

Our 175th Year • 1833-2008

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST

1870-1871

*As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look
at our history and the world around us through News-Sentinel archives.*

1870

- ◆ The Rink, celebrated place of amusement, opens at 215 E. Berry St.
- ◆ Fort Wayne population reaches 17,718.
- ◆ Standard Oil Co. founded.
- ◆ Department of Justice created.
- ◆ Confederate General Robert E. Lee dies.
- ◆ Brooklyn Bridge construction started.

1871

- ◆ Allen County Women's Rights Association formed.
- ◆ Great fire in Chicago destroyed more than 17,000 buildings and killed 250 people.
- ◆ National Rifle Association founded.
- ◆ The city's first black congregation, Turner Chapel African-Methodist-Episcopal Church, moved into its first

church building.

- ◆ Nation's first professional baseball game was played in Fort Wayne. The Fort Wayne Kekiongas hosted the Cleveland Forest Citys.
- ◆ Salomon family farm established on Dupont Road.

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