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Welcome to the start of the third century of the City of Lafayette!

The City of Lafayette turns 200 this year and the Tippecanoe County Historical Association wants to help everyone celebrate this milestone. For the past century, we have been collecting and preserving our local history, and I have always been stunned by the breadth and depth of our collection.

In order to help commemorate our bicentennial, the TCHA staff crafted a traveling exhibit with ten panels reflecting our local history. These panels are a product of our partnership with the City of Lafayette who generously sponsored the creation of this exhibition. We hope that you can spend some time looking at them as they make their way through our community. They provide a fascinating insight into our past and how Tippecanoe County and the City of Lafayette evolved into the community that we know today.

I am also greatly anticipating the release of a special commemorative book on Tippecanoe County history that we are publishing this fall. **200 Years of Tippecanoe County: A Community Tells its Stories**, consists of 200 articles on topics chosen and written by local community members like yourself. These stories cover a wide range of topics that cover the entire bicentennial era.

I am proud to have served as president of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association Board of Governors for the past 5 years. I believe that the ongoing growth in our membership reflects the value that preserving our local history brings to our community.

I deeply appreciate the support that our members and friends have given us in the past. TCHA is a community driven organization and as such we rely on people like you to help us continue our mission. **As we leap into the next century, I ask that you consider joining me in making a contribution to help us move forward and continue collecting and preserving our incredible local history.** Please give as generously as you can; all donations of any amount are incredibly appreciated.

Here are some examples of how your gift can help us preserve your history for the future:

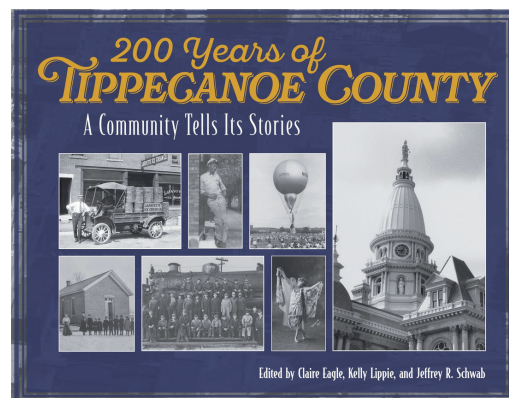
- **\$25:** To help conserve a bicentennial-era document, like a fragile letter or photograph, ensuring its survival for the next 200 years.
- **\$150:** To purchase archival-quality materials (acid-free boxes, folders, etc.) to protect bicentennial artifacts in our collection.
- **\$600:** To purchase a museum-quality mannequin to properly display historic clothing or textiles
- **\$4,000:** YOU could fund a whole Historical Marker!

Donations can be made by check or card by returning the envelope enclosed with this letter or by visiting us at tippecanoehistory.org/donate.
As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations to TCHA are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

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Forthcoming book, *200 Years of Tippecanoe County: A Community Tells Its Stories*