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In our Starke County Historical Museum (401 S. Main in Knox) is a collection of Indiana License plates from members of a North Judson family who saved their automobile plates every year for generations. The first plate in the collection is a 1913 plate. This is a metal plate about the size of the plates we use now. It is yellow and black and is a steel plate coated with porcelain.

The 1913 plate was the first plate issued to motorists in the State of Indiana. Before 1913, you needed a number for your auto or truck, but what the Bureau of Motor Vehicles issued was a small round tag two inches in diameter that you attached to your dashboard. You then were allowed to make an identifying placard out of leather, tin, wood or other materials to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. Descriptions and photos of license plates from the early 1900's to the present can be found on the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles website. <a href="http://www.in.gov/bmv/4198.htm">http://www.in.gov/bmv/4198.htm</a> (this link no longer active)

I have also attached a photo of Skeeter Small's Studebaker with a 1914 Indiana license plate on it.

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http://www.starkehistory.com http://www.scpl.lib.in.us/historical/

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