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TIPPECANOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association Board of Governors announces the retirement of Executive Director Kathy Atwell effective June 30, 2016. Kathy has faithfully served the organization from 1990-1994 and 2006-2016. Her leadership has led to great progress within the organization and her knowledge and abilities will be greatly missed by all of those involved with TCHA.

After an extensive nationwide search to fill this void in leadership we are excited to announce that we have hired Michael "Craig" Hadley to be the new Executive Director for the Tippecanoe County Historical Association! He will begin his position with the organization on July 25, 2016.

Michael "Craig" Hadley is from Charleston, South Carolina and has been a museum professional for 20 years and before that a field director of archaeology. He has worked at museums and historic sites across the United States that included the National Trust for Historic Preservation sites and Historic Landmark sites. He also owned and operated his own museum and historical consulting firm for seven years that included historical film consulting with clients that such as the History Channel, the BBC, and various museums and historic sites. He has been the Executive Director at three previous museums that included a military history museum, a Gold Rush era museum, and a National Historic Landmark site. This past year he stepped away from his museum work to devote his time and efforts to helping his ailing father and step-father. During this time he has been writing a history book entitled "History According to Hollywood" that he hopes will be finished next year. He is excited to be coming to Lafayette and begin work at the TCHA. "I can't wait to start working at such an amazing organization with a great history. They have incredible resources and I look forward to working closely with everyone as we move this organization forward into a brighter future."

The Board of Governors could not be more excited as we feel that Craig will be a great fit for our organization and community. He offers TCHA the skills and knowledge needed to lead us forward so that we can continue to preserve and offer education of all the great history of Tippecanoe County!