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## **Pigeon Roost Historical Marker Dedication**

A public dedication ceremony for the Indiana historical marker honoring Pigeon Roost will be held on September 12, 2:00 p.m. E.S.T. at the Pigeon Roost State Historic Site, on US 31 south of Scottsburg in Scott County. Everyone is invited to the dedication to help celebrate the significance of this site and the honor of receiving a state historical marker. The text on the marker follows:

Pigeon Roost, settled 1809 in Clark County, was attacked on September 3, 1812. Over twenty settlers and an unknown number of Indians were killed. Clark County militia unsuccessfully pursued the remaining Indians. That same month Fort Harrison and Fort Wayne were attacked by Indians. The U.S. had declared war on Great Britain, June 18, 1812. The Pigeon Roost raid was part of the ongoing conflict between Indians—influenced by the British—and settlers along the frontier, one of the contributing factors of the War of 1812 in the west. The State of Indiana appropriated \$2,000 for construction of the memorial here, dedicated October 1, 1904. This site became a State Historic Site 1929.

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](http://www.IN.gov/history)> or call 317-232-2535.

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