

Rickenbaugh News 2013-2014



Photo of 2013 Rickenbaugh Family Reunion Attendees

Hello Friends,

We are pleased to send you the 8th edition of the Rickenbaugh News to let you know what activities occurred at the House in 2013 and 2014.



Meetings and special events were held at the House the past two years including the annual Rickenbaugh Reunion on the last Sundays in June of 2013 and 2014. The photo above from 2013 shows a great turnout!

In July 2013, the Cradle of Forestry campground hosts held a *Christmas in July* event at the House. The House was decorated so beautifully! It was an extremely hot Saturday, so unfortunately there were not that many campers at Celina Campground, but those that came had a good time. Santa was there along with his elves.



Other events included an after-school program at the House in 2013 called Perry Central Rocks which brought youth out to do activities. Due to the government furlough in 2013 we were not able to host the Rickenbaugh Open House the first Saturday in October.



In March of 2014, the Hoosier National Forest hosted a regional tribal meeting and one of the stops was a catered lunch (photo left) at the Rickenbaugh House. Grey Towers National Historic Site, Mark Twain NF, the Regional Office, Shawnee NF, Wayne NF, Delaware Nation, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Shawnee Tribe were all represented. This is the first such visit to

a national forest in the east by tribes that were removed to Oklahoma in the 19th century. Our goal for the Tribal Meeting was to promote mutual understanding of the issues we deal with and strengthen relationships for future consultation.

On a cool, cloudy day, 36 people came out to the annual Rickenbaugh Open House for the Perry County Fall Festival. Some of the visitors had never seen the House before and they really enjoyed it.



This past fall relatives of the George Brothers who built the House made their annual visit to the House in late October. Decedents of Jessie Evelyn Rickenbaugh (daughter of William Henry) came from Texas to view the House in November.

This year unfortunately due to budget constraints we were not able to hire a summer interpreter, but Nancy Myers is always willing to open the House by request. This is mentioned on our Forest website, so people know who to call.

If you have any questions regarding the Rickenbaugh House or would like to be removed from the mailing list, or know someone who should be added, please email nmyers@fs.fed.us or write to her at the address below. Nancy Myers and Randy Lutz from the Hoosier National Forest are shown in the photo below. Both work hard to keep the Rickenbaugh House in good repair and welcome your ideas.

We hope you enjoy reading about the events going on at the House the past two years. Thank you for your interest and support of the beautiful, historic Rickenbaugh House!

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