



### **New Harmony Through the Ages:**

**1814**—The community of New Harmony was established by the Harmonists, a group of Lutheran Separatists from Germany. These industrious settlers were known as dreamers, scholars, skilled farmers and craftspeople. They established progressive new schools and erected 8 structures within 10 years of founding their new community.

**1824**—The Harmonists moved to Beaver County, near Pittsburgh, leaving behind their legacy in the unique architecture of New Harmony. They sold the land to Robert Owen. Owen was a Welsh-born scholar and businessman from Scotland who wanted to establish a new social system in America. Upon his arrival, Owen lectured to an audience that included Presidents James Monroe and John Quincy Adams, their Cabinets, both Houses of Congress and the Supreme Court. In New Harmony, Owen drafted a constitution for his new society, which was passed unanimously. He later left to launch similar societies across America.

**1826**—Owen returned to New Harmony and announced that William Maclure, a distinguished Philadelphia scientist and arts patron, would be joining the New Harmony social experiment, along with a group of renowned scientists, reformers and scholars. This group's work established New Harmony, as the intellectual center of the West.

After Maclure moved from New Harmony to Mexico, he obtained the seeds of the Golden Rain Tree, also known as "Pride of China." Unable to cultivate the tree in Mexico, Maclure sent the seeds back to New Harmony where the Golden Rain Tree prospered.

New Harmony was largely preserved from growth and development through the mid-20th century and, as a result, many of its historic structures remain intact today.

**1937**—The state of Indiana created the first New Harmony Memorial Commission to help the community preserve and protect New Harmony's history on the banks of the Wabash River.

**Today**—New Harmony stands a world apart and offers visitors a serene, unspoiled sanctuary for intellectual stimulation and physical relaxation. Once called the "Athens of the West," New Harmony is now known for its unique architecture, tranquil gardens and quaint shops, as well as the historic New Harmony Inn and fine dining at the Red Geranium Restaurant.

A refreshing getaway and respite from the complexities of modern life, New Harmony is truly a place that must be experienced to be understood.