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Calvin Fletcher state historical marker will be dedicated in Indianapolis, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for October 7, 2006. The state historical marker honoring Calvin Fletcher will be dedicated at 11:00 am at 401 Virginia Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Calvin Fletcher":

Born 1798 in Ludlow, Vermont, Fletcher and his wife Sarah came to this newly-named state capital 1821. They lived here 1839-1855 on a 269-acre farm, Wood Lawn, which encompassed most of today's Fletcher Place Historic District. He was active and influential in most aspects of life and culture in Indianapolis and in development of the state. Fletcher opposed slavery and promoted organization of U.S. colored troops in Indiana in Civil War. He died 1866 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery. He firmly established the Fletcher name in Indianapolis history; some of his children continued the legacy. His extensive diaries and letters remain essential sources for study of early Indiana.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing Calvin Fletcher.

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 80 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 more than 470 of these markers across the state.

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