

CSI SPRING TOUR ...APRIL 9-10-11, 2010... 'HOOSIERS ON THE MOVE'

~~Bring this itinerary with you!! ~~ Wayne County's 200th year!

Richmond's **Comfort Inn** is located at SW corner of intersection of I-70 and US 27. At Rally's on 27 turn west for one short block on Catalpa Drive and proceed behind Bob Evans. Hotel registration starts at 3.p.m.on Friday, April 9. Motel provides help with luggage for upstairs rooms. The pool is open until midnight. US 27 is under construction, so watch your speed and don't turn left where posted! See the new Reid Hospital, IU East and Ivy Tech campuses on the east side of US 27 just south of Meijer's.

Friday 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Meet at Wayne County Historical Museum, North 12th and A. Park along streets around the museum. Browse in the gift shop until the 90 minute docent-led tour begins at 2:30, 3:00 or last tour at 3:30. See the Time Line of Wayne County and hear about our 200th anniversary from county historian, Carolyn Lafever. Carolyn's brand new book on the six Courthouses of Wayne County will be available this summer. A remnant of a canal boat is seen in a glass case. Learn about Egypt and our mummy! Museum will be open until 5 p.m. especially for CSI. Pick up tour packets as you leave.

In a change of format, the **banquet will be held on Friday evening at Reid Hospital**. This is included in your tour registration. Start arriving at Reid's front entrance by 6 p.m. and take the elevator down to the Grand Hall, where the **buffet will begin at 6:30**. The evening program will include a Ball State produced 60 minute DVD about people and places along the National Road.

Saturday 6 a.m

. Deluxe continental breakfast with eggs included in Comfort Inn registration. There are five small tables, with seats for 14, or take yours to your room.

Two school buses will begin loading at 7:45 and we want to be **on the road by 8 a.m.**

We will drive through the Whitewater Gorge (formed by glaciers) on Sim Hodgin parkway and pass under two new bridges before emerging at US 40, the National Road Scenic Byway, one of five byways in Indiana. Watch for the signs. Richmond High School can be seen to the south..the only high school with a free public art museum! Earlham College founded in 1847 by Quakers will be on the south side, and next is Earlham Cemetery with its Field of Honor for veterans down near Clear Creek.

Wayne County's first county seat in 1811-12 was just south on Salisbury Road near K-Mart. We'll see the log courthouse now in Centerville. In front of K-Mart is the stone monument marking the Greenville Treaty line of 1795. On the south side of US 40 is our new J&J Winery.

Watch for a National Road mile marker in the yard of a house on the north side just before we reach Centerville, founded in 1814. Behind the three-story Mansion House built in 1840, the log courthouse from territorial days is preserved. It has been in four locations around the county. The former Sheriff's residence and jail is now the public library. A battle ensued here to remove the courthouse records to Richmond. Note cannon holes. The second courthouse was located on the north east corner at Main and Morton. Centerville celebrates Archway Days in late summer. How many archways of the nine built can you count ? The home of Civil War Governor Oliver P. Morton is on the south side of Main.

The National Road/U.S. 40 climbs the hill west. Now privately owned, the county poor farm's buildings still stand on the north side, and next is the pavilion for Beechwood Park. On the south is a school made into a private dwelling. Past the hilltop on the north side is another mile marker in the yard of an early brick house. Hiser Station Road received its name from the interurban stop here just after 1900. We will pass through Pennville, and then East Germantown, an early town that changed its post office name to Pershing during WW I.

At S.R. 1 we turn south to pass through Milton, founded in 1824. The highway is newly rebuilt with curbs and sidewalks, completed in 2009. The town hopes the school on the west side will become senior apartments, after the town is connected to Connersville's sewer system. SR 1 is part of the north-south Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway, which connects the east-west National Road Scenic Byway to the Ohio River Scenic Byway across southern Indiana. There are 18 miles of the Whitewater Canal in Wayne County, and we visit two canal areas south of Milton.

On the north side of Interstate Road are the remains of Lock 49. The Schambers family now owns all this farm land and is permitting CSI to visit the location of the Feeder Dam at the south edge of Wayne County. Previously, the city of Connersville maintained this dam area as a park and fishing place, because the dam supplied water to the city down the canal into the 1940s. The stone abutments of the original canal dam still stand on both the east and west sides of the Whitewater River. A neighboring farmer illegally dynamited the concrete dam. If one ventures out, wooden posts can still be seen in the water.

We will drive up the hill to the west to pass the Kinsey Mansion on Sarver Road. The cupola has a wonderful view down to the canal on the east. The canal contributed to the wealth of Isaac Kinsey, who also built the brick business building at the NW corner of Main and Central in Milton.

Restroom break at Golay Center.

In Milton we will drive by a small white brick house that was the toll house for the pike to Connersville. On the Ferris farm we will walk south a short distance to two locks. See the path of the canal by observing the power poles on the canal right-of-way. On the north side of the drive is City Run Culvert, hidden down below the trees and field. Hardy souls will be rewarded with seeing an arched stone structure about ten feet tall that was about 125 feet long east and west when it was constructed for the canal to cross over City Run.. This may be the most significant structure left along the 76 mile Whitewater Canal. The wooden floor of the culvert is still visible in the water.

In Milton near the canal two early Quaker cemeteries have old headstones. Indiana Anti-Slavery Society was formed here in 1838. Today the north Milford brick meeting house is incorporated into the Powell Paving building. No doubt canal workers are buried here in both of these cemeteries. Boyd Road takes us across Symond's Creek where canal aqueduct footings remain. The Dinky Interurban also took this route north from Milton. A 150 foot section of the canal is seen on the west side of South Center Street.

We will make a loop across the Whitewater River to East Cambridge, established about 1830. At 120 East Main Street is the brick house/store of Benjamin Conklin, who built the last two miles of the Hagerstown Canal in exchange for water rights for his mill. On East Church Street, we pass the Overbeck House and kiln house, the brick Solomon Meredith house, and 'Rose Hill'. The Golay Center, with gym and pool, was donated to our community by a former industrialist.

North on Lincoln, we pass Lincoln Junior-Senior High school on our way to Riverside Cemetery. Here the imposing 40 foot monument of Civil War General Solomon Meredith dominates. We also find the gravesites of Valentine and Sarah Sell, who operated a canal boat; William Barefoot, owner of Single G; and Will Creitz, miller and benefactor. The Overbeck family is buried along the

north drive. As we drive beside Creitz Park you'll see a monument to Single G, a horse that set many records in his 30 year lifetime. Green Street is built on the bed of the Hagerstown Canal, that ran north from the mill pond of the huge four story brick Conklin/Creitz Mill that stood at the NW corner of Foote and Front. The mill burned for many days in 1945. The white brick house on the north side of Maple was the office for the Hagerstown Canal.

About noon

a soup and sandwich lunch will be served by the ladies of the Cambridge City Christian Church . Our afternoon walking tour will include the office of Dr. James Bertsch, which was an early brick canal warehouse along the three block basin down the center of Church Street. Near here is where the canal boat remnant now in the Wayne County Museum was discovered. The Pennsylvania Railroad was elevated through Cambridge City in 1910, and the huge concrete overpass ended canal waters here.

At the Vinton House, owned by Western Wayne Heritage, Inc. are two floors of antiques to browse, and on the 3rd floor are exhibits by the Ball State students of Dr. Ron Morris, including: The Forgotten Canals of Wayne County, The National Road, The Quakers, The Underground Railroad, The Whitewater Canal, and the Republican Party. Antiques compliment the rooms. The fourth floor attic windows on the east provide a view of the town to the river.

Did you notice that the west wall of the Vinton House is not at a right angle?? This is because of the line of the canal and the basin, just on the west side. CSI provided half the funds for the interpretive sign that will be dedicated today. Across the street in the library you can ring the canal boat bell down in the History Room, see paintings and the collections of history of the town and area. The Overbeck Museum has the largest collection of Overbeck Pottery, paintings, water colors, and memorabilia.

The National Road Antique Mall, the Pour House (delicious fudge!), Building 125, the log house and other shops invite you to browse today, tomorrow, or another time. The Post Office has a 1941 mural of Single G and farms, and a truck on the National Road. Use restrooms at the church.

At 3 p.m.

we will board the buses to follow the canal north. At the west end of Main Street is a marker for the 1809 treaty line called The Twelve Mile Purchase. Central Indiana wasn't opened for settlement until after 1818. The Huddleston House was an overnight stop for people moving west. As we drive up Brick Church Road through the country you can see Mark Wright's collection of unusual animals and his ponds. The tree line of the Whitewater Canal can be seen to the east. Turning east on Bear Creek Road, at the Hagerstown airport (best grass strip in the nation!) we see an early brick lock keeper's house, Scout Lake and a small stone culvert. A walking trail is along the west side of the canal. We hope to have time to see the second floor museum on Main Street, which includes wall murals and a small exhibit about the canal. A stone Hagerstown Canal marker is on the SE corner of the Main Street bridge.

About 5 p.m

the buses arrive back at Comfort Inn. Eat on your own at plenty of places on US 40 East near the shopping centers or on US 27 North, near the Comfort Inn.

You might want to walk/drive through downtown Richmond on Main St. from 11th St. to 5th , observing architecture and the present magnificent Wayne County courthouse at 5th and 4th. The Depot District on North E Street has an historic train depot to be restored, and more historic

architecture and a couple of unique eating places. There Richmond Furniture Gallery has four floors to browse and see the kids' train and the owner's collectibles. You'll be amazed! Other historic areas are the Starr District between North 12th and 16th and the Old Richmond District between South 2nd and 5th.

Sunday

6.a.m. Breakfast again at the Comfort Inn and check-out..

8:15 a.m

Car caravan south a few blocks on US 27, turn east on Sylvan Nook Drive, where we can hike a short distance to Bulla Cemetery to see the Hoover family stones. Then west on Water Fall Road to lovely Thistlewaite Falls, at the north end of the gorge. Down the hill at Main Street and First we'll linger along the Walk of Fame of jazz and popular music artists who recorded in Richmond. Located in the gorge was the huge Starr Piano manufacturing, which later became a recording studio. Walk across the river bridge and hike south through the gorge a short distance, before retracing our steps to our cars.

Restroom break at K-Mart on US 40 west.

About 10:30 a.m

Dr. Ron Morris will welcome us to his early brick house, built next to the sidewalk at 120 West Main in Centerville. We'll learn about his restoration project, admire his antiques and hear some history of Centerville and the National Road. This is our last stop on the CSI tour.

Tour Webb's Antique Mall and eat there or you can drive up the Centerville Road to I-70 and visit the Model T Museum (open until 5) and see the world's largest candle at Warm Glow Candle Outlet, where you can lunch. Other eating places in Cambridge City are Lumpy's Café, The Pour House, or at Lakeview Restaurant on US 40 near Dublin. In Hagerstown visit Welliver's Fabulous Smorgasbord or Nancy's Main Street Diner. And there are many places to eat in the Richmond area all along US 40.

You may want to return to the Wayne County Museum to browse more from 1-4 p.m.. Just tell them you were with CSI on Friday. A free afternoon program about canals at 2 p.m. features our own Bob and Carolyn Schmidt! Murals of the recording stars can be seen at South 9th and A Sts., Hoagy Carmichael on the back of Readmore at Main and S. 9th, and from the bridge over the tracks on N. 9th. Madonna of The Trail statue is at Glen Miller Park on East Main Street. Rose Garden is just east on Main St.

Going south, you might want to see the pioneer Elkhorn Cemetery, where Richmond's early settlers are buried. It's a little tricky to find, just east off US 27 south about 5 miles. Watch for the cemetery sign near Endsley Road and drive up the steep hill through what looks like private yards.

Going north, see the Levi Coffin House in Fountain City, then sign the register at the highest point (1257 ft.) in Indiana in the very NE corner of Wayne County on Elliott Road near Bethel. Remember, the fall of the Whitewater Canal is 490 feet from Hagerstown to Lawrenceburg and the Whitewater River is one of the swiftest rivers in Indiana. Many of Wayne County's Amish families farm in the northern part of the county, so watch for the buggies.

Travel the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway from Hagerstown south on SR 1 through Fayette County and Connersville. Franklin County has 20 Byway signs to guide you on US 52 through Metamora, Brookville and Harrison, where the canal ran for eight miles in Ohio, before reentering Indiana just above Lawrenceburg on the Ohio River in Dearborn County (2 signs). More than 100 signs will be erected to mark the complete route. Three loops will entice you to see more of our beautiful scenic Whitewater Valley in southeastern Indiana.

Then have a safe trip home, and thanks for visiting Wayne County at the start of its 200th year! The real celebration will be on **June 19-26 at the county fair**. Come back again!

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