



## The History of Native American Indians in Indiana

by Lisa Stout

The newest exhibit at the History Center opened on March 7 and will continue until June 28. With the help of the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana, we have been able to borrow several panels that were made for the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis; after that exhibit closed they donated the panels to the Miami Indian headquarters in Peru.

Minnetrissa of Muncie has loaned us Grandfather Misomish to look over the exhibit seated in front of his wigwam. He has also collected various food items that would have been plentiful when the Miami lived in this area. Visitors will learn many facts about the Indians of eastern Indiana. Learn the difference between a wigwam and a tepee. Find out

how the Indians used the cattail plant for various other uses in their homes. Learn the story of the Twigh Twee and the legend of the crane. Listen to the Twigh Twee Singers and imagine dancing to the drums.

See the many different collections of arrowheads found in the Howard County area. It has really opened my eyes to the vast amount of arrowheads found in this area. Farmers have spoken about being able to see the arrowhead from their tractors as they are plowing the fields. One good example of this was Bob Kurtz.

We have received furs from Maine and they are available for anyone to touch and identify. You can feel a buffalo hide and imagine using a blanket made from the hide.

Our wigwam mural and the crane shield in the front window were painted by Sharon VanMeeter.

I hope you enjoy this exhibit as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. **Lisa**

### Letter To G.H.S.

*Dear Friends: I spent a wonderful couple of hours on Saturday in your museum. You have a great display of Indian artifacts for people to pour over and they are beautifully presented. Enclosed please find my check for a membership.*

*Anna May Reitenour (Kokomo)*

### Hard Times Dinner

"April 15th, taxes are due. Come have soup beans and corn bread too."

Please join The Greentown Historical Society for a 25-cent meal in the block building at the Howard County fairgrounds, Wed., April 15, 4:30 to 7:30. Our master chef will make some beans with ham and some without. There will be two kinds of corn bread, regular and gluten-free. Drinks and cake will also be served. Your presence will add to the delight of the evening.

### GHS Calendar

- April 15 Bean Supper
- April 18 Arrowhead & Indian Artifact Collector's Convention
- April 26 Tribal Drums
- May 16 Junior GHS Members Activity
- June 13 Tributes & Tales



## Tom's Vision

Youth membership was a vision of former board member Tom Manderfield. The board was not able to begin this program until after his death. Karen Swan, who saw Tom's vision, has been able to begin a Junior program with interesting speakers and fun activities.

## Junior Members

by Karen Swan

On Saturday, May 16, 2009 Junior members of the Greentown Historical Society will learn about the historic Lindley Cemetery. Linda Grove, Township Trustee, will meet with the members to tell them some interesting stories and information about the cemetery, then the members will assist with the clean-up of the area in preparation for Memorial Day.

Any interested school child should call Karen Swan at 628-3565. Junior memberships for anyone under 18 years of age are available for \$8.00 a year. Included in the membership fee are participation in three activity days and the Society

newsletter four times a year.

## Talent and Dedication

by Rachel Jenkins

The Society is extremely grateful to Susan Brooks for her service in providing programs in 2007 and 2008. She graciously agreed to develop programs for the Seegar Sisters events and for the 2008 Annual Dinner, using her students of vocal music. This meant not only developing the programs, but practice and appearances several times and at various venues including the Howard County 4-H Fair, the Seiberling Mansion, the Greentown History Center, the Tippecanoe Arts Federation in Lafayette, and Jerome Christian Church. Not asking for anything for herself, she says she "does it for the kids." We appreciate her talent in developing fine vocalists and in helping the Greentown Historical Society.

## Tributes and Tales

A celebration is planned for the tenth anniversary of the Greentown Historical Society. This will take place at our Tributes and Tales dinner on June 13, 2009. The honorees are the founders who served on the Board of Trustees from 1999 and also those serving as board members through 2003. They are named as follows: Ron Simpson, Rachel Jenkins, Lynne Kurtz, Sarah Cotton, Beulah Cobb, Jean Simpson, Milo Hochstedler, Tom Manderfield, Jon Ayers, Lisa Seegert, Lisa Stout, Bonnie Turner, Martha Lou Zirkle, Barbara Middleton, June Hill, and Joyce Lantz.

Much has been accomplished by these people in order to fulfill the purpose of the society which is to accumulate, preserve, and exhibit historical information and artifacts of eastern Howard County, Indiana. Watch for details in the Greentown Grapevine.

**Youth Activity Day March 21: Left : Rich Ferguson with Madison and Braden Sparks. Right : MyraAnn Hendrix and Heidi Cranor making dream catchers.**



## Twigh Twee Singers

On April 26th at 1:30 in the History Center, Twigh Twee Singers, a tribal drum group, will explain and perform ceremonial drums and songs, including dances for both men and women. Free to the public. The program will be held outside, weather permitting.

## Board in Learning Mode

Your board of trustees attended a Board Training Workshop at the History Center Annex on Saturday, Feb. 28. It was conducted by Jeff Harris and Stacy Klingler from Local History Services of the Indiana Historical Society. Areas included the importance of a mission and vision, the life cycle of organizations, and the differences between clubs and service organizations. Duties and responsibilities of being a board member were enumerated. The session concluded with steps to board development.

A delicious lunch was provided by various members of the

board. I am very proud of our board for their dedication to the society and the hours they devote to board duties as well as time in other volunteer avenues. *Rachel Jenkins*

## Exhibit Donations

We thank the following patrons who have donated artifacts and time to make the Native American Indian exhibit possible. Miama Nation of Indians of Indiana, Minnetrista of Muncie, Bill Augustine, Emily Musgrave, Rachel & Fred Jenkins, Ron & Jean Simpson, Lisa & John Stout, Mike & Joyce Lantz, Charlotte Agness, Sharon VanMeeter, Marie Manderfield, Eric Weaver— Treasure Mart, Steve Stone, Anne Stout, Sarah Siders, Dwight Schaaf, Jack Johnson, Rodney Miller, Mike Imbler, Roger Ledbetter, Clara Jo Chase, Richard Moore, Jeanne Riggs, Angie Sparks, Fred Odiet, Bob Kurtz Family, Dave Devitt, Dr. Todd Ream and his students: Anastasia Bonczyk, Stephen Cady, Natalie Davis, David Emerson, Brittany Hollett, Lauren Leuschner, Aaron Morrison, Luke Nelson, Emilie Schrock, and Allison Wilson.

## Volunteer Report

by Lisa Stout

Thank you to those who donated their time in January, February and March. They were: Charlotte Agness, Sue Clouser, Amber Crites, Carolyn Donson, LeAnn Donson, Nancy Echelbarger, Kent & Bev Evans, Darwin & Martha Freeman, Sally Imbler, Rachel Jenkins, Jerry Johson, Carolyn Johnson, Rita Kingseed, Max Kingseed, Mike & Joyce Lantz, Susie Middleworth, Bonnie Middleworth, Barbara Middleton, Paul Nicholson, Sally Nicholson, Nella Mae Padfield, Ron & Jean Simpson, Lisa Stout, Dwight Schaaf, Barbara Sorrell, Susann Sumpter, Karen Swan, Angie & Harry Sparks, Brad Shrock, Connie Voorhis, and Wayne Frakes.

## Rummage Sale

As you do your spring cleaning, remember the G.H.S. garage sale from June 10 throughout the summer. It will be at the Simpsons' garage at Main and Indiana St. All items are welcome, except clothing. We will also have a nice selection of perennial and vegetable plants. Call Sally Imbler at 628-7174 for more information, drop-off times, or pick-up.



*Stacy Klingler and Jeff Harris conduct training for GHS board members: Paul Nicholson, Sue Clouser, Sally Imbler, Dwight Schaaf, Jerry Johnson, Connie Voorhis, Bonnie Middleworth, Nancy Echelbarger, Rachel Jenkins, Joyce Lantz, Karen Swan and Max Kingseed.*

## Indian Artifact

### Collector's Convention

The Greentown Historical Society, in conjunction with their exhibit "the History of Native American Indians in Indiana" is hosting a one-day show for arrowhead and Indian artifact collectors on Saturday, April 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Greentown History Center Annex. The purpose of this show is for collectors to meet, display and discuss their "best finds". The public is welcome to attend and bring in items for possible identification. Meet others with your same interest. For more information or to reserve table space for your collection please call Lisa Stout at (765) 610-8461.

### Liberty Twp. Records

by Joyce Lantz

This article continues the summary and interpretation of the handwritten records of the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Howard County, dating from 1853 through 1922, donated by Julia DeWitt in memory of Bernard DeWitt, Superintendent of Eastern Schools. This valuable record has added much more to our knowledge of early family names and property owners in our geographical area. As I mentioned in the first installment, I have transcribed names exactly as they appear in the record book in spite of the clerk's spelling of names.

The minutes of the Liberty

Township Board of Trustees continues with the first meeting of 1855 held on Feb. 24. Members present were L.F. Springer, President, T.W. Sanders, A. Cook, and L.S. Gray, Clerk. In April Charles Willits presented his credentials as an elected member of the board of trustees.

Like many others, this meeting approved the payment of road supervisors: Jefferson Segrave, road district 5, \$6.00; Milton Garrigus, road district 8, \$8.00; Daniel Barrett, road district 7, \$12.00; Francis Stanbrough, road district 6, \$4.00; Tense Howell, road district 4, \$4.00; David Smith, road district 2, \$4.00; David Larison, road district 1, \$6.00. The board received a detailed report of their funds on hand and expenditures. They began the year with \$1.16 on hand, \$36.50 for road funds, and \$15.37 from 3 road districts, making a balance of \$53.03 to begin 1855.

At the Feb.28 meeting among the various payments to officers and workers appear two payments showing increased board activity in the establishment of township schools. Rossetter Gray was paid \$5.00 for making deeds to lots for school houses. A. Cook was paid \$4.00 for township trustee affairs and \$2.00 for school affairs. T.W. Sanders was paid \$4.50 for township trustee affairs and \$1.50 for school affairs. L.S. Gray was paid \$2.00 as the clerk in school affairs and \$4.00 in township trustee affairs. The minutes show that landowners were assessed 8

cents on each \$100 for real and personal property for township purposes and 12 cents for road purposes; later in the same year the assessment was amended to include a fee of "25 cents assessed on each \$150 on each poll for the erection of school houses."

Throughout 1855 and 1856 road building continued to occupy the greatest amount of time and expense for the trustees. The following township road locations were investigated and approved: (1) a petition presented by T.L. Garrigus and others unnamed for "a township road 20 feet wide, following a line dividing the lands of Benjamin Woods and Robert D. Bowman until it intersects the county road leading from Greentown to Jerome"; (2) a road running east through the land of Tense Lindley; (3) a petition to change a township road "leading from William Davis' to Strawtown Road"; (4) a change in a township road beginning at Kokomo-Jonesborough State Road, presented by W.C. Martin and others unnamed; (5) vacated a motion to build a road west on Jonathan Fisher's land, running south to intersect the road leading from Kokomo to Greentown.

The list of hands liable to work was submitted at the April 20 and 24 meetings to the clerk who recorded them in the trustees' record book. The reader will notice that a few names appear on more than one district list of names:

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## OPEN LETTER TO GHS PATRONS !

from Paul Nicholson, Membership Chairperson

Hello!

An interesting thing about history...it never ends! We're always making more! This is why your Greentown Historical Society (GHS) is still busy preserving the past and present for the sake of the future...your children and mine.

Your membership in the GHS helps protect a collection of over three hundred irreplaceable artifacts which help tell the story of our heritage. Your contributions via yearly or life membership dues and donations support special exhibits, exciting new youth programs/events, as well as research to uncover yet unknown history of our community. These things are part of what you receive in return for being willing to 'lend a hand'. And.... you can know you're making a difference!

We hope the GHS is an organization of which you can continue to be proud.

If not already a member, please take a moment to complete the form on the back with your 2009 or LIFE dues (\$15 and \$200, respectively) and mail to our address. Family memberships are just \$45!

Blessings on you as we embrace the coming year together!

Thanking you in advance, I remain...

*Paul L. Nicholson, Membership Chp.*

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**Membership Form for 2009**

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:**

Category of Membership:     Junior             Family             Individual

Life Member:

General Fund

Endowment Fund

I am willing to donate volunteer time (describe) :

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Please make checks payable to: **Greentown Historical Society**

**Mail To:            GHS Membership**

**P.O. Box 313**

**Greentown, IN 46936**

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Road District No. 1—Frederic Loreans, Michael Groff, Andrew Spones, Jacob Groff, Thomas Thatcher, Jonathan Williams, David Larison, Abram C. Murphy, Supervisor.

Road District No. 2—Jacob Shrock, Jr., Benjamin Shrock, Joseph Kendel, John Zook, David Yoder, Joseph Canaday, Christian Schmucker, Philip Groff, William Houston, David Smith, Moses Mast, David Miller, Daniel Sloan, Andrew Simons, Emanuel Hochstedler, Supervisor.

Road District No. 4—Henry Hinkle, Isaac Bales, Moses Hinkle, Thomas Powell, Joshua Peters, James Godfrey, James Tyler, Martin Tyler, Andrew Tyler, Joseph Tyler, John Arnett, Tense Howell, James Marshall, Supt.

Road District No. 5—Miles Burris, David Golding, George Golding, Amos Golding, Thomas Golding, Matthew Golding, Jefferson Golding, John Golding, Trier Wright, Tarver Seagrave, William J. Morgan, Samuel Lamb, L.S. Gray, Rossetter Gray, Henry Foreman, Jacob Ray, Ira Tharp, William R. Murphey, Jonathan Fisher, Charles Osborn, Alfred Foreman, C.O. Fry, Moses Mark, J.M. Loop, R.H. Stanley, Lewis Ellis, John M. Snow, Lewis Miller, Milton Williams, Martin Osborn, Jackson Mann, Augustus Kemper, William Ware, John Woods, Jr., Horace Summers, S.G. Hall, Supervisor.

Road District No. 6—James Lindley, James Osborn, William Lindley, John Shockley, John Davis, Tense Lindley, Charles Willits, David Johnson, Eperson Painter, Franklin Smith, Thomas Elliott, William Elliott, Jacob Elliott, Francis Stambrough, Hezekiah Carr, Cyrus Carr, Aaron Carr, Jacob Davis, David Hayworth, Evan Carr, John Weaver, Jefferson Segrave, Supervisor.

Road District No. 7—William Elliott, Thomas Sanders, Joseph Sanders, Jonathan Heaton, Calvin Davis, T. Lindley, A. Carr, Thomas Lindley, David Barrett, Joseph Carpenter, Andrew Wisheart, John Bates, Samuel Swisher, William Slate, Daniel Barrett, Jacob Fulwider, Naaman Colyer, James Finch, John Heaton, Joel Heaton, Enos Ritch, Allen Lamb, William Fulwider, Supervisor.

Road District No. 8—John Woods, Sr., L.F. Springer, Boone Woods, William Woods, Josiah Beeson, R.D. Bowman, Joel Stephenson, George Segraves, Valentine Summers, T.B. Vankirk, William Moore, Jonathan Larew, Ira Hollingsworth, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Morgan Bunday, William Davis, Abram Trueblood, William Cox, Benjamin Lamb, Thomas Golding, Joseph Bates, William Jennings, Thomas Coussins, Moses Rich, Jabez Rich, William Larew, John Duke, Benjamin Beeson, William Stephenson, Jackson Segraves, Ezra Gallion, Levi Price, Milton Garrigus, Jesse Moon, Samuel Lamb, Burgess Lamb, John Golding, Solomon

Jennings, John Miller, James Murphey, --- Simons, O.F. Hollingsworth, Patrick Costlow, Supervisor.

At the July 2, 1855, meeting I found the first mention of a Liberty Township library in the trustee records donated to the Historical Society. The board ordered an amount to the town librarian [no name given at that meeting] to purchase "a book case suitable for the care and preservation of the books at the expense of the township." In addition, the board set the library's open hours to be on Saturday afternoon. In the April 26, 1856, meeting I found mentioned that S.G. Hall [also Supervisor of Road District No. 5] was appointed as Liberty Twp. Librarian. The limitation on use of books was increased from 30 days to 60 days. The overdue library book fine was set at 1 cent per day, and "the penalty be expunged [expunged]." At an earlier board meeting the minutes record that William Cox was assessed 60 cents damages for the destruction of a book; one is left to wonder about the circumstances of that damaged book; William was listed as a hand on the team of road district no. 8.

As the year progressed, more actions were taken by the board relating to school building and governance. At the April 26, 1856, meeting the board paid out more in school expenses than recorded before in this record.

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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.