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CHRONICLING  HOOSIER

Tracing home in historic newspapers
TODAY’S HEADLINES

1. Introduction to Chronicling Hoosier project.
2. Big data activity.
3. “Your Hoosier” activity.
4. History of the word Hoosier.
5. Theories reinforced. Discoveries made.
6. Hoosier State Chronicles and your research.
7. Comments, Questions?
BACKGROUND

- Begins with a historical question
- IUPUI Center for Digital Scholarship
- Chronicling America and National Endowment for the Humanities Data Challenge

The North-Carolina standard. Raleigh, N.C., September 29, 1836, p. 3
WE WANT TO KNOW

- Origin!!
- Differences in geography?
WE WANT TO KNOW

- Change over time?
WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

- Trends in usage and meaning

1836-1839

great along journey wilder illinois

1850-1859

people new preachers last frontier
gin whig along

1910-1919

new will come good

indiana bank

kitchen cabinet

week new

can sale make can sale

cabinet kitchen will
HISTORY MEETS TECHNOLOGY

- Digital Humanities, Close Reading vs. Distant Reading, and Big Data?
- Ok fine, but why does it matter?
- Caution required, data limitations

Robert King and Michael Campbell. Mayor Ballard and IMPD to focus on 6 dangerous Indy-area neighborhoods, Indy Star, Oct. 10, 2014

Constantine republican., Constantine, Michigan. September 27, 1837, p. 1
YOU AS BIG DATA

Take a look at the data card you were given as you entered. You have a word, a location, and a year.

1. Organize by region
2. Discuss themes
3. Organize by decade
4. Discuss themes

U.S. Census Regions

Map by the Indiana Business Research Center, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University
Dictionary of Regional English Survey

"Names and nicknames for a rustic or countrified person."

In 1965-70
• 40 of the 2212 respondents offered hoosier or a phrase including hoosier as their response (Cassidy).

In 2013-14*:
• 0 offer hoosier as a response.

*Survey much smaller and geographically limited to Wisconsin residents.
HOOSIER ORIGIN THEORIES

- Cabin squatters or land surveyors shouting, “Who’s there?” or “Hoosh ‘ere?”

- Poet James Whitcomb Riley joked that a particularly vicious brawl ends in one man asking, "Who's ear?"

- A flatboatman scrap including an Indiana man resoundingly thumping his opponents, or "hushing" them
Historian John Piatt Dunn Jr. suggests the word stems from ‘hoozer’ meaning something unusually large in the Cumberland dialect of England.

A more recent interpretation from Stephen H. Webb poses that the 19th century preacher, Black Harry Hoosier was the word's namesake.

A bread peddler named Hoosier's wares are particularly popular among Indiana men working on the canals.

Overlap of stories

The gazette-times., Heppner, Oregon, February 18, 1915, p. 5

Wheeling daily intelligencer., Wheeling Penn., October 30, 1854, Image 2
HOOSIER STORY REMIX

- Riverboat culture
- Yankee
- Patriotic
- Rough
- Independent
- Not book smart but surviving smart

Jeffersonian Republican. (Stroudsburg, Pa.), 03 Nov. 184, p. 1.
THE DATA: HISTORIC THEORIES REINFORCED

- Connected to river culture
- Connected to Indiana early on, nickname
- Not always connected to Indiana
- Negative references
- Over time move away from negative
- Dialectical

HOOSIER AS ADVERTISEMENT

Mr. Husband! Order a HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET for your wife Christmas
If ordered at once we will make delivery the day you select

Count the Needless Steps Your Wife Takes Every Day
You can save her most of this needless walking by giving her a real labor-saving machine this Christmas
Give her the most useful gift any woman ever received—a

HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET
BRANCH & LONG ACRE

Graham guardian., Stafford, Ariz., July 03, 1908, p. 4

THE DATA: NEW DISCOVERIES

- Regularly mix of positive and negative, no clear line
- Jumble of origin stories
- Why so many in Connecticut, 5th highest?

Rock Island daily Argus. (Rock Island, Ill.), 24 July 1893.
WHAT'S NEXT?

- Sentiment analysis: Positive, negative, something else?
- Remove the advertisements
- Add more newspaper data including past 1922

QUESTIONS?

The Salt Lake tribune., Salt Lake City, Utah, December 26, 1909, COMIC SECTION, p. 32
WHY MAY THIS TEST CONTAIN MISTAKES?
Correct this text.

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DAILY SENTINEL.
MONDAY MOURNING: MAY 3. TOBTING. Books,
Pamphlets. Cards, Checkers, Circulars Blanks, Bill
Heads. Bills Lading... Ace. A. Done prompt at his
Office, In the Belt, just, mr. first quarter Papers, and at
L. W. Frier. Cite us a Call. CITY ITEMS: IST Trofeor
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request give a Concert in Lafayette to eight. FET. Uet.
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confirmation in Christ Church, this city yesterday. A
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