

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

1880-1881

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

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST

1880

- ◆ James A. Garfield elected as the 20th President.
- ◆ Telephone line constructed between Toledo and Fort Wayne.
- ◆ George Eastman patents his roll film for cameras.
- ◆ Lew Wallace's book, "Ben-Hur" published.
- ◆ Birkmeier & Sons Monument opens.

1881

- ◆ James A. Jenney provides a public demonstration of electric lights in Fort Wayne.
- ◆ Jenney Electric Light Company organized; later becomes General Electric.
- ◆ Smallpox epidemic hits city.
- ◆ President Garfield assassinated; Chester A. Arthur becomes President.
- ◆ Tuskegee Institute opens.

- ◆ Clara Barton helps establish the American Red Cross.
- ◆ Albert G. Porter becomes Indiana governor.
- ◆ Nickel Plate Railroad purchases route of the old Wabash and Erie Canal.