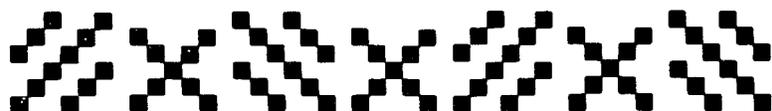


Awards of Merit and Certificates of  
Commendation for Contributions to  
Indiana History, 1945-1974



Since 1945 the American Association for State and Local History has annually given Awards of Merit and Certificates of Commendation to individuals, companies, and organizations for their contributions to state and local history. (For an explanation of the current basis for these awards and certificates, see the announcement regarding them for 1975 on page 88 of this issue.)

The roster which follows is an attempt to list all awards and certificates which have been granted since 1945 for contributions to Indiana history. Though based on information received from the Awards Liaison Office of the American Association for State and Local History, the listing is probably incomplete, and it may contain errors. The editor of the *Indiana Magazine of History* would much appreciate information about apparent omissions or possible errors.

The cumulative listing for 1945-1973 indicates only the names and addresses of persons, companies, and organizations which have received either awards or certificates. In most instances citations indicating the basis for the recognition extended are lacking, incomplete, or uncertain as to their accuracy; hence, none are given. The listing for 1974, however, includes the explanatory citation. For subsequent years, either annually or at intervals, the editor plans to add new listings in the same manner as for 1974.

Publication of this roster should serve several purposes. First of all, it gives additional recognition to persons, companies, and organizations who have received awards or certificates for their contributions to Indiana history. Second, it is hoped that it will stimulate increased efforts on the part

of individuals and groups to merit such recognition. Third, it serves as a guide to the kinds of contributions which are expected from persons, companies, and organizations which are considered for awards and certificates. Fourth, it calls attention to one of the varied and important contributions which the American Association for State and Local History makes to historical study throughout the United States and Canada.<sup>1</sup>

#### Awards of Merit, 1945-1973

Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, 1949  
 Indiana Territory Sesquicentennial Commission, Indianapolis, 1950  
 Hillforest Historical Foundation, Aurora, 1957  
 Radio Station WOWO, Fort Wayne, 1959  
 Eli Lilly, Indianapolis, 1960  
 Alan T. Nolan, Indianapolis, 1962  
 Frances Vigo Chapter of the D.A.R., Vincennes, 1963  
 Historic Madison, Madison, 1963  
 Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, 1963  
 Wilbur D. Peat, Indianapolis, 1963  
 William E. Wilson (State Superintendent of Public Instruction), Indianapolis, 1963  
 Paul Fatout, West Lafayette, 1964  
 William E. Wilson (Professor of English, Indiana University), Bloomington, 1964

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<sup>1</sup> Persons, companies, and organizations which do not already belong to the American Association for State and Local History are encouraged to become members. The following statement about membership is taken from the title page of the January, 1975, issue of the association's monthly *History News*:

"The American Association for State and Local History is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to advancing knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of localized history in the United States and Canada. It publishes HISTORY NEWS, bulletins, technical leaflets, and other materials; confers prizes and awards in recognition of outstanding achievement in the field; and carries on a broad educational program and other activities designed to help members work more effectively in the profession.

"Members of the Association receive HISTORY NEWS monthly. They also receive a special discount on all Association bulletins. Membership contributions are \$16.00 for annual members, \$30.00 for contributing members, \$100.00 for sustaining members, \$200.00 for supporting members, and \$500.00 or more for benefactors; library and professional memberships \$30.00 and up. Applications for membership should be addressed to the Association at 1315 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203."

Vincennes University, Vincennes, 1965  
Roy M. Bates, Fort Wayne, 1966  
Indiana Sesquicentennial Commission, Indianapolis, 1966  
Emma Lou Thornbrough, Indianapolis, 1966  
Indiana University, Bloomington, 1967  
Children's Museum, Indianapolis, 1968  
Clifton J. Phillips, Greencastle, 1969  
Richard S. Simons, Marion, 1972

**Certificates of Commendation, 1945-1973**

Mrs. Bessie K. Roberts, Fort Wayne, 1962  
Luther M. Feeger, Richmond, 1963  
Wayne Guthrie, Indianapolis, 1966  
Hook Drugs, Indianapolis, 1967  
John T. Windle, Madison, 1972  
Cass County Carousel Corporation, Logansport, 1973

**Award of Merit, 1974**

Roger D. Branigin, Lafayette, 1974

The citation accompanying this award reads: "For substantial and long continuing contributions to Indiana libraries, memorials, historical societies, parks, museums, and historical observances."