

'Life in 1810' is topic of program offered at County Museum on September 8

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A veteran speaker and re-enactor will bring to life one of his favorite topics, "Pioneer Life in 1810," at the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum on Saturday, September 8.

The free event at 2 p.m. that day is offered as part of Pigeon Roost Remembered Day, an observance of the 200th anniversary of the Pigeon Roost Massacre in which 24 men, women and children were killed by Indians on September 3, 1812.

Kevin Stonerock has brought history to life for thousands of children, young people and adults. His living history program will be performed in authentic period clothing in the first-person style. His "Hoosier pioneer" is a character compiled from several different historical accounts of the period from 1770 to 1810. It centers around the life of Andrew Amonett, a frontiersman of the Indiana Territory.

Complete with tall tales, Stonerock's presentation deals with various aspects of frontier life and dangers faced in the Indiana Territory just before the start of the War of 1812. Topics include trapping, militia service, Indian affairs, tools, weapons and frontier clothing.

Stonerock has performed for 30 years and presented over 3,500 programs. He wrote, directed and performed in "Plum Creek Anthology," which is presented annually in Vevay.

There is no charge for attending his program at the museum. Visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the performance in comfort on the museum's front steps.