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# NEWS

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## Francis A. Shoup state historical marker will be dedicated in Laurel, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for October 21, 2006. The state historical marker honoring Brigadier General Francis Asbury Shoup will be dedicated at 2:00 PM on the northeast edge of Laurel, Indiana, in front of the old Laurel/Conwell Cemetery on SR 121.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Brigadier General CSA Francis Asbury Shoup":

Remembered for service in Confederate States of America army, 1861-1865, and "Shoupade" fortification design; fought in battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, and Atlanta. Advocated recruitment of African Americans for CSA army. After the war, he was a university professor, published author, and Episcopal rector. Born near present-day Laurel 1834. Attended Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle. Graduated 1855 from United States Military Academy at West Point. Served in Federal army 1855-1860; resigned to pursue law career. In Indianapolis circa 1860. Died 1896; buried at Sewanee University Cemetery, Tennessee.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing Francis Asbury Shoup.

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.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau Web site at [www.IN.gov/history](http://www.IN.gov/history) or call 317-232-2537.

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