History of the Markers

In 1974 the Hancock County Historical Society organized an effort to place historical markers in each township. The goal was to be ready by the Bicentennial on July 4, 1976. The W. H Staples foundry was contracted to fashion each marker with the select historical text and a medallion representing HCHS on the top. A dedication ceremony was conducted for each marker during its placement in the townships.

After many years of wear and tear by nature and even cars, the markers were in need of repair. Led by Philip Power, Buck Creek Twp. Director of the HCHS, all markers have been replaced or refur-bished to look new again. The HCHS would like to gratefully thank Thomas and Carolyn Black as financial supporters of the renovation effort.
Greenfield: 100 S Pennsylvania St, Greenfield, IN. Site of the Old Hancock County Seminary beneath the ‘Crow’s Nest’ (bell tower) where James Whitcomb Riley wrote “Little Orphant Annie,” first published 1885. Dedicated September 19, 1976 at Eden United Methodist Church. Located one block east of Rt.9 on Eden Road at the ME Church.

Brown Twp.: 8381 N Nashville Rd, Warrington, IN. Site of Warrington Flour Mills (1874-1913), the first mill in the county to use silk bolting cloth for refining flour. Brand name was “Snow Flake Flour.” Dedicated June 1, 1975 at Warrington Nazarene Church. Located on southbound side of Rt.109 at the church.


Brown Twp.: 8400 E Main St, Charlestown, IN. Site of the Cleveland Inn, an important stop on the historic National Highway. Legend says an ‘Andrew Jackson’ once stayed at the Inn. Dedicated June 27, 1976 at Nameless Creek Christian Church. Located on the north side of westbound Rt.40, located on a private residence, be respectful.


Sugar Creek Twp.: Corner of 300 N and Sparks Rd, Mt. Comfort, IN. Site of Hancock County’s first “Grand Fourth of July Picnic” as chronicled by Dr. James W. Hervey, old Mt. Comfort’s “Father of The Indiana State Board of Health.” Dedicated July 6, 1975 at Ramada Inn Campsite. Located on the SE corner of 300N and Sparks Road.