Episode 4: William Conner with David Heighway

Dive with us into the first of our three part series about the history of the land that Conner Prairie sits on today. Our first episode is about William Conner, the namesake of the William Conner House here at the Prairie. We are joined by Hamilton County Historian to dive into all areas of his life-the good, the bad and the ugly!

David Heighway:
You can find more about Hamilton East Public Library’s work in history (County Historian David Heighway’s organization) here: https://www.hepl.lib.in.us/indiana-room/

Order your copy of David’s book “Hidden History of Hamilton County, Indiana” here: https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467150170

The Conner House (come see where some of it went down!): https://www.connerprairie.org/explore/experiences/william-conner-house/

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