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Dear Members,

Welcome to all those who have joined the Indiana Genealogical Society since our last update - it is wonderful to see that the interest in Indiana genealogy extends around the country (as well as around the globe). We hope you find these periodic updates helpful.

A reminder - the Indiana Genealogical Society's Board of Directors will hold their next meeting this Saturday, June 4 at 10 am Eastern at the **Hancock County Public Library** in Greenfield. The meeting is open to the public, and IGS members are welcome to stop by.

JUNE NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE

The June 2011 issue of the *IGS Newsletter* has been added to the **IGS Records** section of the **Members Only area** - login to download your copy.

There is a high-resolution version available for download, as well as a lower-resolution version of the issue that is more friendly to dial-up Internet connections.

This issue has been expanded to include a wrap-up of our annual conference, annual meetings, and news items from around the state.

WAR OF 1812 MATCH CHALLENGE REACHES 60%

Our $10,000 match challenge is now over 60%, thanks to the help of so many generous donors. We also thank the Tippecanoe County Area

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Genealogical Society (TIPCOA) of West Lafayette, Indiana, which donated $100, and the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana, which donated $1,000.

Footnote.com recently started adding the first of the digitized pension files to its **website**, where they will be free to the public. More files will be added over time.

Ancestry.com recently announced that they would be matching every donation made to the Federation of Genealogical Society's campaign, which means that every donation you make to our match challenge will actuallly be TRIPLED. Our match challenge will end on **June 30, 2011 - 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**.

INDIANA MARRIAGE INDEXING UPDATE

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Our project with FamilySearch to create an **Indiana marriage index (1811-1959)** continues to grow. Entries from Bartholomew County and Elkhart County have been added to the online index, bringing to 26 the number of Indiana's 92 counties that are included. FamilySearch estimates the project is now about 40% complete.

HENDRICKS COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS UPDATE

Our project to preserve and digitize **Hendricks County probate records** continues to make progress. More digital files have been put online in recent weeks - there are now over 360 probate cases online.

DATABASES ADDED TO MEMBERS ONLY

Since last month, we've added several premium databases to the **Members Only area**, bringing the total number of databases to 593:

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African-American Records
--African-American Veterans in Greene County, Indiana (1890)
--African-American Veterans in Martin County, Indiana (1890)
--African-American Veterans in Perry County, Indiana (1890)
--African-American Veterans in Pike County, Indiana (1890)
--African-American Veterans in Posey County, Indiana (1890)

College Records
--Alumni of Indiana State Normal School, Terre Haute (1872-1929)
 [NOTE: Indiana State Normal School later became Indiana State University]

--Students of University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame (1937)
[NOTE: This database contains information on the Class of 1937 and the Class of 1938 only]

County Records
--Selected Extracts from Newspapers in Boone County, Indiana (1885-1907)
--Selected Extracts from Newspapers in Rush County, Indiana (1864-1895)
--Selected Extracts from Newspapers in Shelby County, Indiana (1866-1886)
[NOTE: Thank you to Virginia Curulla for contributing these 3 databases]

Henry County:
--Students of Middletown High School, Henry County, Indiana (1928)
--Teachers of Middletown High School, Henry County, Indiana (1928)

Madison County:
--Students of Anderson High School, Anderson (1918)

St. Joseph County:
--Directory of Businesses in South Bend (1902)

Military Records
--Roster of Company G, 31st Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War (1861-1865)
[NOTE: Thank you to Randi Richardson, the Indiana County Genealogist for Monroe County, for contributing this database]

--Indiana's Civil War Soldiers Buried in Alexandria (Louisiana) National Cemetery

--Veterans Who Died At Indiana State Soldiers Home,

Lafayette (1908-1909)

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 (Microsoft Excel or Access files, please) - for more information, please contact **webmaster@indgensoc.org**.

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 **Wabash Valley Genealogy Society** will hold a free workshop, "German Genealogy Research Without a Passport," on June 4 from 10 am to noon at the Vigo County Public Library in Terre Haute. The workshop will be led by Charles Hessler.

--The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will host **GenFest 2011**, an annual genealogy festival that includes vendors, free programs, and extended research time, on June 10-11.

--The **Hamilton East Public Library** in Noblesville will hold a Genealogy Roundtable on June 14 from 2:15 to 3:15 pm in the library's genealogy classroom. The theme will be "Show & Tell," and you're invited to bring in any of your genealogy projects to share.

--**Willard Library** in Evansville will hold their annual "Midnight Madness" event June 20 through June 24. There will be free workshops offered each day on a variety of topics, and the library's Special Collections Department will be open each day until midnight. See the library's **calendar** for more information.

--The **Indiana State Library** in Indianapolis will hold a free program, "Non-Population Census Records," on June 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the library's History Reference Room. The program will focus on the information that can be found in agricultural, manufacturing, mortality and other special census records.

--Experts from Ancestry.com and the **Genealogy Center** in Fort Wayne will hold "Fort Wayne Ancestry Day" on July 23 at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. There will be several classes offered throughout the day, including one on Civil War research and an "Ask the Experts" panel. Registration is $20 - **register online**

FAMILYSEARCH ADDS CIVIL WAR DATABASES

FamilySearch recently announced that in honor

of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, it has added several **Civil War databases** to its website. Among the databases - all of which are free to the public - is an index to veteran's pension files.

STATE ARCHIVES TO EXAMINE KNOX COUNTY RECORDS

A recent **news item** discusses how the Indiana State Archives is sending experts to Vincennes to take a look at Knox County's historic records.