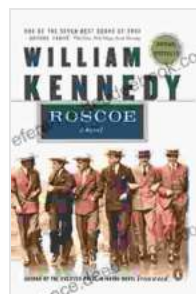


# Roscoe William Kennedy: The Life and Achievements of a Trailblazing Archivist

Roscoe William Kennedy was born on May 29, 1881, in Collinsport, Indiana. His parents, James and Maggie Kennedy, were farmers who instilled in him a strong work ethic from a young age. After graduating from high school, Kennedy attended the University of Indiana, where he earned a degree in history in 1904. He then went on to receive a masters degree in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1906.

Kennedy began his career as a high school history teacher in Greencastle, Indiana. In 1910, he joined the staff of the State Historical Society of Indiana as an assistant curator. He was promoted to curator in 1912 and served in that role until his retirement in 1956.

During his tenure at the State Historical Society of Indiana, Kennedy oversaw the expansion of the society's collections and the construction of a new building to house them. He also played a key role in the development of the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Indiana History Conference.



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Kennedy was a dedicated archivist who believed that historical records were essential for understanding the past and guiding the future. He was also a gifted writer and editor, and he published numerous articles and books on Indiana history.

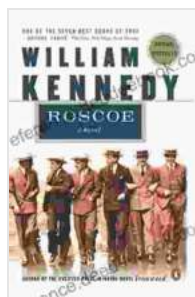
Roscoe William Kennedy is considered one of the most important figures in the history of Indiana historiography. He was a pioneering archivist who helped to establish the field of archival science in the United States. He was also a prolific writer and editor who helped to raise the profile of Indiana history.

Kennedy's legacy continues to this day. The State Historical Society of Indiana is now one of the largest and most respected historical societies in the country. The Indiana Historical Bureau and the Indiana History Conference continue to play important roles in the promotion of Indiana history. And Kennedy's writings continue to be consulted by scholars and researchers today.

In addition to the information above, here are some additional details about Roscoe William Kennedy:

- He was a member of the American Historical Association, the Society of American Archivists, and the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences.
- He served as president of the Society of American Archivists from 1944 to 1946.

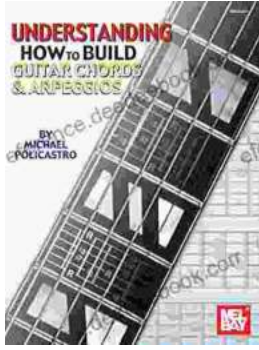
- He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Indiana Historical Society in 1956.
- He was inducted into the Indiana Historical Society's Hall of Fame in 2010.
- **Image 1:** A young Roscoe William Kennedy sits at a desk in the State Historical Society of Indiana library, surrounded by books and papers.
- **Image 2:** Kennedy stands in front of the State Historical Society of Indiana building, which was constructed under his leadership.
- **Image 3:** Kennedy gives a speech at the annual meeting of the Indiana Historical Society.



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