

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

We hail from a great state-- great in wealth, great in resources, great in industrial interes. great in educational forces and great in the history , character and chievements of her people. Indiana occupies a proud positio<sup>n</sup> amoung the sisterhood of states. She ranks eighth in population , eighth in the value of manufactured products , ninth in the value of farom products , seventh in the value of lands and improvements and excepting Oklahoma alone , she ranks first in the amount of her permanent common school fund.

The sons of Indiana have contributed their full share to-  
ward the making <sup>and</sup> the building of this mighty Republic. In the field , in the factory , in the workship; in trade , commerce and trans- portion ; and in every line of human activity the Hoosiers have continuueuly kept in the very front rank of the great industri- al army which has made the United States rich , great and power- ful.

In the intellectual realm of life, in the learned profess- ions , in art, science ,and literature, in every form of labor where<sup>in</sup> mental capacity tells for success and superiority, / the man from Indiana has won honorable distinction . This great state has given the world popular poets, famous authors, distinguished law yers, profound jurists ,and celebrated orators. She has placed in <sup>eminenc</sup> congress, in the cabinet , in the Chief Executive <sup>and distinguish</sup> chair, wise and patriotic statesmen.

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In every war for a hundred years --- whether fought to preserve the life of the Republic, <sup>or</sup> to maintain its honor and credit , or to give liberty and self government to an oppressed people -- Indiana , in <sup>the</sup> this hour of need and danger , has never failed to furnish the Republic with brave and illustrious soldiers.

~~Next state xx xx furnish xx eight xx gallantry xx fix xx three~~

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Indiana is an educational center. Her Universities, colleges and other higher institutions of learning compare favorable with the best in the Union. Her public schools are hardly surpassed. Her permanent public school fund amounts to \$ 10,500,000 and is increasing at the rate of 50,000 annually. In maintaining her public schools, Indiana spends every year \$8,000,000. Within her borders are ten thousand school buildings, in <sup>which</sup> 16,000 teachers are employed at ~~an amount cost for salaries~~ <sup>at least</sup> of \$5,000,000.

The census of 1900 showed that Indiana had two millions <sup>and one half</sup> ~~and a half~~ of population. Seventy <sup>five percent</sup> ~~one~~ of these were native born. Only five per cent were foreign born. The census of 1900 revealed further that in the other states of the Union there ~~were~~ were six hundred and fifty thousand native born hoosiers. 128,000 of these were found in Illinois; 75,000 in Kansas; 70,000 in Missouri; 52,000 in Ohio; 48,000 in Iowa; and ~~27,655~~ <sup>and the special census taken in 1907 shows</sup> in what now constitutes the state of Oklahoma ~~that there were in Oklahoma 24,000 Hoosiers.~~ <sup>have</sup> From her central location, ~~her~~ sons had gone ~~everywhere~~ to bless every section of our country with their intelligence, industries and patriotic citizenship. ~~Incidentally I will remark that of all these thousands of Hoosiers who had left their state and gone elsewhere among those who have left Indiana to seek wealth, health, fame or fortune~~ <sup>among them all, those who made the wisest choice were those who came to Oklahoma.</sup> manifested greater wisdom than those came to Oklahoma.

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In many respects Indiana is a wonderful state. Her resources are abundant . Her industries are ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ numerous. Her products are varried. Her soil is rich and fertile.

Her ~~xxxxxxxx~~ deposits of coal are inexhaustible. Her raw matrial are abundant. Her climate is equiable and most favorable for the growth of all agriculturial products. A net -work of railways cover her territory , affording the very best transportation facilities , stimulating the growth of her cities , encouraging agriculture , developing manufacturing industries, and contributing in thousands of ways to the wealth and prosperity of her people.

The capital of Indiana has a population of 250,000

. IN one respect Indianapolis excels any other city of the world. In the number of her Inturban railway lines she leads St. Lois,Chicago, Phelidelpbia, Boston , New Yok and London. When Oklahoma is as thickly populated as Indiana she will have acity ~~in~~ with 500,000. She will have others with 200,000 population ; others with a hundred thousand and when that day comes Woodward will have not less than 25,000 inhabitants.