

# Indiana History.

The history of Indiana has been written by many authors. None of them however, contains a chronological and systematic compilation of the historical events, since the adoption of the Constitution in 1816. Some of the histories are repeats with a limited territory covered, some of them relate to the distinguished men, civilians and military men, from the organization of the State. The civic history, as established by the Constitution, the acts of the Legislature, and the records of public officials, have been written, and much of it frequently, of careful assembly of historical facts from the year 1816, remains to be accomplished. The work of compiling and classifying the numerous amount of historical data, should be authorized by the State. The history, not including the histories of the Counties, would

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The people of the present age have it in their own power, to collect, compile and preserve historical matter, that will not need science, or education, to define and understand.

History is made up of times, of consolidated facts, of omitted forces to rule, control and be congruent. It embraces everything, exhibiting the activities of mankind. Every county is a unit in the great account. The state is a pact of units, and its complete history, crowns the fabric. The bed rock feature, which gives soul to the united efforts of a people, is that solid and Gibraltar-rock stand, of a sound morality. It is fundamental, because it is the foundation of a high standard of civilization. It embraces all the forces of Religion and education. It permeates all

classes of society, the economic and political.

The high principles of doing unto others as you would have others to do unto you, were found predominating the persons of us, who sought new fields of endeavor. It was not only <sup>an</sup> adventure, or a desire to endure danger and privations. The love for a home, the opportunity to obtain more goods of this world than they could, under their environment, they had courage, strength of spirit, and a determination to overcome obstacles, even the cruel seas. It is a long road back to the starting point, and but few could walk it. It is easier to speculate and contemplate for the improvement of the future, than to meditate over things past and gone. It is not to live in the past, but to live the present better, and you can judge the future only by the past. It is that past - correctly written, needed to assure permanency in the things that make for human good.

The historical tide that is moving through the State, and the will of this generation, that the events occurring in the early settlement of the Indiana territory, and at the time of the organization of the State, and subsequent events, should not pass unknown to future generations. The nations of old, and some extinct, are the fields of research by the civilized nations, and the history of the great past, is being revealed by excavation, and remote peoples are discovered, as having lived many thousand years ago. They left evidences of intelligence, which are found in arts and architecture.

No longer does the humanity depend on its perpetuation, in symbols, statuary, and mummies. Since the invention of printing, the affairs of peoples have been written.