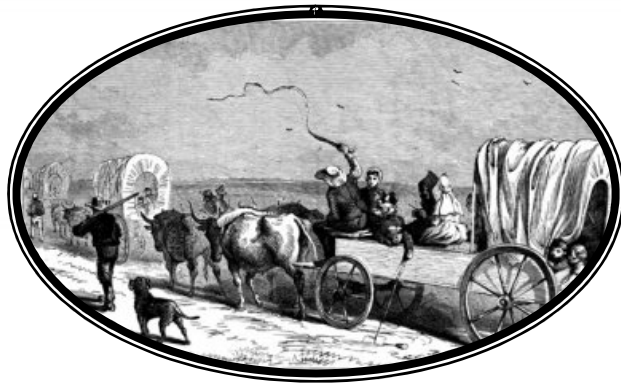


The  
**Southern Indiana Genealogical Society**  
presents the seventh annual

*Hoosier History &  
Heritage Celebration*



Thursday, October 3, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

Newlin Hall  
Floyd County 4-H Fairgrounds  
2818 Green Valley Road  
New Albany, IN 47150

# *First Families of Floyd, Clark, & Harrison*

First Families of Floyd, Clark, and Harrison Counties is an ongoing project of the Southern Indiana 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 <http://sigsweb.org/firstfamilies> 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 2020 program are due by August 1, 2020.



# Program of Events

Pioneer Social .... *Music provided by the Indian Creek Bluegrass Band*

Presentation & Posting of Colors ..... Louisville Thruston  
SAR Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance .....The Honorable Jeff Gahan,  
Mayor of New Albany

Welcome ..... Donna Kepley Foster,  
SIGS past President

Mayoral Proclamation ..... The Honorable Jeff Gahan

Opening Remarks ..... Melissa Wiseheart,  
Floyd County Genealogist

Presentation of First Families Certificates  
Karen Engleman.....State Representative: Harrison/Floyd/Clark

Candle Lighting Remembrance ..... Tina Price,  
SIGS Treasurer & Hospitality Chair

Closing Remarks ..... Allison Fredrickson,  
SIGS President

Retiring of Colors ..... SAR Color Guard

# 2019 Honorees

## FLOYD COUNTY

**Loretta Deaton Byrne**

*Elizabeth Berkshire, John Berkshire,  
Henry Berkshire,  
George Washington McCutcheon,  
James H McCutcheon  
William Eldon McCutcheon*

**Becky Noe Maldonado**

*Siltha Graves, Frederick Shannon*

**Charla Kraft Perez**

*Mary Atkins, Christina Byerley,  
Mordecai Collins,  
Henry Lamb, Ruth Pennington Lamb,  
Josiah Lamb, Maurice Morris*

**James E. Proctor**

*Nehemiah Keith*

**Darrin F. Sollberger**

*Joseph S. Summers, Sr.*

**Mary Ann Summers  
Sollberger**

*Joseph S. Summers, Sr.*

**Robert E. Sterrett**

*Isaac R. Richards*

**Harry R. Summers**

*Joseph S. Summers, Sr.*

## CLARK COUNTY

**Barbara Lynn Albright**

*John Crum*

**Amanda Carter Newton  
Bennett**

*Rebecca Dowden, Jeremiah Jacobs,  
Solomon Jacobs*

**Kathy Jo (Lynch) Hobbs**

*Edward Goodwin*

**Leigh Ann (Lynch) Jacobi**

*Edward Goodwin*

**Richard Lentz**

*Samuel Lentz, Catherine Shaefer*

**James David Lynch**

*Edward Goodwin*

**Carolyn Ann Lynn**

*John Crum*

**Becky Noe Maldonado**

*David E. Huckleberry  
Ann Martin*

**Judith Ann (Jacobs) Newton**

*Rebecca Dowden, Jeremiah Jacobs,  
Solomon Jacobs*

**Robert E. Sterrett**

*Mary Pinchback*

**Jennifer Leigh (Newton)  
Stockhoff**

*Rebecca Dowden, Jeremiah Jacobs,  
Solomon Jacobs*

**Curtis R. Sylvester**

*Emory Sylvester; Margaret Ann  
"Peggy" (Scott) Sylvester,  
James Madison Sylvester, Sr.,  
Mary "Polly" (Howard) Sylvester*

# 2019 Honorees (cont.)

## HARRISON COUNTY

### **Klaire Grace Valentine Adams**

*James Bliss, Parley Bliss*

### **Marguerite (Wright) Ang**

*Robert Wright*

### **Rose Marie Sonner Barks**

*John Jasper Simler,  
Phillip Peter Sonner*

### **Karen Engleman**

*Robert Denbo, Jacob Hisey*

### **Donna (Kepley) Foster**

*John Allen, Jacob Conrad, Frederick  
Cotner, Robert Denbo,  
Ephraim Fleshman, Sr., Jacob Hisey,  
John Keller, Zachariah Kitterman,  
Daniel Lingenfelter, James M. Simms,  
John Summers*

### **Don Russell Grider**

*Frederick Cotner*

### **Stephen Ulysses Grider**

*Frederick Cotner*

### **Wanda Sonner Harmon**

*Henry Faith*

### **Richard LaDuke Kraft**

*John Cadet LaDuke*

### **Charla Kraft Perez**

*John Cadet LaDuke*

### **Darrin F. Sollberger**

*Henry Huff Wolfe*

### **Mary Ann Summers**

### **Sollberger**

*Henry Huff Wolfe*

### **Harry R. Summers**

*Henry Huff Wolfe*

### **Ricky Dale Utz**

*Zachariah Kitterman*

### **Carolyn Ann (Ang) Wells**

*George Wright*

### **Barbara Adams Whiteside**

*George Wright, Robert Wright*

### **Donna (Wright) Wilson**

*Christian Eckart*

### **Doris Mae (Leep) Wyzard**

*Henry Alexander Batman*

### **Doris (Byrd) Leistner 1927-2018**

We would like to recognize the many genealogical and historical contributions of Doris (Byrd) Leistner who passed away December 31, 2018 at age 90. Doris, a professional genealogist, began researching over 50 years ago. She was a charter member of the Southern Indiana Genealogical Society which formed in 1979. She wrote numerous genealogy research books for Perry and Crawford Counties and taught genealogy classes throughout Indiana. She was a member of the Society of Indiana Pioneers and numerous other genealogical and historical organizations. Doris was a lifetime member of the Indiana Historical Society and received the Society's 1996 Honorary Member and the 2007 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Awards. She served on the New Albany Bicentennial Committee and started the Floyd County First Families Project as part of the 2013 New Albany Bicentennial.

# 2019 Ancestors

## **FLOYD COUNTY**

Mary Atkins  
Christina Byerley  
Mordecai Collins  
Siltha Graves  
Henry Lamb  
Josiah Lamb  
George Washington McCutcheon  
James H. McCutcheon  
William Eldon McCutcheon  
Maurice Morris  
Ruth (Lamb) Pennington  
Isaac R. Richardson  
Frederick Shannon  
Joseph S. Summers Sr.

## **CLARK COUNTY**

John Crum  
Rebecca Dowden  
Edward Goodwin  
Mary "Polly" (Howard) Sylvester  
David E. Huckleberry  
Solomon Jacobs  
Jeremiah Jacobs  
Samuel Lentz  
Ann Martin  
Mary Pinchback  
Catherine Shaefer  
Margaret Ann "Peggy" (Scott)  
Sylvester  
Emory Sylvester  
James Madison Sylvester, Sr.

## **HARRISON COUNTY**

John Allen  
Henry Alexander Batman  
Elizabeth Berkshire  
Henry Berkshire  
John Berkshire  
Parley Bliss  
James Bliss  
Jacob Conrad  
Frederick Cotner  
Robert Denbo  
Christian Eckart  
Henry Faith  
Ephraim Fleshman, Sr.  
Nehemiah Keith  
Jacob Hisey  
John Keller  
Zachariah Kitterman  
John Cadet LaDuke  
Daniel Lingenfelter  
James H. McCutchen  
John Jasper Simler  
James Sims  
Phillip Peter Sonner  
John Summers  
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Robert Wright  
George Wright

## *Upcoming Programs*

The Southern Indiana Genealogical Society (SIGS) hosts a program the first Thursday of each month at the New Albany location of the Floyd County Library. Programs feature a genealogical or historical topic and are open to the public. A “meet and mingle” with light refreshments begins at 6:15 PM in the Strassweg Auditorium with program at 6:30 PM. Upcoming programs include:

### **November 7, 2019**

#### **“Researching Quaker Ancestors”**

Genealogist Connie Fry will present "*Researching Quaker Ancestors*" at the November 7th program of the Southern Indiana Genealogical Society (SIGS). The workshop will describe Quaker history and beliefs, church records, unique resources, and techniques for researching. Ms. Fry is the workshop coordinator for the Louisville Genealogical Society.

### **December 5, 2019**

#### **“Colonization Societies in Indiana and Floyd County”**

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century a concerted effort of white Hoosier leaders was mounted to remove all African Americans from the state. Jeannie Regan-Dinius will discuss southern Indiana’s role in this movement to colonize western Africa with black Hoosiers.

Ms Regan-Dinius is Director of Special Initiatives  
DNR-DHPA, State of Indiana

### **January 2, 2020**

#### **“New Year’s Genealogy Tea”**

Members and guests are invited to attend and share their recent research findings, favorite family stories, photographs and mementos over holiday tea and dessert.

## *About SIGS*

The Southern Indiana Genealogical Society (SIGS) was formed in 1979 to encourage, gather, and preserve genealogy materials in the southern Indiana counties of Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Perry, Scott, and Washington.

The Society is a not-for-profit organization powered by volunteers. During its 40 years, SIGS 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 July 1st through June 30th. Membership in the Society includes a discount on society publications.

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

### **2019 Board Members**

<b>President</b>	Allison Fredrickson
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Sterrett
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tina Price
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Diane Stepro
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Jim Pigram
<b>At Large</b>	Margaret Atchley; Sue Carpenter; Susan Covey; Dana Crawley; Donna Kepley Foster; Diane Schroeder; Doris Wyzard

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