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“Potter’s Covered Bridge” state historical marker will be dedicated in Noblesville, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for October 6, 2007. The state historical marker recognizing Potter’s Covered Bridge will be dedicated during the Potter’s Bridge Fall Festival at Potter’s Bridge Park, 19401 North Allisonville Road, Noblesville. The dedication ceremony will begin at 11:30 A.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Potter’s Covered Bridge”:

First bridge spanning White River at Potter’s Ford was commissioned 1860 and named after the landowner, William Potter. In 1870, Hamilton County Commissioners voted for construction of this “Howe Truss” bridge. It was finished 1871 and repaired 1937, 1959, 1961. Plans to replace this structure with a concrete bridge were introduced in 1969. After 100 years of use, County Commissioners voted to close the bridge to traffic 1971 and lease it to Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department. Listed in National Register of Historic Places 1991. During 1990s, plans to restore bridge and create a park were developed. Bridge was restored and rededicated when Potter’s Bridge Park opened 1999.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for a state historical marker that commemorates one of Indiana’s historic covered bridges.

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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