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“Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company” State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated In Muncie, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for May 28, 2008. The state historical marker recognizing the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company will be dedicated at the Batch Tower located near the intersection of Macedonia Avenue and Memorial Drive, Muncie at 2:30 P. M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company”:

Company incorporated in New York 1886 to manufacture glassware (particularly fruit jars). Brothers Edmund, Frank, George, William, and Lucius Ball all were trustees. Company—promised money, land, and free natural gas—came to Muncie; first glassware produced here 1888. Led nation in production of fruit jars by 1900. Ball Brothers expanded its operations in Muncie and into other states. Company diversified holdings into plastics, rubber, and aerospace technology. Closed Muncie plant 1962; moved corporate offices 1998. Company and owners contributed to the state and nation’s economy and culture in many significant ways.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for a state historical marker that commemorates Indiana’s place in glass manufacturing history and the contributions Ball Brothers made to Muncie, Indiana, and the world.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

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