

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 refurbished to look new again. The HCHS would like to gratefully thank Thomas and Carolyn Black as financial supporters of the renovation effort.



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Hancock County Historical Society



Self - Guided Historical Markers Tour



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HISTORIES.



Fortville

McCordsville

Vernon Twp.: *304 N Merrill St, Fortville, IN.* Approximate site of "Phoebe Fort's Corner." The post office at that time bore name of Walpole for an early lawyer, Thomas Walpole. Dedicated April 24, 1977 at Fortville First United Methodist Church. Located on west side

Vernon



Green Twp.: *2122 E Eden Rd, Eden, IN.* Original structure was the site of Thomas Fuqua's log cabin built 1831. His wife is buried in Eden Cemetery. Thomas died in Missouri. Dedicated September 19, 1976 at Eden United Methodist Church. Located one block east of Rt.9 on Eden Road at the ME Church.

Green



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

Buck Creek



Buck 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.



Center Twp.: *1141 W US Hwy 40, Greenfield, IN.* Early "Black Swamp" area and the site of the Dayton-Indianapolis stage coach robberies. Dedicated October 5, 1974 at Riley Festival Entertainment Tent. Located on the south side of Rt. 40.

Center



Jackson Twp.: *8400 E Main St, Charlottesville, 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.

Jackson



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Cumberland



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 Riley Festival 1973 at S. Pennsylvania Street, in front of Ranch Market, site of Seminary. Located on east side of Penn. Street, one block south of Rt. 40.

Greenfield



Blue River Twp.: *500 S and 500 E in Hancock County, IN.* Site of first store in Hancock County, operated by Elijah Tyner (1824-1872). Tyner also planted county's first fruit trees brought from the east. Dedicated June 30, 1974, at site of store. Marker is located on the SE corner of 500 S and 500 E, one block west of the Shiloh Christian Church.

Blue River



Sugar Creek Twp.: *115 East Main St, New Palestine, IN.* Site of an inn, post office and general store operated by Jonathan Evans who first platted New Palestine Oct. 1, 1838. Dedicated Oct, 1, 1975 at New Palestine Zion United Church of Christ. Located on south side of Rt. 52, Main Street.

Sugar Creek

Spring Lake



Brandywine Twp.: *1060 W US-52, Carrollton, IN.* James Whitcomb Riley called it "Little Town of Tailholt." Also known as Kinder, Carrollton, Reedville and Finly, for Congressman Finly Gray. Dedicated April 25, 1976 at Carrollton United Methodist Church. Located on the north side of Rt. 52

Brandywine



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