



SESQUICENTENNIAL 150 YEARS PLAINFIELD INDIANA

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Plainfield • Guilford Township • Hendricks County

150 Years and Growing

Plainfield, situated on the east bank of White Lick Creek, was incorporated May 25, 1839. In 1823 the first settlers built their cabins in a beautiful valley amongst the giant trees.

Plainfield developed along The National Road (U.S. 40) and the Vandalia Railroad line which was built north of town in 1850-51. In 1867 The Indiana Boys School was established on 225 acres on the west bank of White Lick Creek.

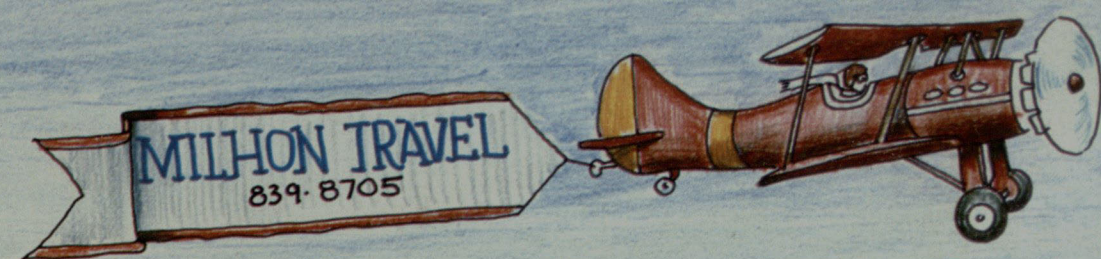
By the turn of the century, Plainfield was a thriving community with the completion of the Interurban trolley line connecting Indianapolis and Terre Haute.

In the 1940's Plainfield became the Corporate Headquarters for Public Service Indiana the largest supplier of electricity in Indiana.

From the first cabin in 1839, Plainfield has grown to more than 15,000 residents. Based on the past 150 years the next 50 should prove interesting.

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839-5877

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839-2592

GRONINGER
EXCAVATING
839-3948

Auto Boutique
"HAND WASH"
839-8379

PLAINFIELD
READY
MIX
839-6571

DAUM
GRAIN
839-6354

Waffle House
Family Restaurants
839-2469

Diet
Center
839-5515

Haase
SHOES

PLAINFIELD
TRUE-VALUE
HARDWARE
839-8410

BUICK

DR. JOHN
ANDERSON
CHIROPRACTOR
839-7494

TRENT
ELECTRIC
839-3996

PRO
ALTERATION
839-8818

INDIANA
BOYS
SCHOOL

CHEVROLET

HANNA
CHEVROLET
839-6551

STACEY'S
RESTAURANT
839-0858

GILLEY'S
ANTIQUE BARN
AND FLEA MARKET
839-8779

Clement
ELECTRIC
839-3845

AL'S
DONUTS
839-0011

SHIRT
TALES
839-9835

MASONIC
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839-6000

Styling
Salon
839-4891

La Donna's
CERAMICS
839-5745

VILLAGE
THEATRE
839-1191

FLOOR FASHIONS
CARPET CENTER
839-9339

FISCHER
ENTERPRISES
839-3950

John Hall
CONSTRUCTION
839-0318

HALL-BAKER
LITKE
FUNERAL HOME
839-3366

preston
safeway
839-0561

PLAINFIELD
TIRE
CENTER
839-3300

Paul Martin
& Associates
839-3017

WILLIAM L.
CHERRY
STATE FARM
INSURANCE
839-5858

YOGURT
SHOPPE
839-7067

DOCTORS
PI MALONY
AND
W.C. SHAFFER
O.D.'s
839-2368

VELKO
RESTAURANT
839-1152

GATE
HOUSE
ANTIQUES
839-8989

AMOCO

SWEETHEARTS
AND ROSES
FLORAL &
BRIDAL
839-8049

CHICAGO'S
PIZZA
839-7172

INKSLINGER
839-5868 / 839-8555

THE MEDICINE
CHEST
PHARMACY
839-7701

CLARK

Peggie Lewis
INTERIORS
839-7750

ARTISTIC
PLUMBING
839-6345

PLAINFIELD
VIDEO
839-8900

HILL'S
COBBLER
SHOP
839-5755

THE HOME
PLACE
839-9822

TURNER
REFINISHING
839-5836

Flyer
839-8129

PRIMITIVE
HOUSE
ANTIQUES
839-7412

CHEVROLET

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