

Laughlin Level \$25 - Subscription to quarterly newsletter & discounts on programming fees.

William B. Laughlin was the founding father of Rushville who donated 75 acres of land that would become Rushville, the county seat.

Newby Level \$50 - Subscription to newsletter & discounts on programming fee.

Sarah Newby was from an early Ripley Township Quaker family whose home was on the underground railroad. Upon her death, Sarah donated her personal property to the Historical Society. Proceeds from the sale of her farm provided an endowment for the Society.

Arnold Level \$100 - All of the above plus one complimentary ticket to the annual fall membership dinner.

Dr. John Arnold was the first settler to purchase land in what would become Rush County. He also developed and chronicled the early history of the county.

Gowdy Level \$250 - All of the prior level benefits plus two complimentary tickets to the annual fall and spring membership dinners.

John Gowdy was appointed by President McKinley to serve as Consul-General to Paris. The Gowdy house was donated and became the home of The Rush County Museum and Historical Society.

Kennedy Level \$350 - All prior level benefits plus two complimentary tickets to the annual fall and spring membership dinners.

The **Kennedy** family of bridge builders lived, died, and are buried in Rush County. The Kennedy family constructed more than 50 bridges throughout the Midwest. Six original and/or rebuilt Kennedy bridges remain in Rush County.

Willkie Level \$500 - All prior level subscriptions, invitations and dinner tickets

Wendell L. Willkie was the Republican dark horse candidate for President in 1940. Willkie named Rushville as his national campaign headquarters.

Please provide the following information along with your check in the desired participation level amount. [Click Here](#) to download a PDF of the form below. Your check should be made payable to the Rush County Historical Society. Send to:

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PO Box 302
Rushville, Indiana 46173

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Laughlin Level \$25

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Address: _____

Newby Level \$50

Kennedy Level \$350

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Arnold Level \$100

Willkie Level \$500

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