

September 21, 2022:
PRESENTER: Robert Clements
TOPIC: Allan Eckert's
 The Frontiersman
DRINK: Gin Martini; shaken,
 not stirred

December 21, 2022:
PRESENTER:
 Terri Gorney Lehman
TOPIC: Jane Hine (1831-1916)
DRINK: Dandelion Wine

March 15, 2023:
PRESENTER: Randy Lehman
TOPIC: Gene Stratton Porter
DRINK: Homemade grape wine

June 21, 2023:
PRESENTER: Julie Newhouse
TOPIC: Early Female Lawyers
 of Indiana
DRINK: Beer

September 20, 2023:
PRESENTER: Andrea Neal
TOPIC: Pioneer poets
DRINK: Bourbon and apple cider
 cocktail

Upcoming Presentations:

January 17, 2024
PRESENTER: Leigh Morris
TOPIC: The Indiana Scene in the
 1840's
DRINK: TBA

Dates to Remember

Sunday, October 8, 2023
Feast of the Hunters' Moon Rally
Lafayette, IN

Saturday, November 4, 2023
Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 10, 2024
SIP Board Meeting

Tuesday-Friday August 13-16, 2024
Fall Pilgrimage
Explore the Ohio River

**Intergenerational Day
Mounds State Park —
July 12, 2023**

A GREAT SUCCESS!

Three generations of Society of Indiana Pioneers members and their families met at **Mounds State Park** on July 12th. We had 33 people with almost a third of them young people and all from different areas in the state with Ohio and Georgia also represented.

Kelley Morgan, chief interpretative naturalist and archaeologist, her staff and volunteers went out of their way to create an enjoyable day. Kelley gave a wonderful history of the mounds. **Malachi, a seasonal naturalist**, presented a reptile program.

Thanks to Andrea Neal we had a great lunch and plenty of cold water. In the afternoon, we toured **the Bronnensberg Home**. This family settled on this property in the 1820s. They saved the mounds by leaving them untouched and farming around them. Broom making, flint knapping, and weaving were demonstrated for us. For hands-on experience, we tried throwing an atlatl, churning butter, candle dipping, mowing grass and even hanging laundry.

Extra activities included a scavenger hunt in the Nature Center for kids and adults and hiking trails. Three volunteers were making a dug-out canoe for display and we watched

the process.

Andrea Neal, Nelson Price and I thank those attending for this 2nd Annual Intergenerational Day. Special thank you to my husband, **Randy Lehman**, for taking photos.

Terri Gorney Lehman
Vice President, President-Elect



The Society of Indiana Pioneers



Pioneer Times

Proven Ancestors:	9,839
Total Members:	965
These include:	
Life Members:	202
Junior Members:	8
Associate Members:	25

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Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 4, 2023 10:30 A.M.
Meridian Hills Country Club, Indianapolis 46260

A Note from the President

The Society of Indiana Pioneers has talent. It is not the name of a new TV show, and we promise not to make you sing and dance at the annual meeting (well maybe just, “Back Home Again in Indiana”). However, it is a fact. The Society of Indiana Pioneers has amazing amounts of talent. We have talented members who serve on a variety of committees to make the work of our group occur every month. Thank you to all who help on boards and committees.

In the next few weeks I will be asking people about their willingness to serve a one-year term on our committees starting after the annual meeting in November. We depend on these people to represent their ancestors whether they live in north, central, or south Indiana or around the nation. We are looking for people who live in a variety of locations and people with a variety of interests as we fill our committees. We wish to retain talent and experience and at the same time we desire to provide opportunities for new people to take leadership roles.

I am looking forward to calling you, and if you think I might overlook you please consider contacting me (765-285-8720 or RVMorris@BSU.edu). Tell me what you would be willing to contribute to the Society of Indiana Pioneers. I know we need people who would like to answer genealogy questions on Facebook, people who would like to help with development, diversity, education, marketing, and technology. I will be looking forward to speaking with you.

Ronald V. Morris
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A Note from the Genealogist

As most of you are aware by now, I’m the Genealogist for the Society of Indiana Pioneers. Our former Genealogist served in that capacity for 16 years and accomplished many things for the Society during her term. I’m excited to be filling the role and have met so many wonderful people and have loved reviewing your submissions for membership and added lines.

When I was young, my mother would drag me to libraries and repositories to look up records and search through microfilm. Over time, those names and dates on the page became real people and their stories of the struggles, hardships and joys of their lifetime became events that shaped their lives and mine. Now while serving as the Genealogist for the Society of Indiana Pioneers I can get a glimpse into each of your ancestors as well. It’s the stories that we work so hard to preserve. With your submissions to the Society of Indiana Pioneers, your story becomes part of what future generations can find and enjoy.

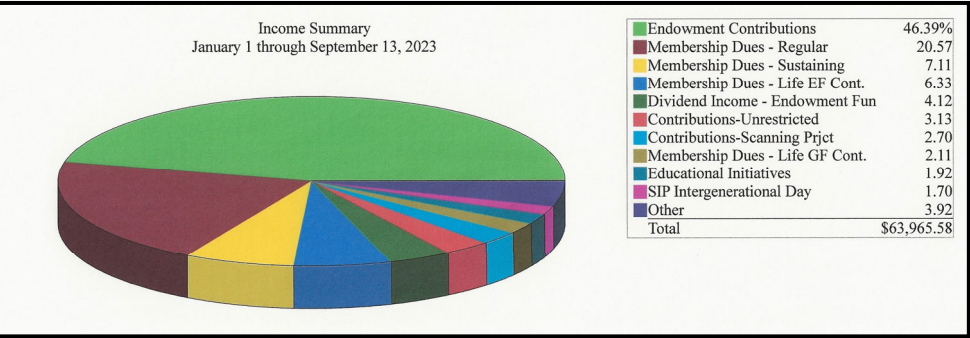
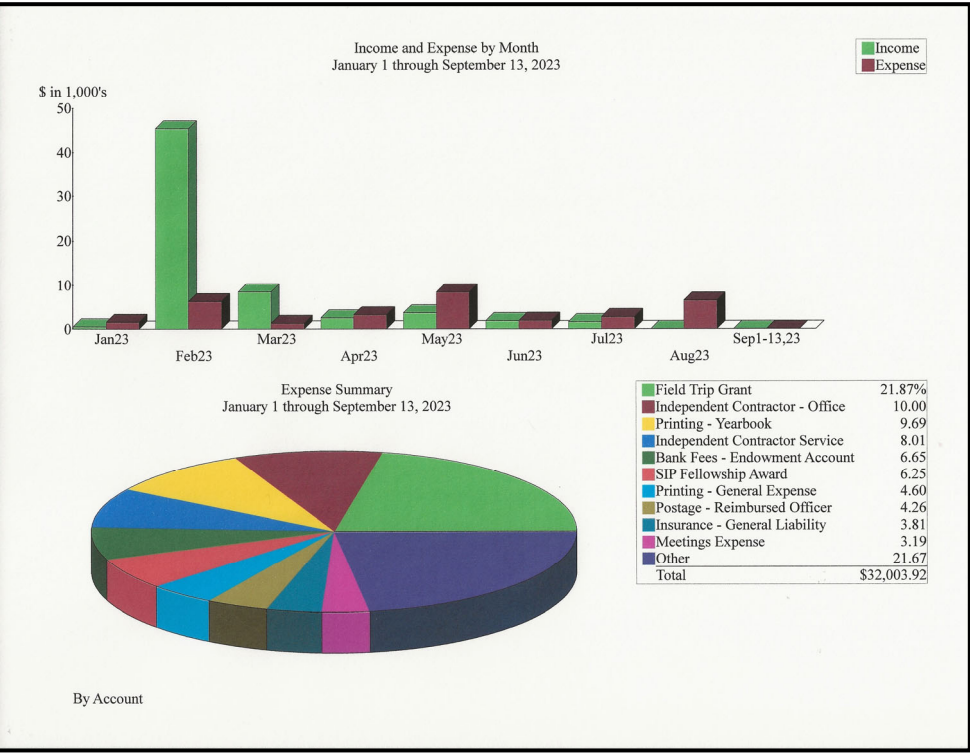
Sometimes, finding those early records can be difficult. Often I’ve found records where I least expected to find them. While many resources are available online, I still find that I need to head to the county courthouse, the Indiana State Library, the Allen County library, the John Hay Museum in Salem, Indiana or even the National Archives in Washington, DC. If you have questions about where to find resources, please send an email to me at genealogist.indianapioneers@gmail.com. Another good way to look for resources is to join our Facebook group (Society of Indiana Pioneers). There you will find over 1,000 members with similar interests in our Hoosier Pioneers.

It’s truly been a pleasure to serve as the Genealogist for the Society of Indiana Pioneers and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Terry Engel

The Treasurer’s Report
Bruce Oakley

Below are income and expense charts for the Society from January 1, 2023 through September 12, 2023. The bar chart shows income and expense by month. The first pie chart shows expenses by month and the second shows income by month.



Development Committee Report
William Rhodehamel, Chair

Did you know that August was National Make-A-Will Month? Making a will creates peace of mind for you and the people and organizations you love, like the Society of Indiana Pioneers. A will is important because it’s the foundation of your estate planning - a legal document designed to distribute your estate when you die. It is practical, but it is also personal and should reflect your values and concern for your loved ones. If you do not have a will, or if you

haven’t reviewed your will in the past few years, the first advice is to get started – today is the day to plan! Here are several great reasons to create a will:

- Everyone needs a will, whether you’re 18 or 80. And there’s no better moment than now to begin planning for the future.
- Your will gives you peace of mind knowing that your loved ones are taken care of, your assets are distributed accurately, and that your charitable gifts reflect your personal values. Selecting the right estate planning vehicle can allow you to

- reduce your estate taxes and income taxes while avoiding the stress and cost of intestate probate proceedings and, if you choose, creating a larger charitable gift than you may have ever thought possible.
- **Creating a will** is one of the kindest things you can do for yourself and your family. By putting your affairs in order, you can prevent stress and provide for the people and causes YOU love.
 - Wills aren’t just for the rich and famous. There are many important reasons to have a will, and passing on your money and property is only one of them. With a will, you can choose guardians for your minor children, name caretakers for your beloved pets, write your funeral wishes, support charitable causes, and more.

When you include the Society of Indiana Pioneers in your estate plans, you also ensure that your charitable goals are met and that SIP can continue our good work.

Education Committee Report
Andrea Neal, Chair

As Indiana schools return to pre-Covid practices, historic sites are reporting an increase in school groups booking tours for the coming year. With that in mind, the Education Committee is working to promote the Society’s field trip grant program more aggressively so teachers are aware that funding is available to help pay transportation and admission costs.

The committee approved three grants for the fall semester to **Maconaquah Elementary School** (teacher Jenny Walsh), **New Market Elementary School** (teacher Dan Chadd), and **Valparaiso High School** (teacher Tina Morales).

Maconaquah will send 150 fourth graders to Conner Prairie, a popular destination for Grade 4 because state social studies standards require the teaching of the Indiana territorial period and early statehood. “We chose this destination because it is close enough to visit, it is full of meaningful experiences for the kids, and it is someplace most of our students will never otherwise get the opportunity to experi-

ence,” explained Ms. Walsh. **Dan Chadd’s Fifth Grade Class** will visit the Rotary Jail Museum in Crawfordsville. Patented in 1881 and built in 1882, the rotary cell block was the first of about a dozen built in the United States, is one of only three left standing, and is the only still operational. Intended to address issues of safety and efficiency, the structure minimized the need for contact between jailers and jailed. A single guard could manage the 32-bunk facility.

Tina Morales’s special education students will visit the Buckley Homestead in Lowell. The Homestead, whose barn is on the national Register of Historic Places, is a living history farm that has been in the care of Lake County Parks since 1983. The committee, which also administers the John H. Holliday Award, has revised the application forms for both grant programs and added updated descriptions to the new website. Promotional materials will be distributed to attendees at the recent Indiana Council for the Social Studies Conference.

Awards Committee
Jim Fadely, Chair

Cory Balkenbusch, a graduate student at Ball State University and the new education director for the Allen County Historical Society, is the recipient of the \$2,000 **Society of Indiana Pioneers Fellowship for the master's thesis in Indiana history**. He has an interesting project writing the history of the three American forts once located strategically at Fort Wayne. While he is providing background context about previous forts on the site, the importance of his work is that it includes not only the soldiers who have been described before but also women and enslaved people who were at the site. In addition to telling the history after the forts and providing an administrative history on efforts to recreate and maintain them, a significant aspect of Cory’s project is his balanced narrative placed in context with the Miami Indians who left Indiana for Oklahoma.

One recommender noted that usually projects like this are written as a paper that few people access.

Cory, on the other hand, has elected to use the software provided by Scalar to create a web-based project that will be open to the Fort Wayne community and beyond. This will give the project both a larger audience and greater impact. You can hear more about this SIP Fellowship-supported project when Cory Balkenbusch speaks to our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 4, at Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis.

New Members



The Society of Indiana Pioneers would like to welcome the following new members who have joined from 15 Sept. 2022 through 3 Sept. 2023

Associate:

- Dunnington, Cheryl Stubelt Anderson, IN
- Essex, Judith Indianapolis, IN
- Herder, Margaret Durham Indianapolis, IN
- Robinson, Cathy J. Indianapolis, IN
- Tunnell, Ella Indianapolis, IN

Regular

- Amick, Teresa Payne Fishers, IN
- Attersson, Mark Allen Purcell, OK
- Brown, Shirley Hash Greensburg, IN
- Charboneau, Rachael Lynne Tucson, AZ
- Clark, Jerry Michael Richmond, VA
- Covey, Bruce A. Irmo, SC
- Cox, Randall Lee Harvest, AL
- Craton, Deborah Williams Bedford, IN
- Day-Smith, Teresa Lynn Blytheville, AR
- Filer, Carolyn K. Sun City, AZ
- Green, Cindy Lou Cox Mt. Vernon, IN
- Hanshaw, Patricia Gorney Highland, IN
- Harter, Justin Lee Indianapolis, IN
- Hassel, Nancy Cobean Hillsborough, NH

- Hedges, William Charles Peoria, AZ
- Holcomb, Eric Joseph Indianapolis, IN
- Keirstead, Catherine Himelwright Auburn, AL
- Ladd, Carolyn Helen Seattle, WA
- McBride, Margaretha Motes Crown Point, IN
- Meacham, Scott Blackford Richmond, VA
- Nowling, Bryan Nicole Forest City, MO
- Patton, Ronald Devone Braselton, GA
- Samuelson, James William Auburn, IN
- Samuelson, Lorraine Leininger Auburn, IN
- Sitarski, Anthony Joseph Crown Point, IN
- Smith, Janice Fleenor Crossville, TN
- Stravach, Krista Miles East Stroudsburg, PA
- Thomson, Sue Clark Indianapolis, IN
- Warner, Kathryn Mickley Garden City, UT
- Zerr, Patricia Wilson Gilbert, AZ

“Sip with SIP”
A Zoom Happy Hour Connection
Quarterly from 5:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Format: There will be a presenter with a topic of interest to SIP members. The program will be 30 minutes. You are invited to participate with the speaker’s favorite drink or a beverage of your choice.



Past Presentations:

June 15, 2022:
PRESENTER: Jim Fadely
TOPIC: “Prominent SIP Members of the Past”
DRINK: Old Fashioned