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Dear Members,

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If you are part of an organization, you have another reason to attend our [Annual Conference](#) on **Saturday, April 16th** at the Sterrett Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis - the opportunity to promote your group.

This year the vendor opportunities at our conference are exclusively for non-profit organizations. Registration is just \$10 a table, with IGS chapters receiving FREE vendor registration. Download the [Vendor Registration Form](#) from our site.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: HOUSE BILL 1079

news flash

On March 30, the Indiana Senate's Local Government Committee deadlocked on House Bill 1079, the bill that would permit public access to veterans' discharge records once the Social Security numbers are removed.

The bill has the support of the committee's chair, Senator Connie Lawson (Hendricks & Putnam counties), and she intends to bring it before the committee when they meet again next week. If HB 1079 does not pass the committee then, it is unlikely it will survive this legislative session.

Please e-mail the committee members before next week's meeting and let them know the importance of this bill:

Phil Boots (Boone, Clinton, Fountain, Hendricks, Montgomery & Warren counties) - Senator.Boots@iga.in.gov

Jean D. Breaux (Marion County) - s34@iga.in.gov

Doug Eckerty (Delaware & Madison counties) - Senator.Eckerty@iga.in.gov

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Thomas J. Wyss (Allen County) - Senator.Wyss@iga.in.gov

Richard D. Young, Jr. (Crawford, Dubois, Harrison, Perry, Spencer, Warrick & Washington counties) - s47@in.gov

IGS ADDS HOOSIER ANCESTOR ITEMS TO CAFE PRESS

The Indiana Genealogical Society has added several "Hoosier Ancestor?" items to our [Cafe Press store](#).

Display your pride that you **HAVE** a Hoosier ancestor, are going to **BE** a Hoosier ancestor someday, or ask others, "Who's **YOUR** Hoosier ancestor?"

Hoosier Ancestor logo



Proceeds from sales will go towards our records preservation project in Hendricks County.

SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA DATABASES ADDED TO MEMBERS ONLY

Premium databases for 10 southeastern Indiana counties -Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Switzerland and Union - have been added to the [County Records](#) section of the [Members Only area](#),

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bringing the total number of databases to 561.

Since our last news update to you, we also achieved "2 for 92" status - at least 2 premium databases for each of Indiana's 92 counties. Here are some of the other databases we've added since our last news update:

Greene County

--Directory of Businesses in Greene County, Indiana (1858)

Hendricks County

[thanks to Jeff Curtis for sharing these!]

--Index of Irons Cemetery, Hendricks County, Indiana

--Index of Miles Cemetery, Hendricks County, Indiana

Newton County

--Directory of Businesses in Newton County, Indiana (1884)

Porter County

--Directory of Businesses in Porter County, Indiana (1884)

Posey County

[thanks to Dawne Slater-Putt for sharing this!]

--Cholera Deaths in Mount Vernon, Posey County, Indiana (1873)

We remain focused on adding more databases, including the one that will hopefully contain information on the ancestor or county you are looking for. We welcome your submissions of data (Excel or Access electronic formats, please).

COMPRESSED VERSIONS OF NEWSLETTER & QUARTERLY AVAILABLE

Since our last news update, we've added compressed versions (whenever possible) of the *IGS Newsletter* and *Indiana Genealogist* to the original versions that are available in the [IGS Records](#) section of Members Only. These compressed versions are designed so that members with slower Internet connections can download the issues quicker.

newspaper



RACHEL POPMA IS NEW IG EDITOR

Welcome to Rachel Popma, who has joined the IGS staff as the new editor of *Indiana Genealogist*. Rachel is a graduate of Ball State University and the University of Illinois, and received her Certificate in Genealogical Research from the Center for Professional Education at Boston University. She was an assistant editor of Indiana Historical Society Press' family history publications (both print and online), and now provides freelance research and editorial services for clients in the Indianapolis area.

Look for her work beginning with the June issue!

WAR OF 1812 MATCH CHALLENGE UPDATE

Thank you to the [Elkhart County Genealogical Society](#) in Elkhart, Indiana for their \$100 donation! We've had over 100 individuals and organizations donate so far, and we are now at close to 50% of our goal.

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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.

WANTED: LONG RANGE PLANNING CHAIR

IGS is seeking a replacement for the chair of the Long Range Planning committee. This is a vital part of the society - not only do the committee members process applications for the Indiana County Genealogist program, but they engage in lively e-mail discussions about new directions the society should explore.

If you are interested in overseeing this fun bunch, or would like more information, please contact Shirley Richison Fields - richison@me.com

HENDRICKS COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS UPDATE

While working on an estate file among the [Hendricks County probate records](#), we found this 1880 receipt from Clemens Vonnegut's hardware store in Indianapolis.

Vonnegut hardware store receipt



Clemens Vonnegut was the great-grandfather of famed author Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. We were happy to share this image with the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis.

We've also culled the death dates (when listed) from the probate files we've unfolded so far, and created a database, [Deaths Listed in Probate Records of Hendricks County, Indiana \(1837-1898\)](#). This database will be updated.

We have now unfolded 1,885 files - about 40% of the collection.

NEW RESOURCES FOR DAVIESS & ST. JOSEPH COUNTIES

The Washington Carnegie Public Library has digitized their collection of Daviess County newspapers 1857-1925 and placed them online for free at <http://washingtonpl.newspaperarchive.com>



The South Bend Area Genealogical Society (SBAGS) has created a marriage index for St. Joseph County marriage licenses that were issued at the South Bend courthouse 1922-1989 and at the Mishawaka courthouse 1979-1997. This index is free to the public at www.sbags.org/marriage.htm



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