

Members of the Indiana Constitutional Convention of 1816¹

JOHN BADOLLET of Knox County was a lawyer. He was born in Geneva, Switzerland, and came to Indiana Territory in 1800. He was a personal friend of Albert Gallatin. He served as a Judge and Land Officer at Vincennes.

PARTICK BAIRD of Wayne County was a Quaker who came to Indiana Territory from North Carolina in 1811. He was a member of the Indiana Senate from 1816 to 1824.

JOHN BENEFIEL of Knox County had been a soldier who had reached the rank of Colonel.

JOHN BOONE of Harrison County was a lawyer who came to Indiana from Kentucky during the Territorial period. He was a brother of Daniel Boone. He was a member of the first Legislature.

JAMES BROWNLEE of Franklin County came from Pennsylvania. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the Indiana Legislature for five sessions beginning with the first after admission to the Union.

THOMAS CARR of Clarke County was born in Pennsylvania, but came to Indiana Territory from Kentucky in 1804. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1816.

WILLIAM COTTON of Switzerland County was a lawyer, who served as a judge.

¹ The matter presented above relative to the members of the Convention of 1816 was prepared by the Legislative Bureau of the Indiana Library and Historical Department in answer to an inquiry submitted to it. The information it contains is timely and the *Indiana Magazine of History* publishes it for the benefit of its readers. We are assured that every effort was made in the limited time at the disposal of the investigator to make the table as complete and accurate as possible, though there was no opportunity for extensive research and the information does not purport to be complete nor has the Bureau been able to verify all of the items contained in it.

Most of the information was obtained from a biographical card index and various county histories in the Indiana State Library; from W. W. Woollen, *Biographical and Historical Sketches* (Indianapolis, 1883); J. P. Dunn, *Indiana and Indians* (Chicago & New York, 1919); Logan Esarey, *History of Indiana* (Fort Wayne, 1924); W. W. Thornton, "Constitutional Convention of 1816," in *Report of State Bar Association*, 1912.

If anyone has any further information in regard to the members of this Constitutional Convention or knows of any descendants of any of the members who might be able to furnish additional facts, it will be greatly appreciated, if he will write to the Legislative Bureau, 335 State House, Indianapolis.

JEREMIAH COX of Wayne County migrated to Indiana Territory from North Carolina in 1806. He was a Quaker.

HUGH CULL of Wayne County was a Methodist circuit rider.

JOHN DEPAUW of Washington County was a merchant. He was born in Kentucky and came to Indiana Territory from that State. He surveyed and plotted Salem the county seat of Washington County. He was a Colonel of militia and many times a member of the State Senate.

ALEXANDER DEVIN of Gibson County was a Baptist minister who came to Indiana Territory from Kentucky.

JAMES DILL of Dearborn County was a lawyer who was born in Ireland. He was a General of militia, and a Speaker of the House in the Territorial Legislature of 1813. He acted as Secretary of the State Senate for many years.

WILLIAM H. EADS of Franklin County was a merchant and tanner.

EZRA FERRIS of Dearborn County was a Baptist minister who was born in Connecticut in 1723. He was not only a minister but a school teacher. He also practiced medicine, and was a member of the Legislature in 1816 and 1820.

DAVIS FLOYD of Harrison County was a lawyer. He was a judge and a member of the Legislature in 1816. He served under George Rogers Clark and was later a Territorial official.

JOHN K. GRAHAM of Clarke County was a member of the Legislature in 1816.

WILLIAM GRAHAM of Washington County was a land surveyor who migrated from Kentucky. He was a member of the Indiana Territorial Legislature in 1813 and speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives in 1820. Later he was a member of the National House of Representatives from 1831-1839.

DANIEL GRASS of Warrick County was a lawyer. He was born in Kentucky and came from that State in 1812. He was many times a member of the Legislature of Indiana and served as an associate judge of a circuit.

ROBERT HANNA of Franklin County was born in South Carolina. He came to Indiana Territory from that State in 1804. He was a member of the Indiana Legislature in 1816.

JOSEPH HOLMAN of Wayne County was born in Kentucky in 1788 and crossed the Ohio into the Old Northwest while yet a young boy. He was a member of the Territorial Legislature in 1815 and after Statehood came he remained in the Indiana House of Representatives until 1821. He was at one time a Receiver in a Public Lands Office.

NATHANIEL HUNT of Jefferson County was a lawyer. He was a county commissioner and at another time an associate judge of a circuit.

JONATHAN JENNINGS of Clarke County was a political leader of much force. He was born in New Jersey, but came to Indiana Territory from Pennsylvania about 1801. He was the Delegate to Congress from the Territory, the first Governor of Indiana after admission to the Union and afterwards a member of the National House of Representatives.

JOHN JOHNSON of Knox County was a lawyer. He was born in Kentucky but removed to Indiana Territory in 1800. He served in the Territorial Legislature and later in the Legislature of the new State. He was one of three judges who manned the Supreme Court of the State when first organized under the Constitution of 1816.

DANIEL C. LANE of Harrison County was a lawyer. He was an associate judge of a circuit and State Treasurer for seven years.

JAMES LEMON of Clark County was a lawyer, a captain of militia and a man of prominence in his home community.

WILLIAM LOWE of Washington County was a lawyer. Later he filled the office of Clerk in Monroe County, was a post-master and an associate judge of a circuit.

DAN LYNN of Posey County was a lawyer. He came to Indiana Territory in 1796. He served as an officer in the militia, acted as a judge and was a member of the State Legislature during the first session.

ENOCH MCCARTY of Franklin County was a lawyer who

settled in Indiana Territory in 1803. He was repeatedly a member of the Legislature, and also served as a circuit judge.

ROBERT MCINTIRE of Washington County was a lawyer. He served as a county commissioner and also as a member of the State Legislature.

SOLOMON MANWARING of Dearborn County was a lawyer. He was born in Delaware in 1776, and removed from that State to Indiana Territory in 1803. He was a member of the Territorial Council or upper house of the Territorial Legislature from 1810 to 1816 and a judge.

DAVID H. MAXWELL of Jefferson County was a physician who was born in Virginia. He removed to Monroe County and was one of the founders of Indiana University. For some years he was president of the board of trustees of the institution.

SAMUEL MILROY of Washington County was a carpenter. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1780. He became a General of militia. He was a member of the State Legislature during the sessions from 1817 to 1822. He later migrated to Carroll County where he settled on a farm a short distance east of Delphi.

JAMES NOBLE of Franklin County was a lawyer. He was born in Virginia, and came to Indiana Territory from Kentucky. He was a member of the State Legislature during the first session, when he was elected to the Senate of the United States where he served until 1831.

BENJAMIN PARKE of Knox County was a lawyer. He was born in New Jersey in 1777, and migrated to Indiana Territory in 1801. He was a Territorial Judge, Attorney General, and after the admission of Indiana a member of the lower House of Congress. He started the Supreme Court Library.

DENNIS PENNINGTON of Harrison County was born in Virginia. He came to Indiana Territory from Kentucky in 1804. He was a friend of Henry Clay and active in politics. He was in the Territorial Legislature several terms, being speaker of the House in 1811 and in 1815.

CHARLES POLKE of Perry County was a Baptist minister and a lawyer, who served as an associate judge of a circuit.

WILLIAM POLKE of Knox County was also a Baptist minister and lawyer. He served as a judge and was a member of the State Legislature of Indiana during the first session.

FREDERICK RAPP of Gibson County was an adopted son of George Rapp of New Harmony (Harmonie) fame. He was one of the commissioners chosen by the Legislature to select the site for the new State Capital (Indianapolis).

DAVID ROBB of Gibson County was born in Ireland in 1771. He emigrated to Kentucky and later settled in Indiana Territory in 1800. He was for a time the president of the Territorial Council, or upper House of the Territorial Legislature. He was a close friend of William Henry Harrison.

JAMES SCOTT of Clark County was a lawyer. He served in the lower House of the Territorial Legislature in 1813 and was elected Speaker. He was one of the last judges who served Indiana Territory.

PATRICK SHIELDS of Harrison County was a lawyer. He was born in Ireland in 1779. Before coming to Indiana Territory in 1805 he lived first in Virginia and then in Kentucky. He served as a judge of the Court of common pleas and was one of the first judges appointed to sit on the bench of the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana.

JAMES SMITH of Gibson County was born in Virginia. At different times he filled the offices of Mayor (of Princeton?) School Commissioner and County Surveyor.

SAMUEL SMOCK of Jefferson County was a lawyer. He served as an officer of militia and as a judge of a circuit court.