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## **SOCIETY OF INDIANA PIONEERS RECORDS, 1924–2014**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 6 manuscript boxes, 3 OM folders, 1 photograph folder, 1 color photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1924–2014

PROVENANCE: Society of Indiana Pioneers, Indianapolis, Indiana, Dec. 2012; Feb. 2014; Dec. 2014

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: *Society Of Indiana Pioneers Scrapbook, 1939–1947* (Call # OMB 0102); *Society of Indiana Pioneers DVD* (Call # F521.S675); *History of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, 1916–1980* (Call #F521.H65 H58 1980); *Pioneer Ancestors of Members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers* (Call # F525.D67 1983 and F525.D672 2001); *Year Book of the Society of Indiana Pioneers* (Call # F521.S67); *Society of Indiana Pioneers Clippings File* (Reference Room); *Seventeenth Annual Pilgrimage of the Society of Indiana Pioneers and of the Indiana Historical Society* (Call # F534.C46 S4); *Index to Year Book of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, 1921–1977: with Pioneer Roster* (Call # 521.S67 index).

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2012.0358; 2014.0034; 2014.0284

NOTES:

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

In preparation for the State of Indiana's 100th anniversary celebration in 1916, the Indiana Historical Commission organized local centennial committees throughout the state in 1915. Mrs. John Hampden Holliday, wife of the chairman of the Indianapolis local centennial committee, proposed "that there should be a society composed of people who were descendants of the early settlers of Indiana." She and her friend, Katherine Grayden, proposed the idea to her husband, who agreed. This led to the establishment of the Society of Indiana Pioneers on September 15 1916, although incorporation did not take place until 1922. John H. Holliday was the first president of the Society, and he held the position until his death in 1921.

Membership was limited to men and women over twenty-one years old with one or more ancestors who had lived in Indiana during the year 1830 or earlier. This date was later changed to 1840.

The motto of the Society is "honoring the memory and the work of the pioneers of Indiana." The first By-Laws were published in 1919. Also in 1919, the Society began a tradition of making biannual tours (called Pilgrimages) to historically significant places.

The Society has erected several historical markers including the Wayne Trace Marker in Adams County; Academy of the Immaculate Conception and Whetzel Trace markers in Franklin County; Miami Indian Cemetery marker in Grant County; Battle of Corydon marker in Harrison County; Forks of Wabash marker in Huntington County; Sarah T. Bolton marker in Marion County; Pivot Point marker in Orange County; Berry's Trace marker in Ripley County; Harrison's Crossing marker in Vermillion County; Frances Slocum marker in Wabash County; and William Wells marker in Whitley County.

The Society offers four classes of membership, two of which require proof of ancestry. The Society's office is currently located in the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Holliday, Murray. *A History of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, 1916–1980*. Greenfield, IN: Mitchell-Fleming Printing, Inc., 1980.

*OMB 0102 Society of Indiana Pioneers Scrapbook, 1939–1947*, Indiana Historical Society.

The Society of Indiana Pioneers. "Membership, benefits and genealogy."  
<http://www.indianapioneers.com/>. Accessed March 19, 2015.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is divided into 5 series: Historical Markers, Historical Background and Notes, Kenneth Beasley Historical Background and Notes, Vice President/President Elect Background Files and Notes, and Michael H. Miller Historical Background and Notes. The series are listed in chronological order.

Items within the folders were kept in the order within which they were received from the Society of Indiana Pioneers. A majority of the papers in the collection are print-outs of emails detailing the Society's events, meetings, and other undertakings. Other items of interest within each series are detailed below.

**Series One: Historical Markers** consists mainly of letters regarding the many historical markers that the Society erected. Most of these letters were written to check the condition of the markers. Also in the series are several newspaper articles, *Historical Markers in Indiana* (1924), and emails about the markers. There is also one black and white photograph of the erection of the Whetzel Trace marker and a folder of color photographs of other markers.

**Series Two: Historical Background and Notes** contains Articles of Association, By-Laws, meeting agendas, membership and marketing reports, advertising/promotional materials, profit & loss reports, membership lists, genealogist reports, newspaper articles, questionnaires, budget sheets, committee rosters, DVD planning documents, meeting minutes, annual meeting materials, standards of excellence impact analysis, files systems & databases printed PowerPoint slides, and database design printed PowerPoint slides.

**Series Three: Kenneth Beasley Historical Background and Notes** contains advertising/promotional materials, office manager reports, review of Society of Indiana Pioneers (SIP) and suggestions for the future, minutes, profit & loss reports, income statements, balance sheets, membership lists, board members' committee preferences, handwritten notes, "SIP in a Nutshell," annual meeting materials, and objectives.

**Series Four: Vice President/President Elect Background Files and Notes** contains meeting minutes, profit & loss reports, balance sheets, findings of the SIP office solution committee, John H. Holliday award materials, articles of association and by-laws, *Pioneer Founders of Indiana* packet honoring Pioneers from 20 counties, annual meeting materials, advertising/promotional materials, *Pioneer Times* newsletters, nominating committee report, "Genealogy Standards: Rules to Live By," and handwritten notes.

**Series Five: Michael H. Miller Historical Background and Notes** contains meeting minutes, genealogist reports, application information, "On-Site Collections Care Training" packet, advertising/promotional materials, membership lists, annual meeting materials, profit & loss reports, balance sheets, *Pioneer Founders of Indiana*, committee lists, Facebook print-outs, handwritten notes, John H. Holliday award materials, (Are these different from the ones above?) and President's messages.

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1174).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.