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Dear Members,

conference logo

After a severe Indiana winter, we're finally seeing some signs of spring, and with the spring comes our [Annual Conference](#), held this year on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



Join us on **Saturday, April 16th** at the Sterrett Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison for some great sessions by Diane VanSkiver Gagel, including one on the role of women in the Civil War era (particularly timely with April being the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War). Indiana librarians have 4 more reasons to go - they can receive up to 4 LEU credits for attending.

As members, your registration rate is \$10 less than the rate for the public. Read on to see more ways that we're working to serve you!

WAR OF 1812 MATCH CHALLENGE REACHES \$4,000

Thank you to:

- The [Elwood Pipe Creek Genealogy Society](#) in Elwood, Indiana for their \$100 donation
- The [Michigan Genealogical Council](#) in Lansing, Michigan for their \$50 donation
- The [Wabash Valley Genealogy](#)

[Society](#) in Terre Haute,
Indiana for their \$100 donation



Because of their generosity, and the generosity of so many individuals and groups, we have raised more than \$4,000!

Our \$10,000 match challenge aims to help the Federation of Genealogical Societies' campaign to digitize the National Archives' collection of War of 1812 pension files, by matching every donation made between now and **June 30, 2011**.

Literally any amount you can give will be a tremendous help - a \$25 donation will digitize 50 pages, and even a \$5 donation means 10 more pages will be digitized.

8 MORE DATABASES ADDED TO MEMBERS ONLY

Eight more premium databases were added to the [Members Only area](#) today, bringing the total to 544 so far. The newest additions are:

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[College Records](#)

- Students of Central Normal College, Danville (Fall 1935)
- Students of Wabash College, Crawfordsville (1939) [NOTE: This database includes information on the class of 1939 only]

[County Records](#)

- Directory of Businesses in Dearborn County, Indiana (1868)
- Directory of Businesses in Fulton County, Indiana (1868)
- Residents of Johnson County, Indiana (1874)

[Military Records](#)

- Indiana's Civil War Veterans Buried In Fayetteville (Arkansas) National Cemetery
- Indiana's Civil War Veterans Buried In Green Lawn (Ohio) National Cemetery
- Indiana's Mexican War Veterans At National Home For Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (1904)

We remain focused on adding more databases, including the one that will hopefully contain information on the ancestor or county you are looking for.

INDIANA MARRIAGE INDEX REACHES 1 MILLION

Our [Indiana Marriage Indexing Project](#) - a collaboration with FamilySearch to create an online index for Indiana marriages from 1811 to 1959 - has reached the million mark. There are now over 1 million entries online, representing 24 of Indiana's 92 counties.

wedding rings



This is an ongoing project and we deeply appreciate the help from all the volunteers (who literally are across the country). Sign up at FamilySearchIndexing.org if you want to index a batch or two.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN DATABASE UPDATED

In honor of Black History Month, Dawne Slater-Putt recently updated her database [Individuals Associated with Indiana's African-American Settlements \(1817-1930\)](#), which is her ongoing effort to compile information on Indiana's early African-American settlers and their descendants.



The database now has over **13,000 entries** and includes some newspaper articles, tombstone photos, marriage records and other source materials (such as the one pictured here).

STATE ARCHIVIST TO SPEAK AT IGS SEMINAR

Part of our pre-conference activity is a [Seminar](#) (co-sponsored with the [Hancock County Genealogical Society](#)) on **Friday, April 15** in Greenfield. Indiana State Archivist Jim Corridan is scheduled to give a session on the retention of local records.

Advance registration for the seminar is just \$5 a person, with free admission for IGS' appointed Indiana County Genealogists and members of IGS chapters.

Seated is limited, so register in advance.

HENDRICKS COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS UPDATE

Our preservation work on [Hendricks County probate records](#) continues to progress. There are now 283 digital files

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online, totalling more than 4 gigabytes.



One of the largest files is an estate case for Simon T. Hadley, a Danville lawyer and the longtime Hendricks County clerk - his digital file consists of more than 450 pages, owing to the fact that it took over 25 years to settle the case!

MARION COUNTY SOCIETY MOVES WEBSITE

The Genealogical Society of Marion County in Indianapolis has moved their website to GenealogyIndy.org



Among the resources at the new site is a Members Only area, as well as some files that are available to the public.

IN THE NEWS

In case you missed it, here are some recent news items of interest to Indiana genealogists:

newspaper



- [Jefferson County courthouse rebuilding continues](#)
- [Knox County courthouse gets makeover](#)
- [Preservation group to study Indiana's 84 historic courthouses](#)
- [Clark County museum breaks ground for new building](#)
- [Angola in Steuben County added to National Register of Historic Places](#)



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