

The Cass County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Logansport, Indiana. Founded in 1907, we are one of the oldest county historical societies in Indiana.

Our mission is to collect, preserve and share Cass County, Indiana history.

Patron support is vital to the success of our mission and we thank you for taking time to learn about our organization and our county's history.

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Museums are currently closed on holidays and during the month of January. Research assistance is still available by appointment in January.



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STATE OF THE SOCIETY

Cass County HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2025

New Exterior Signage & Exhibit in 2025!



Cass County Museum

Castaldi Family History Center, Society Offices

421 E. Broadway Street, Logansport, IN 46947

Open Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM

Society Snapshot

- 2025 Annual Campaign goal: \$31,500
- Investors are still needed to help fund ongoing restoration efforts at Long Home Museum and remodeling efforts at Cass County Museum
- 115 Active society members
- 2025 Membership goal: 200 members
- 20 Volunteers, 15 on our Board of Trustees
- 2 Employees, 1 full-time, 1 part-time
- 2025 Operating Budget: \$150,000



Since 2023 we have been awarded a total of \$112,889 in grant funding from the Cass County Community Foundation. In 2023 we replaced two failing rooftop HVAC units at the Cass County Museum and purchased an archival digital scanner to assist with digitization of our collection. In 2024 we were awarded funds to repair the rotting perimeter of the Long Home Museum roof and install exterior signage at the Cass County Museum featuring artwork by local artists Rich Voorhees and Kevin Burkett. Thank you, Cass County Community Foundation, for helping us succeed!

Society Operations

• Cass County

We asked Cass County this year to consider restarting their financial support of our organization. The requested amount was \$50,000 annually to support operational expenses of Long Home Museum and Cass County Museum. In November, a 2024 donation of \$50,000 from appropriated funds was approved. Thank you to all who considered and supported our effort.

In 2025 we will work to continue this relationship. We intend to request the same donation in 2025 and will be asking for line item inclusion in the 2026 Cass County budget.

• City of Logansport

The City of Logansport assists our organization by funding \$20,000 in annual utility expenses for museum operations. Thank you to all who considered and supported continuation of this donation in 2025.

In 2024 the City assisted with consolidation and digitization of the county's railroad history collection of artifacts at Cass County Museum. A selection of police history artifacts from our collection was also shared for display at the new police station.

We are currently negotiating potential use of a READI 2.0 grant opportunity to assist with exhibit space remodeling efforts at Cass County Museum in 2025.

• Annual Campaign

Donations made to our Annual Campaign provide unrestricted funds that can be used to maintain and develop our museum buildings, society operations and museum experiences. These donations are tax-deductible and a separate contribution from your annual society membership dues. Campaign donors receive recognition in our member newsletter. Vault level donors contributing \$5,000 or more to our effort in 2025 are recognized on a new engraved display inside the vault exhibit in the North Gallery of the Cass County Museum.



Long Home Museum

• Structural Analysis and Restoration

Funding from Indiana Historical Society provided for an updated structural analysis of the Long Home Museum, Carriage House and William Chick Family Log Cabin in 2024. KJG Architects of Lafayette, IN provided this service that allows us an informed path forward with restoration of the property. The completed analysis is available for public viewing on our website.

Registered as a historic landmark since 1985, we are in communication with Indiana Landmarks to ensure we find the right contractors and gain informed assistance while properly restoring this historic property.

Soon we will begin repairs needed to the perimeter of the roof, providing dry interiors, proper drainage and saving the decorative metal cornice trim. This is the first priority per our analysis and thanks to funding from the Cass County Community Foundation we will be completing this needed repair as soon as contractor schedule and weather permits.

Plans are in development to rebuild back porches on the Long Home Museum, providing better guest accessibility to the first floor of the museum. A video tour of the basement and second floor will also be made available for viewing on the first floor.

The William Chick Family Log Cabin is also undergoing professional assessment for future restoration and reopening.

• Improved Grounds

We have begun revitalizing the grounds at the Long Home Museum site. Currently we are working to remove problematic, old or overgrown trees, bushes and weeds.

In 2025 we intend to re-mulch all flowerbeds on site. Planting of new bushes, trees and flowers will be on hold temporarily as we assess and restore the foundation of the home.



First Saturdays 2025
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**Long Home Museum
Museum Shop**
1004 E. Market Street Street,
Logansport, IN 46947

**Open Thursday - Friday
1 - 4 PM
First Saturdays
1-4 PM**



Cass County Museum

• Reduced Plans for Remodel

In 2024 our Board of Trustees finalized floor plan concept designs with KJG Architects, Inc. of Lafayette, IN. The plans were reigned in from original ideas that included expensive building additions. We worked together to create the spaces we need for our new museum experience within the existing footprint of the building. The accepted floor plan with identification of upcoming exhibit locations is available for public viewing on our website.

We are currently working to fund architect services and construction documents for the approved floor plan. Then we'll be working to fund our contractor for the remodel. Until we fully fund and achieve the remodel, South Gallery and Second Floor exhibits planned for Cass County Museum will be on hold, in storage or simply stay where they currently exist on display since we can not move artifacts into a space about to undergo extensive construction work.

A digital copy of our 2024-25 Investor Packet, which outlines our effort and needs in great detail, is available on our website.

Collections Management

We are the stewards of thousands of Cass county artifacts. Behind the scenes we are still progressing with use of Past Perfect software to digitize collection records. Our digital catalog will include photos and all known history of each item in our collection. Since our old records currently exist on every form of technology through time, from handwritten journals to modern portable drives, it will take a while to decipher and transcribe each record. When complete, the records will be accessible online for research.

When we pull artifacts for assessment and cataloging, we are also cleaning, organizing, relocating, relabeling, addressing light, humidity and temperature controls at both museums to achieve proper artifact care in our display and storage locations as we go.

2025 Program Information

Both museums are closed in January for cleaning and maintenance. The Castaldi Family History Center at Cass County Museum is still available by appointment.

CCHS Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Cass County Museum. Our annual public meeting takes place at 5 PM on the 1st Thursday of December.

First Saturdays - Enjoy free admission, browse our exhibits, shop the gift shop, meet a CCHS Trustee and experience varied activities on the first Saturday of each month February - December at Long Home Museum. Sponsored by Logansport Savings Bank.

Saturday, March 1 - Cass County Legacy Speaker Dave Morrison will share his lesson on the Brady Gang and 1937 murder of Indiana State Trooper Paul Minneman at the Cass County Museum 1-3 PM. 2025 Cass County Legacy Speaker events are sponsored by Security Federal Savings Bank.

On site history presentations at your school, library, business or other public meeting place are now available for booking during regular business hours via our website or email Jill at info@casscountyhistory.org.

Our 2025 Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment event will take place in April during Volunteer Appreciation Month. Details TBA.

Home for the Holidays at Long Home Museum will open again on Friday, November 28, 2025, 1-6 PM and will run with extended hours through Christmas. Sponsored by Cass County Visitors Bureau.

Please follow us online to stay up to date on museum program and event news!