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Indiana - Crossroads To Your Past!



Welcome to the September 2014 edition of *Indiana News*! This e-mail is sent out during the first half of every month and focuses on Indiana genealogy and history. It is sent to members of the Indiana Genealogical Society, as well as to the public who sign up to receive it.

IGS Conference to Feature The Legal Genealogist

Registration is now open for the Indiana Genealogical Society's conference, to be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2015** on the campus of Indiana State University in Terre Haute. The [Wabash Valley Genealogy Society](#) will be the local host, and Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, of [The Legal Genealogist](#), will be the featured speaker.

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photo of Judy Russell

Sessions will include courthouse research, DNA testing, Civil War pensions, Vigo County history and digital records of the Wabash Valley.

For IGS members: Your membership entitles you to a \$10 discount on conference registration. If registering online, make sure you use your Members Only login to receive the discounted price at checkout.

For Indiana librarians: LEU credits have been applied for, and when they are approved, the information on the conference sessions will be updated accordingly.

For more information - including the full conference schedule and how to register - please visit our [Conference](#) page.

War of 1812 Match Challenge at 35% of Goal



The Indiana Genealogical Society's [match challenge](#) for the digitization of War of 1812 pensions has now reached **35%** of our goal. In honor of 1816 (the year of Indiana statehood), the Indiana Genealogical Society is seeking a total of \$1,816 in donations to help the Federation of Genealogical Societies in its project to digitize the pension files of War of 1812 veterans. The \$1,816 will end up being \$30,656 by the time IGS and other organizations have matched it.

The pension files often include original records - a recent [Facebook post](#) shows some of the marriage licenses that have been found in the files so far. This month marks the 200th anniversary of the battle of Fort McHenry - the battle which led to the creation of our national anthem.

A \$5 donation to our match challenge means 10 more pages will be digitized; a \$25 donation means 50 more pages will be digitized. You can donate online through the [IGS website](#), or mail your check (please indicate "War of 1812 donation" in the memo line) to:

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

Your donation is tax-deductible.

IGS Offers Membership Special

Membership in the Indiana Genealogical Society is based on the calendar year - meaning that a new membership purchased anytime in 2014 would expire at the end of 2014. However, if you purchase a new membership between **October 1, 2014** and **December 31, 2014**, we will automatically extend your membership until the end of **2015**. To take advantage of this offer of extended membership, visit our [website](#) beginning on October 1.

FamilySearch Updates Indiana Marriage Index

FamilySearch has updated the [Indiana Marriage Index 1811-1959](#) database. Some 13,000 index entries have been added.

For a breakdown of what counties are included, please visit our [Indiana Marriage Indexing Project](#) page.

Hendricks County Probate Records Project

Last month we added 36 more [digitized files](#) of Hendricks County probate records to our website - bringing the total that are online to 960. The newest files span 1836 through 1890 and cover these surnames:

TONEY, TOUT, TOWNSEND, TRIGGS, TROTTER, TURNER, VAUGHAN, VEACH, VEATCH, VERBRIKE, WALKER, WATERS, WATKINS, WATSON, WELLS, WENDELL, WEST, WHICKER and WHIPPO

FOUND: Elkhart County Photo



Photo of Amanda (Hutson) Stoutenour - see full-size [PDF](#)

Pennsylvania, a Retired Farmer

--Amanda STOUTENOUR, wife, age 59, born May 1841, married 15 years, 1 child/1 living, born Ohio, parents born Ohio

--Cora STOUTENOUR, daughter, age 20, born September 1879, born Ohio, a Bookkeeper

Shelly Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found a photo and is seeking to return it to family. The photo is of Amanda (HUTSON) STOUTENOUR and is dated 1888. According to the limited research Shelley was able to do, Amanda HUTSON was born May 1841 in Ohio and married John STOUTENOUR (born 1840) in Elkhart County, Indiana on 19 October 1884.

Census records provide the following details:

1900 census of Elkhart County, Indiana - Union Township, town of Nappanee:

John STOUTENOUR, age 59, born November 1840, married 15 years, born Pennsylvania, parents born

Shelley is hoping to locate someone from this Hutson/Stoutenour family so that the photo can be returned to the care of family. If you are a descendant of this family, or you know someone who might be, please contact her directly.

FGS Conference Returning to Fort Wayne

The [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) recently announced that their 2018 conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. FGS previously held its annual conference in Fort Wayne in August 2013, and its 2014 annual conference was held in San Antonio, Texas last month. No dates have been announced yet for the 2018 conference in Fort Wayne.

Fort Wayne is not the only site in the Midwest that will host an upcoming FGS conference - FGS will hold their 2016 conference August 31 through September 3, 2016 in Springfield, Illinois.

IGS Database Additions

Among the premium databases that we've added in the past month is an index to the records of the Baumgardner Funeral Home in Montpelier, Blackford County (1907-1916). These records - which can be browsed online for free at Internet Archive - often included information on the cause of death, place of death and place of burial, as well as who was responsible for paying the expenses.

Other databases for members that we've added in the past month:

College Records:

- Central Normal College - directory of students (1939-1940)
- Goshen College - students (1904-1917)
- IUPUI - students and faculty of Benjamin Harrison Law School (1931)
- Notre Dame - graduates (1870-1872)
- Taylor University - students (1895-1921)

County Records:

- Blackford County - students and teachers at Montpelier High School (1942)
 - Clay County - 1860 mortality schedule index
 - Crawford County - 1860 mortality schedule index
 - DeKalb County - students at Butler High School (1915)
 - Delaware County - 1860 mortality schedule index
 - Elkhart County - 1860 mortality schedule index
 - Kosciusko County - common school students in Wayne Township (1889 & 1893)
 - Pulaski County - students at Winamac High School (1920)
 - Shelby County - alumni of Morristown High School (1908-1916)
 - Wabash County - alumni of Wabash High School (1872-1934)
 - Wayne County - students at Hagerstown High School (1923)
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National Archives To Hold Genealogy

Webinars

The National Archives will hold its annual [Virtual Genealogy Fair](#) on Tuesday, October 28 through Thursday, October 30, with each day's sessions beginning at 10 am Eastern. All of the sessions will be streamed live via YouTube; some of them will also be recorded and made available for viewing later. Topics will include World War I draft registration cards, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, federal land records, Civil War records and military personnel records. The sessions are all free; no registration is required.

County Roundup

Here are some genealogical and local history news items from around the state. NOTE: Items on news sites often change or are removed without notice - we apologize if you encounter a link that no longer works.

HOWARD COUNTY

An Interurban train station in Russiaville is being [restored](#), thanks to the Russiaville Historical Society. The station was abandoned in 1932.

RUSH COUNTY

The [Rush County Genealogical Society](#) has changed their mailing address from Milroy to Rushville. The new address is P.O. Box 54, Rushville, IN 46173.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

The cleanup and restoration of City Cemetery in South Bend [continues](#), but more money is needed to continue the process, and some vandalism is still occurring.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY

The historian for the *Lafayette Journal and Courier* newspaper has been [tweeting](#) digital images each day of the front pages from the newspaper for that day 50 and 100 years ago. The front pages show a mix of national and local news.

IGS Appoints Cass County Genealogist

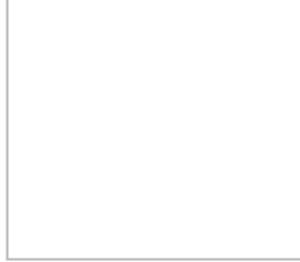
The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes Alice Moeloa of Logansport as the Indiana County Genealogist for Cass County. She was appointed by the IGS board at the August meeting. Alice is serving as president of the Cass County Genealogical Society. She also volunteers at the Cass County Clerk's office, helping them answer their research requests.

If you have questions about Cass County research, please contact her at amoeloa@yahoo.com.

IGS Appoints Dubois County Genealogist

The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes Kathy Sparr Mott of Jasper as the Indiana County Genealogist for Dubois County. She was appointed by the IGS board at the August meeting. Kathy volunteers at the Jasper Public

photo of Kathy Sparr Mott



Library, answering patrons' genealogical questions. She also presents genealogy programs at the library. Kathy is a member of the Dubois County Genealogical Society, the Indiana Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society and the Indiana Historical Society.

If you have questions about Dubois County research, please contact her at kmott@coopsone.com.

IGS Appoints Elkhart County Genealogist

photo of Mona Gehring



The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes Mona Gehring as the Indiana County Genealogist for Elkhart County. She was appointed by the IGS board at the August meeting. Mona has been doing her own research for over 25 years, and researching for others for almost 20 years. She is active with the Elkhart County Genealogical Society and volunteered in their Sailor Library for 8 years. She has also written articles for the Elkhart County Genealogical Society's quarterly.

If you have questions about Elkhart County research, please contact her at elkhartcountygenealogist@gmail.com.

IGS Appoints St. Joseph County Genealogist

photo of Nichelle Barra



The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes Nichelle Barra of Mishawaka as the Indiana County Genealogist for St. Joseph County. She was appointed by the IGS board at the August meeting. Nichelle volunteers with the South Bend Area Genealogical Society on their indexing of St. Joseph County's death records. She also belongs to the Twigs From the Tree of Life genealogy group. Nichelle has completed the National Genealogical Society's home study course, and is now taking the Boston

University's online Genealogical Research Program.

If you have questions about St. Joseph County research, please contact her at barragenealogy@gmail.com.

Research Tip: Plat Maps

Land records are a crucial part of genealogy research. But going through deed books can

1880 plat map



be tedious, even when you have access to grantee and grantor indexes to search for a particular name and time.

One way to jump-start your land research is to look for plat maps. A plat map is a visual representation of who the owners of particular pieces (plats) of land are in a given year. They may be of a particular town or a civil township, but they also show the Congressional Township and Range (which is what Indiana land records are based on). Plat maps also show who all the neighbors were - very helpful when you are researching relatives.

An 1880 plat map for York Township, Steuben County (see full-size [PDF](#))

Sometimes a plat map is most useful for what it DOESN'T show - if the person you're

looking for is not there, it narrows down the time that they must have bought and sold the land. It also gives you the name of the person who DID own the land at that time - making the search for the deed record that much easier.

In the 1800's and early 1900's, plat maps for many Indiana counties were produced commercially by Chicago publishers (e.g. George A. Ogle & Co., J.H. Beers & Co., Kingman Bros.). County governments also produced their own set of plat books, as a way to keep track of property taxes - these may be found in the county assessor or county recorder's office.

Civil War Battles With 2 Different Names

When dealing with Civil War records, it's important to know that the Union and Confederate armies often used different names when referring to the same battle. Wikipedia has a [complete list](#) of all the battles fought in the Civil War, but here are some of the more major battles that are referred to by 2 different names:

July 1861 - Virginia - First Manassas OR First Bull Run
August 1861 - Missouri - Oak Hills OR Wilson's Creek
October 1861 - Virginia - Leesburg OR Ball's Bluff
January 1862 - Kentucky - Mill Springs OR Logan's Cross Roads
March 1862 - Arkansas - Elkhorn Tavern OR Pea Ridge
April 1862 - Tennessee - Shiloh OR Pittsburg Landing
May 1862 - Virginia - Seven Pines OR Fair Oaks
June 1862 - Virginia - Mechanicsville OR Beaver Dam Creek
August 1862 - Virginia - Second Manassas OR Second Bull Run
September 1862 - Virginia - Ox Hill OR Chantilly
September 1862 - Maryland - Boonsboro OR South Mountain

September 1862 - Maryland - Burkittsville OR Crampton's Gap
September 1862 - Maryland - Sharpsburg OR Antietam
October 1862 - Kentucky - Perryville OR Chaplin Hills
December 1862 - Tennessee - Murfreesboro OR Stones River
April 1864 - Louisiana - Mansfield OR Sabine Cross Roads
September 1864 - Virginia - Winchester OR Opequon

Full Episodes of "Who Do You Think You Are?"

The full episodes from this season's "Who Do You Think You Are?" are now being added to the [TLC website](#) for free viewing. So far the episodes for Kelsey Grammer and Valerie Bertinelli have been put online.

Indiana Woman Wins Slander Case (1842)

In December 1840, Jonathan Ricket and his wife Mary sued James S. Stanley for slander in DeKalb County Circuit Court, alleging that Stanley had told several people in the community that Mary was committing adultery with William Culbertson. Stanley had reportedly told Nelson Griffith, "I saw them in the woods together north of the swamp, back of my field near the hay road." He also told William Moore and Michael Knight, "God knows and I know that they are intimate." He also alleged that before Mary's marriage to Jonathan Ricket, she had had a bastard child and been guilty of adultery with Lowry Fisher.

After the Rickets lost their case - in part because they could not provide proof of their marriage - they appealed to the Indiana Supreme Court. The DeKalb County decision was overturned in May 1842, with the Supreme Court ruling that Mary's previous adultery or bastard child was no justification for stating she had committed adultery with Culbertson.

Source: *Reports of cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of Indiana [...] volume VI* (Indianapolis: E. Chamberlain, 1845).

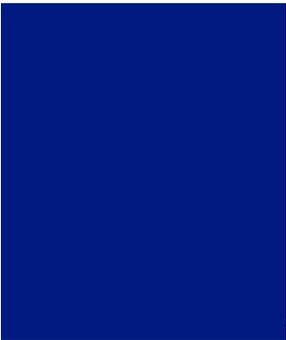
Legal Terms Explained: Assumpsit

Assumpsit is Latin for "undertook." It refers to a lawsuit for breach of promise or breach of an implied contract (such as an IOU). In older court records, it was not uncommon to find a woman suing a man for assumpsit for having broken a promise to marry her, thus causing damage to her reputation in the community.

Abbreviations for College Degrees

If you see a series of initials after someone's name, it may indicate their college credentials. M.D. [Doctor of Medicine] and Ph.D. [Doctor of Philosophy] may be well known, but do you know these other abbreviations for college degrees?

A.B. = Bachelor of Arts [historical abbreviation - in modern times, it's abbreviated as B.A.]



A.M. = Master of Arts
D.D. = Doctor of Divinity
D.V.M. = Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
J.D. = Juris Doctor
LL.B. = Bachelor of Laws
LL.D. = Doctor of Laws
LL.M. = Master of Laws
M.A. = Master of Arts
M.S. = Master of Science

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