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# News

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## **John Shields Lewis and Clark Expedition Member Historical Marker Dedication**

A public dedication ceremony for the Indiana historical marker to commemorate John Shields, Lewis and Clark Expedition Member will be held May 14, 2004 2:00 E.S.T. at the Blaine H. Wiseman Visitor Center, 310 North Elm Street, Corydon. Everyone is invited to the dedication to help celebrate the significance of this man and the honor of receiving a state historical marker. The text on the marker follows:

Shields, born 1769 in Virginia, served as a private for the entire Lewis and Clark Expedition from October 19, 1803 until October 10, 1806; one of its "Nine Young Men from Kentucky," he was a skilled gunsmith and blacksmith. The Corps of Discovery explored lands of Louisiana Purchase and Pacific Northwest, 1803-1806. Shields settled in southern Indiana by June 1807; appointed captain in Clark County militia July 1807. Died in Harrison County in December 1809.

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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