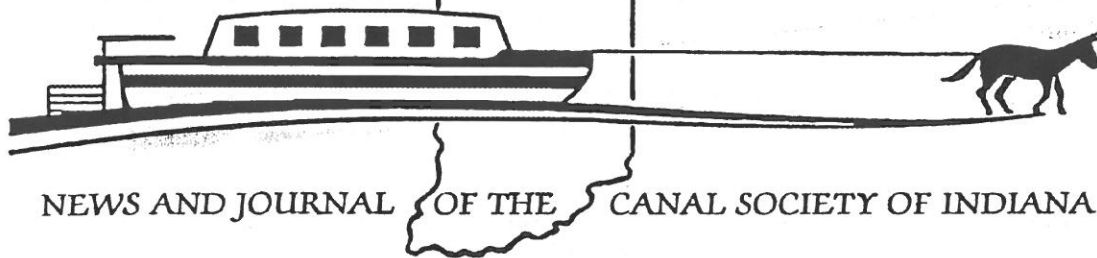


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PRESERVING CANAL HERITAGE



The Vinton House is an example of saving canals and canal related structures. In 1996 CSI representatives visited it and got local citizens interested in saving it. It was bought by Western Wayne Heritage. CSI donated money for windows and restoration in the past and will help fund a mural of the house and canal basin this year.

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CSI BEGINS ITS 21st YEAR

By Carolyn Schmidt

Forty-three people met on May 22, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. in the Frank Freimann Room of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Museum (The History Center) to organize, discuss goals/activities and elect officers for the Canal Society of Indiana (CSI). The next day they boarded buses to follow the canal to Delphi's new Wabash & Erie Canal Park. Little did they dream that CSI would have over 300 members doing research, providing speakers, placing markers, donating to restoration projects, maintaining a website, having monthly publications, assisting in locating canal remnants, saving structures, helping secure major grants for canal museums and sites and conducting semi-annual tours. Year 21 Here we come!

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NEWS FROM DELPHI

Large Exhibits Placed By Dan McCain

Early in November volunteers moved two massive displays to the new Canal Interpretive Center being built beside a watered section of the 162 year old Wabash & Erie in Delphi. Both exhibits were much too big to get through the doorways of the new \$2 million dollar building in Canal Park so, even though they were not completely finished, they had to be placed inside before the outside walls were completed.

Moving the oversized load from the warehouse east of town was guided with able escort assistance from Delphi Police Chief Ed Chapman. Six volunteers, who have so diligently created these major exhibits, worked all morning to make this 2 mile move possible. Construction of the 14' x 16' x 8' canal boat cabin and the 9' x 9' lock gate began in mid-summer when the thought of taking them apart to enter the doorways was expected. Both are full scale recreations from the canal era.

In early September, Leo Brown Builders from Logansport asked the volunteers if they would

like to coordinate the entry of these exhibits through the back wall of the building before the workers finally covered the exterior. Mark Brown representing the general contractor said his crews could work around the bulky items if they could be moved from time to time.

Volunteer Roy Patrick from Buck Creek offered to fabricate special wheels and dolly carts to allow the exhibits to be moved on the concrete floor. These wheels and his personal trailers and skills made this whole endeavor possible. He has helped move buildings before and crafted special fasteners, rollers, belts and bindings to make this trip easy.

Now that the exhibits are indoors construction shifts to producing many more manageable sized items like cabinets and display cases. This work will be done in a heated workshop at Ed Gruber's farm west of Delphi. The volunteers normally work Mon. Wed. and Fri. mornings. Many other special items, which will mostly use native hardwoods, will be created in the upcoming months. Some of the more elaborate museum items cannot be built by the volunteers and will therefore have to be contracted out

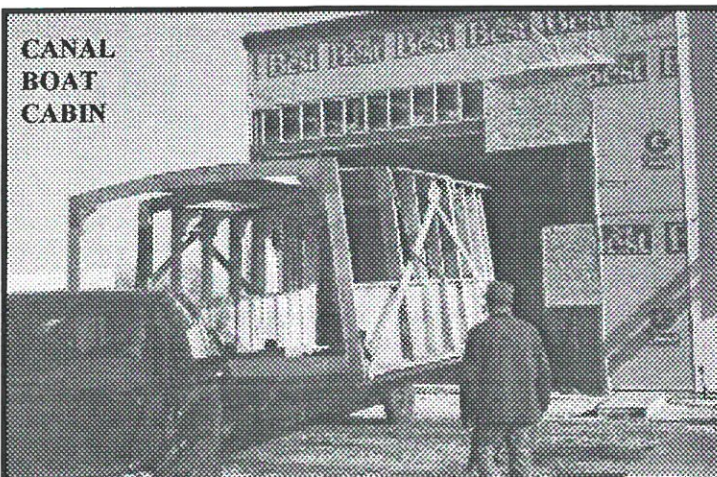
to specialty firms this winter. As spring arrives and the Interpretive Center museum is finished there will be much to do to install displays and create the interior rooms reminiscent of the 1850s.

Museum designer Len Mysliwiec has prepared numerous blueprints with details of exhibits for the new building being constructed primarily by using funds from the Indiana Department of Transportation that are available for creation of historic transportation museums. Exhibit items are funded by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and by donors. The Carroll County Community Foundation also granted money for this project.

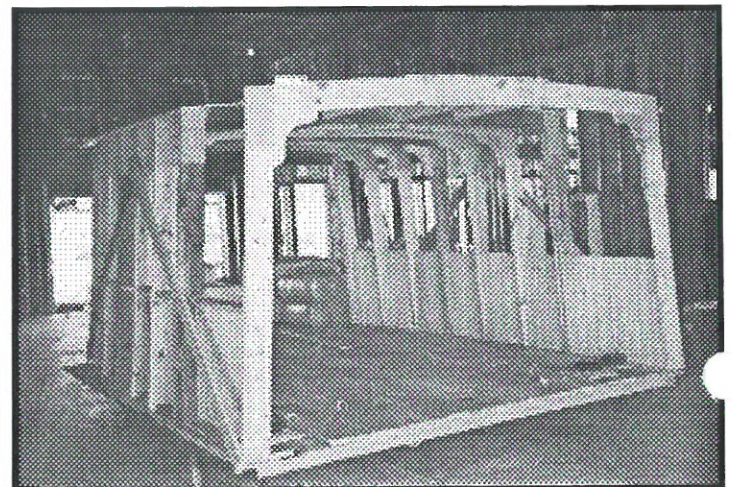
The "Grand Opening" of the center is expected on July 4-5, 2003. There are still needs for more volunteer craftsmen, who might offer to work on individual smaller items in their home shops. Anyone interested may contact the volunteer coordinator at 765-564-6297.



LOCK GATE Photos courtesy of Dan McCain



CANAL BOAT CABIN



CANAWLERS AT REST

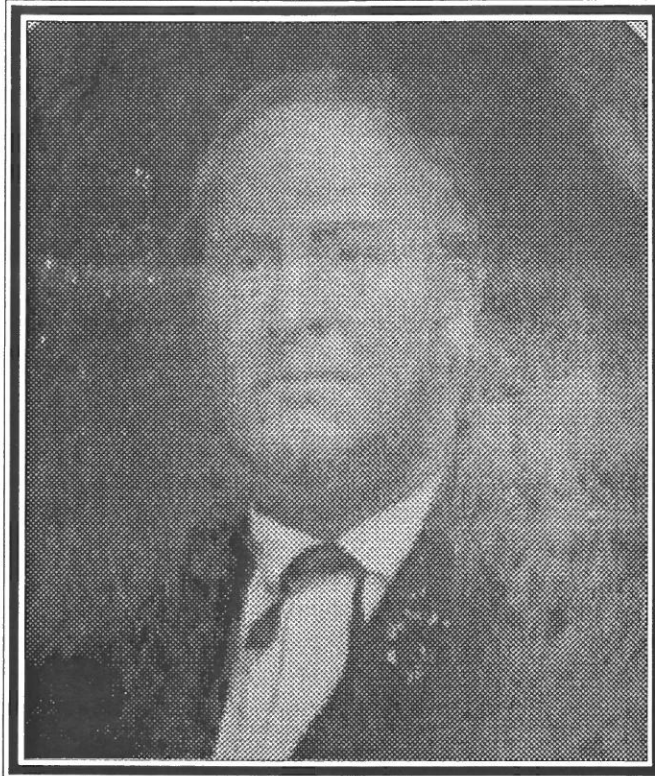
REED CASE

b. Jan. 9, 1808

d. Oct. 23, 1871

By Mark A. Smith

Photo of oil portrait by Bob Schmidt



Reed Case's life was characterized by the three F's—fatherhood, future, and faith. His fatherhood was seen in his five children, all of whom followed their father in service to their native area and state.

Reed Case had humble roots, but rose above them in his service to the Delphi community and the surrounding area. He was born in Nelson County, Kentucky on January 9, 1808 (just one year prior to Abraham Lincoln's birth) to William Case. Reed's grandfather willed thirty-six acres he owned to William, and, in turn, William named his son Reed as a tribute to his wife's maiden name.

In the summer of the year Reed was born, William moved his family to Orange County, Indiana, which would later become the location of the French Lick Sheraton Hotel. The family temporarily retreated to Shelby County, Kentucky due to Indian hostility. They returned to southern Indiana in 1810, and lived in Harrison County, then Washington County, then returned to Orange County.

At age sixteen, Reed formally entered the business world as a brick mason. He formed a construction company and moved to Danville, IN, to build the Hendricks County courthouse. In 1824, nineteen-year-old Reed married seventeen-year-old Mariah Glover, whose parents lived in Orange County, then in Greene County, the site of present-day Bloomfield. Three sons and a daughter were the fruits of

this first union: Josephine, John Stilwell, James S. and Reed Jr.

Reed contracted to construct the National Road in Hendricks and Putnam counties in 1832, when he was twenty-four. At twenty-eight, he began his life-long association with the Wabash and Erie Canal, first as contractor for the Miami County Segment (1836), and then on the segment from Delphi to Lafayette (1838). The death of Valerius Armitage created an opportunity for completion of a construction contract of the Wabash and Erie Canal in the Falling Springs vicinity, where, by the way, his daughter Josephine was born, then in Delphi proper, with the construction of the sidecut or "slip" to the foot of Main Street. This was done with the help of several other area merchants who formed a holding company for the purpose of selling stock to finance this sidecut, which eventually served a packing house, capably administered by his partners James Spears and James Dugan, and a grain handling warehouse. This tri-partite partnership oversaw interests in packing houses, grain operations, banking, and land ownership which extended as far away as Pulaski and White Counties in the Brookston and Winamac area.

Reed administered a very diversified concern, venturing into the pork packing business, which by the Civil War era had been processing as many as three thousand head of hogs daily, which were originally shipped on the Canal as "Delphi Canvas Hams," so called because they were wrapped in a canvas enclosure. Those livestock were nurtured by the three to four

thousand acres of land in the mid-north area.

Canals weren't the only medium of transportation shown an interest by Reed, as he was chosen to be stock solicitor for the nascent Wabash Railroad as it was making an appearance in the Delphi area. Reed and several other prominent Delphi area merchants were instrumental in bringing that mode of transport to the Delphi vicinity. He was also paid the grand sum of \$53,000 to oversee the construction of the Rossville-Delphi Plank Road, the predecessor of US Highway 421.

Reed also saw service to the Union cause for one year, in hot pursuit of John Hunt Morgan. Morgan was the Rebel guerilla fighter from Kentucky who struck fear and terror in the hearts of many in the southern part of this state.

Reed's faith was shown as he held a position of Vestryman at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, a body of believers of which his partners Spears and Dugan were a part, and his activity in the Underground Railroad in the Delphi area. The Case family held a rich heritage in the Episcopalian faith, which stretched over several generations.

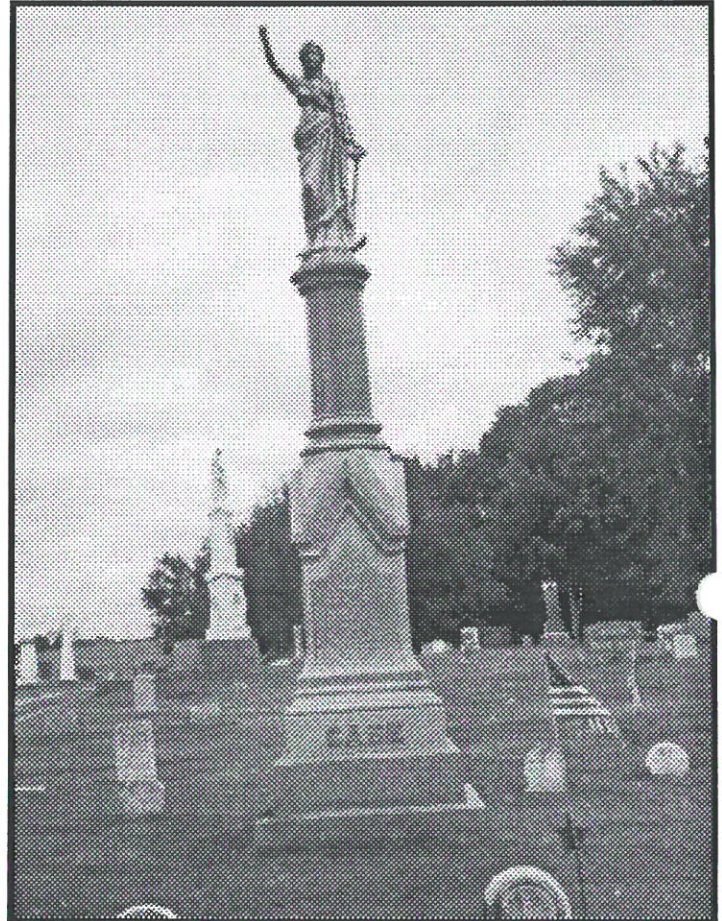
Following Mariah's death in 1847, thirty-nine year old Reed married Mariah's widowed sister, Huldah Glover William, who was twenty-eight. Their marriage was performed by Judge I. B. Edwards in Bloomfield, Indiana on October 15, 1847. One issue, Charles G., was born of their marriage.

Death of Captain Reed Case.

It is our painful duty this week to chronicle the death of one of Carroll County's oldest and best citizens. At eleven o'clock last Monday night, Captain Reed Case, after an illness of several months, quietly passed away. His death was not altogether unexpected, as he had been in ill health for some time. Mr. Case was about sixty-four years old. We cannot at this writing give as extended a sketch of the deceased as we should like to, for the want of time, and can only say that he came to this county in the year of 1835, as a contractor on the Wabash and Erie Canal, and has resided here ever since. For the past twenty-five or thirty years he has been in the produce and packing business, in the firm of Spears, Case & Co. Many will regret to hear of his death, as he was esteemed by all who had intercourse with him in the relations of life. The funeral will take place to-day at 2 o'clock, from his late residence.

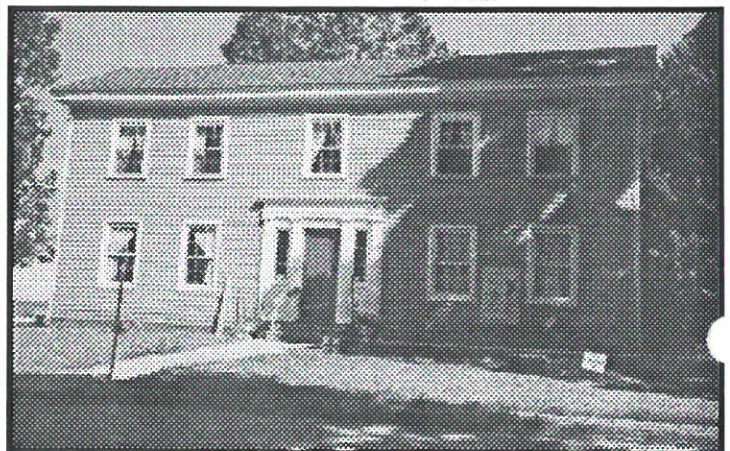
Delphi Journal
October 1871

Reed Case's soul quietly fled this earth at the age of sixty-three on October 23, 1971, following two months of ill health due to a stroke. His grave is located at the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, just off Carrollton Road near Delphi, and his stone is topped off with a sculpted rendition of a lady with an anchor, representing Faith. Ironically enough, his partner James Spears' gravesite is marked in a similar fashion at Springvale Cemetery near Lafayette, Indiana, just off SR 25.



The lady with an anchor on top of the Reed Case monument represents Faith. Photo by Mark Smith

The home of Reed Case was moved to Canal Park from a city street in Delphi and is undergoing renovation. Photo Bob Schmidt



2002 CSI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TOURS

Apr. 5-7, **20th Annual Meeting** Baymont Inn, Fort Wayne

Theme: "Canalabration" Frogs Celebrating 20 Years

Friday Night: Reception at Bethel United Methodist Church -Tour Committee Catered Barbecue Picnic

Saturday Noon: Independence Dam State Park - Kroger Box Lunches

Saturday Night: Ivy Tech State College - Banquet by Catering Class

Tour Committee: Jim Ellis, Gene Paschka, Cynthia Powers, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt, Sue Simerman

Docents: Gene Paschka, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt, Dan McCain, Beth Clark

Tour Refreshments: Ruth Ellis, Cynthia Powers, Bob Schmidt, Dan White

Logo: Nate Tagmeyer Button Badges: Stein Design - Kendallville

Tour Book: Carolyn Schmidt, Sue Simerman proof read, Ellis & Powers articles

Goodie Bags: Jim Ellis, Cynthia Powers, Carolyn Schmidt, Sue Simerman, Copy Solutions, Lutheran Hospital, Allen County Fort Wyane VCB, The Greater Defiance Area TVB, Napoleon Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Independence Dam State Park

Name Tags, Recognition Gifts: Carolyn Schmidt

F. Program: Slides Ft. Wayne to Napoleon - Gene Paschka, Slides of Fall Tour - Mike Morthorst

S. Program: "Four Cousins, a Ditch and a Towpath" - Angie Quinn ARCH

Tour: Saturday - The (Miami) Wabash & Erie Canal from Ft. Wayne to Napoleon, OH

Buses: Excellent Adventures

Sunday - Fort Wayne to Roanoke canal sites & bldgs., Vermilyea House - Todd Freeland

Board Elections: Jerry Mattheis presented slate. All board and officers re-elected. Also bylaws amended for "The Hoosier Packet."

Kicks & Kapers Winner: Jeff Koehler presented by Carolyn Schmidt

82 Attended States Represented: AL, IN, IL, OH, NJ

Sept. 20-22, **Fall Tour** Quality Inn, Cincinnati, OH

Theme: "Pigs, Paper & Pilsner"

Friday Night: Registration & Soup and Sandwich Buffet at Inn

Saturday Noon: Kroger Box Lunch near old aqueduct

Saturday Night: Banquet at Inn

Hosts and Docents: Mike Morthorst, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt

Tour Refreshments: Jim & Ruth Ellis, Don & Betty Haack, Carolyn Schmidt

Logo: Nate Tagmeyer Button Badges: Stein Design - Kendallville

Tour Book: Mike Morthorst

Goodie Bags: Nancy Gulick, Mike Morthorst, Carolyn Schmidt, Cincinnati VCB

Name Tags, Recognition Gifts: Carolyn Schmidt

F. Program: Slides of the Miami & Erie Canal in Hamilton & Butler Co. OH - Mike Morthorst

S. Program: "Steamboats on the Ohio" - Dr. Don Deming

Tour: Saturday - The Miami & Erie Canal in Hamilton & Butler Co. OH

Buses: Alpha Trailways

Sunday - Cleves Tunnel, Harrison Tomb and canal sites nearby

Kicks & Kapers Winner: Wayne Miller presented by Carolyn Schmidt

45 Attended States Represented: AL, IN, IL, OH

BOARD MEETING

November 9, Huntington Library - Carolyn Schmidt hostess - 12 board members present

PUBLICATIONS

CSI Newsletter Vol. 16 No. 1-4 Carolyn Schmidt Editor

Indiana Canals Vol. 13 No. 1 Casey Drudge Editor

The above publications were combined to form the following publication - bylaws amended

The Hoosier Packet Vol. 1 No. 1-8 Carolyn Schmidt Editor

SPEAKERS BUREAU

WBNI audited average weekly tune-in number is 42,000 per program

Date	#People	Event	Presenters
1-21-02	WBNI-WBOI	Canal Ends Swamps in West Central	Tom Castaldi
2-25-02	WBNI-WBOI	Edsall & Shriver Survey W & E	Tom Castaldi
3-04-02	WBNI-WBOI	Old Aqueduct Club	Tom Castaldi

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3-25-02	WBNI-WBOI	Grand Opening of W & E	Tom Castaldi
4-11-02	50 +	Parke County Historical Society	Jeff Koehler
4-29-02	87	Carroll Elementary School 4th Grade	Dan McCain
5-01-02	20	Huntington County Genealogy Society	Carolyn Schmidt
5-03-02	150	Rotary Regional Conference S. Bend	Dan McCain
5-09-02	36	Delphi Elem. School Canal Trails	Dan McCain
5-11-02	45	Greentown Comm. Assoc. Canal Trs.	Dan McCain
5-16-02	125	Pioneer Day Delphi Schools	Dan McCain
5-19-02	250+	Dearly Departed Lindenwood Cem.	Bob Schmidt, Peggy Seigel
5-19-02	25	Cemetery Walk	Mark Smith, Dan McCain
5-21-02	40	Camden Elementary Canal Trail Tour	Dan McCain
5-22-02	65	Delphi School 8th Grade	Dan McCain
5-24-02	TV	Channel 18 Interview Trail Devel.	Dan McCain
5-26-02	25	Burlington Rendezvous Speech	Dan McCain
5-29-02	14	Boy Scout Troup Canal Park	Dan McCain
May-June	TV	ICRC Community Cable Access	Mike Morthorst
6-05-02	28	DeKalb Retired Teachers Assoc.	Bob & Carolyn Schmidt
6-05-02	40	Lafayette Optomists Club	Dan McCain
6-11-02	22	Flora Church Picnic Case House	Dan McCain
6-27-02	65	Prophetstown Children's Group	Dan McCain
6-27-02	12	Peabody Library Columbia City	Bob & Carolyn Schmidt
6-30-02	48	Monroe County Library	Jeff Koehler
7-08-02		M.Nichols Interview WoodMizer Saw	Dan McCain
7-10-02	18	Camden Church Ladies at Park	Dan McCain
7-16-02	60	Purdue Retirees Assoc.	Dan McCain
7-17-02	55	Monticello Chamber of Commerce	Dan McCain
7-30-02		Taped Trail Walk for City Parks	Dan McCain
8-01-02	TV	Channel 18 Inter. Walking Weekend	Dan McCain
8-04-02	45	Clawson Reunion Canal Park	Dan McCain
8-10-02	8	South Trails Narrated Walk	Dan McCain
8-11-02	18	North End Narrated Canal Walk	Dan McCain
8-14-02	46	The Towne House Retirement Comm.	Bob & Carolyn Schmidt
8-21-02	TV	Channel 18 Interview Canal Bldg.	Dan McCain
8-25-02	36	1940 Delphi High Class Reunion	Dan McCain
9-04-02	32	Peace Lutheran Church	Carolyn Schmidt
9-11-02	19	Delphi Armory Class Local History	Dan McCain
9-14-02	125	Delphi Airport Fly0in Reception	Dan McCain
9-19-02	18	Carroll County Tourisem Meeting	Dan McCain
9-25-02	?	Metropolitan Planning Organization	Jeff Koehler
9-24-02	33	Historic Hagerstown, Inc., videoed	Jerry & Phyllis Mattheis
9-26-02	300	American Electric Power Company	Casey Drudge
9-29-02	46	Delphi Preservation Society Fundraiser	Dan McCain
10-0-02	15	R C & D Meeting Lafayette	Dan McCain
10-17-02	78	Wabash Area Ad.Learn. Assoc.	Dan McCain
10-18-02	12	Delphi Girl Scout Group	Dan McCain
10-22-02	22	Flora M. Martin's Ladies Group	Dan McCain
10-24-02	TV	Channel 21- 1 am, 6 am, 11 am	Jerry & Phyllis Mattheis video
10-26-02	TV	Channel 21- 1 pm, 4 pm, 8 pm	Jerry & Phyllis Mattheis video
10-27-02	15	Delphi Cemetery Walk	Dan McCain
10-28-02	8	Delph Cub Scout Troup	Dan McCain
?	22	Hagerstown Woman's His. Club	Phyllis Mattheis
10-30-02	WBOI	Hoosier Haunted Trails & Canals	Wanda Willis, Tom Castaldi
10-31-02	WBOI	Hoosier Haunted Trails & Canals	Wanda Willis, Tom Castaldi
11-07-02	65	Cass County Historical Society	Tom Castaldi
11-08-02	57	Lutheran Health Services Society	Carolyn Schmidt
11-10-02	68	Wanatah Historical Society	Bob & Carolyn Schmidt

IN MEMORIAM

2-10-2002	Alwyn A. Carder	age 86	Redkey, IN
2-22-2002	Hubert A. Leslie	age 77	Logansport, IN
3-26-2002	Grace D. Taylor	age 72	North Manchester, IN

ARCHIVES

Books, video, newspaper clippings and a great number of photos from tours donated

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES - Jim Ellis, Brian Migliore, Bob Schmidt

NEW MEMBERSHIPS (41 family, 57 single)

Bertsch, Kenneth - Cambridge City, IN	Maxwell, Teresa - Delphi, IN	Sommers, Eileen - Kewanna, IN
Borter, Dr. Ed - Odon, IN	Meyer, Dan & Mary - New Haven, IN	Eggleston, Larry & Margaret - Wanatah, IN
Bower, John & Lynn - Bloomington, IN	Miller, Wayne - Elgin, IL	
Brown, Elmer Jr. - Chandler, IN	Morton, Gary - Tell City, IN	
Campbell, Mary Ellen - Delphi, IN	Nevins, Jerry - Greencastle, IN	
Casady, William - Bloomington, IN	Ogan, Jeff & Mary - Ossian, IN	
Deloughery, Jack - Dennison, IL	Phillips, Dale - Vincennes, IN	
Dust, Ron - Monticello, IN	Reagan, Lawrence & Donna - Bloomington, IN	
Eilts, Lori - Greenwood, IN	Rippey, Robert & Phyllis Farley - Macomb, IL	
Fisher, Matthew - Indianapolis, IN	Seculoff, Tom & Dena - Ft. Wayne, IN	
Fouts, Kurtis & Karen - Delphi, IN	Sees, Carl & Beverly - Delphi, IN	
Fowler, Nancy - Rossville, IL	Smith, Margaret Weir - Indianapolis, IN	
Friesen, Oris & Carey - Scottsdale, AZ	Smith, Mark - Brookston, IN	
Hill, Richard & Barbara - Ft. Wayne, IN	Snavely, A. James - Indianapolis, IN	
Jackson, Angela - Delphi, IN	Staton, Mike - Zionsville, IN	
Keating, Jim & Cheryl - Carmel, IN	Swonder, Dr. Roy - Vincennes, IN	
Kirk, George - Madison, IN	Tangeman, Anna - Jasper, IN	
Leiter, Carl & Martha - Kokomo, IN	Walker & Sons (Dean) - Indianapolis IN	
McCain, Doug & Mary Lou -Hattiesburg, MS	Warner, Mike & Sue - Terre Haute, IN	
McCain, Richard & Joan - Bringhamurst, IN	Wilks, Douglas & Pia - Valparaiso, IN	
	Zutt, Elizabeth - Evansville, IN	

COUNTY HISTORIANS of CSI

Allen Co. - Thomas Castaldi (April 2002)
 Clay Co. - Jeff Koehler
 Miami Co. - Kreig Adkins
 Wells Co. - Craig Leonard (April 2002)
 Vigo Co. - Mike McCormick

CANAL HAPPENINGS

CSI members attended the World Canal Conference in Montreal, Canada.
 CSI members attended CSO tour of the Milan Canal.
 CSI members served on numerous historical society boards and represented canals.
 CSI members received a gift of the Indiana Constitution published in the **Indiana Historian**.

(Miami) Wabash & Erie Canal

Toledo, OH to Junction, OH - The DNR is establishing a procedure to evaluate the sale of small portions of canal lands.
Toledo, OH to Ft. Wayne, IN - The Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor produced a map/brochure showing historic sites to visit, many of which were on the canal. It also published quarterly calendars of events such as canal festivals.
Grand Rapids, OH - Daniel Burns volunteers at Providence Metro Park as a canal boatman and operated the canal lock according to the **Sentinel-Tribune**.
Ft. Wayne - Several CSI members met with local preservationists and museum personnel to investigate changes to the St. Joe Feeder Canal near North Pointe Woods. The **Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette** gave backgrounds of newly appointed county historians Castaldi and Leonard. The **Fort Wayne News-Sentinel** announced plans for renovating Columbia Street ("The Landing") and the buildings that once faced the canal. Another **News-Sentinel** article said that a \$168,000 study by Development Concepts suggested re-digging the canal in downtown Fort Wayne as part of a way to draw people to the downtown area. The Mary Tyler Rockhill home is undergoing restoration to be used by groups to learn about the canal era as well as other history of the town. Tom Castaldi, CSI advisory council, published a revised edition of **Wabash & Erie Canal Notebook I: Allen and Huntington Counties**. The **Journal-Gazette** article about Shirley Underwood had a story about a canal worker finding a wife.
Huntington - John Weddell used ground penetrating radar to look for canal relics at Historic Forks of the Wabash. Timbers from the Clear Creek Flood Gate were loaded onto trucks and delivered to Canal Park in Delphi.
Wabash - Ron Woodward led seventh graders in an archaeological dig of the canal. Charlie White, Tom Castaldi and Jack Miller visited the remains of McDonald Lock # 12 and found the remains of Culvert 52.
Logansport - The **Logansport Pharos-Tribune** carried an article about Israel Johnson, who shipped pork by canal boat. Another article featured Amos Kistler who moved to Indiana by canal boat to settle in Royal Center.
Carrollton - Burnett's Creek Arch (canal culvert #100) has a purchase price of \$40,000 if the Carroll County Historical Society

buys it for a park.

Delphi - Canal Park received 23 acres of land from Mary Ellen Campbell. The Canal was dredged and sealed with Bentonite. The Purdue Tourism Class redesigned the Carroll County Wabash and Erie Canal website. A series of narrated trail walks, many along the canal, were given. Two dozen buttons and clasps from the Delphi paper mill were loaned to the new Indiana State Museum, for the canal display. The foundation for the new canal interpretive center was laid and let to settle for 90 days. Springs were tested to give the feel of being on water while standing in the canal boat cabin exhibit, but air bags won. More flower beds were added along the canal. Free concerts were held on Sundays at Canal Park. The home of canal contractor Reed Case got new steps and a parking lot that was edged by some of the timbers from the flood gate and was open on the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. A huge log from canal times was found in the canal and sawed into boards for the museum. Roseland McCain, CSI advisory council, was featured in an **Outdoor Indiana** article about restoring the canal. CSI had a booth for the annual Canal Days festival at Canal Park. Three sites (lime kilns, canal dam across Deer Creek and canal lock #33 with nearby construction camp) were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Two hundred truckloads of crushed limestone were spread on the trails. Grass eating carp were put into the canal to control plant growth. The Old Settlers had their yearly demonstrations and 4-day rendezvous at Canal Park. The internet produced 19 graduate program students from Northwestern University to help with trail and site improvement projects along the canal. The concrete was poured and the steel frame erected for the new \$2 million interpretive center. Building the museum exhibits began. An invitation was sent out to watch or help an Amish craftsman build a lock gate using timber from the flood gate unearthed near Huntington.

Riley - The **Terre Haute Tribune-Star** reported that 10-acres may be developed into a canal park at Lock #47. Jeff Koehler rediscovered Lock #49 near Riley and is trying to get it incorporated into the trail from the proposed Lock #47 park. Later Judy O'Bannon announced that Lock#47 park received a \$400,000 grant and Vigo county must raise a \$40,000 match.

Terre Haute - The **Terre Haute Tribune-Star** article by CSI member Mike McCormick told of railroad engines arriving by canal boat.

Glezen - A timber canal culvert was removed by the coal company during their strip mine operation.

Evansville - The **Evansville Courier & Press** ran an article about archaeology students from the University of Evansville digging in sites along the filled in canal bed.

Central Canal

Indianapolis - A portion of Gronauer Lock was rebuilt and displayed in new Indiana State Museum along with artifacts found at the site, a map of the canal in Lafayette, a lock model, a profile map of the canal, etc. CSI board members attended the pre-opening dry run for the museum. Papers throughout the state covered the grand opening of the museum and mentioned the Gronauer Lock exhibit in their articles. The Central Canal walk won a design award from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. CSI had a display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Indiana State Quarter dedication ceremony. Survival of turtles in the canal was studied by Butler University Students. Wanda Willis, CSI board member, published her book **Haunted Hoosier Tales**, which included many canal related hauntings and the history of the canal in some counties. Darrell Bakken, CSI member, is publishing his book on the history of the Central Canal and the Indianapolis Water Company.

Whitewater Canal

Lawrenceburg - The **Lawrenceburg Journal Press** reported the dedication of the "War Memorial To The Common Man," which is located close to the old canal basin.

Cincinnati & Whitewater Canal

Cincinnati - The **Cincinnati Enquirer** ran article about Cleves Tunnel being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A master plan for a park at the site was completed.

Happenings in Canals Elsewhere

Ancient Canals - Archaeologists discovered remains of ancient canals in Ortona, Florida near Lake Okeechobee.

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal - The Monocacy Aqueduct across the Potomac River is undergoing a \$6.4 million restoration. Twenty-three million dollars were spent to repair 1996 flood damages to the canal and its structures.

Delaware & Hudson Canal - A **New York Times** reporter wrote an article about retracing the canal route and things he saw along the way.

England - The Anderton boat lift was restored for 7 million pounds and reopened to lift boats from River Weaver into the Trent and Mersey Canal.

France - An inland route was given in **Latitudes and Attitudes** to get from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean via the river and canals.

Lachine Canal - The 9-mile-long canal in Montreal, Canada was re-dug, refurbished and reopened for boating with a new visitors center.

Ohio & Erie Canal - The **New York Times** carried an article about the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, its towpath trails and visitor centers. More miles have been added to the hiking/biking trail, which is the "key element" in the development of the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Corridor, with a total of 65 of the 101 planned miles completed. **Travel Holiday** published an article about the canal towpath trail between Akron and Cleveland.

Thanks to everyone for a successful year!



CSI member Mark Smith of Brookston, IN wrote "I happened to find a document to Hill and Orbison, Fort Wayne, during the Canal Era, and thought you could give me some background on that firm for my records."

The document was filled out about the time the Wabash & Erie Canal was at its height transporting goods. It was written as appears at the right and is seen on the following page.

Information showing how Hill and Orbison fit into Fort Wayne history was found in *The Pictorial History of Fort Wayne, Indiana* by B. J. Griswold on page 254:

"The chief industry of the town (Fort Wayne) during these earlier years consisted of the trade with the Indian tribes, chiefly in the exchange of goods for furs and peltries. The American Fur Company established an important branch station here and Benjamin B. Kercheval, Alexis Coquillard and Francis Comparet were its representatives.

Mr. Comparet, who came to the village from Detroit in 1820, was a native of Monroe, Michigan, where he was born in 1798; he made Fort Wayne his permanent place of abode, and the family is identified with much of the early and more modern activities of the village and city.

Alexis Coquillard came from Detroit. After his residence at Fort Wayne, he established a trading station on the St. Joseph river of Lake Michigan, on the site of the city of South Bend, Indiana, as an outpost of the American Fur Company's

Fort Wayne June 21, 1850

Shipped in good order by Hill & Orbison, on Canal Boat Rothrock under deck _____ Line, wherof _____ is Master, the following articles to be delivered in the good order as addressed without delay.

a/c Nuttman & Co.	11 Kegs of Butter	1400	\$.50	
	Decater Canl & tolls		\$1.87	\$2.37
	Hill, Fleming, & Co.	CC		
	Buffalo			
	Field & King			
	Toledo			
a/c P. Studebaker	8 Kegs Butter	860	\$.37	
	Buffalo Canl frt & Tolls		\$1.13	\$1.50
as above	Buffalo			
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J Washburn	5 Kegs Butter	700	\$.37	
	Columbia Canl & Tolls		\$1.00	\$1.37
as above	Buffalo			
" "	Toledo			
a/c RR	4 Kegs Butter	441	\$.25	
R Reed	Canl & Tolls		\$.62	\$.87
	Ft. Wayne	CC		\$6.11
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establishment at Fort Wayne.

James Aveline and family, of Vincennes, and John E. Hill arrived in 1820 and entered actively into the affairs of the village. The family of Mr. Aveline had come to America from St. Jule, in France. He a familiarly known as "St. Jule." His son Francis was the builder of the Aveline House (a hotel). In 1832, with Robert El Fleming, Mr. Hill engaged in the dry goods trade in Fort Wayne. In 1846, with A. M. (Alexander M.) Orbison, the firm of Hill and Orbison, for many years prominent in the commission business, was formed."

Further references to the man show that Hill was on the board of trustees of the "Fort Wayne Corporation" after September 7, 1829. These trustees named the first town officers. This primitive style of government lasted 11 years. He was listed among the business and professional men as John E. Hill - dry goods. Fort Wayne was officially incorporated on February

22, 1840 when the state approved the city charter. That March 1 there was an election of officers. George W. Wood was chosen as mayor and the first board of aldermen were Thomas Hamilton, William Rockhill, William S. Edsall, William L. Moon, Samuel Edsall and Madison Sweetser. Two months later in May Hamilton and Sweetser resigned and were succeeded by John E. Hill and Joseph Morgan. Then under the Activities of 1848 the book shows that William H. Coombs and Samuel Edsall established a steam sawmill on the north side of the canal (W&E). It also states that the firm of Hill and Orbison (John E. Hill and A.M. Orbison), commission merchants, was formed. This you will note does not agree with the 1846 earlier stated.

On July 5, 1859 D. G. Nelson, Jesse L. Williams (W & E Canal Chief Engineer), Hugh McCulloch, Charles D. Bond, David F. Comparet, Royal W. Taylor, Allen Hamilton, Alexander M. Orbison, John E. Hill, Pliny Hoagland, Alfred

Shipped by HILL & ORRISON, at least Special First

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in March the following named articles to be

examined in their good order as aforesaid, without delay.

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D. Brandriff, and Ochmig Bird purchased a tract of 153 acres known as the Pollock plat, at a cost of \$7,627.50 which developed into the present Lindenwood cemetery.

A meeting was held on April 23, 1862 for the Summit City baseball club. John E. Hill was listed as a member. It was reorganized in 1866 with John E. Hill as captain. The same year the Fort Wayne Kekionga's baseball team was formed. It became a National league team in 1871.

During the campaign of 1864, there was much sentiment against Lincoln in Allen county. Not only was there severe suffering by large numbers of soldiers, there were many needy at home. Although individuals and societies rendered aid, it was not enough. The Fort Wayne Relief Society was formed and a committee was formed to securing gifts of firewood from the farmers. Those on the committee were Samuel Edsall, John H. Jacobs, Jesse L. Williams, Henry Baker, John S. Comparet, William Meyer, A.M.

Orbison and Bernard Trentman. The men raised over \$1,000 cash, and got 300 cords of wood, eighteen hundred pounds of meat, eighty barrels of flour and a large quantity of other needed supplies.

A map of the Wabash & Erie Canal through Fort Wayne found in the book shows a building (Orbison) on the west end of Columbia Street on the Orbison canal basin. This was the location of the Hill & Orbison commission business.

"PIGS, PAPER & PILSNER" TOUR

Continued from November The Hoosier Packet

As the bus descended the hills it entered the "Over the Rhine" section of Cincinnati where the Germans lived. On the way down Mike explained how the Germans loved the beer gardens located atop the Cincinnati hills and pointed out the inclines to them. Many of the original buildings of the breweries were demolished while some were adapted for other uses. The breweries seen were the Dayton Street brewery, the Hauck-Windisch Brewery, the Christian Moerlein Brewery, the Windisch Mulhauser Brewery (The Liberty Street Subway Station was near there and the grates over the subway vents were seen.) and the Gerke Brewery, which was located near the point where the canal made a 90-degree turn. A portion of an article with drawings about the Germans, their beer gardens, their love of flowers, and the inclines can be seen on the following pages. Mike said his grandfather was a florist in this part of town, which ties into the German's love of flowers.

The bus passed the Hamilton County Courthouse with the Justice Center one block east. This was where Lockport Basin was once located. The bus followed the canal and later subway route down

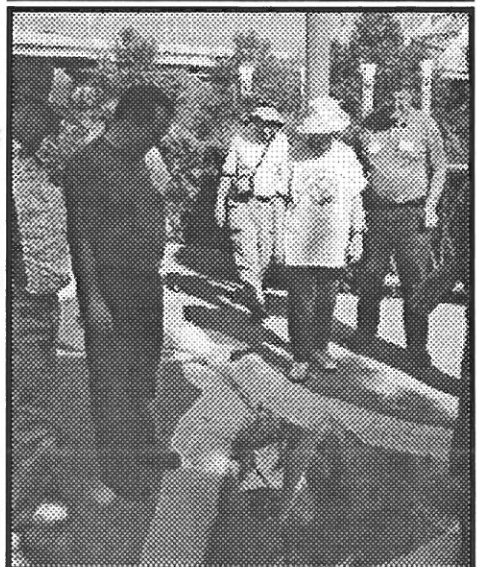
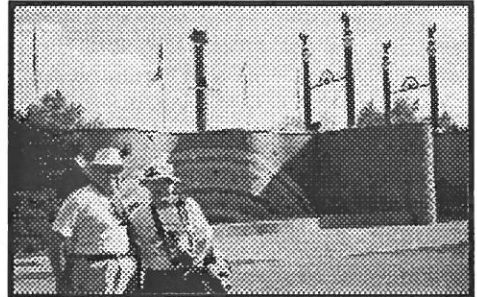
Eggleston Avenue. Mike pointed out the location of the old flight of 10 locks. Canawlers proceeded to Bicentennial Commons at the Ohio River where they had about forty-five minutes to see the park..

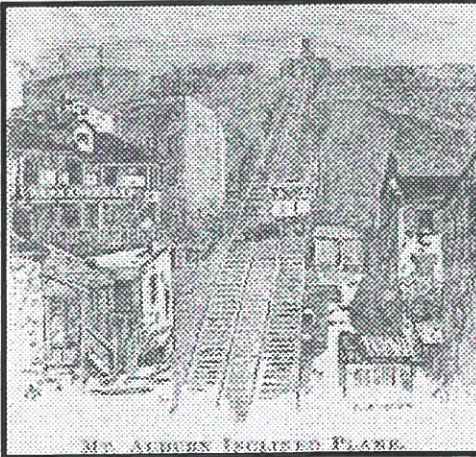
Everyone was impressed by the archway they passed through to enter the park. It had a canal profile chart built right into the wall. Atop the entrance was a model of the Ohio River from Pittsburgh, PA to Cairo, IL showing all the river locks. Inside the park tall smokestacks like those on Ohio steam boats had falutes and flying pigs atop them. The pigs go with the Cincinnati nickname "Porkopolis." Closer to the river a sidewalk was inscribed with a time line and had images of flora in it. The beautiful auto bridge and the foot bridge were nearby. From the park the hills of Cincinnati were seen in the distance.

Top: Bob Schmidt and Mike Thrall stood outside Bicentennial Commons with the tall stacks behind the wall. PM

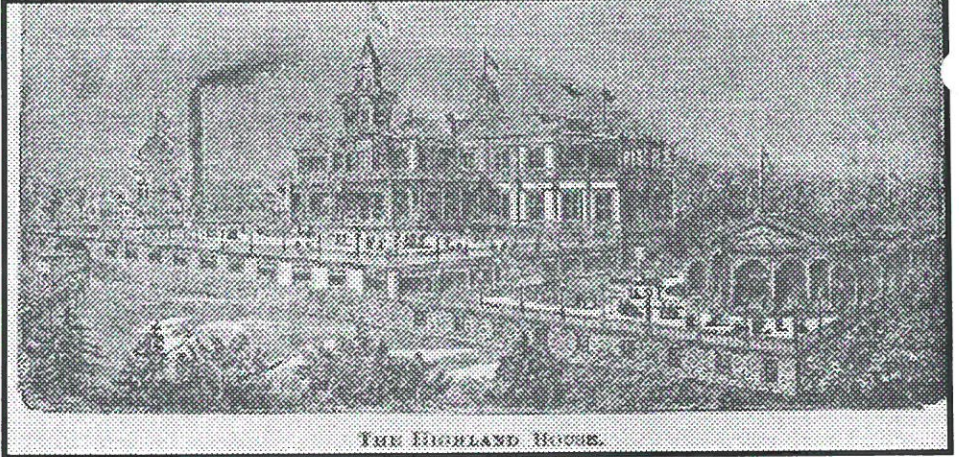
Center: A profile of the locks on the Miami and Erie Canal was inside the entry way to the park. RS

Bottom: Canawlers saw the pyramid that represents Cairo, IL at one end of the riverscape, which shows the location of locks on the Ohio River. RS





MR. ARBORN INCLINED PLANE.



THE HIGHLAND HOUSE.

In 1877 a gentleman wrote a description of Cincinnati entitled "Cincinnati on the Hill." that was reprinted by Henry Howe in 1902 in *Historical Collections of Ohio Vol. I.*

Inclined Planes.— The city proper is on two planes, one called the "Bottom," 60 feet and the other 112 feet above low-watermark in the river. This with the exception of New York and Boston, is the most densely populated area in the Union. Owing to the contracted dimensions of the plains, population is rapidly extending on to the river hills. These are nearly 400 feet above the city, and take one on to the general level of the country. Besides roads leading to their summits, there are in all four inclined railway planes—on the north, east and west—where, by stationary engines at the top, people are taken up, sometimes nearly a hundred in a car, and in ninety seconds. They are hauled up by a wire rope large as one's wrist, which winds around a drum with a monotonous humming sound, quick resounding, as though in a hurry to get you up. An extra rope is attached to each car as a precaution in case the one in use should break.

Bird's-eye Views.— The views from the hills are unique. Seemingly within a stone's throw one looks down from a height of between 300 and 400 feet into a huge basin-like area filled by a dense, compact city. Beyond this wilderness of walls, roofs and steeples, is seen the Ohio, with its magnificent bridges, the Kentucky towns of Covington and Newport opposite. Encircling hills everywhere bound the view, through which the Ohio pierces, turning its broad silvery surface to that sun which shines equally for us all.

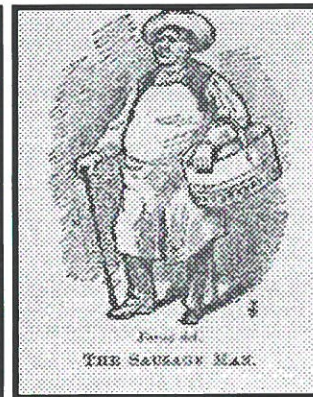
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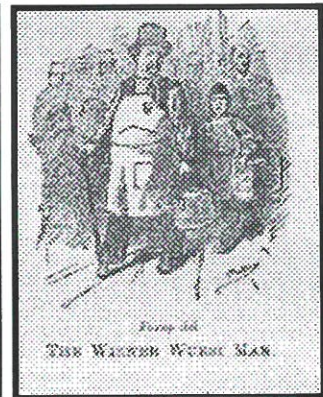
PERRY del.
OVER THE KNICK SALOON.



ROOP del.
THE TRANSMISSION YAFFEL.



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THE SARGENT MAN.



ROOP del.
THE WALKER WREST MAN.

summit of these planes are immense beer gardens with mammoth buildings, where on stifling summer nights the city hives swarms out thousands, upon thousands of all classes and nationalities, who thus come together and alike yield to the potent influences of music and lager. One, the Highland House, travelers say, is not only the largest in the world but is unequalled in splendor and appointments. It is on Mount Adams, east of the city plain, where nearly 40 years ago John Quincy Adams, "the old man eloquent," delivered his oration on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Cincinnati Observatory.....Viewed from the city the long lines of hundred lights, in places rising tier above tier, marking the spot, made the place appear as an illuminated palace in the skies; while the lighted car in incessant motion up and down the inclined plane looked like a huge fire ball in transit.

The Germans—The prevalence of music and lager in the city is largely owing to the Germans. Of the 300,000 inhabitants at this centre nearly one-third are Germans or of German stock. In these respects the Americans have become largely Teutonized.

The Germans are notably frugal and thrifty. The ambition of each family is to own its dwelling—their great ambition a three-story brick. They associate with and cultivate the acquaintance of their own families more thoroughly than our people do theirs. They resort on Sunday afternoons, with their wives and children, to the beer gardens on the hill tops, where there is music, green arbors, kindly skies and soft airs. The utmost decorum prevails. All classes of Germans thus mingle in calm, peaceful recreation.

They learn to know and sympathize with each other, a matter seemingly impossible with a certain class of our snobbish countrymen who ever seem dreadfully apprehensive of soiling their gentility.

Love of Flowers—A pleasing characteristic of the Germans is their passion for flowers. While an American woman of humble rank will spend her money for an article of personal adornment that perchance may destroy all grace of movement and crucify all beauty, a German woman will purchase a pot of flowers. On passing even tenement houses occupied by Germans, one will often see every window, may be thirty or forty in all, story upon story, filled with pots of flowers. These please the thoughtful passer-by as he thinks of a people who thus endeavor to make fragrant their hard work-day lives.

German Peculiarities—The original Germans are largely of the working class. Like old-country folk, generally, they are clannish and let their affections go back to the fatherland, while their children take especial pride in being thought Americans; indeed some manifest shame at being overheard by Americans talking in the German tongue.

The common class of Germans in the city know next to nothing of the inner life of Americans. Some of them stigmatize us as "Irish."

Returning to the Quality Inn canawlers had to rest and get ready for the evening. A banquet was prepared by the inn. The tables were decorated with flowers and frogs, the society's mascot. During dinner everyone had time to discuss things they had seen during the day.



Top: Canawlers discussed events of the day while awaiting the banquet. RS
Bottom: Dr. Don Deming spoke about steamboats on the Ohio River. RS

The speaker for Saturday night was Dr. Don Deming. He spoke about steamboats on the Ohio River at the time the canals were in operation. He said that early steamboats spewed ashes upon their passengers until falutes were put atop their tall stacks to screen out the ashes. Passengers would dress up on these cleaner boats and were said to be "highfalutin" or pretentious. He told of the first steamboats, how they evolved into the fancier boats, how they raced one another, how one boat could even lower her stacks, and how chefs created new dishes such as pecan pie and fried chicken for the first time aboard these boats. Their dishes made them famous. They later had restaurants of their own in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Deming showed slides while telling of his working on the boats in recent years as a river

historian. Years ago he put on this program for then President Jimmie Carter.

Following Dr. Deming's program, a drawing was held for door prizes, upcoming tours of the Wabash & Erie Canal in Cass and Carroll County headquartered in Monticello, IN in the spring and of the Erie Canal from Syracuse to Buffalo, NY in the fall were announced, and Carolyn Schmidt presented the Kicks and Kapers award.

Carolyn said that prior to the tour she received an E-mail from Gerald Hulslander wanting to know if he could have his son come on the bus tour instead of his wife, who would attend all the other functions. Arriving at the tour he introduced his son to Carolyn as "my wife Jean." Gerry was definitely a candidate for the Kicks and Kapers award.

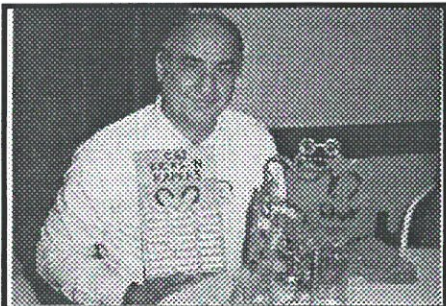
Then at the Friday evening banquet Mickey Andrews came in late talking about a hailstorm she had passed through on her way to the inn. It was "Hail this and Hail that." Then on Saturday morning Mike Morthorst kept saying the old Dam was located here, the new Dam was located there, the Dam washed out, "Dam this and Dam that." Carolyn cautioned Mickey and Mike that maybe in the old days the canawlers swore but that they should clean up their language on the tour. They were both candidates.

CSI vice president Chuck Huppert and his wife Lynda were following the bus in case anyone became ill or hurt. He was using his GPS. He'd radio the bus saying we are so many tenths of a mile from this or that site or we'll be turning at the next road on the right. After about his tenth call, the bus driver said, "Why isn't he in front of the bus leading us?"

Everyone expected Mike Thrall to receive the award because he couldn't be found when it was

time to leave Bicentennial Commons. They did not realize that almost every other time the bus was to leave Sally Bancroft was the last one on it. They cancelled one another out.

Then there was the culprit who stole the water pitcher from the head table on Friday night and left Mike without a drop to drink during the meal and during his presentation. However, there seemed to be some doubt as to the name of this individual. The reporting elves got the names mixed up. Finally it was discovered that Wayne Miller had taken the pitcher to his table where thirsty canawlers were sitting. The waiter never replaced the one at the head table. The 2002 Fall Tour Kicks and Kapers award went to Wayne Miller.

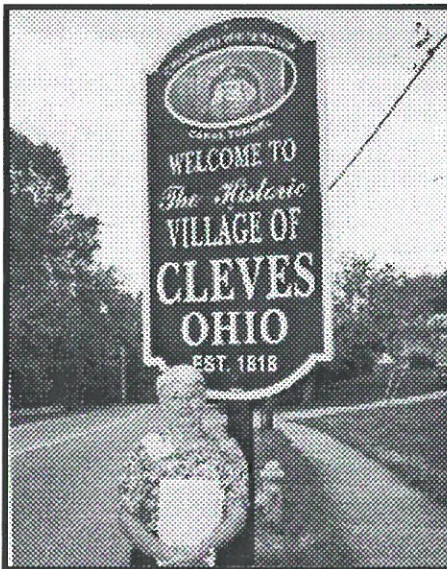


Wayne Miller won the 2002 Fall Tour Kicks and Kapers award. RS

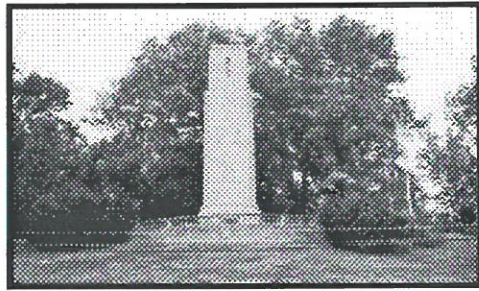
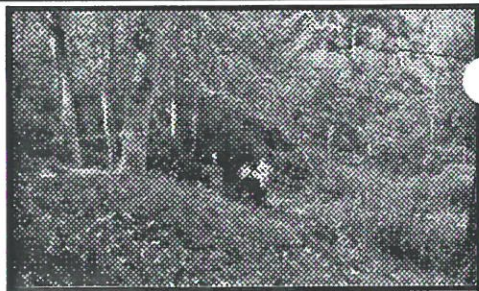
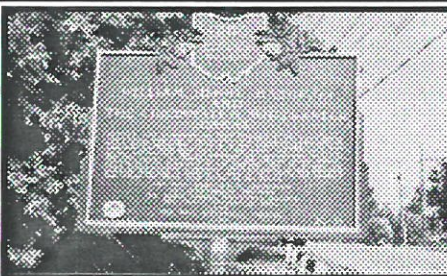
Sunday morning twenty-two cars left the inn's parking lot for a car caravan to canal sites. Now this should have been easy because they had maps. Less than a mile from the inn Sandy and Leon Billing turned their vehicles onto the interstate in the opposite direction of that which they were to go. Several other cars in the caravan followed them. It became apparent that they wanted to be the first on the list for next spring's Kicks and Kapers award. Bob Schmidt, who was at the tail end of the caravan, saw their mistake and followed the lost cars. He passed them signaling they were to follow him. They didn't so he went to the next off ramp, circled back and eventually got them to follow him and get going in the right direction. This took about twenty minutes, but Mike

had kept the caravan progressing at a very slow speed. The two groups eventually met up outside of Cleves, Ohio and proceeded on to the tunnel.

Cleves, OH has erected several welcome signs to their village which have a painting of a canal boat coming out of the tunnel on them. Canawlers gathered at the Ohio State Historical Marker to read and hear about the Cleves Tunnel project. Mike had a huge colored plan of the proposed tunnel park project for canawlers to see. Once they got the map properly oriented, they could see where buildings, parking lots, the canal, etc. were to be placed. They then descended the hill to the tunnel. All they could see was the top portion of the Cleves side of the tunnel. Through the years the tunnel has been filled in and the North Bend portal removed when the highway was widened. This site was on the



Above: Phyllis Mattheis stands before the new Cleves, OH welcome sign. PM Below: The history of the Cleves Tunnel is given on the other side of this Ohio State Historical marker. RS



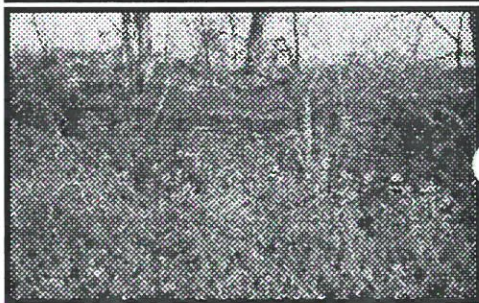
Top: The tunnel entrance is filled with sediment and is overgrown with brush. RS Bottom: William Henry Harrison's tomb is at North Bend, Ohio. RS

Cincinnati & Whitewater Canal opposed to the Miami and Erie Canal that was toured on Saturday.

From the tunnel the caravan went to North Bend where its other portal was once located and then went to the grave site of William Henry Harrison. The door to the monument was open and canawlers entered into a room where there were holes in the walls for the caskets. They heard that the canal was built on some of Harrison's farm land. They enjoyed cold pop and cookies while touring the property.

The last stop was at a combination lock on the Cincinnati & Whitewater Canal. The interior stones once were covered with planking. The site was very overgrown and hard to see. This ended the fall tour.

Canawlers saw this composite lock. RS

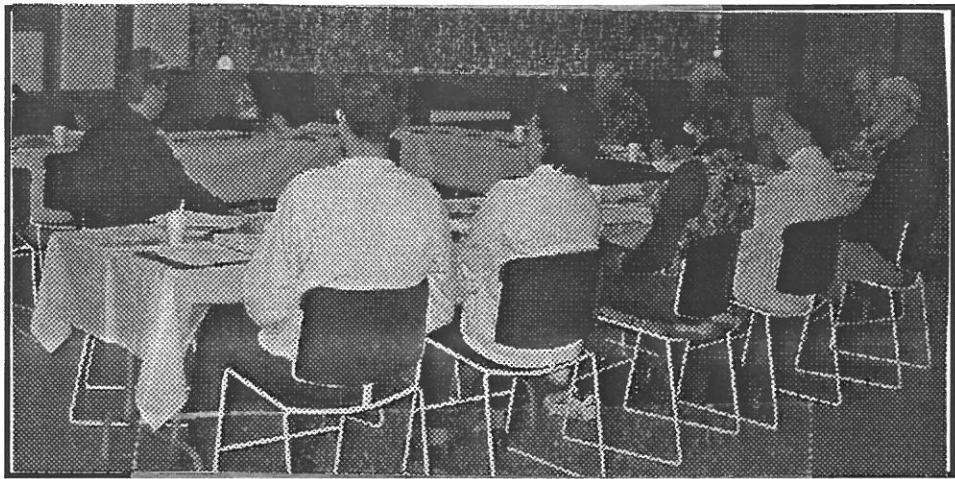


CSI BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2002

By Cynthia Powers, Secretary

The CSI annual board meeting was held in Huntington, IN at the public library. Present were: Kreig Adkins, Jim & Ruth Ellis, Chuck & Lynda Huppert, Bette Lockhart, Jerry and Phyllis Mattheis, Dan McCain, Mike Morthorst, Gene Paschka, Cynthia Powers, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt and Sue Simerman. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Bob Schmidt, President, followed by the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report.



The Canal Society of Indiana board of directors met in the community room of the Huntington library on November 9 to review the accomplishments for the past year, to set policies and goals for upcoming years, and to give support to canal related projects.

Photo by Lynda Huppert

AREA REPORTS:

Kreig Adkins reported that the Wabash River in Peru had high water through May, exposing new timbers including an X-shaped "bent" and rearranging others. He counted 74 timbers from the old canal in the Wabash River. The old stone house that was canal related was purchased by a church. They are building an addition in the back and also have removed the windows.

Chuck Huppert reported that the mayor of Indianapolis has established a "cultural initiative: to include the canal walk and Broad Ripple. Three books have been written by CSI members from Indianapolis: Darrell Bakken's *History of the Central Canal*; Wanda Willis' *Hoosier Haunted Trails*; and Dr. Ralph Gray's *History of IUPUI*.

Jerry Mattheis reported on the Vinton House in Cambridge City now owned by Western Wayne Heritage Society. They have installed 4 furnaces, 2 on each floor, and next summer will have air conditioning. The rewiring is almost done, the pointing completed, 2/3 of the windows replaced, and an old porch removed. The building is being used as an antique mall run by a contractor. It was filled in one week by 18 vendors. It is closed Mondays. The basement is being redone for use

as a winery. Jerry reported that visitors often ask "What did the Vinton House have to do with the canal?" To help interpret the canal history they would like to have a mural on the concrete wall where the culvert arch that goes under US 40, the old National Road, is partially visible. There is potential for a 7 mile hiking/biking trail between Cambridge City and Hagerstown using the old towpath. Recently a copy of a bill of lading for a load of wheat and barley transported on the canal boat "Queen of the West" was donated to them. Mattheis' have also bought a trolley from the city of Lafayette to use for festivals, etc.

Mike Morthorst reported on the restoration of the Cleves tunnel for which \$128,000 is needed to qualify for various grants. The Canal Society of Ohio is having its next tour from Jasper to Portsmouth on April 11-12, 2003. In the fall they will tour between Tipp City and Troy and see a restored double arch culvert.

Dan McCain reported on the progress of the new interpretive center at Delphi. It will feature two big exhibits: a lock gate and a canal boat cabin, which will be supported on air bags so it will feel as if it is really floating on water. The volunteers work on these on

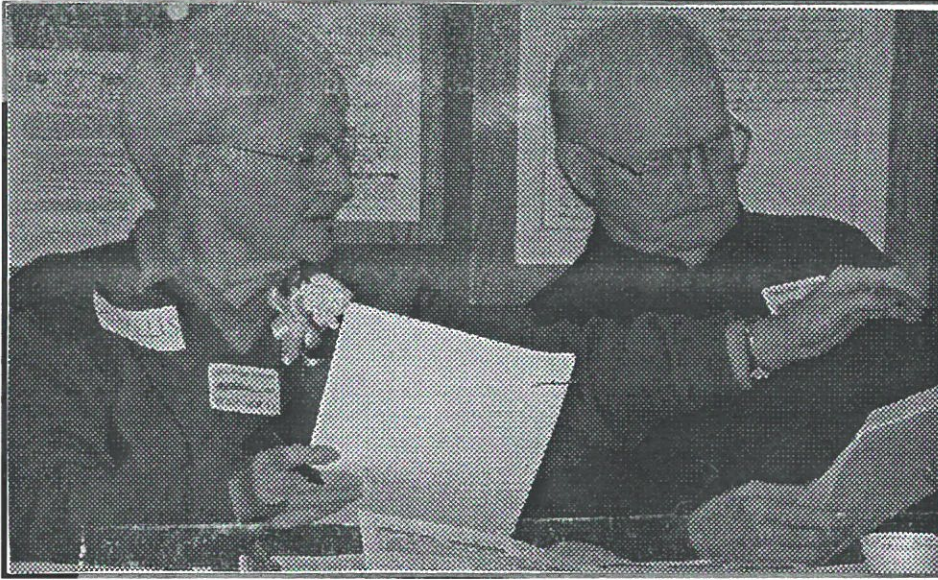
Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The contractor has been very cooperative by allowing these big exhibits to be put inside the building before it is completed so they won't have to be disassembled and reassembled. The museum will be usable and "hands on." About 90% of the lock gate will be made of old timber. The hinge and the wicket are from the Forks of the Wabash flood gate. Dan wondered if it would be possible to use the leftover timbers from the Gronauer Lock. some of which are already preserved and stored at the Indiana State Museum, for the canal boat cabin. Others are still in basins at New Haven under water. Dan concluded by saying that naming opportunities exist for the Delphi Interpretive Center exhibits for various amounts of contributions. They will have a big grand opening July 4.

STATE MARKERS:

The Gronauer Lock marker will be dedicated in late spring. CSI and the New Haven Kiwanis Club are supplying the \$700 match to the Indiana Historical Bureau. We are letting New Haven work on a program for its dedication. Another marker is planned for the Peru Dam.

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES:

Delphi's festival will be July 4



Phyllis and Jerry Mattheis look over a list of CSI 2002 Accomplishments at the board meeting for additions or corrections. They have purchased a trolley to use for festivals in the Cambridge City area. Photo by Lynda Huppert

House.

We have given \$9,000 over the last 3 years to the Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal Inc. of Delphi. This year we voted to pledge \$21,000 more over the next 3 years, to be paid in installments of \$8,000, \$7,000, and \$6,000 for the canal interpretive center and museum. \$5,000 each year will come from a Prudential company match.

FUTURE TOURS:

Chuck Huppert will set up exploratory "ground kicking" small tours when there are no leaves to interfere with visibility. He proposed one for November 2003 perhaps in the Terre Haute area. These could then lead to a bus tour of the area in the spring of 2004. Other suggestions were Delphi in the spring of 2005 and either Grand Rapids OH to Maumee Bay, OH or to the Hennepin canal in IL that fall..

and 5. Bette Lockhart will contact Jeannie Logan as to how CSI can help. Bette said that Mississinewa 1812 broke all records, partly because of great weather. The next one will be Oct. 17-18, 2003.

TOURS:

1. April 4-6, 2003 headquartered at the Monticello Best Western from which Tom Castaldi will lead a tour of the Wabash & Erie in Cass and Carroll counties. Two highlights will be a lunch and ride on the carousel in Logansport that was originally on the feeder canal in Ft. Wayne, and a drive-by look at the Delphi Interpretive Center.

2. We will sponsor a NY Erie Canal tour October 7-9, 2003 from Syracuse to Buffalo. We will be given a list of places to see en-route, mostly free. We will take small carry-ons on the boat while our luggage will travel by van on land. The tour will be at a leisurely pace, with little walking, climbing, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Since membership dues are now \$22, it was decided to give new and renewing members a copy of Tom Castaldi's new Canal Notebook #1 (updated) as a premium. It will be

accompanied by a form letter by which members can donate their copy to a library or school after they have read it if they so choose.

A policy was adopted for promoting books etc. of historical interest, especially those written by CSI members, since CSI's membership list is kept confidential. "For a small handling fee, CSI will address and mail advertising for canal related books, paintings, maps, etc. and canal related fund drives to its membership if the party requesting the mailing provides the flyer, first class postage and envelopes to CSI headquarters. We reserve the right to refuse any advertising that is not canal related or is inappropriate to the goals or standards of our society."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Cynthia Powers was appointed chairman of the nominating committee for Spring 2003. All board members and officers up for re-election have agreed to run again.

GIFTS AND GRANTS:

We will give \$2,000 to Western Wayne Heritage to use for a canal mural or in restoring the Vinton

WEBSITE

The CSI Website needs to be updated. We will investigate using inexpensive "template" software for ease in updating and monitoring our website. We want to retain the same domain name.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING -

NOV. 8, 2003, AT DELPHI

After the meeting was adjourned some directors had time to visit the new Huntington Co. Museum near the courthouse, flanked by 5 of Hy Goldenberg's famous outhouse collection.

These outhouses are displayed outside the Huntington Co. museum. Photo Bob Schmidt





*Straightening
the Ropes*

The first sentence of the last paragraph on page 10 of the September 2002 issue of The Hoosier Packet should read "The Vinton House Hotel was owned by Elmer and Esther Schwegman for 44 years from November 1945 to December 1989, only the second owners after the Vintons."

**IN THE
NEWS**



Nora Miller of Fort Wayne wore her frog costume at Halloween. Photo by Roger Miller

April 25 - Maumee, OH

The Mirror article "Male Chorus Frogs And Spring Peepers Providing A Wetland Serenade In The Metroparks" said that Metropark naturalist Greg Lipps is studying the tiny spring peeper with its distinctive "x" on its back and its single-note "peep" that is sometimes heard in chorus and the western chorus frog that has three stripes on its back and who's male has a tiny yellow-throat sack.

Greg said the western chorus frog is not as prevalent near Toledo as it is at Oak Openings. He noted

that making the sound requires so much energy that the frogs only sing every other night. This means when you hear them you are only hearing half of the frogs. Some males never call but sit beside a calling frog waiting for a female to appear to mate. The frogs live in pools that dry up in the summer heat and the area becomes a marshy prairie. Since most of their predators need water, the marsh is safer for young frogs.

Greg caught 12 spring peepers and 13 chorus frogs in twenty-four hours in 8 traps set where the pond had just been scoured. He also found eggs. This was considered a very good report. The eggs, laid in March and April will hatch in June or July and then the frogs will go into hibernation, emerge from it at breeding age, and continue the cycle.

The peak of calling is around April 20 when the temperature gets above 55 degrees. The ten species of frogs in the area have distinctive calls that are easier to identify than bird calls. Irwin Prairie has so many frogs that their chorus is almost deafening. Dick Kudner, CSI member, Perrysburg, OH

September - Evansville, IN

The Newsletter of the Vanderburgh County Historical Society announced a tour on October 19, 2002 to canal sites in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties led by Stanley Schmitt of Evansville, "a local historian of recognized repute and a member of the Canal Society of Indiana." It said the Wabash and Erie Canal was commenced in Fort Wayne in 1832 and in Evansville in 1836 under state sponsorship. The trip was sponsored jointly by the Evansville Vanderburgh County School Corporation for teachers/staff and the Historical Society for members. The tour used the guide written for the "Great Expectations" tour of the area held in 2001.

Estella Henze, CSI member, Evansville, IN

September 6 - Riley, IN

The Evansville Courier & Press ran an article entitled "State Money Will Aid Old Canal Lock, Bridge." It said that Vermillion county received \$200,000 to restore one of its four covered bridges and Vigo county received \$400,000 to develop a park at the site of Lock No. 47 of the Wabash & Erie Canal at Riley, IN, located ten miles south of Terre Haute. The anthropology laboratory at Indiana State University will begin the process of planning and researching the site. The 468 long canal was not completed in Riley until 1850 and "nearly brought the state to bankruptcy." *The latter statement is not entirely true. The Internal Improvements Act - including roads, railroads and canals - may have given the state financial difficulties, but the Wabash & Erie Canal was being built by the state way before this time. Indiana strung itself too thin by attempting to please everyone throughout the state by building a project near them and starting all of the projects at the same time.*

Estella Henze, CSI member, Evansville, IN.

September 29 - Indianapolis, IN

"'Circle City' Has Attractions Beyond Oval Speedway" appeared in the travel section of the Evansville Courier & Press. It said that Indianapolis, which is "within a half-day's driving distance of half the nation's population," has lots more to offer than just the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Within the last ten years a revival has taken place with the development of Market Square Area, RCA Dome, Circle Centre Mall, Indiana State Museum, IMAX theater, NCAA Hall of Champions, and Canal Walk being added to its other attractions such as the White River Gardens, Indianapolis Zoo, its many monuments to wars and heroes, Children's Museum, art museums, galleries, theaters and restaurants. Ten million dollars is being spent to "bolster the city as a cultural tourist destination," and to

make area residents into "cultural ambassadors, spreading word of city offerings around the country." A picture of a paddle boat on the Downtown Central Canal is featured with the city skyline in the background.

Estella Henze, CSI member, Evansville, IN

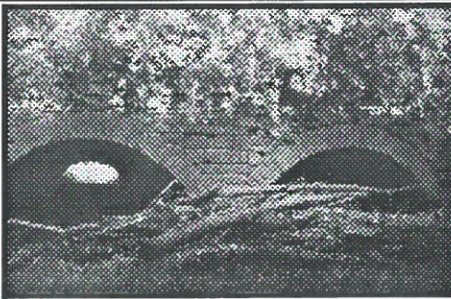
October 2002 - OH

Black Swamp and Firelands Trader & Gazette article "Romance Of The Maumee" used information, which was published by the Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor in their brochure about the valley that was sent to all CSI members this past summer, to give the history of the area. It pointed out that the Maumee River passes through what was the Old Black Swamp as it flows from Ft. Wayne, IN to Toledo, OH. The swamp was created by retreating glaciers which left behind boggy land upon which a thick, tangled forest grew. Native Americans and French and British trappers/traders lived along the river or on sandy ridges. The German immigrants drained the land in the mid 1800's exposing rich agricultural land.

The article listed the various battles, forts and trading posts. It said that Fort Meigs visitor's center would be open in November.

Concerning canals it said, "Construction of two canals in the mid-1800's meant an end to the valley's isolation and opened the interior to export trade....The longest canal ever built in the U. S. passes right through the Maumee Valley. The Miami & Erie Canal, from Toledo to Cincinnati was built in stages and completed in 1845. At the same time the Wabash & Erie Canal in Indiana was completed in 1853 connecting Toledo to the Ohio River at Evansville, 468 miles away." It goes on to talk about the canal parks, locks, canal boat ride a Providence Park, grist mill, canal inn in Waterville and towpath trails.

Bob Schmidt, CSI president, Ft. Wayne, IN



Double arch culvert near Troy, OH before it underwent reconstruction. P - Bob Schmidt

October 2002 - Troy, OH

"Double Arch Culvert Rebuilt" proclaimed the Canal Society of Ohio Newsletter. A double arch culvert under the Miami and Erie Canal, which is located north of Troy along Miami County Road 25A, is being rebuilt by Midwest Maintenance of Piqua, Ohio for \$369,456. Today the culvert passes the waters of Howell Ditch beneath the canal and into the Great Miami River.

All of the dirt is being removed above the arches and the west end, which appears to have collapsed, is being rebuilt. It is expected to be completed before 2003. It is listed on the National Register.

While rebuilding the culvert wooden moveable forms are placed inside the arches. They will be removed after the key stones lock the other stones in place. A photo of the culvert ran in the Dayton Daily News.

October 2 - Troy, OH

The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette carried a picture of the double arch culvert near Troy. It showed the earth above the arches completely removed, wooden falsework inside the arches, and Richard Aber rebuilding them.

Dave Baker, Fort Wayne, IN

October 5 - Hamilton, OH

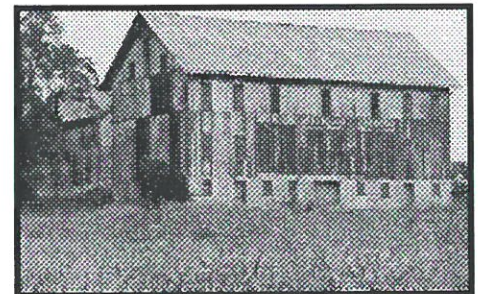
"Muhlhauser Barn Project Moves Ahead" was the title of an

article in the Hamilton Journal News. Those CSI members who attended the "Pigs, Paper & Pilsner" tour will recall seeing this 121-year-old barn built by Gottlieb Muhlhasuer in 1881. It was used for the Windisch-Muhlhauser Brewing Company, the producer of Lion beer.

A developer has purchased the property on which the barn is located. It must be removed by January 1, 2003. Instead of just tearing it down the Muhlhauser family began a \$40,000 fund-raising effort to dismantle and relocate the barn to preserve its history. The move was scheduled to begin in October.

The West Chester Township Board of Trustees planned to move the 100 x 60 foot barn from Fairfield Township to Beckett Park and turn it into a conference center. The lower level would have a small lecture room, hall and kitchen. The loft area would house e-mail and phone facilities. Turning it into the center would cost about \$2.4 million which would have to be borrowed and repaid from a tax increment. The trustees placed the project on hold because they weren't sure they had enough money to turn it into a convention center. They need to make a quick decision if the barn is to be saved.

John Geyer, CSI member, Hamilton, OH



The Muhlhauser barn is to be moved and be a conference center. Photo - Lynette Kross

October 12 - Troy, OH

The Dayton Daily News article "Miami Park District Takes New Approach" said that the Miami

County Park District, which at one time had five acres of land and a \$100 budget, now has hundreds of acres, about a \$2 million budget and 35 full-time and 40 part-time employees. They are reorganizing from a regional to a countywide management approach. One of their expanded district activities is building a north-south bike trail through the county. They purchased 25 acres north of Eldean Road for a Miami-Erie Canal Park where the twin stone arches are being rehabilitated. An accompanying photo showed one arch rebuilt and covered with soil and the other still with falsework inside of it.

Jim Ellis, CSI treasurer, Fort Wayne, IN

October 9 - Logansport, IN

"A Panes-taking Experience: Warehouse From The Wabash & Erie Canal Era Getting A Face Lift" was a feature in the Logansport Pharos-Tribune. Jim Knight, a Logansport attorney, is restoring a canal warehouse at 215 Fifth street for use as his office building. He has taken out store front windows and is putting in new smaller panes to reflect the canal period. On the second floor he found the pulley, which was used to lift the cargo to and from the boats, hanging from the ceiling and the cargo entryway covered over.

When the canal opened "through downtown Logansport in 1840, it was the Hoosier Heartland Corridor of its time" extending from Peru to Logansport to Lafayette over 150 years ago. At the end of 5th street the canal once crossed the Eel River on an open trunk aqueduct and followed what is now known as Water street out of town.

The article quoted Tom Castaldi, CSI member from Fort Wayne and canal historian, saying that "buildings like the warehouse are few and far between in Indiana downtowns." This is good news to Logansport's "Downtown" coordi-

nator who hopes to promote heritage tourism in the city. Tom also pointed out a building on the east side of Fifth street, which once stabled the horses that pulled the canal boats, and the canal office on the northeast corner of Fifth and Market streets. He said that there is the Canal House on Superior Street in Ft. Wayne, the Old Stone House in Peru, and that Huntington and Wabash have some remnants.

The article went on to tell about the construction of the \$2 million Canal Conference and Interpretive Center being built in Delphi by Leo Brown Construction of Logansport. It also said for further information about the canal in Logansport to contact CSI and gave our headquarters and website addresses

Annetta Baker, CSI member, Winamac, IN.
Tom Castaldi, CSI advisory council, Ft. Wayne

October 14 - Indiana

The Waterways Journal carried a short blurb "Indiana Quarter" that said the the Canal Society of Indiana was asked to set up a display about Indiana's canals at the dedication of the coin at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on August 8, 2002. It said the display also included the three international ports of Indiana on Lake Michigan and the Ohio River.

Bill Shive, CSI member Belleville, IL.

October 25 - Fort Wayne, IN

Aboite & About took another look at "Ye Olde New Vermilyea House" now owned by CSI members Todd and Cathy Freeland. It gave the history of the home, which was built by canal contractor Jesse Vermilyea, and said it has been owned by six different families. The home "saddles the crescent of what once was the Wabash & Erie Canal and has had its original character recaptured by the Freelands in what they call "their project." They have spent countless hours planning for the restoration

trying to keep the new addition with modern conveniences in context with the old part of the home. Besides investing a large amount of cash to get the home just right, the Freelands have expended much elbow grease in polishing, refinishing, and making the place shine. The barn houses 20 miniature chickens of various shapes and colors, two Tennessee Walkers, lope eared bunnies, laying hens, five cats, and two dogs. There is an exercise corral, a potting shed, and a pond on the almost 13 acre farm. Both historic and current photos accompanied the article.

Bob Schmidt, CSI president, Fort Wayne, IN

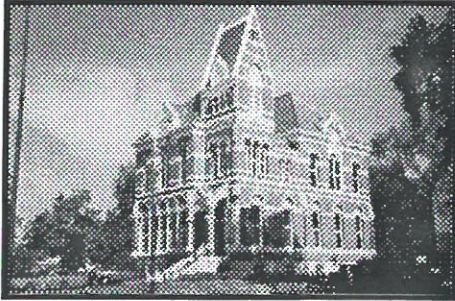
October 31- Lawrenceburg, IN

"Shiver Your Soul With New Book On Indiana Ghosts" was the title on an article about Wanda Willis', CSI board member from Indianapolis, new book Hoosier Hauntings. It said that ghosts are spirits of the people who don't know their dead. Wanda has collected stories from 42 of Indiana's 92 counties, relates them in her book and hopes to get stories from the other 50 counties to write additional books. Her book has maps of each county showing where the hauntings took place. Her interest in canals comes through not only in the retelling of haunting tales told to her by CSI members, but in a story of the Ditney Man, who got his name from Ditney Hill near Millersburg, IN. He was an Irish laborer working on the canal. He came down with smallpox at the time that the foreman of the construction crew ordered all dead and dying men be thrown into a common pit. He clawed his way out, was very angry with the foreman and killed him by ripping his heart from his chest. Later, when the Irishman did die, he wandered the countryside as a ghost killing livestock. As late as the early 1900's a farmer found a cow killed in the same manner.

The article tells of a haunting in Dearborn County where five members of the Agrue family were

killed by Dink Carter's shotgun blasts. The road along which the murders took place is haunted. Other hauntings were related from Brown County and Indianapolis.

Chuck Whiting, CSI member, Indianapolis, IN



"Lady in Gray," who haunts Willard Library in Evansville, may "appear" in Wanda's next book. Photo - Bob Schmidt

Fall 2002 - Cedar Lake, IN

The Hagerstown Exponent article "Ice Farming Part of Indiana History" said that the Red Cedars Museum, located in the town of Cedar Lake about five miles from Crown Point in extreme northwestern Indiana, was originally built by the Armour meat packing company to house its ice farmers. The ice was cut on the lake much as it was on canal ice ponds. First a channel was cut from the shoreline to the center. Horses with special cleats on their feet then pulled plows to score the ice into a grid. Pry bars and other tools then broke off a section of ice and it was pulled down the channel to the shore where it was cut into smaller sizes. It was taken to ice houses, put into the buildings by conveyors with pulleys and belts and stacked for the year's use.

The ice workers were composed of summer farmers and skid row bums, who were caught, put on a train, sent to Cedar Lake and had to work to earn enough money to get back to Chicago. While working they were wet and cold. When they reached the unheated boarding house they removed their clothing, leaned it in the corner where it froze straight without a fold, and tried to get some sleep. Their work was dangerous

moving the large blocks of ice and dealing with the conveyors, belts and pulleys.

Lawsuits resulted when unscrupulous managers cut an open channel to the right or left of a neighboring landowner a short way from his shoreline. The channel could not be crossed by horses or men so he couldn't reach the ice.

Phyllis Mattheis, CSI member, Cambridge City

November 5 - Delphi, IN

The Logansport Pharos-Tribune carried an article entitled "Opening The Gate To History" that had the same information and pictures as "Constructing A Lock Gate" in the December 2002 Hoosier Packet on pages 17-19. Dan McCain provided the same information to many different publications.

Annetta Baker, CSI member, Winamac, IN

November 14 - Troy, OH

The Dayton Daily News published an article entitled "Bikeway Construction Under Way" that said the bike trail in Concord township will be completed in the spring. The trail will extend from Montgomery County to Shelby County and will include the old Miami and Erie Canal towpath, stone locks 13 and 14, a basin where canal boats stopped to let other boats pass in the opposite direction, stone bridge abutments, stone water sluices, the stone foundation of the lock tender's home, and stone steps for the boat crews. Bruns Construction just found the remains of a stone culvert beneath the towpath and canal in the county. Research is being done to identify it.

Jim Ellis, CSI treasurer, Ft. Wayne, IN

November 16 - Fort Wayne, IN

The News-Sentinel of Fort Wayne printed an article entitled "Downtown's Makeover Could Cost \$100 Million." This would be a five year program shared by public and private supporters at approximately \$15 million per year and by the city and

county government at approximately \$5 million per year. The release of the plan combining the recommendation of Development Concepts Inc, HTNB Corp. and local residents, business leaders and elected officials was scheduled for Wednesday November 20.

Four distinct districts were identified to be developed with a different focus to attract investment and visitors within each district.

1. Barr Street Cultural District and Marketplace including The History Center, The Lincoln Museum, and the proposed Citilink transfer center
2. Entertainment District including Columbia Street Landing (the Wabash & Erie ran behind these buildings), ground level stores with offices above, and a water feature
3. Hospitality District including the Grand Wayne Center, public library, new hotel and revitalized Indiana Hotel
4. Canal Area Redevelopment District including a reproduction of a canal to recapture Ft. Wayne's canal era located at either the original site of the Wabash & Erie Canal (if the Norfolk & Southern Railroad tracks are moved) or rerouted a few blocks away

The five year plan would be followed by at least 15 more years of downtown improvement. The bottom line is to raise the needed funds. It was suggested to give businesses locating downtown breaks on taxes or rent if the project receives the go-ahead

Bob Schmidt, CSI president, Fort Wayne, IN

Winter 2002 - Delphi

Currents, the newsletter for the Carroll Co. Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc. announced the Canal Society of Indiana spring tour and annual meeting on April 4-6, 2003. For room reservations call Best Western Brandywine Inn in Monticello (574) 583-6333 and mention CSI for the \$62.99 + tax rate. Tour reservation forms will be forthcoming.