



Orange County Historical Society  
P.O. Box 454, Paoli, IN 47454



### 2022 Meeting Dates

July 26  
August 23  
September 27  
October 25  
November 22  
Dec. Annual Dinner TBA



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- 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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# ORANGE PEELINGS

SUMMER 2022



### From The President's Desk:

The "Good Old Summertime" is in full swing. The first half of 2022 has been a busy six months for the OCHS. Much progress has been made in recent months by our volunteers on the "Historic Paoli newspaper Preservation Project". This has been a huge undertaking for the Society with the large bound books and the oldest papers dating back to the late 1870s recently moved safely to the Museum storage.

We are also excited about our new informative display at 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 exhibit. Check it out!

Just a reminder the Society meets the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. at the Paoli Library with a program on some aspect or link to Orange County. A general business meeting is held at 6 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Members are always welcome and urged to attend.

2022 is a big anniversary year marking the present day O.C. Historical Society's 50th Anniversary, having been founded in November, 1972. We are planning to commemorate and celebrate this occasion later this year.

Be sure and stop in and visit us this soon at both the Museum and Lindley House. We are always glad to see you.

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Sincerely,  
Robert F. Henderson, President and CEO



The Orange County Museum, located in the N.W. Corner of the Paoli Square is now open every Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. Take a leisurely stroll through the past two centuries of Orange County History! Admission is always FREE; however, donations are accepted to help defray cost of preserving the collection. Other tour times available by appointment by emailing [info@historicorangecounty.org](mailto:info@historicorangecounty.org) or by contact President Robert Henderson at 812 653 1212



We have lots of fun items in the Museum Gift Shop this summer including some great looking OCHS T-Shirts, Bob Moody's "The Terror of Indiana," Bent Jones & the Moody Toliver Feud & other O.C. historical books, collectible ornaments, cookbooks, courthouse puzzles, plates, key-chains, coasters, Lindley House magnets & lots more. Proceeds benefit the general upkeep of the Museum Come visit us soon!



This past spring, the 170-year-old Lindley House received a brand-new roof. The work was completed by LRC Roofing. The new roof replaces the 30 plus year old roof and will help ensure the continual preservation of the house and its contents for years to come.



## Celebrating our 50th Year 1972-2022

Do you know that the present-day Orange County Historical Society was formed 50 years ago this year?

1. Today the Society has five main objectives which include:
2. To collect, catalog and preserve manuscripts, records, and other historical material pertaining to Orange County.
3. To collect, catalog and preserve historical relics relating to Orange County.  
To establish, maintain, and perpetuate an Orange County Historical Museum ( includes the historic Lindley House)
4. To cooperate with, and supply historical information to educational institutions, study groups, and individuals doing research on the history of Orange County
5. Promote pride and awareness within the county of our heritage and culture.



Whew! It's been really hot as late. Wouldn't it be great to have one of those tall cold, creamy delicious homemade malts or milkshakes from Andy's in Paoli? Or how about one of their old-fashioned banana splits to help beat the heat on these sweltering summer days? Visitors to the Museum can take a "Cool" trip down memory lane and get a close up look at the popular eatery's original malt mixer and glass bananasplit bowls.



Check out this fun ink drawing of the Lindley House that was drawn by Orleans HS art student Hannah Tuell and included in the annual Student Art Show Display at the 2022 Orleans Dogwood Festival.

### MOODY FAMILY BIBLE COMES HOME!



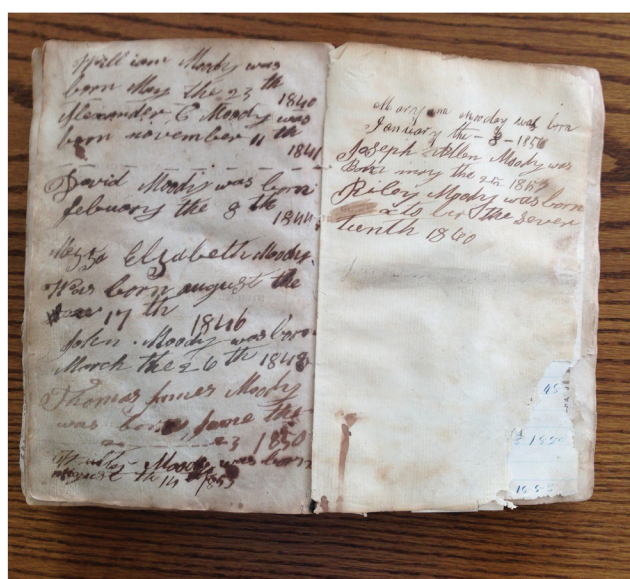
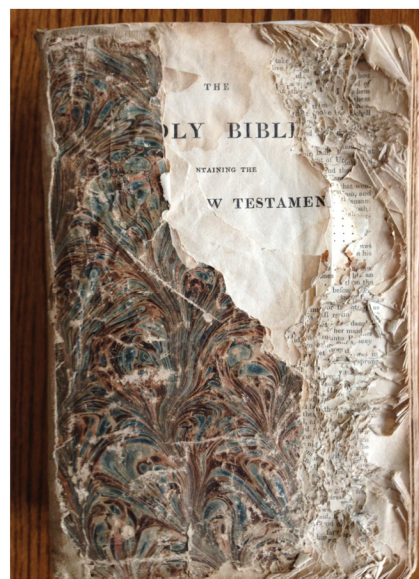
During our May meeting Bob Moody made a very special presentation to the O.C. Historic Museum, The Moody Family Bible. The Bible was printed in 1829. It was owned by Bob's great-great-grandfather James Moody, who was born in Kentucky in 1803 and died in Orange County in 1883. It was eventually given to Bob's father by a second cousin, both of whom were born and died in Arkansas. Along with the family names and dates written in the Bible, there is an insert listing later births and deaths. One entry on that list indicates that Bob's great-grandfather, John Henry Moody, was born in interestingly enough "Orange County Little Orleans".

"Little Orleans" was the original name christen for the Town of Orleans over 200 years ago. Platted in 1815, Orleans stands as the oldest town in Orange County. Founded two months after Andrew Jackson's famous victory over the British at New Orleans, the settlers named their new town to honor this event.

We are indeed grateful to our friend Bob Moody for the generous donation of this rare and important artifact to the Museum Collection.



**Help Wanted!** We are in real need of some willing volunteers to help maintain both the back "Kitchen Garden" and side "Memorial Garden" at the historic Lindley House. For many years the back garden area has been lovingly maintained and cared for by the members of the Dirt Diggers Garden Club. Sadly, as the years have gone by, the club's membership has dwindled down to just a very small group to do the actual work and keep in going. The gardens have been a real enhancement to the farmhouse for many years and most inviting to our numerous visitor friends who come to the site during the spring and summer months. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in donating some hours, please let us know..



### BEST OF SHOW



The OCHS was once again proud to partner with Mr. Chris Lindley and the Advanced U.S. History Students at PHS and sponsor the "Best of Show" for "A Night at the Museum."

The theme for this year's event was "The 1970s" A Decade of Crises and Challenges.

The students all did an outstanding job with their exhibits and providing a n insightful glimpse into the 70s. Congrats to Max Newkirk for his "Those Were the Days" Exhibit, which was selected as this year's "Best of Show."

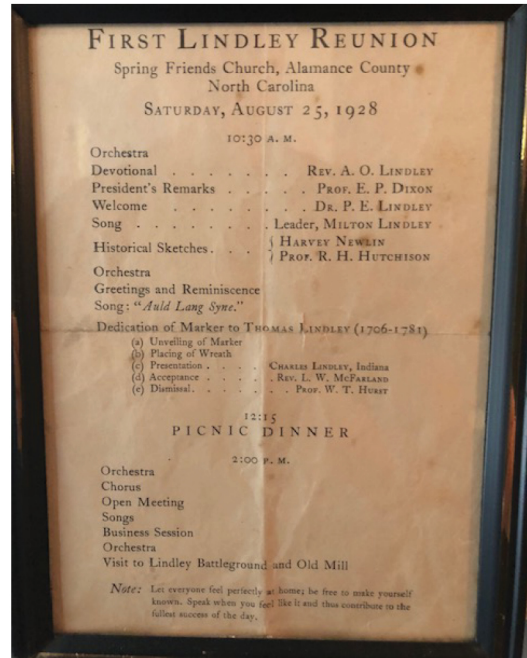
We really enjoyed having our friend Kenton Allbright as a recent presenter. Kenton presented an interesting and informative program on "Orange County and the Civil War."



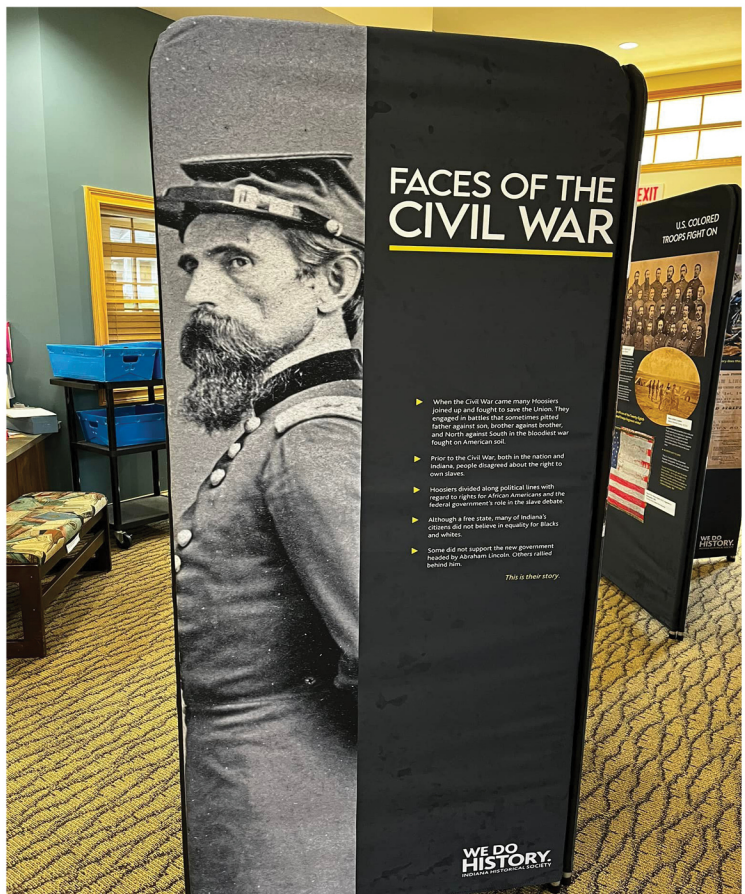
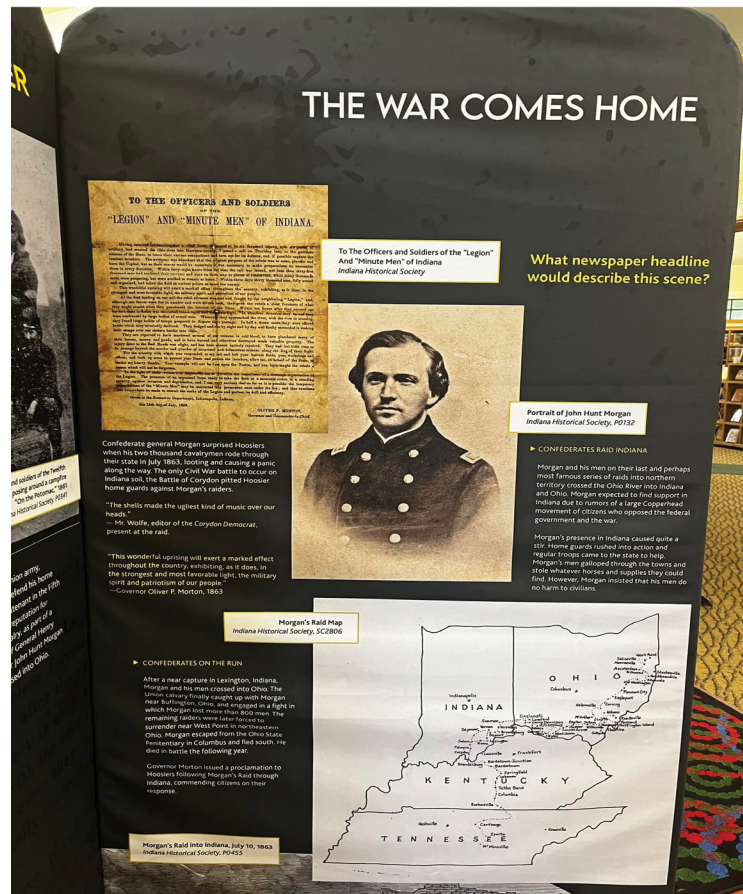
We really enjoyed having Author and fellow OCHS member Bob Moody as our guest presenter for the May program. Bob held those of us in attendance fairly spellbound while sharing the strange story and tragic death of Professor Wilbur at the Orange County Fair in 1871. Bob also presented some new interesting and informative research about events leading up to that tragedy and beyond.

**FATAL BALLOON ASCENSION.**  
**AN EDITOR 'UP IN A BALLOON."**  
**HE GETS SCARED AND JUMPS OUT.**  
**Professor Wilbur Swinging by a Rope**  
**He is Carried into the Clouds.**  
**Falls and is Buried in the Earth.**  
**His Fall Heard One Mile.**  
**A Mangled Corpse—The Funeral.**

On last Saturday the people of Orange county, who were assembled on the Fair grounds, near Paoli, witnessed a most terrible sight, one which chilled the blood of all those present.



Printed program from the very first ever Lindley Family Reunion held on August 25, 1928 at Alamance County, NC. The framed document can be viewed in the upstairs hallway at the Lindley House.



Civil War history came alive for our visitors' friends who were able to experience our recent "Faces of the Civil War", an Indiana Historical Society (IHS) traveling exhibit. The exhibit brought to life the stories of many Hoosiers whose lives were touched, and in some cases taken, by the Civil War. Not all are well known or revered—many were just everyday citizens fulfilling their duties to their friends, family, state and country. Rather than focusing on statistics and large-scale battles, the exhibit illustrated how regular people coped with the tragic experiences of the day—all from an Indiana perspective. Special thanks to our friends at the Paoli Library for hosting the exhibit.