

This one-hour historical documentary looks at events that helped shape the southeastern Indiana area, from an ancient civilization 3,000 years ago to the communities along and near the Ohio River today.

Film shot in the Vevay area includes segments filmed at Musee de Venoge and at the Thiebaud Farmstead and also features stories of the Dufour family, the Schencks, George Ash, Louis Gex Oboussier and wine making at the early Swiss Colony. Mike Danner of Vevay and Dan Back of Patriot share some of the local history.

The one-hour documentary explores an ancient citadel, a Revolutionary War Battle, early pioneers and Native Americans, Underground Railroad, Morgan's Civil War Raid, the steamboat era, the 1937 Flood and much more. It concentrates on the four-county area of Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland and Ripley Counties.

Filmmaker and producer Dennis Neary will introduce the film and will answer questions afterwards. "A lot of people will be surprised at how much history there is in this area," said Neary. "It's been a learning experience for me, too."

"Take the River", which has been on WKET and WCET, is Neary's third documentary to air on PBS stations. He recently wrote and produced 52 Indiana Bicentennial Minutes narrated by Jane Pauley. A native of Aurora, Indiana, Dennis is a graduate of Indiana University.

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