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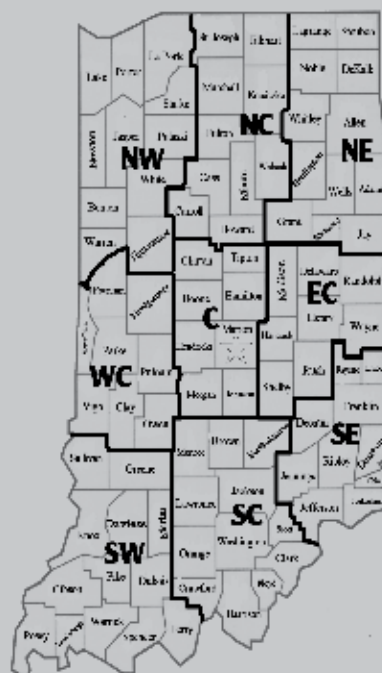
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EDITOR'S BRANCH

Many readers likely are familiar with veterans' organizations such as the Grand Army of the Republic and, in more modern times, the American Legion. Lesser known are organizations such as the United Spanish War Veterans, one of several fraternal groups organized to serve veterans of the Spanish-American War and related conflicts. On the local level, the society was organized into "camps"; in Marshall County, the Claude D. Fish Camp 91 was chartered in 1935. Marshall County genealogist Judy McCollough's contribution to this issue of *Indiana Genealogist* includes a transcription of the camp's membership roster, containing information about each veteran's residence, vitals such as birth date and location, and name of the nearest relative as well as details of the man's military service.

This issue also features David C. Bailey's latest entry exploring the migration of Indiana Civil War veterans. The first in a series focusing on Illinois burial locations for Indiana veterans, Bailey's article lists information about those veterans buried in Chicago's Mount Greenwood Cemetery, established in the nineteenth century on what is now the city's southwest side.

Finally, Meredith Thompson's investigation of Indiana laws continues in this issue with a study of divorce laws prior to 1940, and county genealogists Janet Onken (Pulaski County) and Lynne Keasling (Harrison County) have contributed transcriptions of documents perhaps considered routine at the time but that provide us a glimpse into the activities of early settlers.

As 2013 comes to a close, we're looking ahead to the twenty-fifth year of *Indiana Genealogist*. What would you like to see? I look forward to your comments and suggestions, and I'm excited to see your submissions. As always, you can reach me at quarterly@indgensoc.org.

Rachel

On the cover: Artist John S. Pughe depicts Neptune surrounded by the wreckage of the Spanish fleet during the Spanish-American War. The caption states, "Great whales! If those Yankees keep this up much longer I'll have to move!" The illustration was the cover of the 3 August 1898 issue of *Puck* magazine, which as appropriate for its name, featured political satire, cartoons, and other humor. The magazine was published from 1871 to 1918. (LC-DIG-ppmsca-28723, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division)

INDIANA CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN MOUNT GREENWOOD CEMETERY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

David C. Bailey, Sr.

On a bright Saturday in April 2013, more than 110 people gathered at the Mount Greenwood Cemetery in Chicago for a dedication ceremony for eighty-three new markers placed on the graves of veterans buried in the cemetery. Amongst those new grave markers were seventy-four for Civil War veterans, including seven from Indiana (marked with an asterisk below). The ceremony was the culmination of a multi-year project by the cemetery to identify the graves of veterans and insure their graves were properly marked. The local Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) provided research support for the project.

Nearly three hundred Civil War veterans are buried at Mount Greenwood Cemetery. While most of the graves are of men who served from Illinois, veterans who served in units from almost every northern state east of the Mississippi River are interred there. Included are twenty-five who served in units from Indiana. This article provides synopses of those veterans' service, as well as basic genealogical information (e.g., dates of birth and death) where available. Membership in Civil War veterans' organizations is also noted. This is the first in a series of articles that document the gravesites of Indiana Civil War veterans in Illinois.

* **William Martin Allen** was born about 1848 in Indiana.¹ He was a resident of Washington, Indiana, when he mustered in on 8 January 1864 as a private in Company D, 120th Indiana Infantry. Allen mustered out on 8 January 1866.² He applied for a veteran's pension (application #470,956) from Kansas on 31 January 1883.³ Allen was a member of J. B. Wyman Post #521 of the GAR in Pullman, Illinois.⁴ He died on 30 March 1909.⁵ His widow, Agnes, applied for a widow's pension (application #917,839) from Illinois on 15 April 1909.⁶

Benjamin R. (F.) Andrews was a resident of Clarke County, Indiana, when he mustered in on 27 July 1861 as a private in Company I, Twenty-third Indiana Infantry. He re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer and finally mustered out on 13 October 1865.⁷ Andrews applied for a veteran's pension (application #718,427) from Illinois on 24 July 1889.⁸ He was a member of Wilcox Post #668 of the GAR in Washington Heights (now Chicago), Illinois.⁹ Andrews died on 11 November 1899.¹⁰

Christian Bark was born on 15 September 1845 in Germany.¹¹ He was a resident of Manteno, Illinois, when he mustered in on 23 October 1863 as a private in Company K, Seventy-third Indiana Infantry. Bark transferred to Company F, Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry on 1 July 1865 and was finally mustered out on 2 December 1865.¹² He applied for a veteran's pension (application #1,097,277) from Illinois on 14 March 1892.¹³ Bark died on 13 October 1932 at Chicago, Illinois.¹⁴

George W. Beckwith was born on 12 December 1837 in New York.¹⁵ He mustered in on 9 September 1862 as a private in the Twenty-first Independent Battery, Indiana Light Artillery. Beckwith mustered out on 26 June 1865.¹⁶ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #220,662) on 7 June 1876.¹⁷ Beckwith died on 22 July 1914 at Chicago, Illinois.¹⁸ Ada Fanson (Next Frie[n]d, Guardian) applied for a minor's pension (application #1,031,897) from Illinois on 30 July 1914.¹⁹

* **Benjamin Brackney** was born about 1810 in Pennsylvania.²⁰ He mustered in on 20 July 1862 as a private in Company H, Seventy-sixth Indiana Infantry. Brackney mustered out on 20 August 1862.²¹ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #815,883) from Illinois on 19 September 1890.²² Brackney died on 15 March 1897 at Chicago, Illinois.²³

Washington Lafayette Colegrove was born on 4 December 1843 at Winchester, Indiana.²⁴ He served as a volunteer aide with the rank of captain on the staff of his father, General Silas C. Colegrove.²⁵ Colegrove died on 16 December 1919 at Chicago, Illinois.²⁶

Richard W. Comfort was a resident of LaPorte, Indiana, when he mustered in on 9 September 1861 as a musician in Company C of the Nineteenth Indiana Infantry. He was discharged on 16 July 1862.²⁷ Comfort applied for a veteran's pension (application #16,984) on 6 April 1863.²⁸ His widow, Olive, applied for a widow's pension (application #807,552) from Illinois on 9 May 1904.²⁹

* **Henry Henderson** was born on 22 July 1833 in Kentucky.³⁰ He was a resident of Boone County, Indiana, when he mustered in on 5 September 1861 using the alias Henry Etenburn as a private in Company A, Tenth Indiana Infantry. Henderson re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer and later transferred to Company A, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He mustered out on 25 July 1865.³¹ Henderson applied for a veteran's pension (application #1,396,987) from Illinois on 15 May 1911.³² He died on 20 December 1924 at Chicago, Illinois.³³ His widow, Margaret, applied for a widow's pension (application #1,227,628) from Illinois on 12 January 1925.³⁴

John B. Hughes was born about 1845 in Ohio.³⁵ He was a resident of Randolph County, Indiana, when he mustered in on 24 May 1864 as a private in Company F, 134th Indiana Infantry. Hughes mustered out on 2 September 1864. On 4 October 1864 he re-mustered in as a private in Company B, Seventh Indiana Cavalry. Hughes mustered out on 15 June 1865.³⁶ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #114,344) on 23 August 1866.³⁷ Between 1895 and 1899, he was admitted to the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Marion, Indiana; and Danville, Illinois. He died at the latter on 4 March 1899.³⁸

William T. Jones was born about 1837.³⁹ He was a resident of Franklin County, Indiana, when he mustered in on 19 June 1861 as first sergeant of Company C, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry. Jones was

promoted to second lieutenant on 13 June 1863 and mustered out on 13 July 1864.⁴⁰ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #608,012) from Indiana on 29 April 1887.⁴¹ Jones died on 8 May 1925 at Chicago, Illinois.⁴² His widow, Martha, applied for a widow's pension (application #1,232,986) from Illinois on 16 May 1925.⁴³

William B. Kerns was a resident of Logansport, Indiana, when he mustered in on 5 November 1861 as a private in Company B, Forty-sixth Indiana Infantry. He mustered out on 1 December 1864.⁴⁴ Kerns applied for a veteran's pension (application #746,568) from Indiana on 30 December 1889.⁴⁵ His widow, Almira, applied for a widow's pension (application #854,680) from Illinois on 4 September 1906.⁴⁶

* **Christopher Lander** was born on 25 January 1850 in Canada.⁴⁷ He was a resident of Lake County, Indiana, when he mustered in on 22 March 1865 as a private in Company G, 155th Indiana Infantry. Lander mustered out on 4 August 1865.⁴⁸ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #1,090,981) from Illinois on 11 February 1892.⁴⁹ Lander died on 28 July 1913 at Chicago, Illinois.⁵⁰

James L. Lander was born on 6 October 1842 at Norfolk, Canada.⁵¹ He was a resident of Ross Station, Indiana, when he enlisted on 7 March 1864 as a corporal in Company H, 128th Indiana Infantry. Lander was reduced to private and mustered out on 10 April 1866.⁵² He applied for a veteran's pension (application #403,311) on 29 June 1880.⁵³ Lander was a member of Abraham Lincoln Post #91 of the GAR in Chicago, Illinois.⁵⁴ He died on 4 November 1914.⁵⁵

John H. Lucas was born about 1835.⁵⁶ He was a resident of Wabash County when he mustered in on 23 April 1861 as a private in Company K, Eighth Indiana Infantry (three months). He mustered out on 6 August 1861. Lucas re-mustered in on 27 May 1864 as first lieutenant, Company F, 138th Indiana Infantry. He mustered out on 22 September 1864.⁵⁷ Lucas applied for a veteran's pension (application #468,784) from Illinois on 6 January 1883.⁵⁸ He died on 7 May 1908 at Chicago, Illinois.⁵⁹ His widow, Kitty Lucas Scott, applied for a widow's pension (application #896,022) on 25 May 1908.⁶⁰

Sebastian Howard McNabb was born on 5 April 1846 in Pennsylvania.⁶¹ He was a resident of DeKalb County, Indiana, when he mustered in on 5 September 1863 as a corporal in Company F, 118th Indiana Infantry. McNabb was mustered out on 1 March 1864.⁶² He applied for a veteran's pension (application #1,157,203) from Illinois on 7 April 1894.⁶³ McNabb died on 20 October 1911.⁶⁴ His widow, Elizabeth, applied for a widow's pension (application #974,685) from Illinois on 8 November 1911.⁶⁵

John William Munday (Monday) was born on 18 August 1844 at LaPorte, Indiana.⁶⁶ He was a resident of LaPorte when he mustered in on 16 August 1862 as first sergeant of Company B, Seventy-third Indiana Infantry. Munday was promoted to second lieutenant on 6 February 1863 and first lieutenant on 1 May 1864, although he was never mustered in at the latter rank. He resigned his commission on

26 May 1865.⁶⁷ Munday applied for a veteran's pension (application #1,358,927) from Illinois on 28 February 1907.⁶⁸ He was a member of the Illinois Commandery of MOLLUS (Insignia #07832).⁶⁹ Munday died on 23 December 1924 at Chicago, Illinois.⁷⁰

* **Samuel S. Payne** was a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, when he mustered in on 11 November 1864 as a private in Company H, Ninety-first Indiana Infantry. He mustered out on 31 August 1865.⁷¹

* **James A. Price** was mustered in 15 October 1863 as regimental adjutant, Seventh Indiana Cavalry. He was dismissed from the service on 14 July 1864.⁷²

Benjamin Peter Randel (Randal, Randall) was born on 11 September 1842 in Greensburg, Indiana.⁷³ He was a resident of Decatur County, Illinois, when he mustered in on 13 September 1861 as a private in Company E, Seventh Indiana Infantry. Randel received a medical discharge due to disability on 31 July 1862. He re-mustered in on 24 December 1863 as a private in Company D, 123rd Indiana Infantry. Randel was mustered out on 25 August 1865.⁷⁴ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #1,064,864) on 19 October 1891.⁷⁵ Randel was a member of George H. Thomas Post #5 of the GAR in Chicago, Illinois.⁷⁶ He died on 5 February 1925.⁷⁷

William Reinhard (Rinehard, Rinehart) was born about 1840.⁷⁸ He was mustered in on 16 February 1864 as a private in Company E, Second Indiana Cavalry. Reinhard was transferred to Company A, Second Indiana Cavalry (Reorganized) and mustered out on 2 July 1865 as a corporal.⁷⁹ He applied for a pension (application #1,256,778) from Illinois on 29 October 1900.⁸⁰ Reinhard was a member of J. B. Wyman Post #521 of the GAR in Pullman, Illinois.⁸¹ He died on 21 January 1918 at Chicago, Illinois.⁸² His widow, Carrie, applied for a widow's pension (application #1,114,434) from Illinois on 1 February 1918.⁸³

Charles Schmuck (Schmock) was born about 1848 in Germany.⁸⁴ He was a resident of Wawaka, Indiana, when he mustered in as a substitute on 19 August 1864 as a private in Company A, Second Indiana Cavalry. Schmuck mustered out on 8 June 1865.⁸⁵ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #1,171,524) on 4 February 1895.⁸⁶ Schmuck was a member of Lyons Post #9 of the GAR in Chicago, Illinois.⁸⁷ Between 1913 and 1930, he was admitted to the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Danville, Illinois; Marion, Indiana; Johnson City, Tennessee; Leavenworth, Kansas; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He died on 4 November 1930 at the latter.⁸⁸

Marion G. Self was born about 1846.⁸⁹ He was a resident of Boone County, Indiana, when he mustered in on 22 March 1865 as a private in Company H, Eleventh Indiana Infantry. Self mustered out on 26 July 1865.⁹⁰ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #938,058) from Illinois on 13 October 1890.⁹¹ Self died on 6 January 1900 at Chicago, Illinois.⁹² His widow, Almeda, applied for a widow's pension (application #711,646) from Illinois on 15 January 1900.⁹³

Charles H. Thatcher was born on 20 September 1842 at Richmond, Indiana.⁹⁴ He mustered in 4 August 1862 as a private in Company A, Sixty-ninth Indiana Infantry. Thatcher was discharged on 19 June 1863.⁹⁵ He was a member of U. S. Grant Post #28 of the GAR in Chicago, Illinois.⁹⁶ Thatcher applied for a veteran's pension (application #566,685) on 19 March 1886.⁹⁷ He died on 2 August 1923 at Chicago, Illinois.⁹⁸

John Vesper was born on 18 August 1844 in Stockholm, Sweden.⁹⁹ He was a resident of LaPorte, Indiana, when he mustered in on 5 September 1861 as a private in Company B, Ninth Indiana Infantry. Vesper mustered out on 27 August 1864. He re-mustered in on 10 February 1865 as a sergeant in Company A, 151st Indiana Infantry. Vesper then mustered out on 19 September 1865.¹⁰⁰ He applied for a veteran's pension (application #555,881) on 5 December 1885.¹⁰¹ Vesper was a member of General Lewis Blenker (later William McKinley) Post #376 of the GAR in Chicago, Illinois.¹⁰² He died on 11 June 1934.¹⁰³

* **John Yocum** was a resident of Newville, Indiana, when he mustered in on 29 August 1862 as a private in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He mustered out on 7 June 1865.¹⁰⁴ Yocum applied for a veteran's pension (application #699,895) from Illinois on 16 April 1889.¹⁰⁵

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INDIANA'S PRE-1940 DIVORCE LAWS

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There is a belief that divorce only became rampant in the twentieth century, but divorce was not uncommon during the nineteenth century. Indiana in particular attracted a lot of attention for its divorce laws: Horace Greeley famously wrote an editorial in the *New York Tribune* in 1860 in which he singled out Indiana as “a state of law which enables men or women to get unmarried nearly at pleasure,” in part because of its lax enforcement of residency requirements.¹ When railroads began to connect Indiana with the rest of the country in the 1840s, the state developed a reputation as a “divorce mill,” with people coming from outside the state to file for divorce. Indianapolis was an especially popular destination; in 1858 two-thirds of Marion County divorce cases were filed by out-of-state petitioners.²

Indiana lawmakers responded by tightening the divorce laws and filing requirements. A law passed in March 1859 added a county residency requirement and took away some of the court’s latitude when it came to grounds for granting divorce. Those supporting the law wanted it to take effect immediately because “advantage is [being] daily taken of the existing law by non-resident parties, who are not entitled to a divorce.”³ A Marion County court reporter, speaking more than forty years later, noted that before the changes, the latitude allowed in divorce cases had “practically made divorce obtainable whenever the parties agreed to separate, and opened the courts of Indiana to all the dissatisfied couples in the United States.”⁴

Lawmakers also tried to limit the bad publicity. In April 1881 part of the criminal code included a fine of up to \$100 for distributing any information (newspapers, pamphlets, etc.) that called attention to the ability to obtain divorces in the state.⁵ This law was revived in 1905.⁶

Even with the stricter requirements, the perception lingered that Indiana courts allowed too many divorces. In February 1903 Indiana lawmakers tried to reduce the number of divorces by reviving the concept of the limited divorce (also referred to as a “separation from bed and board” or “divorce a mensa et thoro”).⁷ A holdover from territorial days, the limited divorce meant that spouses lived apart and had court-ordered financial support, but were not allowed to remarry. It did not preclude a person from later filing for an absolute divorce.

The 1903 law allowed limited divorces to be granted on these grounds:

- Adultery (only by the defendant)
- Desertion
- Neglect or husband’s failure to provide for a period of six months
- Habitual cruelty, to the point that living together is intolerable
- Habitual drunkenness
- Excessive use of morphine, cocaine, or any other drug
- Neglect of conjugal duty for a period of six months

The law specified that a person granted a limited divorce who subsequently committed adultery would forfeit all the benefits and rights he or she had been awarded. If a person were to “cohabituate” after a limited divorce, he or she would be fined up to \$50 and sent to county jail for up to six months.

Lawmakers also tried to limit the number of divorces by slowing down the process of going to trial. In 1913 an 1873 law was amended to state that in order for the trial to begin during that court term, the defendant had to be served with the summons at least ten days before the first day of the court term, or an official notice published in the newspaper at last thirty days before the first day of the court term. However, even if these requirements were met, the trial was not to begin until at least sixty days had passed since the suit was filed.⁸

Statistics showed that Indiana's divorce rate in 1900 was higher than in surrounding states (see Figure 1).⁹ In 1904 lawyer William P. Breen, president of the Indiana Bar Association, gave an address entitled “Jetsam and Flotsam: The Evils of Divorce Litigation.”¹⁰ He said, “Death, war, disease and divorce are the arch enemies of the family” and linked divorce with criminal behavior in children, asserting, “...in the majority of the instances of divorces, children of divorced parents digress from the paths of honor, rectitude and morality because of the absence of the directing hand of a father or the gentle influence of a mother.” Breen tried to portray couples who did not get divorced as being noble in their sacrifice: “There is something admirable, something exquisitely dignified, something splendidly heroic” about a married couple who “having found themselves mismated [...] refuse the panacea of divorce.” He also thought the state should move towards abolishing divorce entirely: “There may be cases in which it may seem that a husband or wife bears a heavy burden, for the relief of which a divorce seems the only proper remedy,” but by abolishing divorce, “family difficulties will be met with the old-time spirit of forbearance and thoughtful judgment.”

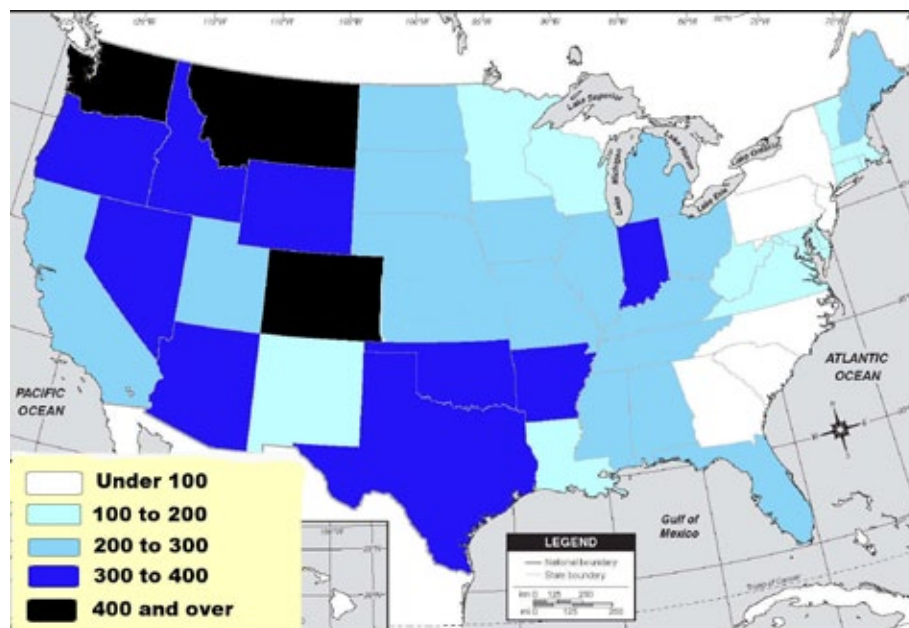


Figure 1. Number of divorces per 100,000 people, 1900. (Data from U.S. Census Bureau, Marriage and Divorce 1916, Washington, DC: GPO, 1919).

Breen also quoted statistics: the total number of divorces granted in the United States in 1867 was 9,937; in 1886 it had ballooned to 23,535. From 1867 to 1886, there had been 328,716 total divorces granted in the country, of which Indiana's share was 25,193. It was noted that while the population had grown about 60 percent, the divorce rate had actually increased by 157 percent.

Governor Frank Hanly, in his annual address to the Indiana General Assembly in 1905, admitted that the statistics showing the increase in divorces were "a source of alarm."¹¹ But he asserted that "divorce is a symptom of the disease [...] not the disease itself." He wondered "whether society is served by compelling persons to live in wedlock and to rear families under the conditions which are usually brought to light in an action for divorce [...]. The repeal of all our divorce laws would cure the evil from a statistical standpoint, but in few cases would it alleviate the deplorable conditions of which these statistics are indicative." Instead, he urged the legislature to consider a law prohibiting people from remarrying for a "reasonable" period after a divorce and moving towards separations instead of divorces.

William S. Garber, who as a Marion County court reporter had been a witness to a number of divorce cases, had a more forgiving view in a 1908 speech to the Marion County Bar Association. He noted that the increase in divorces in Indiana was taking place "in spite of vigorous legislative and judicial efforts to prevent the granting of decrees on insufficient grounds and insufficient proof" and concluded, "The trouble is not in the law, nor in its administration."¹²

The Involvement of the Legislature

From the state's first divorce laws, divorce cases were to be decided in courts; however, the Indiana General Assembly also had the power to pass laws granting a divorce in a particular case or waiving a residency requirement for a petitioner. Indiana was hardly alone in this legislative power - the Illinois legislature had granted twenty-four divorces in 1830-31, and Missouri's legislature had granted fifty-five divorces in 1848-49.¹³

The Indiana legislature maintained this power until 1851, when the state's second constitution explicitly forbid the General Assembly from passing any laws granting divorces.¹⁴ For a summary of all the divorces the legislature granted, see Malinda E. E. Newhard's 1981 publication, *Divorces Granted By The Indiana General Assembly Prior To 1852* (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Excerpt from page 19 of Newhard's *Divorces Granted by the Indiana General Assembly Prior to 1852*, showing typical information found in abstracted entries.

- * Sparks, Lucinda - Wesley Sparks
Lucinda Sparks may file a petition for divorce in Floyd Circuit Court against her husband, Wesley Sparks. And, if after 60 days notice, by service or publication in a newspaper published in New Albany, Wesley fails to reply, it shall result in a default in the suit of chancery. Then a decree shall be rendered accordingly. Effective after passage. Approved Jan. 19, 1846. (L-1846, p. 309)
- Spencer, Jane - Moses Spencer
Jane Spencer, of Sullivan County, is divorced from the bands of matrimony from her husband, Moses Spencer. This act in force after passage. Approved Jan. 22, 1824. (S-1824, p. 13)
- * Stiver, David - Mary Stiver
It shall be lawful for the Circuit Court of Franklin County to take cognizance of a petition for divorce by David Stiver from his wife, Mary. Said court may grant a divorce upon sufficient grounds. In force after passage. Approved Feb. 8, 1841. (L-1841, p. 167)

The Involvement of County Prosecutors

In most respects, divorce cases were handled like other civil cases, with the plaintiff and defendant each having lawyers to represent them in court. However, there were times in Indiana's history when the county prosecutor was involved. The 1831 law said that one of the duties of the county prosecuting attorney was to attend every divorce case and to oppose the granting of all divorces.¹⁵ This duty was reiterated in an 1838 law.¹⁶ The duty was later dropped, but in 1873, the policy was revived to an extent: the prosecutor was to appear and "resist" if the divorce petition was not being defended (i.e., the defendant or his or her attorney was not in court to contest it).¹⁷ In 1901 this undefended proviso was reinstated, but only for cases filed in Marion County courts¹⁸; in 1903, the undefended clause was expanded to any court in the state where the defendant had no lawyer.¹⁹

Grounds for Divorce

In 1807 Indiana's territorial legislature decreed that a divorce could be granted for impotency or adultery, and in cases of extreme cruelty, a separation (aka a "limited divorce") could be granted.²⁰ In 1813 abandonment was added as grounds for divorce for husbands who had been abandoned for three years, or for wives who had been abandoned for two years.²¹ The 1813 law also allowed an absolute divorce (instead of a separation) to be granted in cases where the wife had been the victim of cruel and inhuman treatment by the husband.

Shortly after Indiana officially became a state in 1816, the Indiana General Assembly established what were acceptable grounds for a divorce, which were similar to the laws that had been in place during the territorial period.²² These grounds remained largely unchanged throughout the 1800s:

- Impotency
- Adultery
- Abandonment
- Being convicted of a felony in any court in the United States (beginning in 1836, this was amended to include any crime where the punishment was being sent to state prison²³)
- Cruel treatment by the husband, specifically, "extremely barbarous and inhuman"²⁴ (beginning in 1852, this was amended to also include cruel treatment by the wife²⁵)
- When the husband is a habitual drunkard or fails to provide for his family²⁶ (added in 1836)
- Other circumstances at the court's discretion

The clause concerning the court's discretion gave judges some latitude. In 1824 it was whenever it was deemed "just and reasonable"²⁷; in 1831 and 1838, it was whenever it was "reasonable and proper."²⁸

The adultery clause was tightened in 1852. If the plaintiff had failed to file for divorce within two years of discovering his or her spouse's adultery, or if he or she had "voluntarily" lived with the spouse after becoming aware of the adultery, no divorce was to be granted.²⁹

The abandonment clause also underwent some changes over the years. In 1824 the length of the abandonment had to be at least two years before filing. A law passed in 1849 reduced the requirement to

one year, but allowed the judge to waive this if he decided “such circumstances exist as to render a reconciliation of the parties hopeless.”³⁰ An 1852 law continued the one-year requirement but changed the wording of the waiver to “if the court shall be satisfied that reconciliation is improbable.”³¹ An 1859 law removed the waiver; there were no exceptions to the one-year requirement.³² An 1873 law changed the requirement back to two years.³³

Residency Requirements

Indiana law vacillated on the issue of the residency requirements needed in order to file for divorce. Beginning in 1830, a person had to be a resident of Indiana for at least one year before filing.³⁴ In 1838 the residency requirement was increased to two years.³⁵ In 1849, the same year in which the abandonment clause was eased, the residency requirement was also eased, reverting back to one year.³⁶

In March 1859 Indiana tightened its requirements.³⁷ The 1852 law had required the plaintiff to be a resident of the county in which he or she was filing, and only to file an affidavit testifying as to his or her residence. The new law said plaintiffs had to be a resident of Indiana for one year prior to filing and had to prove residency in the county where they were filing “to the satisfaction of the court.”

In March 1873 Indiana further tightened its requirements. Now plaintiffs had to be a resident of the state for at least two years before filing, as well as a resident of the county where they were filing for at least six months prior.³⁸ Residency was to be proven by filing affidavits from at least two residents of the state. Plaintiffs also had to file an affidavit stating the length of their residency in the state as well as naming the particular town, city, or township of their residency and their occupation. And if a divorce was granted against a defendant who had only been notified by a public notice in the newspaper, the plaintiff was not allowed to marry again for a period of two years, giving the defendant those two years in which to oppose the divorce, as well as any support or custody arrangements that had been made.³⁹

In March 1933 the two-year residency requirement that had been unchanged since 1873 was relaxed to one year, with the six-month residency in the county where filing remaining the same as before.⁴⁰

Notifying the Defendant

As in other civil cases, after the plaintiff had filed his or her petition, the defendant was to be personally served with a summons to appear in court. If the defendant was not a resident, the court was to instead publish an official notice in a newspaper. Indiana's law specified how far in advance the defendant had to either be personally served or the official notice published before the case could be heard. Today, Indiana courts are in session year-round; however, in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, courts were only in session for a few weeks three or four different times a year, with each session known as a “term.” If the summons or newspaper notice did not meet the deadline as prescribed by law, the case was pushed back to the next term of court, so it was not unlikely that a divorce case could span a couple of years. Here's a look at the changing deadlines for notification:

- 1807: Defendant must be served at least fourteen days before the first day of term, or publication in a newspaper “nearest to the usual residence of the parties” for eight weeks in a row.⁴¹

- 1824: Defendant must be served at least fourteen days before the first day of term, or publication “in some newspaper of this state” for four weeks in a row.⁴²
- 1831: The newspaper notice must be made at least sixty days before the start of the next term of court.⁴³
- 1859: The defendant must be served at least ten days before the first day of term, or newspaper notice at least thirty days before the first day of term.⁴⁴
- 1873: In addition to 1859 rules, the newspaper notice must be made for three weeks in a newspaper in the county where the case has been filed (if the county has no newspaper, then a newspaper in the nearest county was to be used).⁴⁵
- 1879: In addition to 1873 rules, the plaintiff must supply the court with the last known residence of the defendant, so that the court can mail him or her a copy of the newspaper notice.

The Curious Case of Marion County

With its history as a “divorce mill,” Marion County/Indianapolis was often singled out by lawmakers, though they were careful not to name it explicitly. A law passed in March 1901 specified what was to happen when a divorce suit was filed in a county whose population was at least 100,000 as of the last federal census.⁴⁶ The 1900 census listed Marion County’s population as 197,227; the next most populous Indiana counties were Allen County, with 77,270, and Vanderburgh County, with 71,769.⁴⁷ Thus this 1901 law was directed solely at Marion County cases. It said that if the defendant did not appear with any legal counsel, the county’s prosecuting attorney was to “resist and defend such petition on behalf of and in the name of the State of Indiana.” The plaintiff was also to pay a \$5 fee in these cases, which was to be the attorney’s fee for the defendant. Failure to pay the fee within twenty days would result in dismissal of the case.

It should be noted that in modern times, Marion County’s divorce rate has been surpassed by other counties. According to information from the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2008, Wayne County (county seat Richmond), Floyd County (county seat New Albany), and Madison County (county seat Anderson) all had higher divorce rates than Marion County.⁴⁸

Custody Issues

Indiana laws generally did not address the specific issues of custody, except to say that such decisions would be part of the divorce decree. However, in February 1903, the legislature passed a law “empowering” the judges in divorce cases. If the couple in a divorce case had children under the age of sixteen, and the judge decided that these parents were not financially able or were unfit in any way to have the care and custody of these children, the children were to be sent to the county orphans’ home.⁴⁹

Name Changes for Women

In March 1909 the Indiana legislature passed a law allowing for a woman to have her maiden name (or a previous married name) restored to her as part of the divorce decree.⁵⁰ But because many courts in the state had already been granting name changes in divorce proceedings, all those name changes that had occurred before 1909 were made legal.

The Court of Common Pleas

From 1853 to 1873, to help with the growing caseload, each county in Indiana established a court of common pleas in addition to a circuit court. Civil cases or non-felony criminal cases could be heard in either court. Thus, a researcher looking for a divorce case from this time period would need to check circuit court records as well as common pleas court records. However, in December 1865, the Indiana legislature passed a law stating that circuit courts were to have exclusive jurisdiction concerning all cases about “breaches of the marriage contract.”⁵¹ This exception was rendered moot in 1873, when all courts of common pleas were abolished.

Where to Find Divorce Records

Depending on the time period, divorce cases could have been under the jurisdiction of the county’s circuit court, court of common pleas, probate court, or superior court. The county clerk is responsible for maintaining the records of all of these courts. Divorce records typically include information on when and where the couple was married, the names and ages of their children, why the divorce was being sought, and how their property was to be divided.

References to divorce cases may be found in:

- Order books from the various courts in the county. These can lead the researcher to request the “loose papers” from the case, if they still exist.
- Newspapers—public notices as well as separate items written by editors of the more “noteworthy” cases
- Marriage applications (which started in 1905)—the applicant had to answer questions about any previous marriages and how those marriages were dissolved (by death or divorce) and in what year the death or divorce had occurred.

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PETITION TO SELL SCHOOL SECTION, HARRISON TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY (1854)

Submitted by Janet Onken

The following petition was transcribed from the Commissioner Record Book C, pages 392 and 393.

[page 392]

"In Vacation May 11th 1854

The Trustees of Harrison Township present this Following petition

To the Honorable board of Trustees in and for Harrison Township Pulaski County and State of Indiana. We the Undersigned petitioners and voters in said Township Pray your honorable body for the sale of school Section No 16 Town 30 R 1 West for which we your Petitioners would ever pray this 21st Feby 1854

Petitioners Names		Petitioners Names	
W. H. Dunn	Sale	Wm. Hunter	Sale
Henry Bruce	Sale	Curtis C. Capps	"
[unreadable]	"	Isaac Graves	"
John Bruce	"	Charles Dunlap	"
G. W. Hettinger	"	Wm. Biggins	"
Moses Engle	"	Wesley Biggins	"
John Engle	"	John Fronn	"
Valentine Kolb	"	[unreadable]	"
John Gibbs	"	Jonathon Ridgley	"

In vacation May 11th 1854

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The Trustees of Harrison Township present the following Petition as follows
To the Honorable Board of Trustees in and for Harrison Township Pleasanti county and State of Indiana We the undersigned petitioners and voters in said Township pray your honorable body for the sale of school section N^o 16 Town 30 R 1 West for which we your petitioners would ever pray this 21st Feb 1854

Petitioners Names		Petitioners Names	
Wm D. Deunard	sale	Wm Hunter	sale
Osway Bruce	sale	Curtis Coeppis	"
John Bruce	"	Isaac Graves	"
E W Overlinger	"	Charles Dunlap	"
Moses Engle	"	Wm Biggins	"
John Engle	"	Wesley Biggins	"
Calvinus Kolb	"	John Fraun	"
John Gibbs	"	Jonathan Ridgley	"
Wm Dunkelberger	"	Benjamin F Horner	"
Leonora Cup	"	Darius Oscar	"
Adam Neelter	"	M D Venard	"
Jacob Helver	"	James Mayneth	"
Wm Sharpeter	"	Leopold Tracy	"
A Estabrook	"	E. S. Ward	"
J J Estabrook	"	Jon Washington	"
Joseph Way	"	Michael Roads	"
Benj Oles	"	David Griffin	"
Thos S Hacker	"	J D Smith	"
John Dick	"	Jonas Dibert	"
John Lier	"	E W Dibert	"
Erastus Dowd	"	Wm Benefield	"
Gorge Corner	"	Isaac Benefield	"
Wm Sefler	"	Wm H. Benefield	"
Levi Benefield	"	Moses H Dunlap	"
E A Dowd	"	James T Benefield	"
Wm H Smith	"	Ephraim Dukes	"
John R Wiley	"	John H Benefield	"
Isaac H Barker	"	James R Dukes	"
A D Knodgrass	"	James Loby	"
Caleb Barker	"	Thos B. Wara	"

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Samuel Ward senior sale	Johnna Gossage sale
John P. Miller "	A W South "
Asahel C Ward "	E R Moon "
Stewart Benfield "	A B Murphy "
John Sutton "	Newton Scott "
Mo W. Desara "	J. A. McBurney "
Stephen Sutton "	Imette E. Sabie "
George Clapp "	William Davis "
Ellen P. Miller "	John Osburn "
Deuel Klinger "	Arabella Allen "
Nicholas Cross "	Samuel Ward Jr "
Jack Myers "	Jonathan Osburn "
Samuel Moenster "	

We the undersigned hereby certify that the within petition contains a Majority of the voters of Osburn Township, Pulaski county Ind in favor of said Sale

Attest
 Wm. A. Duin clerk

John P. Miller
 Nelly Barclay

Wm. Dunkelbarger	"	Benjamin F. Korner	"
Coonrod Cup	"	Daniel Vicars	"
Adam Heeter	"	M. H. Venard	"
Jacob Kelter	"	James Hayworth	"
Wm. Harpster	"	Zachariah Tracy	"
A. Estabrook	"	G. S. Ward	"
L. T. Estabrook	"	Jon. Washington	"
Joseph Way	"	Michael Roads	"
Benj. Olees	"	David Griffin	"
Thos S. Hacket	"	J. H. Smith	"
John Dick	"	Jonas Dibert	"
John Leer	"	G. W. Dibert	"
Erastus Dowd	"	Wm. Benefield	"
Garge Corner	"	Isac Benefield	"
John Lefler	"	Wm. H. Benefield	"
Levi Benefield	"	Moses N. Dunlap	"
C. A. Dowd	"	James T. Benefield	"
Wm. H. Smith	"	Ephraim Dukes	"
John R. Wiley	"	John H. Benefield	"

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Isaac H. Barker	"	James R. Dukes	"
A. H. Snodgrass	"	James Toby	"
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Samuel Ward Senr.	Sale	Joshua Gossage	Sale
John P. Miller	"	A. W. Gantz	"
Ashford C. Ward	"	E. R. Moore	"
Stewart Benefield	"	N. H. Murphy	"
John Sutton	"	Martin Scott	"
M. W. Venard	"	J. A. McKinney	"
Stephen Sutton	"	Smith E. Davis	"
George Clapp	"	Tillman Davis	"
Allen T. Miller	"	John Helm	"
Jesse Klinger	"	Archabald Allen	"
Michael Crow	"	Samuel Ward Jr.	"
Jacob Myres	"	Jonathan Helm	"
Samuel Menser			

We the undersigned hereby certify that the within petition contains a Majority of the voters of Harrison Township Pulaski County met in favor of said sale

John P. Miller, Wesley Borders; Trustees
Attest Wm. H. Dunn, clerk"

Janet Onken is the Pulaski County genealogist.

MEMBERS OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, CLAUDE D. FISH CAMP 91, MARSHALL COUNTY

Submitted by Judy McCollough

The Claude D. Fish Camp 91 of the United Spanish War Veterans, a fraternal society for veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Chinese Relief Expedition, was organized in Marshall County in March 1935. Members of camps in South Bend, Knox, and other nearby cities were present to assist, and a list was sent for the charter to Department Commander Oman C. Bates of Terre Haute. Comrad Charles Lohse, adjutant of John Van Horn Camp 44, of Knox, assisted in the preliminary work of establishing the camp.¹

The Marshall County Historical Museum's research library holds two original record books for the Claude D. Fish Camp. One is a record book containing the minutes of meetings dating from 12 November 1946 to 8 December 1953. Loose pages stuck in the front of the minute book also contain names and addresses of the members. The November meeting was held at the American Legion Hall on LaPorte Street in Plymouth and featured the installation of officers led by "Dept. Commander Edgar Rook of South Bend." It was well attended, but membership evidently declined, as only four members attended the December 1953 meeting. Inside the front cover of the minute book is a notation that the book was donated by Fred H. Gardner on 10 December 1946. The book was in the possession of Clarence Miller at the time of his death and was donated to the museum by his estate. Miller was the last surviving member of the Marshall County Camp. He was born on 22 October 1880 in Marshall County to Samuel and Lydia Miller. He was a past commander of the Camp and also served as a state officer. Miller is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth.²

The second record book held by the museum is an official record book of membership in the society and appears to have been given to the Marshall County Camp by Charles Lohse of Knox. Glued inside the front cover of this book is an "Inventory of Property" of the camp dated 14 December 1937; the total value was \$53.15.

This record book contains complete information for each member of Camp 91. Columns include name; address; occupation; the date the member entered service of the U.S.; rank; company and regiment or ship; date, place, and reason for discharge; date mustered into camp; birth place and date; nearest relative and address; and remarks. This information is transcribed in the above order for each member beginning with the page number where the information is recorded in the book. Editorial notes are in brackets.

Both record books are available to researchers at the library in the Marshall County Historic Crossroads Center, 123 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. More information about the library and the center can be found on the society's web site at <http://www.mchistoricalsociety.org/>.

Notes

1. "Spanish War Vets Organize Post in Plymouth," *Plymouth Daily Pilot*, 22 March 1935, p. 1.
2. Obituary for Clarence Miller, *Plymouth Pilot-News*, 6 December 1963.

Members of the United Spanish War Veterans, Claude D. Fish Camp 91

[p. 1] **Edward J. Giller**

Plymouth, Ind.; Evangelist; Apr. 27, 1898, Sergt. Col M 157 Ind. Inf.;

Disch. Nov. 17, Indianapolis, Peace

Into Camp Mch. 21, 1935

Born Plymouth, Ind. Aug. 28, 1875

Carrie C. Giller, Plymouth, Ind.

Honorable Discharge, March, 1938

[p. 1] **I. A. Nifong** (C 2,366,874)

Plymouth, Ind.; [occupation blank]; June 21, 1898, Private, Co. B, 158th Regt.

Disch. Nov. 4, 1898, Indianapolis, Mustered out

Into Camp [no date given]

Born Marshall Co. Ind. Oct. 27, 1877

Laura Nifong, 122 E. LaPorte St.

Died Aug. 14th 1944, 11:30 p.m.

[p. 1] **Urban S. Drake** (C 2,452,849)

Plymouth, Ind.; [occupation blank]; April 27, 1898, Private Co. M 157th

Disch. Nov. 5, 1898, Indianapolis, Mustered out

Into Camp Mar. 21

Born Plymouth, Ind., Oct. 8, 1875

U. S. Drake, 1100 Elliott Ave., Plymouth

Dropped for non payment of dues, reinstated Nov. 14, 1946

[p. 1] **James M. Ohler**

Argos, Ind; Barber; June 27, 1898, Private, 157th Ind. Vol. Inf.

Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, End of War

Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935

Born Savanah, Ill., July 1, 1874

Mary L. Ohler, wife, Argos, Ind.

Died May 24th 1946

[p. 1] **Charles N. Enyeart** (C 2,347,653)

Inwood, Ind.; Blacksmith; April 26, Private, Co. D 157th Ind. Vol. Inf.

Disch Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, End of War

Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935

Born Whitley Co., Ind. June 9, 1875

Nancy Enyeart, Inwood, Ind.

Died March 2nd, 1946

[p. 1] **James Cook** (C 2,318,146)

Plymouth, Ind.; Farmer; May 22, Corporal, Co. A 1st U.S. Vol. Inf.

Discharged [date blank] Galveston, Texa[s], Mustered out

Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935

Born Streeter [sic], Ill., Aug. 15, 1871

Mary Lucille Cook, Plymouth, Ind.

Died June 12, 1935

[p. 1] **Holford M. Meeker**

Plymouth, Ind.; Laborer; Apr. 26, Private, Co. G 158 Ind.
Discharged Nov. 4, 1898, Indianapolis, Mustered out
Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935
Born Stone Bluff, Ind., May 24, 1877
Laura Lois Meeker, 401 E. A., Plymouth,
Dropped for non payment of dues

[p. 1] **Chas. LaBrash** (C 2,441,513)

Argos, Ind.; Steno.; June 27, Private, Co. M 157 Ind.
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, End of War
Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935
Born Three Rivers, Mich., Nov. 3, 1873
Rose LaBrash, 210 W. G. St.
Died Aug. 25th 1946

[p. 1] **Hine, John H.**

913 Thayer St.; Nurse Attendent [*sic*]; May, 1898, Private Co. C 2nd US Inf.
Disch. Anniston, Ala. General order, End of Service
Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935
Born Hastings, Mich. Aug. 8, 1876
Maude S. Hine, 913 Thayer St.
Trans. to Capt. Wm. Hughes Camp #60, Cabool, Mo. (address Willow Springs, Mo. R. R. 3)

[p. 1] **Bert Creviston**

Argos, Ind.; Labor; April, 99, Corp., Co. D., 5th U.S.
Disch. 1902, California, Expiration
Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935
Born Fort Wayne, Ind., April 8 [no year given]
[no nearest relative]
Moved to Warsaw—Dead

[p. 2] **William Schroeder** (C 2,516,045)

Walkerton, Ind.; Retired; Apr. 26, 1898, Private, Co. M 157 Inf.
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Mustered Out.
Into Camp Jan. 11, 1938
Born Plymouth, Ind. Feb. 19, 1869
John Schroeder, Walkerton, Ind.
Trans. from Van Horn Camp, Dec. 1938

[p. 2] **Harry S. Brumley** (C 2,540,607)
 Plymouth, Ind.; Carpenter; Sept. 16, 1898, 44 USV Inf.
 Disch. April 10, 1901, Washington, D.C.
 Into Camp April, 1935
 Born LaPorte, Ind. Jan. 20, 1880
 Son at 221 S. 6th St., Plymouth, Ind.
 [no remarks]

[p. 2] **George R. Bolinger** (C 2,435,702)
 Plymouth, Ind.; [occupation blank]; Apr. 26, 1898, Officer?, Co. M. 157 Inf.
 Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind. Term of Serv.
 Into Camp May 10, 1898?
 Born Plymouth, Ind. Oct. 2nd 1877
 Elizabeth Bolinger, Plymouth
 Died April 23, 1949

[p. 2] **William H. Schearer** (C 2,513,989)
 R. R. 3, Plymouth, Ind.; Farmer; Apr. 26, 1898, Private, Co. M 157 Inf.
 Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., Term of Service
 Sept. 7, 1899, Sergt. Co. D. 45th US Vol.
 Disch. June 3, 1901, Presidio, Cal., Mustered out
 Into Camp Mar. 21, 1935
 Born Fort Wayne, Ind. March, 1873
 Julia Schearer, R. R. 3, Plymouth, Ind.
 Trans. to John VanHorn Camp—Died Sept. 6, 1943

[p. 2] **Himes, Marion A.** (C 2,399,470)
 112 Williams St., Argos, Ind.; Sept. 13, 1898, Private, Co. D. 41st USV
 Disch. July 6, 1901, San Francisco?, General order
 Into Camp Sept. 13, 1898
 Born Lenaway [Lenawee?] Co. Mich. Aug. 5, 1977 [sic]
 Ada M. Himes, 112 Williams St., Argos, Ind.
 Dropped for non-payment of dues

[p. 2] **George K. Hoham** (C 2,432,735)
 17205 Lakewood Hts. Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio; Traveling Freight Agent;
 April 26, 1898, Private, Co. M 157 Reg. Ind. Vol. Inf.
 Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124
 Into Camp [no date given]

Born Plymouth, Ind. Mar. 29, 1879
Barbara Hoham (wife) 17205 Lakewood Hts. Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio
Died Jan. 26, 1943

[pp. 2 & 3] **William Powell** (2,347,968?)
Plymouth, Ind.; Laborer; April 26, 1898, Private, Co. M 157th Regt. Vol. Inf.
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G.O. 124
Into Camp June 8, 1938
Born Plymouth, Ind., Oct. 9, 1874
Frank Jones (cousin) Ft. Wayne, ind.
[no remarks]

[p. 2] **Lawrence E. Riggins** (C 4.81,008) [*sic*]
Culver, Ind.; Laborer; April 14, 1898, Private, Co. M 157th
Disch. Nov. 1., 1898, Indianapolis, Ind. G. O. 124
Into Camp April 14?
Born Etna Green, Ind. Feb. 21, 1877
Brother, Culver, Ind.
Trans. to John VanHorn Camp

[p. 2] **Charles Ball** (C 2,343,788)
R. R. 4, Plymouth, Ind.; Farmer; April 14, 1898, Private, Co. M 157th Ind.
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind. G. O. 124
Baterly [*sic*] L 7 Art. Disch. Oct. 25, 1899, Indianapolis, Ind.
81st Coast Art. Disch. Oct. 21, 1892, Indianapolis, Duration of War
Into Camp April 13, 1938
Born Plymouth, Ind. [date blank]
Effie Ball (wife), Plymouth, Ind.
Died June 6. 1[9]38, Buried Oak Hill Cemetery

[p. 3] **Capt. J. I. Rich**
505 Lake Shore Dr., Culver; Soldier; Feb. 27, 1902, Pvt. Co. K 14 US Inf.
Disch. Mar. 5, 1905, Taft, Samar, P. I., Expiration of term of service
Into Camp June 8, 1938
Born Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feb. 22, 1884
Effie Pearl Rich (wife), 505 Lake Shore Dr., Culver, Ind.
Dropped for non payment of dues

[p. 3] **Samuel Jacobson** (C 2,524,303)

Plymouth, Ind.; Farmer; June 24, 1898, Private, Co. M 157 Ind.

Disch. Nov. 1, 1899 [*sic*], Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124

Sept. 7, 1899, Private, Co. H 45 USA, Presidio California

Into Camp July 13, 1898 [*sic*]

Born Chicago, Ill. June 2, 1877

Julia I. Jacobson (wife) R. R. 3, Plymouth, Ind.

Trans. from Knox Camp; Di[ed] July 15th 1947

[p. 3] **Albert Spurgeon**

Culver, Ind.; Cabinet Maker; Apr. 26, 1898, Private, Co. D. 157 Ind.

Disch. Nov. 1, 1899 [*sic*], Indianapolis, Ind. G. O. 124

Into Camp July 13, 1898

Born Coloma, Ind. May 25, 1870

Minnie F. Spurgeon (wife), Culver, Ind.

Trans. from Knox John Van Horn Camp #44 and back into that camp

[p. 3] **James W. Riggins**

Culver, Ind.; Attorney at Law; April 26 1898 Private, Co. M 157 Ind.

Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124

Into Camp July 13, 1938

Born Etna Green, Ind., April 11th 1875

Core E. Riggins, Culver Ind.

Trans. from Knox John Van Horn Camp #44 and back into that camp

[p. 3] **Carl H. Chapman** (C 903,435)

Chicago, Ill.; Laborer; March 5, 1901, Sgt., Co. C 29th Inf.

Disch. Feb. 26, 1904, Angel Island, California, G. O. 124

Into Camp July 27, 1939

Born Argos, Ind. Feb. 3, 1880

Della Chapman (wife), Argos, Ind.

[no remarks]

[p. 3] **Norm Bertin Collier** (C 2,743,478)

Bremen, Ind.; Watchman; April 20, 1899, Private, 3rd Field Battery

Disch. April 10, 1902, Barroks, Colombia, Cuba, Exp. of service term

Into camp [blank]

Born Dayton, Ohio, April 22, 1879

Anna L. Collier (wife), Bremen, Ind.
[no remarks]

[p. 3] **George M. Baker** (C 2,377,071)
Plymouth, Ind.; Retired; Apr. 26, 1898, Private, Co. M 157 Ind. Vol. Inf.
Disch. Nov. 1898, Indianapolis, Ind.
Feb. 27, 1902, Pvt. Co. E 27th USV Inf.
Disch. Feb. 27 1902, End of service
Into Camp Aug. 10
Born Donaldson, Ind., Mar. 1, 1877
Violet L. Baker (wife), Plymouth, Ind.
[no remarks]

[p. 3] **Edward M. Mawer** (C 2,585,760)
R. R. 1, Plymouth, Ind.; Retired; Aug. 14, 1899, Private, Co. K 37 USV I.
Disch. Feb. 20, 1901, Persedo [sic], California, G. O. 124
Into Camp Aug. 10
Born Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28, 1875
wife, Plymouth, R. R. 1

[p. 3] **Orville B. Sheneman** (C 2,418,120)
R. R. 2, Walkerton, Ind.; Retired; Aug. 31, 1899, Private, 25 Co cast arty
Disch. Sept. 23, Angel Island, San Francisco, Cal., Expiration of serv.
Into Camp Sept. 14
Born Millersburgh, Ohio, Aug. 26, 1878
Mrs. Warren (sister), Walkerton, R. R.
Dropped for non payment of dues

[p. 3] **Chas. Wolfe** (C 2,412,106)
Donaldson, Ind.; Retired; Apr. 26, 1898 Private, Co. M 157 Ind, Vol Inf
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind. G. O. 124
Into Camp Jan 17, 1939
Born Plymouth, Ind., Apr. 3, 1877
Lilly May Wolf (wife), Donaldson
Mistake in Jan 18 at residence; Died March 26, 1945

[p. 4] **Francis Kanouse** (C 2,436,646)
Argos, Ind.; Carpenter; April 26, Private, M. 157, Vol. Inf.
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124

Into Camp Mar. 22
Born Argos, Ind. Mar. 19, 1880
Mary Kanouse, Argus
[no remarks]

[p. 4] **Clarence G. Hostetler** (C 2,394,785)
Walkerton, Ind.; Retired Farmer; Aug. 22, 1899, Private, 40r Co. S V. I.
Disch. June 24, 1901, Preceido [*sic*], Cal., Mustered out
Into Camp Jan. 13, 1941
Born St. Joseph Co., Ind., Aug. 10, 1878
Clara Hostetler (wife) Walkerton, Ind.
Died April 16, 1946

[p. 4] **William J. Marney** (C 2,607,968)
R. R. 1, Plymouth, Ind.; Retired Pharmist; June 4, 1898, Pvt., M 1st Ky. Inf.
Disch. Aug 12, 1899, Chickamaw, Tenn., Disability
Into Camp April 17, 1941
Born Indianapolis, Ind., May 7, 1878
Nellie Forman (sister), R. R. 1, Plymouth, Ind.
[no remarks]

[p. 4] **Seymour Kanarr** (C 2,515,354)
Lowell, Ind.; Retired; April 26, 1898, Pvt., M 157 Ind. Vol. Inf.
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124
Into Camp Trans. from At Large
Born LaPorte Co., Ind., April 5, 1867
Jennie Kanarr, Lowell, Ind.
Died Nov. 26, 1943

[p. 4] **Emory Ocker** (C 2,283,157)
Plymouth, Ind.; Retired; April 26, 1898, Pvt. M 157 Ind. Vol. Inf.
Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124
Into Camp Trans. from At Large, Jan. 13, 1941
Born Butler, Ind., Dec. 20, 1867
Grace Ocker (wife) 113 E. Harrison St., Plymouth, Ind.
Died July 26, 1943

[p. 4] **Elias Cannam** (2,458,329)

South Bend, Ind.; Barber; April 26, 1898, Pvt., M 157 Ind. Vol. Inf.

Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124

Into Camp April 12, 1939

Born Argos, Ind., July 9, 1879

wife, South Bend, Ind.

Trans to Harry O. Perkins Camp, June 17, 1946

[p. 4] **Arthur Cox**

Argos, Ind.; Retired; April 26, 1898, Pvt., H 49th Inf. US

Disch. May 12, 1899, Savannah [sic], Georgia, Mustered out

Into Camp May 12, 1941

Born Argos, Ind., May 7, 1872

Dorothy Schricker

[no remarks]

[p. 4] **Henry K. Jameson** (C 2,356,934)

Argos, Ind.; Painter; April 25, 1898, F 157 Ind. Vol. Inf.

Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. 124

Into Camp April 12, 1943

Born Peru, Ind., Aug. 25, 1876

Maud May Jameson (wife) Argos, Ind.

[no remarks]

[p. 4] **George Wolf** (C 2,535,006)

Plymouth, Ind.; Retired; April 26, 1898, Pvt. M 157 Ind. Vol. Inf.

Disch. Nov. 1, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind. G.O 124

Into Camp Nov. 8, 1943

Born Montgomery Co., Ohio, Aug. 31, 1867

Mrs. Alice Riley (sister) Miami, Florida

[no remarks]

[back of book] **John D. Field**

Plymouth, Ind.; Retired; Mar, 1864, 29 Reg't

Disch. Nov. 1865, End of war

Into Camp June 8

Born Union Mills, 1846

Enlisted at age of 17 yr., Vet of Civil War

[back of book] **Carl Wineberger**

Plymouth, Ind.; Retired; Nov. 13, 1883, Pvt., Troop ? 6 Cav.

Disch. Nov. 13, 1891, End of Service

Into Camp June 22

Born Plymouth, Ind., 1862

Daughter, Plymouth, Ind.

Vet of Indian War

[back of book] **J. Callaghan**

Culver, Ind., Culver Military Academy, Sept. 5, 1896, Pvt. Band 6th Cav.

Retired

Sept. 5, 1896, Ft. Myers, Va.

wife at Culver Military Academy

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"JEFFERSON SPLINTERS" (NOBLE COUNTY, 1915)

The following notices were transcribed from the *Albion New Era*, 6 January 1915, page 3:

"Jefferson Splinters

By Corintha

Fine sleighing and the young people are improving their time.

Mrs. William Hayes was on the sick list for a few days last week.

A Mr. Salsberry, of Ohio, is visiting with this uncle, Mr. Festus Butler, at this writing.

Mr. Butler, father of Mrs. Harris, is in very poor health with a complication of diseases.

After a week's vacation, the scholars are all wending their way back to the school houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins of Ohio, now occupy the Arthur Green property near the school house.

Miss Kinkade, of Virginia, who has been keeping house for Ross Zimmerman, is visiting her parents in the east.

Ray Hoffman, of Roundup, Montana, is visiting his parents in this place and will doubtless spend the winter here.

A little baby girl was born to the wife of Wallace Edsall, last week. All parties doing well and Wallace wears a smile.

The butchering season has arrived again after a few week's vacation as some people have to butcher in the moon.

Clarence Hayes has hired out to a Mr. Weible, northeast of Kendallville, for one year. Several other month hands have taken their places.

Miss Birdie Weimer died at the home of her father, Simon Wimer, last Friday evening, and was buried in the Union cemetery on Sunday. She was about thirty years of age. The family have our sympathy."

SOCIAL EVENTS FROM THE *TERRE HAUTE MORNING STAR*, 29 JULY 1905

The following notices were excerpted from the *Terre Haute Morning Star*, 29 July 1905, page 5:

"Miss Maude McLaughlin, 717 Sycamore street, was hostess for an informal afternoon euchre party yesterday in honor of her guest, Mrs. Stephen Pawley of Dana, Ill. The house was decorated with garden flowers. A summer collation was served at the card tables after the games.

Mrs. Sherburne Jenckes of south Center street gave a prettily appointed luncheon of eight covers yesterday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Kibbey, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Miss Bertha Allaun observed her nineteenth birthday Friday evening with an informal company. Yellow and white prevailed in the house decorations. Various games were played and summer refreshments served. The guests were Misses Mollie Rubenstein, Lillian Dan, Bessie Dan, Lida Allaun, Irene Bagana, Muriel Stump and Maude Snyder.

Misses Blanch and Gertrude Kinz gave a musical last night.

Mrs. William Shepherd entertained the Thursday Card club Thursday afternoon. Prizes were won by the hostess and Mrs. Charles Fox. Mrs. Gaves, who is visiting Mrs. Simeon Waggoner, was a guest of the club. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. D. King.

The Thursday club will picnic at Forest park Sunday.

Misses Alice Moudy, Josie Moudy, Theresa Nevotney, Josie Frisz, Bertha Sweitzer, Lulu Johnson and Miss Ellis formed a theatre party at Lake View Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wildy entertained last night in honor of Mr. Bud Braman, who will leave soon to join his wife in Michigan.

Miss Pearl Shuttleworth and Miss Pote, and Messrs. Richard Breen and Harry Rodgers went on an outing down the river yesterday.

Miss Emma Walker entertained informally at her home Thursday evening. She was assisted by Misses Ivey Sproul and Katheryn Vanosdal. Prizes in guessing contests were awarded Miss Barker and Messrs. Robert Spain and Arthur Osborn. Summer refreshments were served. Colors for the evening were yellow and black. These were carried out in the favors, which were of Japanese design."

"PIE SUPPER" (BOONE COUNTY, 1899)

The following was transcribed from the *Advance Hustler*, 1 November 1899, page 1:

"Pie Supper

"The pie supper at the Ballard school house on the night of Oct. 20th was a success financially and was most largely attended.

The names up for the prettiest girl were Irena Emmert, Roxie Wells, Ruth Vories, Dottie Emmert, Ella Golliday, Grace Davis, Bernice Harting and Lessie Ray.

Miss Wells received the ring by over \$11. Miss Ray being in close lead with over \$10.

Chas. Wells received a box of cigars for being the ugliest man.

A barrel of hard cider not far away and a fistic combat were some of the unadvertised features of the occasion. Over \$30 was cleared."

"A NEW LODGE" (BOONE COUNTY, 1899)

The following was transcribed from the *Advance Hustler*, 1 November 1899, page 1:

"A new lodge, The Coming Men of America, has recently organized here with seven charter members. They hold forth every Tuesday night and the lodge is designed for boys only--from 12 to 100 years old.

The membership thus far includes, Chas. Ray, Pres. Leo Whorley, Vice Pres. C. F. Mc Daniel [sic], Sec. Frank Sparks, Treas. Sumner Owens, Director. Roy Melson Speaker, Lee Owens Sentinel. Chas, Bean, Physician."

"COLORED COUPLE WED: ROUSED MAGISTRATE FROM BED TO PERFORM CEREMONY" (DELAWARE COUNTY, 1906)

The following was transcribed from the *Muncie Press*, 13 April 1906, page 3:

"Samuel Johnson, employed by the Delaware Coal and Fuel Supply company, and Minnie M. Shirley, both colored, were married last night by Justice V. T. Moore, whom they roused from bed after having induced Deputy Clerk Paterson to open his office and grant them a marriage license."

"WILL LECTURE HERE: COLORED WOMAN WORKING IN INTEREST OF HOME FOR FALLEN WOMEN" (DELAWARE COUNTY, 1906)

The following was transcribed from the *Muncie Press*, 13 April 1906, page 3:

"Next Tuesday night at the court house, Mrs. Rachael A. E. Taylor, of Indianapolis, a well known colored missionary, will speak. The public is invited and there will be no admission charged. Mrs. Taylor is interested in a home for fallen women and is pushing this work."

"CHOSE REV. MR. ALLEN: TO DELIVER BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES" (DELAWARE COUNTY, 1906)

The following was transcribed from the *Muncie Press*, 13 April 1906, page 3:

"The baccalaurete [sic] sermon to the graduating class of the Muncie High school will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Allen in the Jackson Street Christian church on Saturday evening, May 26. There are forty-four students in the class, and Rev. Mr. Allen was chosen by the class to deliver the address."

POSEYVILLE "NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES" (POSEY COUNTY, MARCH 1887)

The following was transcribed from the *Poseyville News*, 12 March 1887, page 1:

"Princeton has 76 carpenters.

Gen. Lew Wallace lectured in Evansville Monday night.

James Brown was fine \$9.[6]0 at Evansville, Tuesday, for stealing two eggs.

White river is again rising with good prospects for higher water than the February rise.

George Rouse shot and killed George Harris at the Pike county coal mines last week. Both were colored men.

Mrs. John P. Jackson, of New Harmony died Saturday. She was born in England and came to New Harmony in 1849.

A vagrant was sold at Augusta, Ky., Monday, to the highest bidder. The jailer bought him for a dollar and turned him loose.

Annie Miller, of Oakland City, has sued Frank McCoy, of Winslow, for \$10,000. Her husband was killed while intoxicated, by a train.

Frank Pritchett, of Evansville, late Doorkeeper of the Senate Chamber, was, upon the adjournment of the senate, presented by the Democratic members of that body with a \$200 gold watch and chain.

The Dr. John C. McFadden, who is shown up in a somewhat unpleasant light in the report of the investigation of the southern penitentiary began the practice of his profession at the Upper Hills in Wabash township, Gibson Co., in August 1884, and stayed there till the spring of '85. He then went to Evansville, his former home, and through the influence of Senator Rahm was appointed Hospital Steward of the State Prison."

HARRISON COUNTY GRAND JURY, MAY TERM 1810

Submitted by Lynne Keasling

Agreeably to the Command of the within writ
 I have summoned the following persons as Grand
 Jurors to wit

William Erwin Esqr	Foreman
Jesse Strand	+
John Stroud	
Abraham Haff	
Henry Kimberlan	
William Pennington	
George Crutchfield	
Henry Royce	
Benjamin Brawn	
Ignatius Able	
John Bawn	
William Kinble	
Wiram Westfall	
Sp. Spencer	

"May Term 1810 1st Day

Agreeably to the command of the within ____ I have summoned the following persons as Grand
 Jurors William Erwin Esqr foreman

[illegible] Haggat?	Jesse Strand/Straud
Samuel Jack	John Str[o]ud
Charles Bucy	Abraham Haff

Charles Bailey	Henry Kimberlan
John Moffett	William Pennington
Henry Brun[s]ley	George Crutchfield
John Tipton	Henry Royce
Amos Reagan	Benjamin Brown/Brawn
John Albin	Ignatius Able
Peter Coporus	John B[oo?]n
Charles L Burns	William Kindle
Colin Hinton	Hiram Westfall

Sp.[ier] Spencer, S[heri]ff”

Lynne Keasling is the Harrison County genealogist.

FAMILY RECORDS FROM THE JOHN SPRADLING FAMILY BIBLE

Leslie (Spradling) Ringer

John and Elizabeth “Betsey” (Chapman) Spradling arrived in Franklin County, Indiana, from Tennessee in 1817. John was born in Virginia about 1775 and Elizabeth in North Carolina about 1782. The Spradlings farmed in the Southgate area of the county for nearly forty years before moving to Sheridan, Illinois, where they both died, John on 6 April 1859 and Betsey on 7 November 1865.

The Spradlings’ son John was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee, on 1 January 1805. On 29 April 1827 he married Elizabeth Fortner in Brookville, Indiana. Elizabeth was born on 10 December 1810 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Levi Fortner (born 17 March 1779 in North Carolina and died in February 1838 in Indiana) and Kezire McClure (born 15 June 1785 in North Carolina and died in Indiana before 1842). John and Elizabeth also migrated to Sheridan, Illinois, where John died on 11 January 1863.

Elizabeth died on 9 February 1892 in Greenleaf, Kansas, where she’d likely moved with her son Levi and his wife, Amelia (Rowe) Spradling. Levi was born in Ripley County, Indiana, on 14 January 1832 and married Amelia in Ottawa, Illinois, on 4 April 1855. Amelia was the daughter of Robert Rowe (born 10 January 1802 in Scotland and died 24 June 1879 in Sheridan, Illinois) and Mary McMath (born 12 November 1804 in Pennsylvania and died 26 September 1857 in Sheridan, Illinois). Her parents had been married in Dearborn County, Indiana, on 6 May 1824, and Amelia was born there on 4 January 1836. Both Levi and Amelia died in Greenleaf, Levi on 26 June 1910 and Amelia on 31 March 1914.

Research on this Spradling family line has revealed the family's migration from Hanover, Pittsylvania, and Albemarle counties in Virginia into North Carolina and Tennessee before their arrival in Franklin County, Indiana. The family moved to Ripley County, Indiana, then to Ottawa and Sheridan, Illinois (both in LaSalle County), before removing to Greenleaf, Washington County, Kansas, and then Lexington (Dawson County) and Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Later generations headed even further west to California and Oregon.

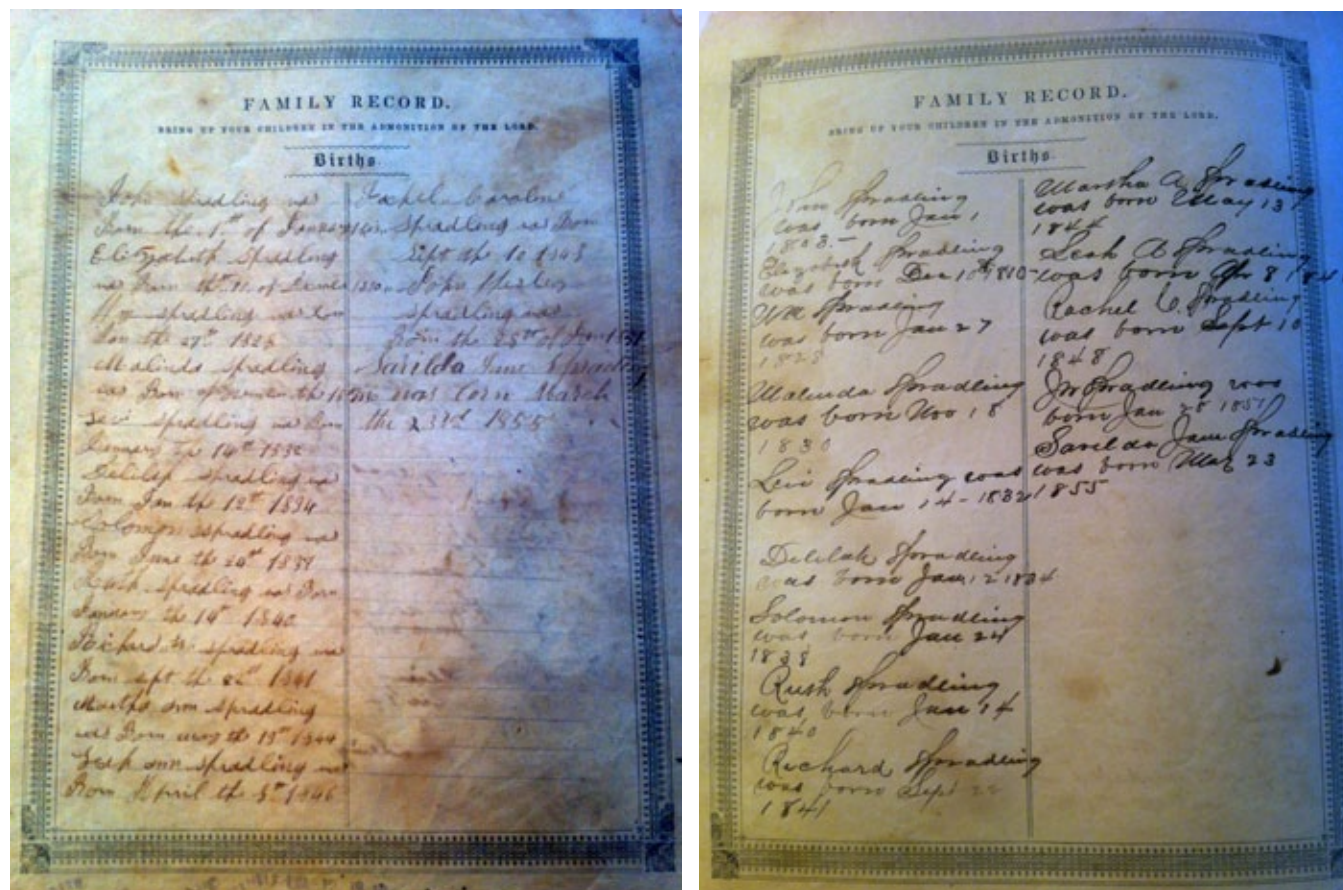
The transcription and images of the family record pages below come from the family bible of the younger John Spradling. The bible is apparently no longer intact; the loose family pages were at some time placed inside son Levi's family bible, which is now in the possession of the author's family. The record pages were also recopied at an unknown date. Both versions are included below, but only the first set has been transcribed. Changes made from one version to the other and illegible items are indicated in brackets.

For more information about the bible and the Spradling family, contact the author by e-mail at ringlemail-business@yahoo.com.

Births

John Spradling was Born the 1st of January 1803
Elizabeth Spradling was Born the 10th of December 1810
Wm Spradling was born Jan the 27th 1828
Malinda Spradling was Born November the 18th 1830
Levi Spradling was Born January the 14th 1832
Delilah Spradling was Born Jan the 12th 1834
Solomon Spradling was Born June the 24th 1837
Ruth Spradling was Born January the 14th 1840
Richard H. Spradling was Born Sept the (22nd) 1841
Martha Ann Spradling was Born May the 13th 1844
Leah Ann Spradling was Born April the 8th 1846
Rachel Caroline Spradling was Born Sept the 10 1848
John Wesley Spradling was Born the 28th of Jan 1851
Sarilda Jane Spradling was born March the 23rd 1855

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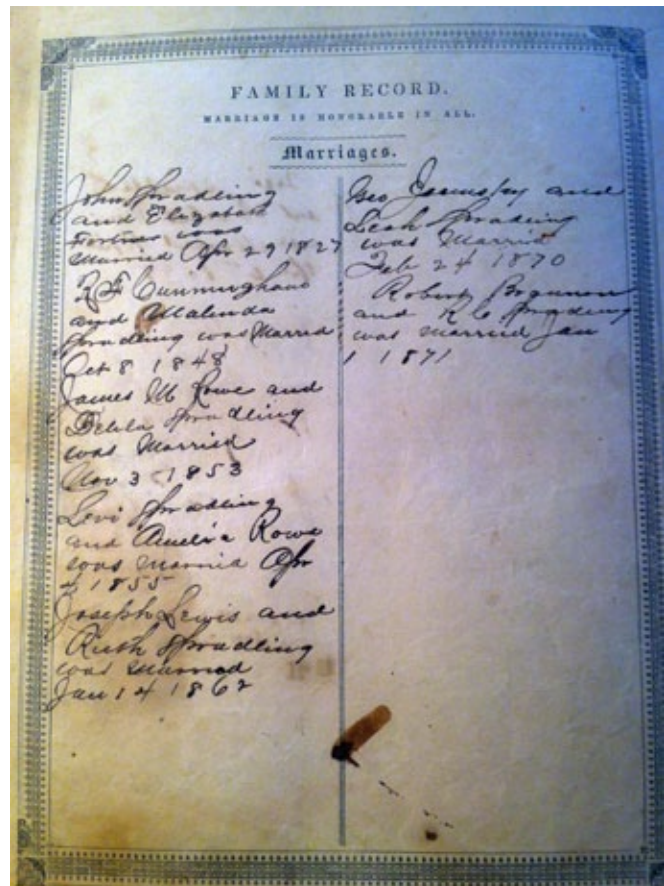
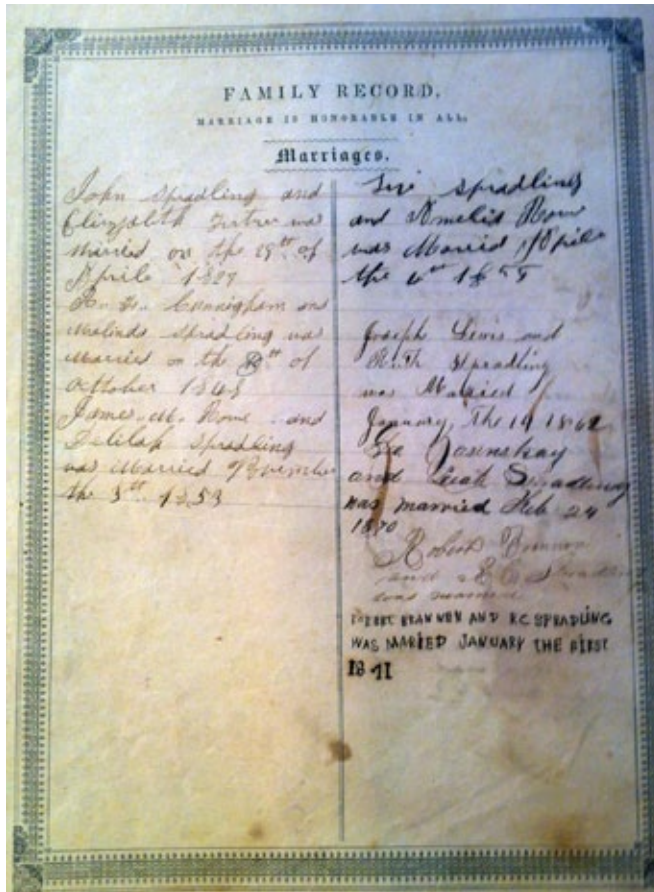
Family birth record pages from the Spradling bible, with first version of births page at left and recopied page on right.

Baptisms

John [Aride] August the 28 went to work for Rod Cunningham



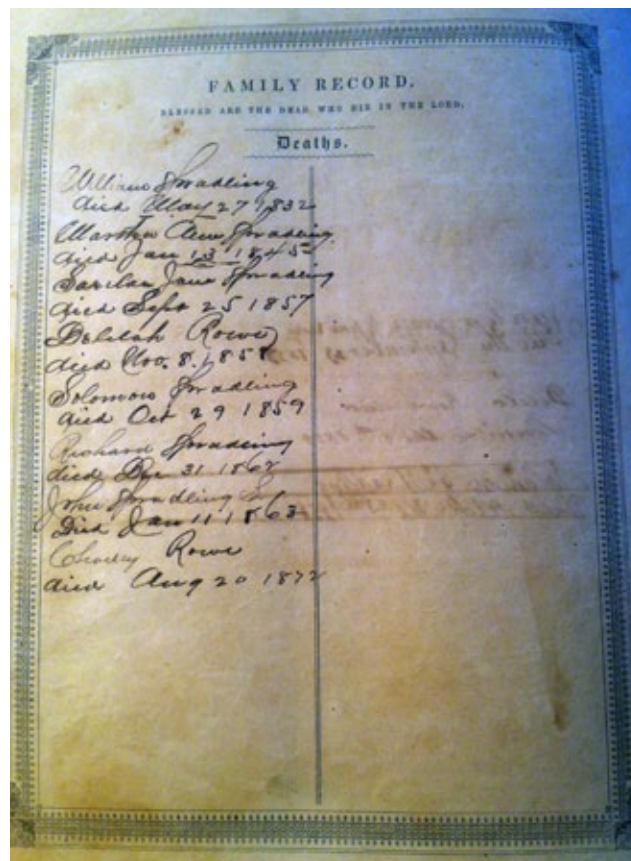
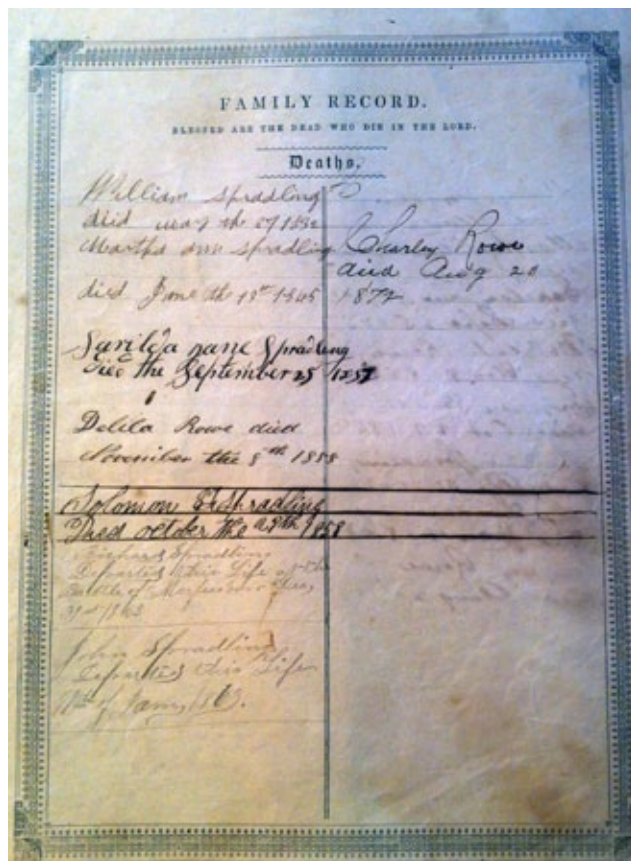
Baptismal record page from Spradling bible.



Family marriage record pages from the Spradling bible, with first version of marriages page at left and recopied page on right.

Marriages

- John Spradling and Elizabeth Fortner was Married on the 29th of April 1827
- R.[H./E.] Cunningham and Malinda Spradling was Married on the [10/8th] of October 1848
- James M. Rowe and Delilah Spradling was Married November the 3rd 1853
- Levi Spradling and Amelia Rowe was Married April the 4th 1855
- Joseph Lewis and Ruth Spradling was Married January the 14 1862
- Geo. Jasmskey and Leah Spradling was Married Feb 24 1870
- Robert [Brannen/Brannon] and R. C. Spradling was Married January the 1st 1871



Family death record pages from the Spradling bible, with first version of deaths page at left and recopied page on right.

Deaths

- William Spradling died May the 27 1832
- Martha Ann Spradling died June the 13th 1845
- Sarilda Jane Spradling died the September 25 1857
- Delila [Delilah] Rowe died November the 8th 1858
- Solomon [F] Spradling Died October the 29th 1859
- Richard Spradling Departed this Life at the Battle of Murfreesboro Dec, 31st 1862
- John Spradling [S] Departed this Life 11th of Jan, 1863
- Charley Rowe died Aug 20 1872

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Jennifer Cruse is the Once a Hoosier editor. To contribute, just fill out the “Once A Hoosier...” submission form at http://www.indgensoc.org/projects/Once_Hoosier_form.pdf, submit by e-mail at OAH@indgensoc.org, or send a Family Group Sheet with an electronic or other photo and any additional information to:

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Always a Hoosier: 10072



Bert O. Cook

b. 16 July 1879 at Wabash Twp., Parke Co., IN, son of Andrew and Martha (Hayth) Cook

d. 12 Aug 1944 at Clinton, Vermillion Co., IN

bur. Roselawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN

m. 20 Sept 1899 at Wabash Twp., Parke Co., IN, to Minnie Puntteney, b. 18 Sept 1880 at Wabash Twp., Parke Co., IN to John Guffy and Margaret (Hixon) Puntteney; d. 30 Jun 1953 at Wabash Twp., Parke Co., IN; bur. Roselawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN

Children with Minnie Puntteney:

1. Bereniece Cook (18 June 1900–3 July 1984), m. George Richardson 20 June 1925
2. Maxine Eliza Cook (11 February 1903–1991), m. Walter B. ("Tip") Murphy 26 April 1926
3. Madonna Opal Cook (18 May 1909–22 December 1993), m. Parke Lewman 23 December 1933

Bert's obituary in the *Montezuma Enterprise*, 17 August 1944, stated that he died of a heart attack in Clinton while on the way to see a doctor in town. He was a farmer and the operator of the Cook Grain company in Mecca. He was a Mason and member of both the lodge in Montezuma and the Scottish Rite at Indianapolis.

Bert was born on his parents' farm southwest of Mecca and spent most of his life in Parke County. He was survived by his wife Minnie; three daughters, Mrs. George Richardson and Mrs. W. B. Murphy, both of Mecca, and Mrs. Parke Lewman of Montezuma; and three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Carrico of Terre Haute, Mrs. Rose Miles of Rockville, and Mrs. Eva Funkhouser of Hymera. He also had four grandchildren. Rev. Robert Shanklin, pastor of the Montezuma Methodist Church, presided over the funeral service.

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Always a Hoosier: 10073

Charles A. Vachet

b. 8 March 1853 at Vincennes, Knox Co., IN, son of Charles Vachet and Julia Kirkey Cartier

d. 18 July 1940 at Avon Lake, Lorain Co., OH

bur. Mr. Calvary Cemetery, Vincennes, Knox Co., IN

m. 1 Mary Elizabeth Goure

m. 2 Mary Agnes Deslaurier

Children with Mary Elizabeth Goure:

1. Mary Elizabeth Vachet
2. James G. Vachet
3. Frances Agnes Vachet

Children with Mary Agnes Deslaurier:

1. Charles William Vachet
2. Julia Margaret Vachet
3. Ewing Benjamin Vachet

According to Vachet's obituary in the *Vincennes Sun-Commercial* (19 July 1940), the Vachet family was one of the French pioneer families of Vincennes. He was a skilled mason. He was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Al Veter of Columbus, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Julia Teschmacher of Vincennes.

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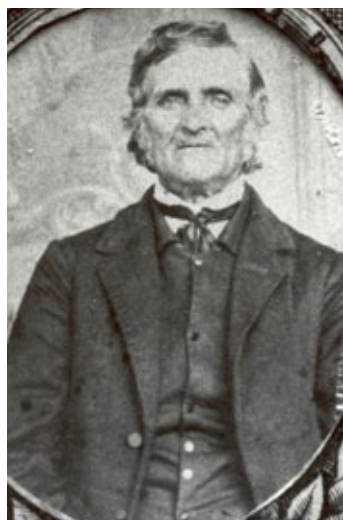
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Always a Hoosier: 10074



Thomas Skinner

b. 11 March 1795 at Rockingham Co., NC, son of Thomas and Sarah (Pickrell) Skinner

d. 3 April 1880 at Cass Co. IN

bur. Skinner Chapel Cemetery, Cass Co., IN

m1. 7 Sept. 1820 at Montgomery Co., OH, to Permelia Cox, b. 1800 in TN to Richard and Fannie Cox; d. 21 March 1868 at Cass Co., IN; bur. Skinner Chapel Cemetery, Cass Co., IN

m2. 24 May 1870 to Mary Bockover

Children with Permelia Cox:

1. John Calvin Skinner (1821–1896), m. Hannah Crooks, Sarah Han, and Fannie Bell
2. Daniel Pickrel Skinner (1824–1882) m. Rebecca Belew and Amanda Bell
3. Samuel Edwards Skinner (1826–1884) m. Mary Johnson
4. Richard Cox Skinner (1827–1905) m. Elizabeth Conrad
5. Caroline Skinner (1830–1920) m. Joseph Young Belew (Ballou)
6. Margaret Jane SKinner (1832–1917) m. George W. Coil
7. Ira Hollingsworth Skinner (1834–1919) m. Nancy Ann Arthahultz
8. Thomas Harrison Skinner (1836–1927) m. Sarah A. Bockover
9. Sarah Ann Skinner (1838–1873) m. Tipton Clary

Skinner's obituary in the *Logansport Weekly Journal* (10 April 1880) states that he moved as a youth with his parents to Ohio, then in 1836 with his family to Adams Township, Cass Co., Indiana. His funeral was one of the largest in the township. Thomas B. Helm's *History of Cass County, Indiana*, states that Thomas and his wife were among the founding members of the Twelve Mile Christian Church and donated land for the first church building.

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Always a Hoosier: 10075



Permelia (Cox) Skinner

b. 1800 TN, daughter of Richard and Fannie Cox

d. 21 March 1868 Cass Co., IN

bur. Skinner Chapel Cemetery, Cass Co., IN

m. 7 September 1820 at Montgomery Co., OH to Thomas Skinner,

b. 11 March 1795 at Rockingham Co., NC, son of Thomas and Sarah

(Pickrell) Skinner; d. 3 April 1880 Cass Co., IN; bur. Skinner Chapel

Cemetery, Cass Co, IN (Thomas m2. Mary Bockover on 24 May 1870.)



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Daniel Pickrell Skinner

b. 24 June 1824 Montgomery Co., OH, to Thomas and Permelia (Cox) Skinner

d. 22 January 1882, Cass Co., IN

bur. Bethel Cemetery, Cass Co., IN

m1. 28 December 1848 at Cass Co., IN to Rebecca Belew, b. 5 September 1832 in IN, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Pearson) Belew; d. 10 June 1873 Cass Co., IN; bur. Bethel Cemetery, Cass Co., IN

m2. 30 December 1873 at Cass Co., IN to Amanda Bell

Children with Rebecca Belew:

1. Amanda Alica Skinner (15 February 1850–9 March 1873) m. Stephen Melinger
2. Milton Robert Skinner (abt. 1851–?) m. Portia Carr, Dora LaRose, Emma Maiben
3. Johnson Ballou Skinner (28 April 1853–19 April 1906) m. Sarah Lucinda McCoy
4. Marilla Mossilene Skinner (1856–16 January 1929) m. Samuel F. De Moss
5. William Schuyler Skinner (19 January 1869–9 February 1927) m. Matilda V. Powell



Child with Amanda Bell:

1. Emma Skinner

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