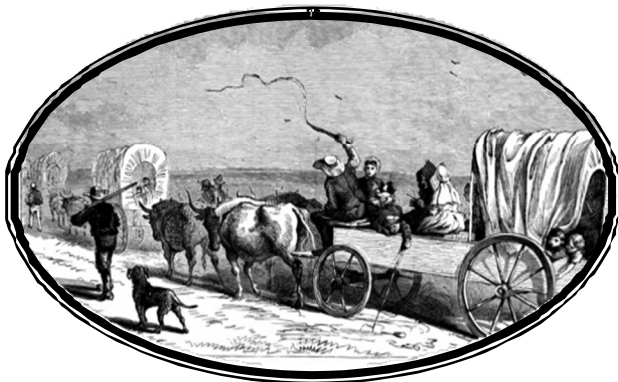


The  
**Falls of the Ohio Genealogical Society**  
presents the eleventh

*Hoosier History &  
Heritage Celebration*



Thursday, November 6, 2025

6 p.m.

Elsa Strassweg Auditorium  
New Albany-Floyd County Public Library  
180 West Spring Street  
New Albany, IN 47150

# *First Families of Clark, Floyd and Harrison Counties*

First Families of Floyd, Clark, and Harrison Counties is an ongoing project of the Falls of the Ohio Genealogical Society designed to discover, honor, and preserve the memory of the tri-county pioneers.

Membership in First Families is open to anyone proving direct descent from a settler living in the tri-county area prior to December 31, 1840.

To become a member, download the application from our website at <https://FallsGenealogy.org> and follow the instructions detailed there. There is a cost of \$15 for your first pioneer ancestor and then only \$5 each for any additional pioneer ancestors (please note that these costs only apply for your *pioneer* ancestors, not for each individual ancestor in your tree). Applications for the 2026 program are being accepted now.



# Program of Events

Pioneer Social  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Welcome ..... Bob Sterrett  
Opening Remarks ..... Donna Foster  
Presentation of 2025 First Families Certificates

## Honorees : Ancestors

### Clark County

**Toni Kay Shultz Holms:** General Washington Johnston (1776-1833)  
**Diane Teresa Holmes Stepro:** General Washington Johnston (1776-1833)  
**Sandra Lee Ferguson Hurst:** Azariah Crandall (1772-1825) and Sarah Smallwood (1788-1866)  
**Linda K. Ferguson Harris:** Azariah Crandall (1722-1825) and Sarah Smallwood (1788-1866)  
**Eric Burre:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**Richard Allen Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**William Joseph Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**Alyce Helena Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**Sam Oliver Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**Donna Kay Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**Kristina Ann Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**John Robert Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**Angela Dawn Riley Scott:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**John Robert Riley, Sr.:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)  
**JoAnn Riley:** Canada Riggle (1808-1860)

### Floyd County

**Laverne Ida Wate Smith:** Robert Fenwick (1784-1839) and Elizabeth Smith (1797-1844)  
**JoAnn Freiberger Hartlage Wallace:** Robert Fenwick (1784-1839) and Elizabeth Smith (1797-1844)  
**Charla Kraft Perez:** Mordicai Collins (1785-1864)

### Harrison County

**Jon David Stepro:** (Thomas) Jefferson Stepro (1805-1899)

Candle Lighting Remembrance .....Tina Price  
Closing Remarks ..... Donna Foster  
Group Photos by County

# *About FOGS*

The Falls of the Ohio Genealogical Society (FOGS) was formed to encourage, gather, and preserve genealogy materials in the southern Indiana counties adjacent to the falls of the Ohio River.

The Society is a not-for-profit organization powered by volunteers. FOGS has presented numerous family and local history classes, workshops, and genealogy fairs, and helped many individuals research their family trees.

Society dues are \$15 per year and membership runs from January 1st through December 31st. Membership in the Society includes a discount on society publications.

To join, visit <https://FallsGenealogy.org> or talk to a board member at any of our programs!

## **2025 Board Members**

Sue Carpenter; Donna Kepley Foster; Jim Pigram;  
Diane Schroeder; Bob Sterrett;  
Diane Stepro; Doris Wyzard

## **Refreshments and Hospitality**

Tina Price

## **Press**

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