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“Cataract Falls Covered Bridge” State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated at Cataract Falls SRA/Cagles Mill Lake

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2008. The state historical marker commemorating Cataract Falls Covered Bridge will be dedicated at Cataract Falls SRA/Cagles Mill Lake, located just south of Cloverdale, 3 miles west of U.S. 231. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Cataract Falls Covered Bridge”:

An 1838 state law gave county commissioners power to build bridges for “public convenience” and to raise taxes to pay for them. Owen County Commissioners contracted 1875 for a “Smith’s High Double Wood Truss” over Eel River in Jennings Township to replace bridge destroyed by flood. This bridge finished 1876. Served as pedestrian bridge after vehicular traffic was diverted to new concrete bridge finished in 1988. Indiana Department of Natural Resources began extensive repairs to this bridge 2000. Listed in National Register of Historic Places 2005 and rededicated 2006. Only remaining covered bridge in Owen County.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for a state historical marker that commemorates Owen County’s only remaining covered bridge. Covered bridges, like this one, provided key crossing points over Indiana’s waterways, facilitating trade and travel across the state.

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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