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Danville will dedicate state historical marker

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for June 24, 2006. The state historical marker honoring Samuel Luther Thompson will be dedicated at 9:30 am EDT, at Ellis Park, 600 E. Main Street, Danville.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Samuel Luther Thompson":

He was born in Danville March 5, 1860 and educated in Danville Graded School. He played for Danville Browns baseball team in 1883 and for Evansville and Indianapolis minor league ball clubs 1884 and 1885. He played for National League Detroit Wolverines (1885-1888) and Philadelphia Phillies (1889-1898) and with American League Detroit Tigers 1906. Thompson and his wife retired to Detroit, where he died November 7, 1922; buried there in Elmwood Cemetery. Inducted into National Baseball Hall of Fame 1974 and Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame 1979. Thompson remains first in runs batted in per game, edging out Lou Gehrig. Local ball diamond and Danville High School award honor this native son.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing one of baseball's early stars.

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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