



GRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

**GRANT COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
will meet on:
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Marion Public Library
Meeting Room B**

**PROGRAM
Presented by Bill Munn
Grant County Historian**

***EARLY YEARS OF
VETERANS HOSPITAL
(NHDVS)
1700 EAST 38TH STREET
MARION, INDIANA***

PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Text of the Indiana Historical Bureau State Historical Marker:

“At the end of the Civil War, the U.S. undertook care of disabled Union veterans in a system of homes known by 1873 as National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (NHDVS). The offer of free natural gas by Grant County residents and the efforts of local Congressman George W. Steele persuaded Congress to establish the Marion Branch of the NHDVS on July 23, 1888.

“Members had access to health care, training, work, and recreation. In 1920, this Branch was converted into a neuropsychiatric hospital for World War I veterans; in 1930, it was consolidated within new Veterans Administration. As part of VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, the facility continues to care for veterans. Some original buildings and National Cemetery remain.”

Come learn more about the history of this important facility located in Marion, Indiana.

Marion Branch, NHDVS

State Historical Marker 27.2011.1



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**Location: 1700 East 38th Street
Marion, Grant County, Indiana**

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