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FAMOUS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF SOUTH BEND



Leopold Pokagon
Chief of the Potawatomi of the St. Joseph River Valley beginning in 1826. In 1830, he traveled to Detroit to request an affiliation with the Catholic Church and convinced the Rev. Stephen Badin and Catholic missionaries to come to northern Indiana. They worked from Pokagon's log cabin on St. Mary's Lake, the future site of Notre Dame. In 1833, he negotiated an amendment to the Treaty of Chicago that allowed the band to remain in this region.



Michael Warren
Grew up in South Bend and graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1964. College basketball player at UCLA and actor best known for portraying Officer Bobby Hill on the NBC TV series "Hill Street Blues."



Rev. Julius Nieuwland
Belgian immigrant to South Bend in childhood, became a Holy Cross priest, scientist and professor at the University of Notre Dame. He is known for acetylene research, which led to the creation of synthetic rubber. Died in 1936.



Sister M. Madeleva Wolff
Holy Cross sister, poet and president of Saint Mary's College from 1934 to 1961.



Rev. Edward Sorin
Holy Cross priest who emigrated from France and founded the University of Notre Dame in 1862.



Lester Sumrall
Protestant pastor and evangelist who moved to South Bend in 1893. He founded the Lester Sumrall Evangelical Association (LSEA) and its humanitarian arm, LSEA Global Feed the Hungry, World Harvest Radio International and World Harvest Bible College. Died in 1996.



Enoch Weiss
Believed to be only Medal of Honor recipient from South Bend. Cited in 1870 for valor against the Apache Indians led by Cochise in the Chiricahua Mountains in Arizona Territory. Born in 1848 in Kosciusko County, he moved to St. Joseph County as a young child. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and participated in Sherman's March to the Sea. After the war he re-enlisted and fought in the Indian wars as part of the First Cavalry Regiment. He then returned to South Bend, where he raised his family and was a volunteer fire-fighter. Died in 1917.



Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh
Holy Cross priest, civil rights leader and humanitarian who served as president of the University of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987. Died in 2015.



Edward Hale Campbell
A vice admiral in the U.S. Navy, born in South Bend in 1872. Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, served in the Spanish-American War and World War I, and named judge advocate general of the Navy.



Jeremy Leven
Screenwriter, director, producer and novelist, born in South Bend in 1941. He wrote and produced "Alex & Emma" and wrote the screenplays for "The Legend of Bagger Vance," "The Notebook," "My Sister's Keeper" and "Real Steel."



Sydney Pollack
South Bend Central High School graduate who became an Oscar-winning film director, producer and actor. Best known works include "Out of Africa," "Twelve," "The Way We Were" and "Absence of Malice." Died in 2008.



John Brademas
Born in Mishawaka and vaudeviolinist when he graduated from South Bend Central High School. Rhodes Scholar, member of Congress for Indiana's 3rd Congressional District from 1959 to 1981, and president of New York University from 1981 to 1992.



Junior Walker
Musician who was born Artry Delouis Mixon Jr. and grew up in South Bend. His group, Junior Walker & the All Stars, signed with the Motown label in the 1960s and had hits including "Shotgun" and "Roadrunner." Often performed with childhood friend and drummer Billy "Big" Necks, who continues to perform. Walker died in 1995 at age 64.



"Socks'um" Jochum
One of the original players to join the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1943. Betty Jochum played for the South Bend Blue Sox for six seasons and was known for her prowess in the outfield. In 1948 she won the league batting crown.



1855: First volunteer fire department is established.



1855: Second St. Joseph County Courthouse built.



1855: Saint Mary's Academy moves from Bertrand, Mich., to South Bend. It is later renamed Saint Mary's College.



1858: Farrow Powell and family become one of the first African-American families to make South Bend their home. Family members helped start Cleveland AME Church, the first African-American church in South Bend.



1860: Population in South Bend reaches 3,032.



1860: Henry M. Benjamin organizes the first baseball team in South Bend, the Hoosier Base Ball Club.



1861: A call for recruits for Union soldiers to fight in the Civil War.



1861-65: Student-brothers eagerly went to Union Army during Civil War.



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