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This Week in Indiana History

September 3rd, 1812: The Pigeon Roost Massacre

During the conflict now known as the War of 1812, a raiding party of Native Americans attacked the small community of Pigeon Roost in modern day Scott County. The attackers knew that many of the men had left to fight against England, and that most of the houses were unguarded. What happened next was a massacre of seventeen young children, five women, and three men.

Photograph of one of the survivors of the massacre, taken much later in her life.

Courtesy of "The Pigeon Roost Massacre" by Carl R. Bogardus (ISLO 977.2 No. 235).



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Wife Of Dr. John Richey, And The Daughter Of William E. Collings. She Was A Survivor Of The Pigeon Roost Massacre In 1812.

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