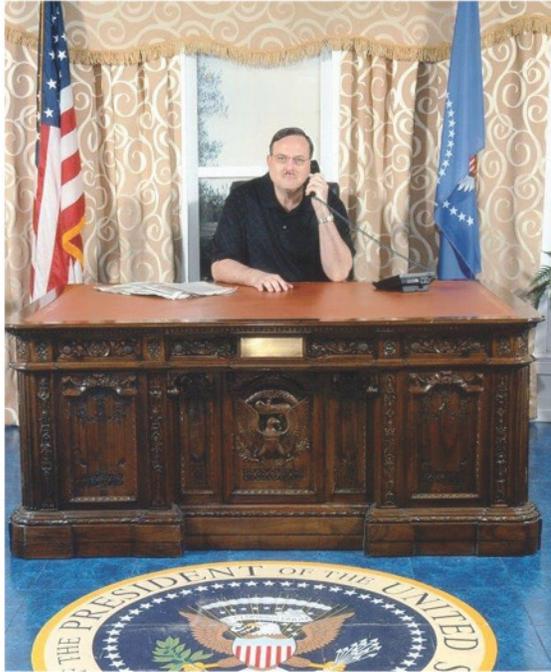




# ORANGE PEELINGS

SPRING 2022



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As spring arrives here in beautiful and historic Southern Indiana, the OCHS is busy collecting, preserving and sharing Orange County history. We are excited about starting a new year together. The group's first regular meeting for 2022 will be on March 22nd 7 p.m. at the Paoli Public Library. OCHS typically meets the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. with a program on some aspect or link to Orange County's rich history. A general business meeting is held at 6 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. All meetings unless otherwise noted are held at the Paoli Library. Members are always welcome and urged to attend.

We are thrilled beyond words on our recent acquisition of the historic Paoli newspaper collection. This is very exciting news and a huge important part of "Orange County's Story." More on this announcement later. April 25th will find the group experiencing "Orange County and the Civil War" with our friend and fellow history enthusiast Kenton Allbright of the FL/WB Museum. 2022 is an anniversary year marking the present day O.C. Historical Society's 50th Anniversary having been founded in November, 1972.

We hope commemorate and celebrate this occasion during the upcoming months. We are also excited about a new informative display coming this spring to the Museum on the "Lick Creek African American Settlement." The Indiana State Museum, in cooperation with the Hoosier National Forest has graciously agreed to temporary loan us a number of rare items

and artifacts for the historic display. As always, thank you for being a member of the OCHS. We are grateful for your continual support.

We have been pleased to receive a number of brand-new members in the last few months and would like to officially welcome them to our ranks. Find and Like Us on Facebook to keep up with all the latest OCHS Happenings. And visit us at [www.historicorangecounty.org](http://www.historicorangecounty.org)

Sincerely,  
Robert F. Henderson, President and CEO

## “Celebrating our 50th Year 1972-2022”

The Orange County Historical Society (OCHS) held its Annual Dinner on December 2nd at Paoli Friends Church. OCHS President Robert F. Henderson gave the welcome with Mark Tope providing the invocation. The tables decorated festively for the occasion with the meal being catered by Jerry Wall. A brief business session followed dinner with President Henderson highlighting the historical society's activities from this past year.

Henderson also briefly shared some goals and objectives set for the group in the new year ahead. 2022 will mark the 50th year of the founding of the present day O.C. Historical Society in 1972 with several commemorative activities planned. Officers and Board members for 2022 were installed and they are as follows: Exec. Committee members: Robert F. Henderson, President Brenda Cornwell, Vice President Carolyn Clements, Treasurer Board of Directors: Terry Cornwell, Chair, Carolyn Clements, Jeff Lane and Janet Newton.

Henderson expressed appreciation and gave special recognition to a number of individuals for the year just closing including: Terry and Brenda Cornwell, Carolyn Clements, Janet Newton and Jeff Lane. Henderson related a short story titled, The Christmas Guest. An old fashion Christmas Sing-a-long with Larry Hollan on the piano was enjoyed for the closing out portion of the meeting.



Check out our beautiful new historic interpretative marker recently installed at the Lindley House. The new professional signage will better help tell our "story" to our visitor friends. It will be nice as well for visitors who happen upon the house when it is closed to still be able to learn about it. The marker was made by HD Graphix with the framing custom made by Hudelson Machine both in Orleans. Special thanks to our own Terry Cornwell for doing the install work for us.





We were proud to endorse and recommend our friend and fellow OCHS member Jeff Lane for reappointment as the official Orange County Historian for another term. County historians such as Jeff serve as volunteers appointed by the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana Historical Bureau to promote local history in their counties, connect individuals and groups with history resources, promote collaboration between local history organizations and maintain connections with the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana Historical Bureau.

### CROSSING OF THE BUFFALO TRACE



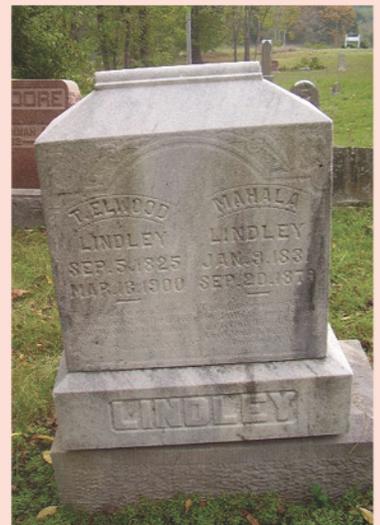
Saving Historic Orange County (S.H.O.C.) recently created and installed this sign to mark a crossing of the Buffalo Trace. There are other marked sites, however this one, visible from the road, does not require one to walk to view it. The sign is at a crossing south of Paoli on SR 37, which was mapped by the US Forest Service. Bison roamed through Orange County as they migrated back and forth from winter quarters south of the Ohio River to their summer home on the plains. Settlers and Native Americans took advantage of the deep ruts the bison cut in the terrain the using the Trace as a road.

### FROM THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

The calendar may read March, but Hoosiers know all too well that doesn't mean that we still can't have plenty of damp chilly/cold weather through the early spring months. The cast iron Cook Stove (not original to the house) in the historic Lindley House kitchen would have provided plenty of warmth on those chilly mornings and nights. The stove was made by the Ohio Stove Co. in Portsmouth, Ohio. A small mid 1860s wood heating stove, a gift of the Thompson Family can be found in the upstairs "Bledsoe" Bedroom. The dining room houses what once was a "working" fireplace after being rebuilt during the home's restoration 1981. Historic evidence indicates that the house also very likely at one point had another large fireplace in the downstairs bedroom (Alice Childs Room).



### THOMAS ELWOOD LINDLEY



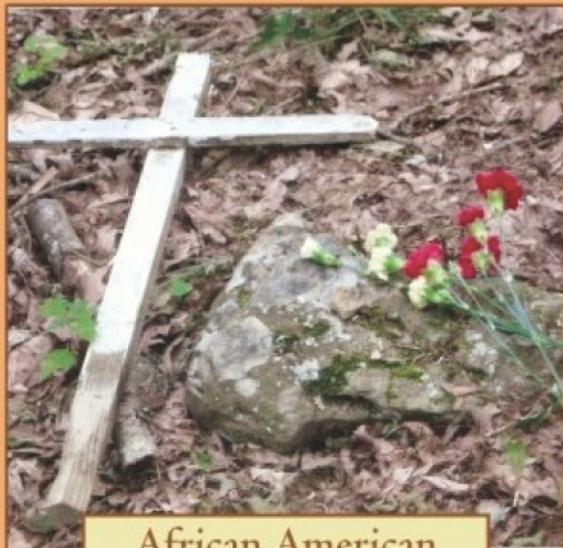
122 years ago, on March 16, 1900 Thomas Elwood Lindley dies peacefully from heart failure and paralysis at his Paoli farmhouse. His attending physician was listed as Dr. Laban Lindley, a cousin. He was buried in Newberry Cemetery. This photograph of Thomas is displayed in the dining room of the historic Lindley House.



The OCHS was proud to once again to serve as the sponsor for the most recent "Slices of Orange" segment on the popular Hoosier Hometown Live Radio Show. Our special guest on this outing was our friend Kenton Allbright who shared with us about some of the happenings at French Lick/West Baden Museum including their upcoming new Civil War exhibit. We are indeed grateful to the Hoosier Hometown Radio for its continual partnership in creating interest and awareness of the OCHS and its activities.



**COMING SOON TO THE MUSEUM  
NEW ORANGE COUNTY  
HISTORIC DISPLAY**



**African American  
Pioneers of Orange  
County, Indiana**



Some exciting news as some may know that the OCHS has been in discussion for some time in regards to the fate of the historic Paoli newspaper collection. Long story short the Society received a very nice "Christmas gift" in that we were able to receive some 24 skids of papers dating back to the 1940s or so. The entire collection is now back in Orange County and safe & secure in temporary storage. We are presently exploring ideas on how to best preserve the papers and make them available for future generations. This will be somewhat of a large undertaking for us and will take some time to work through. More on this important endeavor to come. We were also very pleased to be able to acquire a substantial number of historic items from the old newspaper office on the Paoli Square prior to the building being sold to a private individual late last year.

**RED BUD AT THE  
HISTORIC LINDLEY HOUSE**



A few years ago, now the OCHS planted and dedicated this Red Bud at the historic Lindley House to the memory our friend and benefactor the late Mildred "Mid" Hoke (1915-2006). Mid generously remembered the O.C. Historical Society in her will and her "gift" lives on today in helping us to preserve our rich Orange County history at the Museum and through our many activities throughout the year. As the tree blooms at the old farmhouse this Spring we are reminded of Mid's example she left for all of us. Do you know that the OCHS has two Endowment Funds set up through the Orange County Community Foundation? A gift to one of the OCHS Endowment Funds is a gift to the future, as it provides funding for the Society's work each and every year...forever. We accept a number of types of gifts, including cash or check. But you could also like our friend Mid and remember us in your will with a bequest to our endowment or provide us with other forms of planned giving. Check with your financial advisor when deciding how to give, and rest assured that you are preserving the legacy and story of Orange County.



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Vice President-Brenda Cornwell  
Treasurer-Carolyn Clements

**Board of Directors**

Terry Cornwell, Chair  
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Jeff Lane  
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**2022 Meeting Dates**

March 22  
April 26  
May 24  
June 28  
July 26  
August 23  
September 27  
October 25  
November 22  
Dec. *Annual Dinner TBA*



*- All meetings unless otherwise noted are held at the Paoli Public Library meeting room 7 p.m. General Business Meeting begins at 6 p.m. Members are always welcome and urged to attend.*

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**Springtime at the Old Farmhouse**



**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2022 DUES YET?**

Just a friendly reminder that if you have not already did so already or if you hold a Life Membership please be sure to submit your OC Historical Society Membership Renewal for 2022 ASAP. Individual Membership dues remain \$20 and include postage for mailing "The Orange Peelings" three times a year. Life Memberships are still available for \$200. Membership Cards will again be mailed to all returning and new members.

**Welcome Our Newest Members!**

- Carol Vance
- Debra Taylor
- Donna Jones
- Janet McCoy Sherwood
- Jessica Pendleton
- \*Joyce Carter
- Miriam Ash
- Valarie Rush Sexton
- \*Mar-Shel Daniels
- Mary LaVerne Boston
- Jill Howe
- \*Patricia Petet
- \*Nancy DeLullo
- James Ryland
- Todd Forbes
- Sandy Crandall
- Roger and Valerie Moon
- Angel Keller
- Elsa Spear (Jr. Member)
- Judah Spear (Jr. Member)

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