

REVIEW NOTICES

The Moravian Mission Diaries of David Zeisberger, 1772-1781

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Translated by Julie Tomberlin Weber

(University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2012. Notes, illustrations, appendices, bibliography, maps. Paperbound, \$29.95.)

Reissued in an affordable paper edition, this volume is an indispensable addition to the study of Native Americans in the Ohio Region during the late eighteenth century. Moravian David Zeisberger recorded his years of missionary work among Indians from a variety of tribes in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. His diaries, which range from 1772 to 1781, remained untranslated until the hardcover edition of this book appeared in 2005. At that time, a large body of information became available to scholars who were unable to read German—Zeisberger's life among and interactions with the Wyandot, Cherokee, Mingo, Munsee, Seneca, Shawnee, and Delaware (the last two in greatest detail). The editors offer an excellent,

extensive introduction to the history of the region in Zeisberger's time, to the Moravians and their missions in America, to life in the Indian congregations and settlements, and to the nature of the diaries themselves.



Riley Farm-Rhymes

By James Whitcomb Riley

(Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013. Pp. xix, [170]. Illustrations. Cloth-bound, \$18.00.)

Indiana University Press has reprinted this 1883 volume of Riley poems with Will Vawter's "Country Pictures" illustrations. Anyone familiar with rural Indiana will enjoy Riley's take on the seasons and farm life. The volume includes a few non-dialect poems, such as the charming "The Brook Song": "Little brook—sing a song/Of a leaf that sailed along/Down the golden-braided centre of your current swift and strong" (p. 20). Most of the poems are written in Riley's own version of Hoosier dialect—a few well-known, such as "When the Frost is on the Punkin," and most others, like "Thoughts Fer

the Discouraged Farmer,” unknown to today’s readers.



Legendary Locals of Aurora, Indiana

By Jenny Awad

(Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2013. Pp. 128. Illustrations, index. Paperbound, \$21.99.)

Arcadia Publishing’s *Legendary Locals* series looks at “unique individuals and groups . . . who have made a memorable input on their community.” This volume looks at the history of Aurora through its townsfolk. Photographs of individuals, families, businesses, and homes are captioned with brief biographical sketches of people who have played important roles in the history of the town.



Hendricks County

By Gail M. Tharp and Phyllis West Parsons

Noblesville

By Nancy A. Massey and Carol Ann Schweikert

(Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2013. Pp. 127. Illustrations. Paperbound, \$21.99.)

Two more installments in the publisher’s *Images of America* series tell the history of a town and a county through extensive photograph collections. Schools, homes, and businesses, as well as gatherings of people and important individuals, are all portrayed in these pages. The books will be valued by current residents

and by those with an interest in the history of their home places.



James F. Jaquess

Scholar, Soldier, and Private Agent for President Lincoln

By Patricia B. Burnette

(Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Company, Inc., 2013. Pp. 197. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. Paperbound, \$38.00.)

Born in 1819 into a clan of farmers in Posey County, Indiana, James Frazier Jaquess went on to live a long and eventful life, ably chronicled by Patricia Burnette. The author follows Jaquess through his education at Asbury College, his time as a Methodist preacher, and his years as the president of two Methodist colleges in Illinois. Burnette’s focus, however, is on Jaquess’s military career from his enlistment as a chaplain in August 1861 to his organization of the 73rd Illinois after Lincoln’s call for additional troops in 1862. The minister and academic turned Civil War colonel spent much of 1863 through 1865 as an agent for the Union, and Burnette details his secret trips into the Confederacy as well as north into Canada on behalf of President Lincoln. Finally, the author offers the story of Jaquess’s difficult postwar life, complicated in particular by a bonds fraud scandal. Burnette has done her research and she offers up the results in a clearly organized and well-written volume.



Divided Paths, Common Ground

The Story of Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis, Pioneering Purdue Women Who Introduced Science into the Home.

By Angie Klink

(West Lafayette, Ind.: Purdue University Press, 2011. Pp. ix, 249. Illustrations, index. Paperbound, \$16.95.)

The author looks at the lives and careers of two important women in the early history of Purdue University: Lella Gaddis, the first state leader of the home demonstration program for the Department of Agriculture's Extension Service, and Mary Lockwood Matthews, the first dean of the School of Home Economics. Among the topics covered are Matthews's "practice homes," or Home Management Houses, where many of her students learned to integrate their classroom learning with real life. Klink also focuses on Gaddis's home extension work, beginning in 1915 with a horse and buggy, which took her to farms and small towns to teach women about nutrition, food preservation, clothing construction, home nursing, childcare, and other topics deemed necessary to homemakers. The book's illustrations give additional insights into the women's work.

Kirby's Way

How Kirby and Caroline Risk Built Their Company on Kitchen-Table Values

By Angie Klink

(West Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2012. Pp. ix, 292. Illustrations. Paperbound, \$16.95.)

The story of the family and business built by Kirby and Caroline Risk is told in detail and with many illustrations. In 1926, Lafayette native Kirby Risk II began his business career with a small battery company in an abandoned blacksmith shop; he built it into a multi-service national company that still thrives. The author mixes together the stories of the Risk family, their lives in the Lafayette and Purdue University communities, and the history of their business.



Democracy in the Making

By Arthur S. Meyers

(Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, 2012. Pp. vii, 180. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. \$60.00.)

This study of the Open Forum lecture movement grew out of Meyers's earlier research of 1920s and '30s Hammond, Indiana, the results of which appeared in the December 2003 issue of this journal. In this book, Meyers traces the growth of the movement from its beginnings at Boston's Ford Hall Forum in 1908 to its spread to hundreds of American cities over the ensuing decades. Of particular interest to IMH readers, Meyers offers an in-depth look

at W. E. B. Du Bois's 1926 talk at Hammond's Temple Beth-El. Delivered at a time when the KKK enjoyed unprecedented support amongst Hoosiers, the speech exemplified the social potential offered by the Open Forum. An additional chapter on Terre Haute makes this national study especially relevant to those interested in Indiana history.



