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Dear Members,

Thank you to everyone who contacted Indiana legislators concerning House Bill 1079, which would have permitted public access to veterans' discharge records. The legislative session ended on April 29 and the bill appears to have died in committee. We'll let you know if we hear any more information.

Thank you also to everyone who attended our annual conference. Next year's conference is being planned for **Saturday, April 28, 2012** in Fort Wayne.

IGS OFFERS 2 STATEWIDE INDEXES

Two new statewide indexes have been added to the publications that are available for purchase in our online [Shop](#): news flash

--Statewide Index to Indiana's 1890 Soldiers Enrollment Lists - \$25

A CD-ROM in PDF format containing over 51,000 entries to the 85 of Indiana's 92 counties that have been indexed (not included: Adams, Allen, Blackford, Crawford, Dearborn, Madison & Marion counties).

The enrollment lists 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 lists are a valuable resource for determining an ancestor's military service, and also function as a partial census substitute.

Our 1890 indexes were previously only available to purchase

for a single county - now you can see all 85 counties' indexes at a glance!

--Statewide Index to Indiana's 1880 DDD (Defective, Dependent, Delinquent) Schedules - \$20

A CD-ROM in PDF format containing over 17,000 entries to all 92 Indiana counties that have been indexed. The 1880 DDD schedules were a supplemental schedule to the 1880 federal census, with the census enumerator providing additional information on those who had been labeled as Insane, Idiotic, Deaf and Mute, Blind, Homeless Children, Inhabitants in Prison, or Indigent.

Our 1880 indexes were previously only available online, in our Members Only area - now you can have an index to all 92 counties for your own research collection.

COLLEGE DATABASES ADDED TO MEMBERS ONLY

Premium databases for some computer keyboard
Indiana colleges have just
been added to the [College
Records](#) section of
the [Members Only area](#),
bringing the total number of
databases to 576:



DePauw University

--Students of DePauw University, Greencastle (1910)

(NOTE: This database contains information on the Class of 1910 and Class of 1911 only)

Franklin College

--Faculty of Franklin College, Franklin (1916)
--Students of Franklin College, Franklin (1916)

Indiana University

--Students of Indiana University, Bloomington (1926)

(NOTE: This database contains information on the Class of 1926 only).

University of Indianapolis

--Faculty of Indiana Central College, Indianapolis (1929)
--Faculty of Indiana Central College, Indianapolis (1932)

(NOTE: Indiana Central College later became University of Indianapolis)

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) - contact webmaster@indgensoc.org.

WELCOME NEW IGS OFFICERS

Thank you to all the members who voted in our election. Our officers were installed at the annual meeting during the conference, with Michael Maben of Bloomington as President; Tina Lyons of Fort Wayne as Vice-President; Dawne Slater-Putt of Hometown as Recording Secretary; Marlene Polster of Crown Point as Corresponding Secretary; John Boggess of West Lafayette as Treasurer.

IGS thanks departing officers Shirley Richison Fields of Avon, Marcia Ford of Kokomo and Curt Witcher of Fort Wayne for their years of service.

INDIANA COUNTY GENEALOGISTS UPDATE

Welcome to Diana Biddle of Morgantown and Sheila Kell of Vernon! The Indiana Genealogical Society's Board of Directors recently appointed them as [Indiana County Genealogists](#) - Diana as the ICG for Brown County, and Sheila as the ICG for Jennings County. They welcome your questions about the resources available in their respective counties.

Welcome to Marlene Polster of Crown Point, who is the new coordinator for the Indiana County Genealogist Program. Her assistant coordinator is Donna Sullivan of Merom.

IGS RECEIVES GRANT FOR RECORDS PRESERVATION PROJECT

Thank you to the [Hendricks County Community Foundation](#) - they recently awarded the Indiana Genealogical Society a \$500 grant for our project to preserve and digitize [Hendricks County probate records](#). The money will go towards the use of an online storage service to hold all the electronic files that are being generated during the digitizing phase.



More digital files have been put online in recent weeks - there are now over 300 probate cases online.

WAR OF 1812 MATCH CHALLENGE UPDATE

Our \$10,000 match challenge continues to receive donations that push us closer to the 50% mark. [Donate Online](#) or send a check (made payable to Indiana Genealogical Society, with "War of 1812 donation" in the memo line) to:

Indiana Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 10507
Fort Wayne, IN 46852-0507



ABOUT THE MATCH CHALLENGE: The Indiana Genealogical Society is aiding the Federation of Genealogical Societies' campaign to digitize the National Archives' collection of War of 1812 pension files, by matching every donation up to the first \$10,000 that is made between now and **June 30, 2011**.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies recently announced that iArchives would be their digitizing partner for this project, with Footnote.com providing free access to the pension files.

IGS BOARD TO MEET IN GREENFIELD

The Indiana Genealogical Society's Board of Directors will hold their next meeting on Saturday, June 4 at 10 am EDT at the [Hancock County Public Library](#) in Greenfield. The meeting is open to the public, and IGS members are welcome to stop by.

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WANTED: PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

IGS is seeking a volunteer to help publicize all the good things that our society is involved with. If you can send press releases via e-mail and postal mail to various genealogy and media outlets, please contact the publications chair, Marlene Polster - lakecogen@sbcglobal.net

EVENTS AROUND INDIANA

Here are some of the many events going on around Indiana this month - please see the [IGS blog](#) for a more complete listing.

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--The Southern Indiana Genealogical Society will meet on **Thursday, May 5** at 7 pm in the Strassweg Auditorium of the [New Albany-Floyd County Public Library](#). Nancy Strickland, Indiana Room librarian at the library, will present a program, "Military Resources at the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library,"

covering the earliest American military records through World War II that are either available at the library or are online, with an emphasis on Hoosiers who served in the Civil War. The meeting is free and open to the public.

--The Wabash Valley Genealogy Society, which is based in Terre Haute and is a chapter of IGS, will host a hands-on cemetery restoration workshop at Rose Hill Cemetery in New Goshen on **Saturday, May 7** beginning at 9:30 am. The workshop will be led by Brad Manzenberger of Stone Revival Cemetery Restoration, Inc. WVGS members will receive a discount on registration. For more information, please see the [WVGS website](#).

--Indiana University-Bloomington will host a workshop by folklorist and historic photograph researcher Jon Kay, "The Identification, Care & Handling of Historic Photographs," on **Saturday, May 14** from 10 am to 1 pm at the Lilly library on campus. Kay will teach participants how to identify the various types of historic photographs as well as how to care for them, and participants are encouraged to bring their own family and local history images to discuss and analyze. This workshop is free - to register, please contact The Lilly Library at (812) 855-2452.

--The Indiana Historical Society will host a class by author and researcher Tony Burroughs, "The Six Phases of African-American Genealogy," on **Saturday, May 21** from 10 am to noon at the society's building in Indianapolis. Burroughs will identify and discuss the six distinct phases of research he considers to be the building blocks of African-American genealogy research. IHS members will receive a discount on registration, and Indiana librarians are eligible to receive 2 LEU credits for attending. Visit [Indiana Historical Society](#) to register, or for more information.

KOKOMO LIBRARY INCREASES ITS HOURS

The Genealogy and Local History Department of the [Kokomo-Howard County Public Library](#) recently increased the hours it is open to the public. The new hours are: Mondays 9 am to 8 pm; Tuesdays through Saturdays 9 am to 5 pm; Sundays closed.

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KNOX COUNTY & RUSH COUNTY RESOURCES

The Knox County Public Library in Vincennes has a [Knox County death index \(1921-2002\)](#) at their website.

The Rush County Genealogical Society is publishing a [Rush County Obituary Index](#) on their website. The index is in progress - when finished, it will cover obituaries from the Rush County *Republican* 1980 to 2007.



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