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Indiana News - May 2012

Hello Members,

Thanks to all who came to our seminar and conference last weekend at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. It was a great way to end a great month, and judging by what we read on the evaluations, attendees found lots of good information! We've created a [Facebook photo album](#) with some photos from conference.

Read on for the latest genealogy news, including the 1940 census indexing!

1940 Census Indexing Update



WOW. What else can we say? Less than 3 weeks after FamilySearch loaded Indiana's census images into the indexing software, FamilySearch's progress map showed this incredible graphic - Indiana is 100% indexed! That's amazing when you consider that Indiana's population in 1940 was 3.4 million.

As explained in a [FamilySearch blog post](#), there's still some work to do before the Indiana index can go online for use by the public. Arbitrators - those who look at indexers' work - are especially needed to help speed the process. And in the meantime, there's still plenty of census images of Indiana's neighbors to index.

For more information on how you can help, please visit <https://the1940census.com/getting-started/> or contact IGS Vice President Tina Lyons (e-mail genwishlist@gmail.com)

Members Only Additions

These are the newest premium databases:

College Records:

--Students of Indiana University, Bloomington (1934)
NOTE: This database only includes the class of 1934.

County Records:

LaPorte County

--*Index to Mortality Schedule for LaPorte County, Indiana (1860)*

Madison County

--Veterans in Madison County, Indiana (1886)

Morgan County

--Teachers of Morgan County, Indiana (1907)

OTHER ADDITIONS

Haven't visited the Members Only area recently? We also added databases in April about:

--Boone County (school records)

--Hancock County (school records)

--Wells County (cemetery records)

Indiana's Poor Asylums

The *Indiana Magazine of History* has a great [article](#) explaining about the history of poor farms (or "asylums") in Indiana counties.

County Roundup

News items and newly-found resources from around the state:

ALLEN COUNTY:

--The Chief Richardville House in Fort Wayne was [officially dedicated](#) as a National Historic Landmark last month.

HARRISON COUNTY:

--Students in Corydon participated in a [Civil War Education Day](#) that brought the events of the Civil War to life for the 8th graders.

JENNINGS COUNTY:

--The Sassafras Tea Festival in Vernon marked [Morgan's Raid during the Civil War](#).

KNOX COUNTY:

--Preservation officials are working to get [2 Vincennes parks](#) added to the National Register of Historic Places. The parks were built during the Depression by the Works Progress Administration.

LAKE COUNTY:

--The Lake County Recorder's office is [digitizing their collection of 6,000+ deed books](#). Volunteers from the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society are helping with this digitizing effort by inventorying the books and eventually creating an index of the transactions in them, including land sales and mortgages.

---The former Lake County Nurses' Home, long vacant, may be

turned into an [arts center](#).

MARSHALL COUNTY:

--Linda Rippey of the [Marshall County Historical Society Museum](#) was the recipient of the [2012 SHRAB Governor's Award](#) by the Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB). The museum in Plymouth has over 6,000 visitors each year.

MARTIN COUNTY:

--The Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division is growing white oak trees that will be harvested to help [restore the USS Constitution](#) in 2015.

MONROE COUNTY:

--Events in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Titanic included [remembrances of a Bloomington man](#) who was among the passengers who died in the sinking.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

--Three librarians at the Crawfordsville District Public Library have authored a book, *Hidden History of Montgomery County, Indiana*. [Learn](#) about some of the subjects included in it.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

--DePauw University has begun digitizing their collection of Putnam County newspapers from the 1800's. The Putnam County Public Library in Greencastle has [links to the issues](#) that are online so far.

WAYNE COUNTY:

--The Oliver P. Morton home in Centerville has been [purchased](#) by a Ball State history professor, thus ensuring its survival. Oliver P. Morton was Governor of Indiana during the Civil War and the home is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ancestry.com Purchases Archives.com

Last week came news of another merger among the genealogy subscription sites. Ancestry.com announced it had purchased Archives.com. Archives.com has been in the news for its collaboration to create a free index to the 1940 census. According to the [press release](#), Ancestry plans to maintain Archives.com as a separate site with its separate subscription, similar to what happened when Ancestry purchased Footnote.com (now Fold3).

Hendricks County Probate Records Project

The first phase of the project is well over halfway complete, with 2,300+ files unfolded.

We've added to our database of the [dates of death](#) mentioned in the estate cases - there are now 650+ entries in it.

We added more examples to our [Facebook photo album](#):

--An 1874 receipt from St. Mary's Institute outside Terre Haute - today known as St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

--A February 1865 officer's commission signed by Governor Oliver P. Morton.

--1881 letterhead for an agricultural implements business in Jamestown.

Digitizing of Military Pension Files

The National Archives is in the middle of a long-term project to digitize the 1.28 million pension application files of [Civil War veterans' widows](#) (containing between 30-60 million total pages) and put them online at Fold3. So far about 100,000 of those files - representing about 4% of the total - have been digitized. See their [YouTube video](#) for an explanation of the process and some great examples of what volunteers have discovered so far.

Last fall the Indiana Genealogical Society presented a check for \$24,234 to the Federation of Genealogical Societies to help them in their campaign to digitize the National Archives' collection of War of 1812 pension files and put them online at Fold3 for free access. That digitizing and fundraising effort continues, with the "B" surnames now well underway - visit <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/> to browse the files online so far, or to make a donation.

Indiana Pioneers Sought

In preparation for the state's bicentennial in 2016, the Society of Indiana Pioneers is seeking to recognize ancestors who were exceptional pioneers. This year nominations are being sought for ancestors who lived in these Indiana counties: Bartholomew, Elkhart, Hancock, Howard, Huntington, LaPorte, Lake, Miami, Noble, Parke, Posey, Rush, Sullivan, Tipton, Union, Warren, Wells and Whitley. The nomination deadline is September 15th - for more information, see their ["Pioneer Founders" Project](#).

Midwest Events

Genealogy events abound in the Midwest:

--[GenFest2012](#) genealogy festival - June 22-23 at the Muncie Public Library.

--[Midwestern Roots](#) conference - July 20-21 at the Indianapolis Marriott East.

--[Kentucky Genealogical Society](#) seminar - August 4 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort, KY.

--[Illinois State Genealogical Society](#) conference - October 19-20 at the Best Western Clock Tower Resort Conference Center in Rockford, IL.

10 Most Endangered Indiana Landmarks

Indiana Landmarks has named their [10 most endangered places](#) in the state. The list includes sites in Clark, Delaware, Knox, Marion, Noble, Porter, Posey, Ripley and Wayne counties, and is meant to bring attention to the need to preserve and re-use Indiana's historic structures.

Cincinnati Burial Records Saved

In the 1930's, the Works Progress Administration made plat maps recording the locations of veterans burial sites in the Cincinnati area. These maps were microfilmed and by the 1970's, the original ledger books were supposed to be discarded. Thankfully they were saved by genealogists and in 2012 were returned to the county government where they have now been digitized and put online. Read the [Cincinnati.com article](#) for the complete story.



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