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Area historical societies may have answers for you

While it is always good to hear from "Old Lafayette" readers by mail, by telephone or in person, a troubling percentage of them who have questions about history are not aware of the historical associations in their own home counties.

With the help of the Indiana Historical Society, this week's column is devoted to a sort of directory of Lafayette area organizations dedicated to research and preservation of their histories. And they are listed in alphabetical order:

- There is a Benton County Historical Society, Inc., and you may contact it for information about membership, or with your history questions, by writing to P.O. Box 341, Fowler, Ind., 47944.

- If you are from the Lebanon area, consider touching base with the Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 141, Lebanon, 46052.

- Up Logansport way, the Cass Count Historical Society,

Inc., 1004 East Market St., Logansport, 46947 has a strong organization and a fine museum.

- Just 15 miles south of Lafayette, barely inside Montgomery County, the busy Linden-Madison township Historical Society collects, researches and preserves railroad history and operates a Railroad Museum in a former



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depot at the north edge of Linden. Contact Robert Straw, president, at 154 North Main St., Linden, 47955, (317) 339-4756 for information. Incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1986 to preserve the histories of Quinine Township

and the Monon and Nickel Plate Railroads, this Society also offers its members the publication *Depot Times*. It meets monthly in the Linden Depot Museum at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The museum is open from April to October from 1 to 5 p.m. Fridays, through Sundays, and by appointment.

- Another 10 miles south and you encounter the Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc. Michael Hall, executive director, may be reached at 212 South Water St., Crawfordsville, 47933, (317) 362-3416 or 583-2421. The MCHS among many endeavors supports the Darlington Covered Bridge restoration and the Linden Railroad Museum.

- The Tippecanoe County Historical Association, often mentioned in "Old Lafayette," needs little comment beyond the repeated urge to visit its Fowler House Museum, Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum, and Fort Ouiatenon sites, patronize its

gift shops, participate in the annual Feast of the Hunters' Moon, and write to Patrick Daily, executive director, 909 South St., Lafayette, 47901, (317) 742-8411, about membership information.

- In Delphi, there is a highly visible Wabash & Erie Canal Association of Carroll County, Rt. 2, Box 130, Delphi, 46923. Founded in 1972, it is dedicated to preservation of what is said to be the only accessible place remaining in Indiana where the Canal, opened in about 1840 and abandoned in the 1870s, holds water.

- Southwest of Lafayette, there is a Warren County Historical Society that you may reach by writing to Box 176, Williamsport, 47993.

- In Monticello, you might affiliate with the White County Historical Society, c/o White County Genealogical Society, 1010 S. Bluff St., Monticello, 47960.

- And here's another "histori-

cal society" of sorts: The Daughters of the American Revolution. Its General de Lafayette Chapter in Tippecanoe County, one of Indiana's oldest, is in its 102nd year!

Marlene Mattox-Brown, of Lafayette, chapter regent, explains:

"The DAR is a non-political, patriotic service organization. It is tailored exactly like our Republic form of government. With a national level (NSDAR), a state level (Indiana's is INDAR), and a local level. Here the DAR was founded in 1894. Membership is open to any lady who can prove that her blood line runs back to a Colonial American patriot who served in the American Revolution. Other organizations are the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) and CAR (Children of the American Revolution)."

Mattox-Brown adds: "Getting your genealogy back to the 1700s may seem difficult to some; but it could be easier than

you think. Forms, charts, and information are available to help those interested. Our local chapter sponsors ROTC awards, miscellaneous scholarships, Good Citizens awards, Americanism awards, and a host of other community related events along with support of three DAR schools for underprivileged children. We have monthly meetings and community events for the chapter's more than 100 members."

For information, one may reach Mattox-Brown at (317) 567-2497. (Note: This telephone number has changed since repartition in August of the *Journal and Courier's* 1995-96 "Community Connections" directory which lists the DAR.)

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