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Lyman Hoyt Historical Marker Dedication

A public dedication ceremony for the Indiana historical marker to commemorate Lyman Hoyt will be held on Saturday, June 19, 1:30 E.S.T. at 6927 West State Road 250, Lancaster in Jefferson County. Everyone is invited to the dedication to help celebrate the significance of this man in the Underground Railroad and the honor of receiving a state historical marker. The text on the marker follows:

Born in Vermont 1804. Moved to Jefferson County 1834, where he owned land and had several manufacturing businesses. Active in Neil's Creek Anti-Slavery Society and in forming Liberty Party for abolition of slavery. He and his family supported Eleutherian College. He died 1857. Home listed in National Register of Historic Places 2003. Hoyt condemned the Fugitive Slave Law and participated in helping fugitives escaping through Jefferson County. The Underground Railroad refers to a widespread network of diverse people in the nineteenth century who aided slaves escaping to freedom from the southern U.S.

Indiana heritage continues to gain attention by the placement of historical markers throughout the state commemorating significant Indiana people, places, and events. The installation of historical markers helps communities present, promote, and preserve their rich history for both citizens and visitors. Via the Internet, that history is reaching a worldwide audience.

For decades the Indiana Historical Bureau has administered the Indiana Historical Marker program. These markers have the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of Indiana at the top. There are 450 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> or call 317-232-2535.

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