

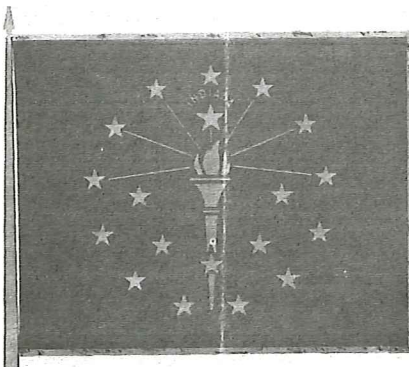
How Indiana's state flag was developed

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PAUL HADLEY, Mooresville, submitted the prize-winning design for the Indiana state flag in competition sponsored by the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution in 1916.

Up to that time, Indiana did not have a flag of its own, but used that of the U.S. through an reenactment of the 1901 Indiana General Assembly.

Lack of an Indiana flag was



spotlighted at the 23rd Continental Congress of the National Society of the DAR in Washington, D.C. The hall was decorated with

state flags, with spaces left for states having no emblem. The blank for Indiana was obvious.

A study committee was appointed to secure a suitable emblem and a prize of \$100 was offered for the best design. Two years later the offer was renewed.

Requirements were simple. The flag was to be original, simple, bold and beautiful. More than 200 designs were submitted. The winner was Hadley.

As a young man Hadley, son of a physician, enrolled in Shortridge High School, but switched to Emmerich Manual Training High School to study with artist Otto Stark. Later he studied art and design in Pennsylvania, then spent 10 years in design and interior decoration. Among the homes upon which he worked was author Booth Tarkington's summer estate at Kennebunkport, Maine. Hadley became an art instructor at the John Herron Art School in Indianapolis and specialized in Hoosier landscapes.

"The torch I got from the figure atop the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis," he said of his design. "The torch represents liberty and enlightenment, the 13 stars in the outer circle represent the original 13 states. The rays from the flame to the stars are merely decorative.

"The five stars in the inner half-circle represent the states admitted prior to Indiana. The large star above the flaming torch represents Indiana—the 19th state admitted to the Union."

At the time of his death in 1971, Hadley was regarded as the dean of Hoosier water color painters. But no doubt his most lasting contribution is the Indiana State Flag, which is displayed in school buildings, libraries, club houses, American Legion halls and other public buildings.

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