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# Indiana Genealogical Society News

1 July 2011

*Dear Members,*

We'll remember the American Revolution with our Fourth of July celebrations this weekend, but did you remember the War of 1812 last month? June 18th marked the 199th anniversary of the beginning of our "other" war with Great Britain, a war that was actually waged on some Indiana (Territory) soil.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies' project to digitize the pension files of War of 1812 veterans is well underway, with over 11,000 files now online for free viewing at [Footnote.com](#). Because of this progress, and in order to fully take advantage of Ancestry.com's recent pledge to match every amount we give to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, we've extended our [\\$10,000 Match Challenge](#) until August 31st.

The [Elkhart County Genealogical Society](#) is among those who have taken advantage of this extension, donating an additional \$100 (which will actually be \$400 after Ancestry.com's match of the IGS match!). Any donation is welcome.

## Indiana Marriage Indexing Update

wedding ring



Entries from Fayette County have been added to the [Indiana marriage index \(1811-1959\)](#) that is in progress. Twenty-seven of Indiana's 92

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counties are now included.  
FamilySearch estimates the project is about 43% complete.

Want to help? Sign up with FamilySearch to be an indexer.

## Databases Added To Members Only

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Our [Members Only area](#) now has 600+ databases encompassing almost 500,000 records. In the County Records section, we've added databases for 10 counties in northern Indiana:

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

--Directory of Businesses in Cass County, Indiana

(1858)

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

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

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

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

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

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

--Directory of Businesses in St. Joseph County, Indiana (1858)

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

### A "BETWEEN THE WARS" RESOURCE

In the Military Records section we recently added Indiana Civilians in Training Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis (1925), which was contributed by Ron Darrah.

In the aftermath of World War I, Congress passed a law creating a nationwide program of summer training courses for young men ages 17 to 24. These month-long camps, known as Civilian Military Training Camps (CMTC), were held at 50 military locations across the nation from 1921 to 1940. Approximately 400,000 men participated over the life of the program, including Harry S. Truman and Ronald Reagan. The training camps are examples of records that were generated in between World War I and World War II, an often-overlooked period when searching for ancestors.

This particular database comes from a 1925 yearbook of a CMTC held at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis.

### OTHER ADDITIONS

We added several databases to the County Records section this past month:

--Graduates of Southport/Perry Township High School, Marion County, Indiana (1934-1937)

--Index of Bovard Cemetery, Switzerland County, Indiana  
--Index of Littlefield Cemetery, Switzerland County, Indiana

--Index of Albright Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana

--Index of Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana  
--Index of Craigville/Oakland Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana  
--Index of Elhanan Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana  
--Index of Prairie View Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana

### Allen County Society Celebrates 35 Years



Congratulations to the [Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana](#) in Fort Wayne! They celebrated their 35th anniversary at a banquet on June 8th, where they presented a high-tech scanner to the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. They were the first group to affiliate with the Indiana Genealogical Society, becoming a chapter in April 1989.

### Indiana in the Civil War

If you want to get some insights into the daily life of Hoosiers during the Civil War, consider these new resources:

--[Civil War Home Front](#) - The Indiana Historical Society's digital collection of letters written to and from Indiana soldiers.

--[Monroe County at War and at Home](#) - Part of the Indiana Memory Project, this digital collection of the Monroe County Public Library shows what life was like for residents of Bloomington and Monroe County before and after the Civil War.

### 3 Indiana County Genealogists Appointed

The Indiana Genealogical Society's Board of Directors appointed 3 [Indiana County Genealogists](#) at its June 4th meeting:

Harold Henderson of LaPorte is the Indiana County Genealogist for LaPorte County. He is a professional genealogist, a published author, and has his own blog, [Midwestern Microhistory](#). A member of the La Porte County Historical Society and the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society, and Secretary of the La Porte County, Indiana Genealogical Society, Harold is also on the Board of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He also volunteers at the La Porte Clerk's office to help other genealogists with their research, along with indexing La

Porte County records.

Dian Moore of Crawfordsville is the Indiana County Genealogist for Montgomery County. Dian has held the position of Local History Librarian for the Crawfordsville District Public Library and she is past president of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County. Dian is also doing some Montgomery County indexing projects.

Margaret B. Champion of Greencastle is the Indiana County Genealogist for Putnam County. A professional genealogist, she has been running Maggie's Genealogy Service since 2005. Margaret indexes records for FamilySearch and works with the ProGen Study Group. She also belongs to the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ohio Genealogical Society and the Indiana Genealogical Society.

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Indiana County Genealogists can help your research by directing you to area resources. They also act as liaisons for the Indiana Genealogical Society, sharing any genealogy-related news for their area.

#### Home Sought for Mishawaka Church Photo



Karen Seibert is seeking help in finding out what happened to this Free Methodist Church in St. Joseph County, Indiana. The church stood on the corner of Grove Street and Chestnut Street in Mishawaka and was dedicated on 15 November 1903. Was this church absorbed by another church, or did it change names at some point?

She found the photo of the church (along with a photo of its congregation standing in front of the church, and a dedicatory program) in a family Bible that belongs to Reverend Isaac Langdon, who moved to Muncie, Indiana in 1869. Karen is looking for someone who knows of the church, so this photo can find a good home. If you can help, please contact her directly - e-mail [ash689@aol.com](mailto:ash689@aol.com)

#### Indiana in the News

These are links to some interesting news items from the past month:

--[Skeletons in the Kilgore family closet](#) - about a scandal uncovered when researching a Delaware County politician from the 1800's.

--[Civil War sword returns home to Wayne County](#) - about the journey to return a sword belonging to a Civil War soldier from Richmond.

--[100+ tombstones damaged; 20 destroyed](#) - about vandalism at a Union County cemetery.

--[Visitors say dogs a problem in Jeffersonville's Eastern Cemetery](#) - about an issue with a Clark County cemetery.

--[Justice for a Grand, Old Courthouse](#) - about the continuing renovation of the Jefferson County courthouse in Madison, which suffered a fire in May 2009.

--[Indiana Farmer's glimpse at Civil War era now digitized](#) - about the digitizing of the 1851-1917 issues of *Indiana Farmer*, providing a fascinating glimpse at Indiana's rural life.



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