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Update: Indiana Marriage Indexing Project

by Shirley Richison Fields

By the time you read this, there will be more than 650 people working on indexing all the available Indiana marriage records from the beginning of each county to 1957. These indexers are interested in Indiana records for a variety of reasons. Some once lived here, while others have ancestors from here, or even family who still call the Hoosier state "home"! Every day brings more sign-ups from across the U.S. and around the world. Almost all of them have expressed the desire to give something back for all the help they have received with their own genealogical research.

A couple of the indexers are people I met at a local library. There are also indexers from 40 of the 50 states, and some from Japan, British Columbia, and the Netherlands – all with Indiana connections. One

couple signed up and both of them are indexing. When one can't make out some handwriting or other detail, the other one pitches in to try to make the index as accurate as possible. Some indexers have high-speed Internet connections; some have only dial-up, yet are still willing to lend a hand with this monumental undertaking. So far approximately 70,000 records have been indexed.

Small batches of records are downloaded to an indexer's computer and can be completed in 30 to 60 minutes. Each batch is indexed twice – once by Indexer A and then by Indexer B. The two versions are then compared electronically and if differences exist, the two versions and the digital images are viewed by

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The Indiana Genealogical Society publishes an electronic newsletter, IN-GENSOC-NEWS, which contains late-breaking genealogy news, queries and information on Internet resources. Subscription instructions are available on the IGS website under Publications.

Want to see the *IGS Newsletter* even sooner? Sign up to get the electronic version, too (sent as a PDF). To sign up, e-mail newsletter@indgensoc.org

MEETINGS

The Indiana Genealogical Society's Board of Directors meets 4 times a year, usually at the Plainfield Public Library in Hendricks County (1120 Stafford Rd., Plainfield IN 46168; www.plainfieldlibrary.net). Guests are welcome; members can have items added to the official agenda if they contact President Betty L. Warren at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Next Meeting: **5 May 2007 at 10 am**

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Indiana Genealogical Society is to promote genealogical and historical research and education, through the dissemination of information pertaining to all those who have contributed to the establishment and perpetuation of the state of Indiana.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The IGS Newsletter comes out in February, April, June, August, October and December. Items about genealogical or historical-related organizations and events are welcome. Articles that are at least 1,000 words (or a series of articles totaling 1,000 words) may be eligible for the Elaine Spires Smith Family History Writing Award, which may be awarded annually and includes \$300.

Deadlines for publication are: January 15, March 15, May 15, July 15, September 15 and November 15.

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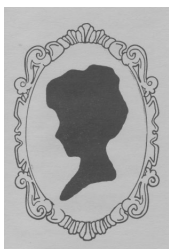
The SCWFI is a lineage society and subsidiary of the Indiana Genealogical Society. Membership is granted to those IGS members who can prove they are a direct descendant of any person who served in an Indiana Civil War Union military or naval unit, or who was a resident of Indiana when they joined a non-Indiana Union unit.

Membership applications must be received by December 31 of each year. New members are inducted in a ceremony during the IGS annual conference.

Application forms are available on the IGS website or by contacting: SCWFI, Indiana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10507, Ft. Wayne IN 46852-0507; e-mail SCWFI@indgensoc.org

From the President's Desk

by **Betty L. Warren**



As my third term as President of the Indiana Genealogical Society draws to a close, I could look back and reflect on highlights of the past six years to remind you of accomplishments and goals. Since you can review that recent history on your own, I would rather look forward to the future.

The Society needs your continued support through membership and volunteer work. Attend the annual meeting and let your voice and opinion be heard concerning IGS projects and activities. Contact your District Director to let them know what you want the Society to do for you. Keep in mind the fact that the IGS is a volunteer organization with no paid staff members; however, some funding is available for certain reimbursements, so being a volunteer should not be a financial burden. It is your time, your talents and your experience that can be donated to the Society. Articles and news items are always welcome for publication in the *IGS Newsletter*, as well as the *Indiana Genealogist*. Editorial opportunities are also open!

Many volunteer indexers are needed for the new IGS/GSU marriage indexing project. And we still need proofreaders to finish up our statewide cemetery location project.

Make use of your genealogical expertise and apply for the position of Indiana County Genealogist to provide helpful contact information in your area.

There are a variety of IGS committee positions available where you could assist in the running of the organization. This includes the possibility of working with Grants, Scholarship, Membership, Society of Civil War Families of Indiana, Awards, or Legislation, just to name a few.

By the way, in their eagerness to protect the privacy of our Indiana veterans, the Indiana House of Representatives passed HB 1546 this session, which will restrict access to military discharge records held in each Indiana county recorder's office. At the time of this writing, the bill had moved on

to the Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs in the State Senate and could already be law by the time you read this column. There was no time restraint mentioned in the language of the proposed bill, so not only would access to the records of living veterans be restricted, but also access to information on all of the older discharge records (some dating from 1823, depending on the county). Check with your State Senator to inquire how they voted on this item. And, be alert for future proposals (federal and local) that would restrict access to other public records.

My advice would be to get as much research done now, while you still have access to the records. But, be careful that you don't rush so fast that you fall and break your arm!

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Board Meeting

The Indiana Genealogical Society board will meet on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 10 am at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library (1120 Stafford Rd., Plainfield IN 46168; www.plainfieldlibrary.net).

IGS members are welcome to attend board meetings as guests. If you would like to have an item added to the official agenda, please contact President Betty L. Warren at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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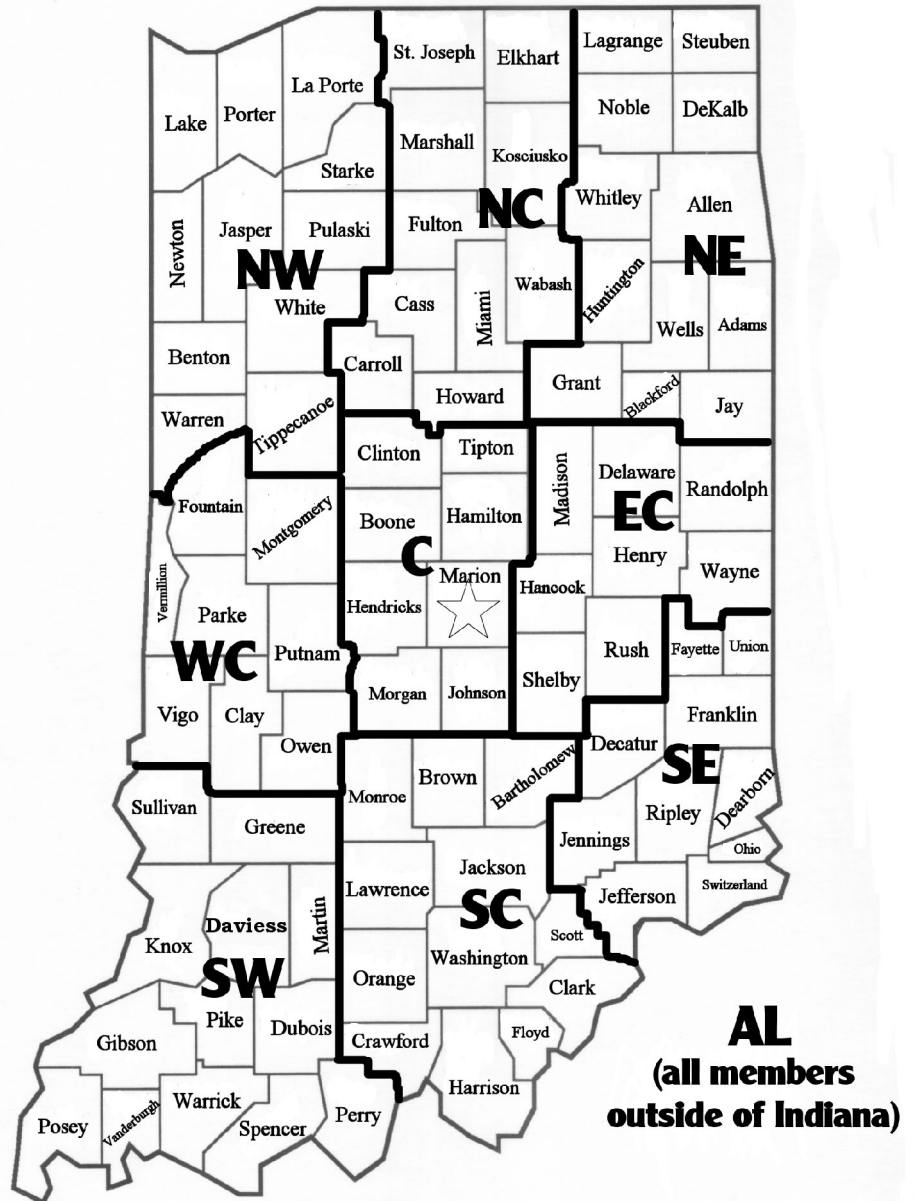
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District News

Northwest District

LAKE & PORTER counties

The Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society (P.O. Box 595, Griffith IN 46319; <http://www.rootsweb.com/~innwigs/>) will meet May 19 at 10 am at the Lake County Public Library (1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville IN 46410; <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us>). Author and researcher Paul S. Valesk will present a program on Polish research and will have autographed copies of his book available for purchase.

PULASKI COUNTY

Out-of-state visitors who make a research trip to Pulaski County this spring should be aware that the county switched to the Eastern time zone when Daylight Savings Time took effect in March. The county was in the Central time zone in 2006, though some organizations there (including county government offices) unofficially observed Eastern time.

North Central District

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

The South Bend Area Genealogical Society (c/o Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library, 209 Lincoln Way E, Mishawaka IN 46544; <http://www.rootsweb.com/~insbags/>) will go on a bus trip to the Allen County Public Library on May 15. For more information, contact Bill Minish (e-mail WHMinish@aol.com).

Northeast District

GRANT COUNTY

GenFest 2007 will be held at the Marion Public Library on June 8-9, 2007. GenFest originated at a picnic for genealogists in Delaware County about four years ago as a way for people to devote a couple of days to genealogy and to share knowledge. It was soon expanded to a regional event.

Events will include: a barbecue; extended hours for researchers at the Marion Public Library

on Friday, June 8; and genealogy exhibitors, as well as demonstrations of the Indiana Marriage Indexing Project software by Shirley Richison Fields. All events are free except for the purchase of food (there will be a food vendor on site). Registration forms are available in the Indiana Room at the Marion Public Library as well as on the library's website (<http://www.marion.lib.in.us/genfest/genfest07.htm>). For more information, please contact Rhonda Stoffer—phone (765) 668-2900 ext. 153; e-mail rstoffer@marion.lib.in.us

West Central District

The Wabash Valley Genealogy Society (P.O. Box 236, Terre Haute IN 47808-0236; <http://www.inwvgs.org>) will meet on May 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Vigo County Public Library (One Library Square, Terre Haute IN 47807; <http://www.vigo.lib.in.us>). There will be a program on orphan trains and adoption records.

OWEN COUNTY

The Owen County Historical and Genealogical Society (P.O. Box 569, Spencer IN 47460; <http://www.owen.in.us/owenhist/owen.htm>) will meet on May 15 at 7 pm at the Owen County Public Library (10 S. Montgomery St., Spencer IN 47460; <http://www.owenlib.org>). Gwen Dieter from the Soil and Water Conservation District will talk about the Dust Bowl in the 1930's.

East Central District

DELAWARE COUNTY

The Delaware County Historical Society (120 E. Washington St., Muncie IN 47305-1734) has changed their website address. You can find them online at <http://www.the-dchs.org>

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HANCOCK COUNTY

The Hancock County, Indiana Genealogical Society (P.O. Box 122, Greenfield IN 46140; <http://www.rootsweb.com/~inhcgs/index.html/>) has acquired access to the former public library in New Palestine (located at 11 E. Main St., New Palestine IN). The building will now be used as the society's library, and will be open to the public at selected times. Donations of materials are welcome — for more information, contact them at the above address, or e-mail hancockgensoc@insightbb.com

SHELBY COUNTY

An article in the February issue described how some of Shelby County's records were at risk because they were being stored at Shelby Manor, which is deteriorating. Since then, the Shelby County Genealogical Society has met with the Shelby County Commissioners and the Shelby County Clerk and proposed to raise money for a temporary storage unit, to prevent any further damage. Society volunteers would then inventory the records and prepare them to be microfilmed by the county (if financially feasible).

The society has set up a fund to cover the cost of the temporary storage unit and supplies for the volunteers who would deal with the records (including face masks because of the mold). If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Shelby County Genealogical Society (write "Save Our Records" on the memo line) and send to: Shelby County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 434, Shelbyville IN 46176. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions, you may contact society president Susan Armstrong — e-mail sarmstrongjjj@yahoo.com

South Central District

The Indiana Genealogical Society is seeking someone to fill the position of South Central District Director. The South Central District Director acts as a liaison, relaying the genealogy-related activities and concerns of those in Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Monroe, Orange, Scott and Washington counties. If you are a resident of one of these counties and would be able to attend the quarterly board meetings in central Indiana, please contact President Betty L. Warren (contact information is on page 2).

JACKSON COUNTY

Billy D. Day, the Indiana County Genealogist for Jackson County, has changed his e-mail address. Please use bdday2@verizon.net

Southeast District

SWITZERLAND COUNTY

The Switzerland County Historical Society (210 E. Market St., P.O. Box 201, Vevay IN 47043) will meet May 7 at 7 pm at their Historical Museum (Main & Market Streets, Vevay IN). Meredith Luhrs of Community Studio Gallery will present a program about historical architecture.

Indiana State Library Moves Marriage Databases

The Indiana State Library recently moved the databases on their website.

Their pre-1850 Indiana marriage index has moved to: http://digital.statelib.lib.in.us/db/marriages_search.asp

Their 1993-2002 Indiana marriage index has moved to: http://digital.statelib.lib.in.us/db/in_marriages_search.asp

Spotlight On: A Marriage Indexing Volunteer

Volunteers for the Indiana Marriage Indexing Project are coming from all over. One such volunteer is Janie Stewart of Pleasant Grove, Utah. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Janie has been extensively involved since 1978 in indexing records, both as a Stake and Ward Director. Over the years she has worked on various birth, marriage and death records, as well as the Ellis Island Project.

She has stayed involved even though she knew what she was working on might not include her own ancestors – she realized that someone else might benefit, and hoped others' work could similarly benefit her own research one day. The thing she likes best about indexing records is that it helps people do what they may not be able to do by themselves – help find their families.

When the Indiana Marriage Indexing Project was announced, Janie was especially interested, because she has six sets of great-grandparents who were from west central Indiana. They include:

- Robert W. White (1816-1865) and wife Lydia Jane Ferguson (1822-1913) of Warrick County
- William B. Campbell (1819-1884) and wife Emeline Hart (1822-1887) of Warrick County
- George W. Bain (b. 1833) and wife Elizabeth McKinley (1835-1909) of Sullivan County
- Levi Wilson (1827-1898) and wife Sarah Alice Emmons (1829-1900) of Sullivan County
- Patrick J. Lynch (1822-1902) and wife Katherine Courtney (ca. 1832-1911) of Vigo County
- Patrick J. Byrne (ca. 1786-1874) and wife Margaret Delane (ca. 1835-1898) of Vigo County

Several of these ancestors are “brick walls”. If you have any information on these families, please contact her at:

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an Arbitrator for a final decision, thus lessening the chances of error. Indexers and Arbitrators may do as many or as few batches as they have the time and energy for.

The index that is being created will eventually be available online (at no charge) for all researchers to use. Once the name, date, county, or other bit of information is located in the index, clicking on the accompanying link will allow the researcher to see the digital image of the original record. No more trips to the courthouse for Indiana marriage records! No more letters to write requesting a copy! And no more guessing if the indexer faithfully copied what was on the original document!

Indexers and Arbitrators are still needed, as this is a project that will take a great deal of time to

complete. No one has even hazarded a guess as to exactly how many records there are, but I'm sure we are talking about hundreds of thousands. It will take the cooperative effort of many to make this index a reality.

If you are interested in helping, please go to <http://www.indgensoc.org/indexing.html> where you will find a sign-up form. Once you fill that out, the Genealogical Society of Utah should send you an e-mail within 2-3 days which contains your user name and temporary password, as well as instructions for downloading the indexing software so you can get started.

Noble County Genealogist Appointed

Judy Richter was appointed as the Indiana County Genealogist for Noble County at the IGS board meeting in February. Judy has lived in Noble County since 1968 and been involved with genealogy since 1972. Currently the Vice-President of the Noble County Genealogical Society and the Historian for the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana, she has also been involved with the DeKalb County Genealogy Society and the Noble County Historical Society. She has been a member of the DAR since 1983.

Judy helps conduct workshops on beginning genealogy and is a frequent visitor to the county courthouse and health department to answer research requests that are sent to the Noble County Public Library. She has created indexes to the obituaries in Noble County newspapers, as well as the newspapers

for DeKalb, Wells and Whitley counties.

She has also indexed records for several books about local history and genealogy, including a plat map of the county from 1860. She is well-known in her community for striving to make materials easily accessible to all. She loves to learn about new technologies and new venues for research.

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Cass, Owen, Parke and Perry counties
Use order form on page 17, or order online at <http://www.indgensoc.org/shop.html>

Monroe County Genealogist Appointed

Randi Richardson was appointed as the Indiana County Genealogist for Monroe County at the IGS board meeting in February. To many in the area, she was already (unofficially) performing all the duties of the position. A volunteer at the Monroe County Historical Society's genealogy library since 1995, she is a regular contributor to their newsletter and has helped them compile indices to the Monroe County censuses, as well as will book indices.

Randi wrote the book on Monroe County (literally!)—*Monroe County, Indiana Records in Monroe County, Indiana: What They Are and Where to Find Them*. She is highly regarded for her knowledge of the county's records and has been a strong advocate for their preservation. Since 1996 she has been the ad-

ministrator of a Monroe County listserv. Her frequent submissions to it have helped make it one of the most active and helpful mailing lists on Rootsweb.

A well-known speaker at genealogy events, she gave two highly-received lectures at the 2004 IGS annual conference in Bloomington.

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“Once A Hoosier” Submission Form

Send to: **OAH, Indiana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10507,
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Who is someone who is "Once A Hoosier?" If you can answer "yes" to each of these questions, we want to hear about them:

- (1) Was the person born before 1930?
- (2) Was the person a resident of Indiana for a portion of their life?
- (3) Did the person die outside Indiana?

Interesting stories can come from answering the third question. Why did they move? Where did they go? Did a group move together? How many moves did they make? Did they go to live with a child after a spouse died?

Share their stories by filling out the front and back of this form (Note: if you are attaching a family group sheet, you only need to fill out the front of this form). Do you have a good photocopy or electronic file of their photo? Include them with your submissions, or e-mail them to OAH@indgensoc.org

Name of Person:

When did the family come to Indiana? Where did they live? When did they leave? Where did they go? Did they move again?

What did this person, or their spouse, do for a living? Are there any interesting stories about this person or the family? (Military service, county or state offices held, national or state officer in an organization, inventions, etc.) This can be continued on a separate sheet of paper.

Your name, address, and e-mail, in case someone wants to contact you:

Person's date and place of birth:

Date and place of death:

Parents (include mother's maiden name):

Marriage date and location:

Other spouses (give names and all dates known):

Person's spouse:

Date and place of birth:

Date and place of death:

Parents (include mother's maiden name):

Other spouses (give names and all dates known):

Person's children (give birth year, death year, and spouses, if known). If the person had more than one spouse, indicate which children are from which marriage.

“Once A Hoosier”



Researchers are urged to submit details of former Hoosiers--people who were born before 1930, who were in Indiana for some portion of their life, and who died in another state. All entries become the property of IGS and will not be returned. Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis--Volume III is currently being compiled.

To contribute, fill out the “Once A Hoosier” submission form or enclose a Family Group Sheet and send, along with an electronic or other copy of a photo and any additional information, to: **OAH, Indiana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10507, Ft. Wayne IN 46852-0507; E-mail OAH@indgensoc.org**

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BUTLER, HULDAH

- b.** 13 October 1776, Dinwiddie County, Virginia
- d.** 27 March 1813, Warren County, Ohio
- m.** 14 September 1797, Campbell County, Virginia

Latham Stanton

- b.** 14 July 1777, Guilford County, North Carolina, to William and Phebe (Macy) Stanton, Sr.
- d.** 11 March 1835, Fayette County, Indiana

Children with Latham Stanton:

- Hepzibah (b. 1798)
- Elizabeth Hunnicutt (b. 1800)
- Gulielma (b. 1803)
- Daniel (b. 1805)
- William, Jr. (b. 1807)
- Stephen Butler (b. 1809)
- Mary (b. 1812)

Huldah came to Indiana from Campbell County, Virginia a couple of years after the birth of her daughter Mary. She lived in the Cincinnati District of Union and Fayette counties in Indiana. The date when she moved to Warren County, Ohio (where she died) is not known.

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HATTER, WILLIAM HARRY

- b.** 3 August 1882, Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, to William Riley and Annetta Roselpha (Stokes) Hatter
- d.** 11 April 1959, Union, MO
- m/1**

Gertrude Robinson

- m/2** 26 December 1917, Starke County, Indiana

Bertha Rose Sudlow

- b.** 18 September 1889, Starke County, Indiana, to David Conklin Clapp and Ann E. (Hastings) Sudlow
- d.** 17 February 1969, Logansport, Cass County, Indiana

m/3

Ida Miriam Hight

- b.** 9 March 1924
- d.** 4 August 1944

m/4

Margaret [--?--]

- d.** 1962

Children with Gertrude Robinson:

- Walter Robinson (1909-1992) married (1) Edna Bennett, (2) Nina Holloway

Children with Bertha Rose Sudlow:

- Emma Rose (1919-2000) married Meredith Earl Lockridge
- Vida Louise (b. 1921) married James Walter Mondy
- Oliver Harry married Thelma Jean Bailey
- Roseltha married Raymond Leroy Holloway

Children with Ida Miriam Hight:

- Harry Lee (b. 1943)

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William left Indiana in 1935. He lived in Arkansas, Arizona, Kansas, and California before moving to St. Louis, Missouri in 1940.

He was a paper mill worker, a farmer, a janitor, and a fireman. He was also a horse trader.

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3-10045**JEFFERS, HELEN MARIE**

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d. 9 September 2006, Stuart, Florida

m/1 1940's, Vigo County, Indiana

Harvey Knesek

m/2

Robert McWhirter

Children with Harvey Knesek:

- Julia Ann (b. 1942) married Ray Rhein
- Harvey, Jr. (b. 1944)
- Linda (b. 1948) married Ken Gailis

Helen's father was a coal miner and farmer (his father and grandfather had both lived in Indiana). They lived in Greene, Clay, and Vigo counties before leaving Indiana.

Helen graduated from high school in Riley, Vigo County, Indiana, and worked in Terre Haute. She met her first husband while he was a student at Indiana State Teachers College. He taught at various schools until he joined the General Motors Corporation and worked in Indiana and Illinois.

She was a secretary at Electro-Motive, Train Divi-

sion, General Motors, in Chicago, Illinois. She and her second husband, Robert McWhirter from Scotland, lived for a short time in Riley, Vigo County, Indiana, before both retired to Jensen Beach, Florida, where they lived for 24 years.

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2-10636**LOCKRIDGE, MEREDITH EARL**

b. 29 September 1917, Knox, Starke County, Indiana, to Guy A. and Arizona Ione (Baker) Lockridge

d. 18 January 1994, Harrison, Boone County, Arkansas

m. 1 February 1941, Knox, Starke County, Indiana

Emma Rose Hatter

b. 20 October 1919, Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, to William Harry and Bertha Rose (Sudlow) Hatter

d. 26 October 2000, Everton, Boone County, Arkansas

Children with Emma Rose Hatter:

- James Earl (b. 1944) married Regina Lee Scott
- Joan Marie (b. 1946) married Jimmie Lewis Cole
- Guy Dean, Sr. (b. 1949) married Rosetta Maria Phillips
- Kathaleen (b. 1952) married (1) Harvey Worrie Clark, Jr., (2) Duane Recoy, (3) Steve Riley, (4) Buck Underwood
- Margaret Ellen (b. 1962)

Meredith moved to Lorain, Ohio in 1919 with his family but returned to Indiana that same year. He lived in Fulton County and then Starke County until 1959 when he left for Arkansas.

He was a farmer and a carpenter, but worked as a

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Standard Oil gas salesman and delivery man in Indiana. He also worked in a wood product factory in Arkansas. He was unaware that the man who was raising him was his uncle until he was told at age 21.

He served on the town council in Everton, Arkansas and helped to get the town streets paved.

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3-10053**PATTERSON, ERASTUS ALEXANDER**

b. 9 February 1867, Hendricks County, Indiana, to James Henry (1839-1897) and America (Smith) (1840-1925) Patterson

d. 18 March 1949, Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma

m. 1 March 1893, Alder Grove, Burt County, Nebraska

Vina Ernst

b. February 1870, Iowa, to William Ernst

d. 1930-1949, probably Payne County, Oklahoma

Children with Vina Ernst:

- John H. "Johnnie" (1894-aft. 1949)
- Irving (1895-aft. 1920)
- Elsie (1897-aft. 1910)
- Jessie or Thressa (1899-aft. 1910)
- Edith (abt. 1901-aft. 1920)
- Alma (abt. 1904-aft 1920)
- Edna (abt. 1907-aft. 1920)

Erastus grew up outside Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana. His parents left Indiana shortly after their daughter Eva died in 1883, and they settled their family near Craig, Burt County, Nebraska. Burt County became home to several other Hendricks County families, including that of Erastus' cousin,

Annie (Tharp) McDonald. Shortly after 1900, Erastus moved his wife and children south, to Payne County, Oklahoma.

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3-10058**KNIGHT, WILLIAM H.**

b. 10 December 1832, Pasquotank County, North Carolina

d. 20 July 1920, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

m. 26 May 1859, Rush County, Indiana

Drusilla A. Baird

b. 18 October 1839, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, to Joseph and Abigail Baird

d. 22 May 1919, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Children with Drusilla A. Baird:

- Mary Jane (1861-1906) married John H. Patton
- George Washington (1863-1947) married Mary Miriam "Mollie" Morgan
- Floyd E. (1866-1951) married Mary McClain
- Cora Kella (1870-1951) married (1) James F. Richardson, (2) E. Howard Bell

William probably arrived in Indiana in the early 1850's. He lived in Knightstown, Cambridge City, Indianapolis, and Seymour, Indiana, before moving to Lewistown, Pennsylvania, about 1916 to live with his daughter. He was a farmer and a carpenter.

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Genealogy Books To Be Digitized

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AWARDED GRANT TO DIGITIZE AT RISK BOOKS

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced this week that the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has awarded the Library of Congress a \$2 million grant for a program to digitize thousands of public-domain works, with a major focus on at-risk "brittle books" from the Library's General Collection and U.S. history volumes. Scanning is expected to begin within a few months after an initial startup period to establish logistics, staffing and resources.

The project, "Digitizing American Imprints at the Library of Congress," will include not only the scanning of volumes, but also the development of page-turner display technology, capability to scan and display foldouts, and a pilot program to capture high-level metadata, such as table of contents, chapters/sections and indexes. Past digitization projects

have shied away from brittle books because of the condition of the materials, but "Digitizing American Imprints" intends to serve as a demonstration project of best practices for the handling and scanning of such vulnerable works.

The Library of Congress proposal also includes digitization of works in the following categories:

*U.S. genealogy and regimental histories. The former includes county, state and regional histories, while the latter includes histories, memoirs, diaries and other collections from the Civil War period.

*Six collections of Rare Books including the Benjamin Franklin Collection, selections from the Katherine Golden Bitting and the Elizabeth Robins Pennell Collections of Gastronomy, a selection of first editions from the Library's Rare Book and Special Collections Division, selections from the Confederate States of America Collection, the Henry Harrisse Collection of Columbiana, and selections from the Jean Hersholt Collection of Hans Christian Andersen.

Database for African-American Records Sought

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HOUSE BILL CREATES DATABASE FOR CIVIL WAR-ERA AFRICAN-AMERICAN RECORDS

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill (H.R. 390) directing the National Archives to create an electronically searchable database of historic records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction contained within federal agencies for genealogical and historical research and to assist in the preservation of these records.

H.R. 390 requires the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to provide grants to states, colleges and universities, and genealogical associations to preserve records and establish databases of local records of such information. The bill authorizes \$5 million to create the searchable database and \$5 million to the NHPRC for the grants.

A companion bill, S. 295, has been introduced by Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA). H.R. 390 is now awaiting action in the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

IGS Newsletter Editor's Note: Thanks to Michael Maben for contributing these articles.

Highlights of February Board Meeting

The Indiana Genealogical Society's Board of Directors met at Plainfield Public Library on Saturday, February 3, 2007. The meeting convened at 10 am and adjourned at 2:25 pm. Among the board's actions:

- Approved the appointment of Randi Richardson as Indiana County Genealogist for Monroe County and Judy Richter as Indiana County Genealogist for Noble County.
- Approved a one-time use of the IGS mailing list by the Indiana Historical Society to distribute a flyer about a genealogy-related event.
- Accepted the report of a CPA who reviewed the society's financial records for 2005 and 2006.
- Announced plans to hold a Society Management Seminar on Saturday, September 8 at the Evansville library, beginning at 9:30 am.
- Approved the grants to be awarded for 2007. The winners will be announced at the IGS annual conference on April 28.
- Approved the proposed sites for future IGS annual conferences, specifically:
 - April 4-5, 2008 in Evansville
 - April 3-4, 2009 in Indianapolis (celebrating the 20th anniversary of IGS)
 - April 2010 in Terre Haute

The board will hold their next meeting on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 10 am at the Plainfield Public Library.

Indiana Research Topics at FGS Conference

The Indiana Genealogical Society is sponsoring a series of lectures at the Federation of Genealogical Societies' annual conference, which will be held August 15-18 at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The lectures will concentrate on aspects of Indiana research. The schedule is:

Saturday, August 18:

8-9 am "Exploring the Crossroads of America: Indiana Records and Repositories" - Curt B. Witcher

9:30-10:30 am "Research in Indiana Church Records" - John D. Beatty

11 am-Noon "If I Were A Record, Where Would I Hide? Mining Indiana's Court Records" - John J. Newman

Luncheon--12:15-1:45 pm "FamilySearch Indexing

Comes to Indiana: The Marriage Index Project" - Stephen Valentine

2-3 pm "German Protestant Church Records in Indiana" - Roger Minert

3:30-4:30 pm "Timeless Treasures in the Indiana State Archives" - Jim Corridan

5-6 pm "Indiana Newspaper Research" - Dawne Slater-Putt

The theme of the FGS conference is "A Meeting At The Crossroads of America." For conference registration information, please visit

<http://www.fgsconference.org> or contact: Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin TX 78720-0940.

Welcome New Members!

The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes our newest members for 2007, including:

David A. & Edith G. Anderson	Saline, MI
Nancy S. Carney	Lafayette, IN
Kathy Coppola	Kokomo, IN
Mary F. Crook	Kingman, AZ
Margaret Daugherty	Mascoutah, IL
William G. Elliot	Tucson, AZ
Eugene Gray	East Lansing, MI
Debra Harris	Norman, OK
Carolyn K. Hopkins	Wichita, KS
Larry Jones	McMurray, PA
Deborah McNay	Arlington, VA
Charles Ogzewalla	Arvada, CO
Porter County Public Library System	Valparaiso, IN
Gail Prewitt	Midway, KY
Thomas Rhoades	Carefree, AZ
Patricia C. Rogers	Terre Haute, IN
Donna Nichols-Laster	Manassas, VA
Ethel Stears	Lowell, MI
Jeanne Stump	Ft. Wayne, IN
Shirley Utterback	Anderson, IN
Gregory & Janet Wall	Kokomo, IN
Diana L. Watson	Springboro, PA
Ellen Wilson	Ft. Wayne, IN

Newsletter Editor Wanted

The Indiana Genealogical Society seeks someone to take over as editor for the *IGS Newsletter*. The editor is responsible for compiling and proofreading the newsletter's 6 issues each year. There are some regular columns that are contributed for each issue – the president's column, "Once A Hoosier" entries, and queries – and board members, Indiana County Genealogists, IGS chapters, committee chairs, etc. may also submit items. Potential items may also come from other publications, which IGS receives electronically as well as through its mailing address.

Newsletter files can be submitted to the printer electronically – they must be created in either Microsoft Publisher or Quark Xpress (this software

can be purchased for you if you do not already have access to it).

If you are interested in the position, or if you have any questions, please contact the current editor:

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Indexes to 1890 Soldiers Enrollment Lists

The enrollment lists (which are housed at the Indiana State Archives, and have also been microfilmed) enumerated veterans of all past wars who were residing in the various counties of Indiana in 1890, or if they were deceased, information on their widows and children. The enrollment lists are a valuable resource for determining an ancestor's military service, and also function as a partial census substitute, particularly since the Indiana portions of both the 1890 census and the 1890 special census of Union veterans and their widows were destroyed. The Indiana Genealogical Society's indexes are in Adobe Acrobat format on CD-ROM.

Indexes to 1890 Enrollment Lists

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	Greene		Ripley
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	Harrison		Switzerland
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Fulton County Resident Receives Award

By Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian

Judge Wendell C. Tombaugh of Rochester, Indiana is the recipient of a new award to recognize people who preserve public records and make them more accessible. At a December ceremony at the State Capitol, Governor Mitch Daniels presented Tombaugh with the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Preservation of Indiana's Historic Records. He was nominated by the Fulton County Historical Society and the Fulton County Public Library.

Since 1965 Judge Tombaugh has compiled, written, indexed and bound in hardcover almost 150 volumes of records and given them to libraries and museums. These volumes include: birth, marriage, and death records; censuses; school enumerations (1896-1924), Rochester newspaper excerpts (1858-present); cemetery inscriptions, and obituary indices (1946-2005). Most of the books concern records for Fulton County, but a few of his books are about records for Kosciusko, Marshall and Miami counties.

Tombaugh (who was born in 1915) worked for the FBI and then as a judge in the Fulton County courts. After he retired in 1978, he worked full time on his passion for genealogy while also caring for his wife Jean (now deceased). He compiled 20 volumes of newspaper excerpts, which include information about Fulton County's schools, stores and businesses. He also co-authored and published four family histories. Tombaugh also bound in hardcover his wife's collection of 150 volumes of various genealogy periodicals and gave them to the Fulton County Historical Society Museum for its Reference Room.

He started his work with a typewriter and mimeograph machine, then progressed from a copier to a computer and printer. He bought all his own equipment and works from home, which is a big historic house that has lots of room for his projects. He did all the binding in his basement and even created his own jigs to make the binding process easier. In 1995 he stopped binding books, finding it too hard

to continue to hand-stitch the binding.

At age 91 Tombaugh is a real treasure, very much appreciated. We have researchers who come from every state in the country and they all praise him for his hard work, perseverance, skill and ingenuity. He has done more than any other person we know to preserve, transcribe and disseminate public records.

His current project is to index all the Rochester Telephone Company phone books from 1909 to the present. As long as he is able to continue, he will keep on working, and we are praying that will be for a long time.

Judge Tombaugh's legacy will live on in one other way--he has created a family trust to invest his assets and give 90 percent to the government to reduce the tax burden. Beneficiaries include the Fulton County Public Library (for the first 50 years), the city of Rochester (for the next 50 years), the government of Fulton County (for the next 100 years), the government of Indiana (for the next 200 years), and the federal government from then on.

You can find his works at:

Fulton County Historical Society Museum
37 E. 375 North
Rochester, IN 46975
Phone (574) 223-4436
<http://www.icss.net/~fchs/>
(open Monday-Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm)

Reference Department
Fulton County Public Library
320 W. 7th St.
Rochester, IN 46975-1332
Phone (574) 223-2713
<http://www.fulco.lib.in.us>
(open Monday-Friday from 9 am to 8 pm ; Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm)

Found: MILLER Family Photos

A researcher has rescued a group of old photographs (some dating back to the 1880's) and is looking to give the photos to a descendant of the family. The photos are of a MILLER family which lived in Russellville, Brown County, Ohio, but research has shown they also had connections to Indiana and Illinois.

Johnson MILLER (born about 1828 in Ohio; died after 1880) married Sarah Eleanor GILBERT (born April 1834 in Indiana; died after 1900) and had children:

- John Gilbert Miller (born September 1863 in Ohio)
- Mable M. Miller (born December 1865 in Ohio)
- Solon Miller (born about 1869 in Ohio)
- Blanche E. Miller (born 1868-1870 in Ohio; died 31 May 1960 in Ohio)

Mable Miller was a teacher who attended Central Normal College in Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana in 1885-1886. She returned to Brown County, Ohio and is there for the 1900 census.

Blanche Miller married a physician named Orange EDWARDS (born 1870 in Ohio) on 4 October 1899 in Brown County, Ohio but is in the 1900 census in Paxton, Ford County, Illinois.

John Gilbert Miller was known as "Gilbert" or "Gillie", according to information written on some of the photos. According to the census, he worked at a drugstore in Brown County, Ohio, but one of the photos of him was taken at a Danville, Indiana studio; another at a Lafayette, Indiana studio.

There is also a photo of a Frank Miller (no date) and a tintype of a John A. Miller dated September 1888 (is this the same man as Johnson Miller?).

If you recognize this family, please contact:

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National Archives To Raise Copy Fees

At press time, the National Archives and Records Administration was taking comments from the public on a proposal to raise their photocopying fees. The fees were last raised in 2000. The proposed increases would significantly affect requests for Civil War pension files – currently \$37, it would go up to \$125 (pension files that are not from the Civil War period would increase from \$37 to \$60).

When the public uses self-service photocopiers at their regional archives, the current \$.15 per page cost would go up to \$.20 per page (with the cost going up to \$.25 per page at the National Archives in Washington, DC). To make copies from microfilm, the current \$.30 per page cost would go up to \$.50 per page. For copies made by NARA staff, the current \$.50 per page cost would go up to \$.75 per page.

Copies of passenger arrival lists (currently \$17.25 per page) would increase to \$25 per page; cop-

ies of census records (currently \$17.50 per page) would increase to \$25 per page; copies of land entry records (currently \$17.75) would increase to \$40; copies of bounty land warrant application files (currently \$17.25) would increase to \$25. For those who want just the pension documents packet (which contains only selected records, not the full file), the current cost of \$14.75 would go up to \$25.

To comment on the proposed fee increase, please send a letter to:

Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL)
Room 4100
Policy and Planning Staff
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Rd.
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Contribute to IGS Quarterly

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Interested in Indiana genealogy and local history? Please contribute your data, knowledge or skills to the *Indiana Genealogist*. We are looking for:

- ◆ Quarterly Editor—responsible for putting together each of the 4 issues, plus the separate index issue, each year. Expenses will be reimbursed. Ability to meet printer's deadlines a must; good grammar and proofreading skills a plus. Previous experience working with Microsoft Publisher or Quark Xpress software preferred.
- ◆ Editor's Assistants:
 - 1) Proofreader—closely proofreads each issue for spelling, grammatical and formatting issues.
 - 2) Indexer—goes through each issue and indexes all the names that appear.
- ◆ Columnists—writes for the *INGEN-ious* column that regularly appears in the quarterly. The column discusses aspects of doing genealogical/historical research in Indiana. Previous topics have included courthouse research, newspaper research, and organizing your research.
- ◆ Submissions—brief items (newspaper blurbs, etc.) as well as longer items (indexes, abstracts, and articles) concerning people from Indiana. It's an opportunity to have your information read by a nationwide audience (and you are free to submit your information to other publications at the same time).

Interested in any of the above? Contact:

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Queries



We welcome queries from anyone. There is no limit on the number of queries you can submit or their length. Queries will be published as space permits. All queries should contain your first and last name, as well as your postal address and mention the names, dates and places in Indiana (the more details, the better!). Send queries to: **Meredith Thompson, 1455 Cherry Tree Rd., Avon IN 46123; E-mail queries@indgensoc.org**

BOHLER/BOLER--I am looking for birth information for William BOHLER (born 1880 in Rockport, Spencer County, Indiana; died 1952). He was the son of Harmon (or Hommon) Bohler, who was born in 1858 in Owensboro, Daviess County, Kentucky and died September 29, 1917 in Brazil, Clay County, Indiana. Harmon Bohler was married 3 times: 1) to Martha "Mattie" HOTCHKISS on July 27, 1880 in Spencer County, Indiana; 2) to Susan SMITH on April 3, 1904 in Spencer County, Indiana; 3) to Ida Kellums NICHOLSON on April 24, 1917 in Clay County, Indiana.

William Bohler married Emma PHELPS (born November 1886 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana; died 1921) in 1907 and they had children:

- Elizabeth Helen "Honey" (born November 30, 1907 in Vigo County, Indiana; died 1968) – she married Billy EBERT
- Velda May (1910-1992) – she married Nelson POUPARD
- Cecil Woodrow "Slim" (born 1913) – he married Virginia HARMON
- Norma Jean (born 1915) – she married Percy STEELE and may have died from tuberculosis
- Albert Wilson "Jack" (1920-1981) – he married Nadine BARTLETT

Harmon Bohler had other children:

- Elizabeth (born February 25, 1882 in Spencer County) – she married Phillip MYERS

- David (born June 8, 1884 in Spencer County)
- Amelia (born September 1885 in Indiana) – she married J.C. GOODMAN

Harmon was the son of Ferdinand Bohler (born about 1835 in Baden; died after 1880) and Catherine (born 1832-1842 in Baden or New York; died after 1880). Ferdinand was in the 1860 census in Daviess County, Kentucky and the 1870 and 1880 censuses in Spencer County, Indiana. Ferdinand and Catherine Bohler had other children: Ferdinand M. (born about 1858 in Kentucky) and William (born about 1869 in Indiana).

I would also love information on Harmon or Ferdinand Bohler or any other descendants of this family. See my website (<http://groups.msn.com/AFamilyTree>) for more information.

Contact: Jackie Bohler-Briggs, 920 Fairyland Ave., Jackson MI 49202; E-mail jackiebrn@comcast.net

CROUCH – Seeking information on Sanford CROUCH (born 1800 in Washington County, Tennessee) who was appointed Postmaster of Stilesville, Hendricks County, Indiana in 1832. He purchased 40 acres of land on 24 July 1832 in Franklin Township, Hendricks County (Township 14 North, Range 2 West). He also purchased 80 acres on 2 November 1832 in the same vicinity. William Shipley, an in-law of Sanford's, purchased 80 acres in Franklin Township, Hendricks County on March 20, 1830. Sanford Crouch subsequently moved to Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois.

Sanford married Elizabeth BEAN in 1822 in Washington County, Tennessee and they had children:

- Elizabeth
- Jerial
- Joseph
- Edmund Bean
- John Sanford
- George William

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JENKINSON—I am looking for the maiden name of Joseph JENKINSON'S wife, Elizabeth J. (born November 1845 in Indiana; died September 2, 1904 in Delaware County, Indiana; buried in Union Church Cemetery, Desoto, Delaware County). Joseph was born July 1833 in Ohio and died April 29, 1913 in Liberty Township, Delaware County, Indiana. He is buried in Union Church Cemetery, Desoto, Delaware County. They were supposedly married on November 19, 1857 in Randolph County, Indiana. They were in the 1860 census in Allen Township, Darke County, Ohio, then settled in Liberty Township, Delaware County, Indiana by the 1870 census.

Joseph and Elizabeth Jenkinson had children:

- George R. (born about 1859 in Ohio)
- Lewis A. (born about June 1860 in Ohio)
- Levi (born about 1863 in Ohio)
- Josiah (born about 1864 in Indiana)
- Sela C. (born about 1866 in Indiana)

Contact: Ann Jensen, 1632 6 St. NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M-3E8; E-mail ajjbc@shaw.ca

MEADOWS/HATCHETT—Seeking descendants of the family of Harvey Longland MEADOWS (born about 1825 in England; died May 1, 1882 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana; buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville). He emigrated from Warboys, Huntingdonshire, England to Evansville, Indiana in 1854. Harvey was a cashier for the Merchants National Bank in Evansville and he married 1) Jemima W. (born about 1830 in England; died November 9, 1867; buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville). They had children:

- Willis J. (born about 1857 in England; died February 19, 1936 in Evansville; buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville)
- Emily S. (born about 1860 in Indiana; died October 31, 1938 in Evansville; buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville)

Harvey married 2) in 1872 to Cornelia HATCHETT (born September 1841 in Kentucky; died July 23, 1930 in Evansville; buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville), who was the daughter of Captain John A. Hatchett of the Confederate Army. Harvey and Cornelia had a son, Harvey H. Meadows (born March 1872 in Indiana), who was in the 1900 census in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

I am not related to this family, but I have diaries written by H.L. Meadows plus news cuttings and family photographs that were shipped back to England following his death, and I would be delighted if I could find a member of this family.

Contact: David Claxton, 49 Rock Road, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4LN, England; E-mail david@claxtonpe8.freemove.co.uk

McKINNEY—I would like to exchange information on any McKINNEY family in Rush and Shelby counties in Indiana. I would like to know more about the Mary McKinney who married a William THOMPSON on August 20, 1834 in Shelby County. I would like to prove or disprove whether this Mary (McKinney) Thompson is the same as the widow Mary Thompson who married Andrew Ensminger on July 4, 1847 in Shelby County.

Contact: Nancy Schonemann, 13505 Jackie Ln., St. Joseph MO 64505; E-mail schonemn@magicablepc.com

PILGRIM/PILGRAM—I am trying to find information about Lavinia PILGRIM (born 1821/1822 in Indiana). She married Ervin DRAKE (born about 1821 in Kentucky) in 1839 in Dubois County, Indiana. They were in Orange County, Indiana for the 1850 and 1860 censuses, then moved to Johnson County, Missouri for the 1870 census.

I'm trying to find out who Lavinia's parents were and other family. I don't have any information about her before her marriage to Ervin. I have received information that she was possibly born in Virginia. Other PILGRIM/PILGRAM families in Dubois County include Mikel Pilgrim (1820 census), Amala Pilgrim (1830 census), and Lewis Pilgrim. There were also PILGRIM/PILGRAM families in nearby Harrison

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County, Indiana, throughout this time period; however, I have been unable to link up my PILGRIM with any other PILGRIM/PILGRAM's at this point.

Thanks in advance for any help provided.

Contact: Lisa Williams, P.O. Box 1624, Jay OK 74346; E-mail williams_blds@hotmail.com

SIMMONS--Need information on Oden E. SIMMONS who was born in Floyd County, Virginia on 18 May 1906 or 1907 but moved to White County, Indiana after 1929. He is listed in the 1930 census in Prairie Township, White County, Indiana with his wife Brookie (born about 1906 in Virginia) and son Clevie (born about 1929 in Virginia). According to the Social Security Death Index, Oden died 5 October 1990, and at the time of his death he was a resident of Monticello, White County, Indiana.

I would like to know if Oden had other children. The family stories say that he and his wife Brookie separated. I know that his son Clevie had twin sons, Ronald and Donald, and that Ronald died as a child. I would like to know who Oden's descendants are--Oden was my mother's brother and there were thirteen children in the family.

Contact: Katie Dalton, 724 Lovell Rd., Hillsville VA 24343; E-mail katie@psknet.com

THWAITS/TWAITS--I'm looking for information on any members of the THWAITS or TWAITS family who lived in Kosciusko County, Indiana. Benjamin G. Thwaits was born in 1826 in Pennsylvania. He married Rosannah TAYLOR in 1847 in Shelby County, Ohio and was there for the 1850 census. They had 4 children: James Nathan (born 1847 in Ohio), Jeremiah (born 1849 in Ohio), Allen Jacob (born 1851), and John Taylor (born 1854).

James Nathan Thwaits married Harriet Jane RAKER sometime around 1867. They are my husband's great-great-grandparents. James and Harriet Thwaits had 6 children: James Edward, John, Samuel Nathan, Allen J., Benjamin, and Rose.

James Edward Thwaits married Lydia Ann CARTER in Kosciusko County, Indiana, sometime prior to 1879. They had 8 children. The youngest was Robert Thwaits (born 1898), who was my husband's

grandfather.

I'm looking for any and all information on descendants of the Benjamin G. Thwaits/Twaits family.

Contact: Carole Thwaits, 76 Serendipity Ln., Crimora VA 24431; E-mail thwaits@newhopetel.net

WOLF/MILLER--Seeking information on the descendants of Sidney Amanda WOLF (daughter of John Wolf and Sophia WETZEL), who was born in 1831 in Virginia, and died in January 1909 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. She married Jacob MILLER (born in 1830 in Virginia; died before 1880) on 25 March 1852. They were in the 1860 census in Beaver Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio, and were in Indianapolis by 1870. Sidney and Jacob had children:

- Florence Miller (born in 1852 in Ohio; died after 1860)
- Edgar L. Miller (born in 1854 in Ohio; died 24 July 1899 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana) -- he married Jennie May HATHAWAY (born about 1876; daughter of Joseph E. Hathaway and Mollie SEEMAN) on 18 February 1895 in Marion County, Indiana.
- Jacob Miller (born in 1856 in Ohio; died after 1860)
- Alta Miller (born in 1860 in Ohio; died after 1880 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana)

Contact: Sandi Komosinski, 1203 Terrill Ave., Grand Haven MI 49417-2746; E-mail DoxieDaze@charter.net

ZIGLER/MCCONAUGHY(MCCONNAGHY)--Searching for information about the family of Sarah Jane ZIGLER, born about 1845 in Elkhart County, Indiana. Her parents were Jacob ZIGLER and Mary MCCONNAGHY, who married December 31, 1840, in Elkhart County. The 1910 census lists Jacob as being born in Pennsylvania and Mary as being born in Ireland. Both died in Iowa. They lived in Indiana for at least 10 years, as several of Sarah Jane's siblings were born in Elkhart County between 1841 and 1850. I am interested in information regarding their parents or other information about them.

Contact: Dave Schomer, 604 Arrowhead Trail, Warner Robins GA 31088; E-mail schomerd@bellsouth.net

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