

cial, but a man of culture, of ability, and of principles. His career helps one to understand the development of Indiana.

The book is written in a clear readable style, it is handsomely printed, and the editorial work and proofreading have been carefully done. If the opening genealogy seems a little pointless and confused, the remainder of the volume is free of these defects. It is a welcome addition to the historical literature of Indiana.

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Executive Proceedings of the State of Indiana, 1816-1836.

Edited by Dorothy Riker. (Volume XXIX of the *Indiana Historical Collections*, Indianapolis, Indiana Historical Bureau, 1947, pp. xiv, 911. \$5.00.)

The proceedings of the executive division of the new state of Indiana were recorded for six years in the book used by the secretary of the territory. They were recorded in chronological order. When a new book was opened in 1823, the secretary began a topical arrangement of records. The second book was filled by 1836. The records here reprinted are those contained in these two volumes. The arrangement of the material is also determined by the methods used in making the original entries. A little less than half of the pages of the records are devoted to the appointments and to acts relating to individual counties. An index requires almost two hundred pages with two columns to the page. The book gives ample evidence of the careful work of the editor.

The minute information given about the operation of the state government will be of value to historians and political scientists. The very large number of persons whose names are included and the statements about the offices they held will be a mine of information for local historians and genealogists.

The Buffalo Trace. By George R. Wilson and Gayle Thornbrough. (Volume XV, No. 2., *Indiana Historical Society Publications*, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1946, pp. 100. \$0.75.)

The General Assembly of Indiana in 1935 provided for a commission to ascertain and fix the route of the historic Buffalo Trace across southern Indiana from the Falls of the Ohio to the territorial capital, Vincennes. George R. Wilson, a