pages on which the Clerk of the Board of Trustees carefully hand-recorded in ink the minutes of the organizational meeting on April 14, 1853. The Liberty Township Board of Trustees consisted of Lewis F. Springer, President, W. Davis, Clerk, and Thomas Dutton. A week later T.N. Gallion was added to the board. On May 1, 1854, Thomas M. Sanders replaced Springer as President, and on June 29, 1854, Davis resigned as Clerk and was replaced by Luther Gray, so that year the Board consisted of Sanders, Gray, Springer and Ammon Cook.

At this point, my research

becomes more challenging because of the clerk's penmanship, his abbreviations, omitted punctuation marks, misspelling and variant spelling of names. All in a day's work, as many genealogical researchers will say! I have attempted to transcribe names exactly as they appear in the record book as closely as I can make them out.

The main order of business at this time was the construction of township roads. The trustees divided the township into eight road districts, described in the record by sections. Later in the month the book records lists of "hands liable to work" received from road district supervisors. These lists were turned in at different times during the spring of 1853 to the clerk who recorded them in the record book.

Road District No. 1—Thomas Thatcher, Andrew Simons, Michael Groff, John Smith, Jacob Groff, R.W. Smith, and Andrew Spohn, Supervisor; in 1854, David Larrison was named Supervisor, and added names to the list: Abraham Murphy and Jonathan Williams.

Road District No. 2—Jacob Shrock, Jacob Shrock Jr., Benjamin Shrock, Joseph Hendel, Emanuel Hochsetter, Joseph Kenaday, David Yoder, Christian Smoker, John Henry, William H. Houston, Daniel Smit[h], Boze Mannen, Andrew Simons, Daniel Koons, -- Bowman, and John Zook, Supervisor; in 1854 David Smith was named Supervisor, and added names David Stone, John Lockridge, Archibald Boon, Joseph Davidson, Wright Jackson, -- Graff, David Miller, and David

Zewle. Road District No. 3—Alexander Garinger, William Tyena, Elijah Tyena, Dasson Thrailkell, and Daniel Stone, Supervisor; on March 3, 1854, this district was "annulled" and divided between districts 2 & 6.

Road District No. 4—Joshua Peters, Isaac Bales, Henry Hinkle, James Tiler, Martin Tiler, James Marshall, and Mathew Mills, Supervisor; in 1854 Tence Howell was named Supervisor, and names added were Joseph Tyler, Andrew Tyler, Thomas Powell, and Moses Hinkle.

Road District No. 5—T. Sanders, L. Lamb, M.J. Morgan, C. Trout, J. Snow, L. Hall, J. Zeck, A. Zeck, G. Allen, M. Osborn, George Snow, John Woolen, Henry Foreman, Walter Foreman, Roster Gray, Luther Gray, Jesse Osborn, Charles Osborn, Jonathan Fisher, T. Tharp, Jacob Ray, Riley Murphy, Miles Burris, Parnel F. Peters, Valentine Summers, David Golding, T. Golding, George Golding, Mathew Golding, George Segrave, Tarver Segrave, David Hendickson, Omer Wright, William Marton, and Thomas Gallion, Supervisor; in 1854 C.L. Summers was named Supervisor, and names added were P. Wright, Samuel Lamb, Stephen Hall, Thomas W. Sanders, Ira Tharp, William Murphy, John Golding, Jefferson Golding, Alf. Foreman, John Needham, Henry Winslow, Jackson Seagrave, C.O. Fry, L.N. Roads, Joseph Bausman, N. Rissenfield, Jefferson Seagrave, Levi Brier, and Joseph Ball.

Road District No. 6—James Osborn, David Johnson, Jeffer-

son Segrave, Charles Willets, T.N. Gallion [listed in No. 5 as Supervisor?], Francis Smith, William Lindley, Francis Stanbrough, John Shockley, John Elliott, John Davis, Jacob Elliott, William Dormer, Aaron Carr, Tence Lindley, James Elliott, -- Taylor, Thomas Elliott, James Davis, Linas Carr, Hezekiah Carr, Evan Carr, and John Armentrout, Supervisor; in 1854 Francis Stanbrough became Supervisor, and names added were Samuel Lindley, James Lindley, Martin Osborn, David Haywith, and Aman Carr.

Road District No. 7—Nathan Hadson, Joel Healton, John Healton, Thomas Dutton, Joseph Skenbury, Abraham Skenbury, Norman Colyer, Jacob Fulwider, William Larowe, Levi Barrett, Daniel Barrett, Jesse Barrett Jr., William Fulwider, Samuel Swisher, Andrew Wisehart, -- Davis, John Bates, Samuel Lindley, Daniel Nordyke, and Allen Lamb, Supervisor; in 1854 these names were added: Calvin Davis, Joseph Sanders, William Elliott, Jonathan Healton, David Barrett, Joseph Carpenter, William Slate, William Larowe, James Finch, Enos Keck, and Nathan Hodson.

Road District No. 8—William Woods, Joseph Sanders, Alfred Foreman, Boon Woods, Josiah Beeson, William Cox, Richard H. Stanly, Robert Bowman, Jackson Segrave, Jacob Torney, Joel Stephenson, William Jennings, Morgan Bundy, Isaac Vankirk, William Davis, John Woods Sr., Ira Hollingsworth, John Gough, Lewis F. Springer,

Oliver Hollingsworth, John Woods Jr., Benjamin Beeson, Jonathan Larue, Charles O. Fry, Patrick Costalow, Benjamin Lamb, Arnold Huskins, Moses L. Rich, Jabez Rich, and Milton Garrigus, Supervisor; in 1854 these names were added: R.D. Bowman, Milton Williams, William Moore, Dempsy Moore, Isaac Vankirk, Ira Hollingsworth, Oliver Hollingsworth, Stephen Kirkpatrick, William Davis, George Seagrave, Morgan Bandy, Patrick Castalow, William Jones, Thomas Golding, William Cox, William Jennings, Arnold Huskins, Benj. F. Lamb, Thomas Cussins, and Owen Lindley.

At the trustees' meeting on April 25, 1853, the board ordered "that 12 cents be levied on each \$100 of real and personal property in Liberty Township for township purposes, and 8 cents be levied for road purposes." A month later the board lowered the tax to 11 cents. The board needed this revenue for many kinds of recorded payments and expenses, such as payment to board members and others for travel to meetings and the Howard County Treasurer's office in Kokomo, examining possible routes for public roads, taking "enumeration" of the children in the township, serving notice to landowners, making guide signs for new roads, purchase and hauling of stone for the new roads. Later their list of expenses would grow considerably as they built schools

and hired teachers. The building of a new school in Liberty Township District 9 was first mentioned in the board minutes on Nov. 25, 1853, when the Board ordered that Ammon Cook (who would become a Board member in 1854) be allowed \$7.50 as a balance for building a schoolhouse in that school district. No other information is given about its size, the teacher, or curriculum. Such information about schools would be recorded in much greater detail later in the board's recorded history. During 1853 and 1854 the board of trustees reviewed petitions to build public township roads. The board instructed certain members of each road district's "list of liable hands" to investigate possible routes and report back to the board. After the review and acceptance of the planned road by the board of trustees, the Supervisor of the road district was then ordered to open the approved road and maintain it. Their reports list the technical locations and names of property owners whose lands would have parcels 30 feet wide declared a public highway. In 1853 and 1854, the following roads were ordered to be built: (1) "through the lands of William Miller, Miles Burris and unknown lands, to the County Road leading from Greentown north to the County line"; (2) through the lands of John Rates, Andrew Wisheart, Samuel Swish-

er, Jesse Barrett, David Barrett, John Lindley, Jonathan Heaton, William Fulwider and other landowners' names not known, "until it reaches the County Road leading from Kokomo to the Grant County line near Samuel Lindley's"; (3) through the lands of Emanuel Hostetter, Joseph Kendel, Benjamin Schrock, Joseph Kenady, Boze Mannen, David Smith, Andrew J. Simmons, Daniel Stone, Salinda Simmons, William B. McOrmice [McCormick?], Daniel G. Neff, Allen W. Lewis, "until it intersects a County Road leading from David Hazzard's, northwest to the Wabash and Kokomo State Road"; (4) through the lands of Jacob Shrock Sr., Jacob Shrock Jr., Andrew Spohn, Wright Jackson, Horace Summers, Lewis Summers, Charles Osborn, Martin Osborn "and other lands the owners unknown", in the vicinity of Kokomo and Marion State Road and the road "leading from Kokomo to Greentown."

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees did not meet again after Sept. 25, 1854, until Feb. 24, 1855. This is only the beginning of my research into this early period of Liberty Township. I will report on other interesting findings in a later article. Does anyone know what happened to the other townships' early records?

Membership Form for 2009

Dues Rates:	Junior (18 and under)	\$8.00
	Individual	\$15.00
	Family	\$45.00
	Life Members	\$200.00

Dues are for the calendar year. Dues for new members in mid-year will be pro-rated by months remaining in year.

You have a choice of Life Membership dues being put in the General Fund or in the Greentown Historical Society Endowment Fund.

Contributions to this 501c3 organization are deductible to the extent permitted by the IRS.

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Our Mission

- *To promote public awareness and appreciation of the unique history of eastern Howard County, Indiana, and its citizens.*
- *To carry out historical research, preservation, and education.*
- *To provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences.*