

Richmond, Indiana

Earlham Post Office

December 13, 1921

Mr. J. C. Odell
Delphi, Indiana

Dear Mr. Odell:

I received your letter of December 4th and wish to express my appreciation of your final comment which goes to the very heart of the situation. You say, "If all the historical state organizations in the state could merge their resources and labors into one organization and become a state institution and entitled to recognition from the legislature and receive appropriations it would be a powerful auxiliary to the cause of education and to a general knowledge so necessary to the people in general."

You have made an ideal statement of what ought to be and it is the goal toward which many of us are looking, and I only hope public sentiment may be aroused which will soon result in just this sort of a solution. It is largely a problem of evolution rather than revolution which we have to face.

I am filing your letter and shall use this statement of yours many times I am sure.

I regretted you were not able to attend our annual history conference. We had the most successful meeting we have ever had. Mr. Stuart was present and was a very valuable addition to our number and made a very valuable contribution to the success of the conference.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Harlow Lindley

HL:TC

CHARLES W. MOORES, President
JAMES A. WOODBURN, 1st Vice-Pres.
WM. E. ENGLISH, 2d Vice-Pres.
HARLOW LINDLEY, 3d Vice-Pres.
CHARLES E. COFFIN, Treasurer
J. P. DUNN, Rec. Secretary
DR. F. B. WYNN, Cor. Secretary

Indiana Historical Society

STATE HOUSE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JOHN H. HOLLIDAY
LOGAN ESKERY
MRS. FRANK ATSON MORRISON
LEE BURNS
ELIZA GORDON BROWNING

Dear Fellow Hoosier:

In the invitation sent you to become a member of the State Historical Society, we gave as one of the reasons for your joining this Society "Because we need your aid in helping to secure one thousand members before December 11, 1921, ADMISSION DAY." That reason still holds good. We need your aid as much today as we did when the invitation was sent you, to which you so promptly and generously responded.

On September 1, we reached the half-way mark in our membership drive - FIVE HUNDRED MEMBERS. This means that we will have to work earnestly and enthusiastically if we reach the objective set for ourselves at the frist of the year - ONE THOUSAND MEMBERS.

We are enclosing a blank application which we are asking you to use in securing one additional member for the Society before the close of the year. Will you not consider this a part of your work as a member, and be a real aid indeed to us in this membership drive. By so doing you will help to place our State Historical Society alongside the historical societies of other states in point of numbers and real value to the State.

This appeal is made to you. This task is assigned to you. What shall the answer be? December 11, 1921, will tell.

Sincerely

Charles W. Moores
Harlow Lindley
J. P. Dunn

LMB

Membership Committee