Welcome to the July 2015 edition of Indiana News! This e-mail is sent out once a month to members of the Indiana Genealogical Society, as well as to the public who sign up to receive it. It focuses on aspects of Indiana genealogy and history. Past issues going back to 2010 are available in PDF format.

**DISCOUNTED IGS MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE**

The cost of a 2015 membership (which will expire on December 31, 2015) is now only $20. Visit our [Membership](#) page to get the discounted rate online or the special registration form to mail in.

**JUNE 2015 ISSUE OF INDIANA GENEALOGIST**

The June 2015 issue of Indiana Genealogist, our quarterly publication for members, has been added to the [IGS Records](#) section of the Members-Only area - login to download your copy.

In this issue:

- Harold Henderson, CG's account of a Smith family from Randolph County.
- Meredith Thompson's report of how Indiana responded to the tuberculosis epidemic in the early 20th century.
- Nichelle Barra's review of "Dear Mother, Love Daddy," an account of World War II love letters between a Newton County couple.
- Grand Army of the Republic death notices from 1922 for 2 Civil War veterans, courtesy of Wayne Klusman.
- Brief biographies of the Civil War and pre-1816 ancestors inducted into our lineage societies this year, courtesy of Ron Darrah.
- Brief items from around the state in 1889.

**NEW IGS DATABASES**

Among the premium databases that we've added to our website in the past month is...
one of 250 divorce cases between 1925 and 1959 that were originally filed in Marion County courts but were later transferred to Hendricks County courts for settlement.

Other databases we've added for members:

**College Records:**

- Indiana Central University - graduates (1912-1916). This later became the University of Indianapolis.
- Indiana State Normal School - students (1871-1897). This later became Indiana State University.
- Moores Hill College - graduates (1872-1875). This later became the University of Evansville.
- Vincennes University - students & faculty (1959).

**County Records:**

- Allen County - members of Fort Wayne Second Presbyterian Church (1844-1869).
- Clinton County - students & teachers at Frankfort High School (1921).
- Elkhart County - students & teachers at Nappanee High School (1923).
- Hancock County - New Palestine phone directory (1959).
- Jasper County - Carpenter Township males over the age of 21 (1931); index of photo album of early pioneers; lawyers admitted to the bar (1912-1931). [These databases were contributed by Sue Caldwell, Jasper County Genealogist.]
- Marion County - divorce cases settled in Hendricks County courts (1925-1959).
- Porter County - students at Valparaiso High School (1923)
- Shelby County - students & teachers at Shelbyville High School (1939).

**Military Records:**

- Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis - civilians in military training course (1926).

**NOT AN IGS MEMBER?**

We also added some free databases:

- Monroe County - Bloomington business directory (1930) - courtesy of Wayne Klusman
- Wayne County - Grand Army of the Republic members (1894) - courtesy of Wayne Klusman

**GET INVOLVED WITH IGS**

Thanks to all who have pitched in recently to help serve the Indiana Genealogical Society. We still have some ways you can get involved:

- Once A Hoosier editor - edit and publish entries on Indiana ancestors that are electronically submitted to the Once A Hoosier...Always A Hoosier blog. Familiarity using WordPress or other blog sites is a plus.
- Vice-President - Attend board meetings 4 Saturdays a year (3 in central Indiana
If you are interested in serving, or have questions, please contact IGS President Michael Maben (mmaben@indiana.edu).

FOUND: PHOTO OF INDIANAPOLIS COUPLE (1880's)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found these photos of a man and woman, identified as being the parents of Annie GRINSTEINER. The photos were taken at the Pickerill's Studio in Indianapolis sometime in the 1880's. The man and woman appear to be in their 60's. If you are a descendant of this family, or you know someone who might be, please contact her.

This is the information Shelley was able to find on this family (in records, the spelling of the last name is sometimes GREINSTEINER):

Mary A. GRINSTEINER (born 1823; died 1902; buried in Holy Cross and Saint Joseph Cemetery in Indianapolis) was married to George GRINSTEINER (born 4 March 1820; died 3 May 1889) and they also had a son named George GRINSTEINER (1854-1924). At the time of George's death in 1889, the family lived on North Noble Street in Indianapolis, having previously lived on East Market Street where they had an undertaking business. George had previously been in partnership with the HERMANN Undertakers, the first business of its kind in Indianapolis.

Here is their entry on the 1870 census for Indianapolis, showing them with their daughter Anna:

G. GREINSTEINER, age 52, an undertaker, born France
Maria GREINSTEINER, age 46, born Pennsylvania
M. GREINSTEINER, age 24, born Ohio (a female)
Joseph GREINSTEINER, age 22, born Ohio
Anna GREINSTEINER, age 20, born Ohio
Theresa GREINSTEINER, age 17, born Ohio
George GREINSTEINER, age 16, born Ohio
William GREINSTEINER, age 11, born Ohio
UPDATE: IRELAND’S CATHOLIC PARISH RECORDS DIGITIZED

An update to an item in our June issue: The National Library of Ireland in Dublin has now put 370,000 digital images from microfilm of 1,000 Catholic Church parish registers online. These registers date from the 1740's through the 1880's and also include the counties that comprise Northern Ireland today. These images have not been indexed, so you must browse through them. The Olive Tree Genealogy has a helpful blog post about how best to research when you don't know the exact parish your ancestor lived in.

FOUND: PHOTO OF INDIANAPOLIS BOY (1910’s)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found this faded photo of a young boy, identified as Anthony Haag of Indianapolis, which was taken at Harrod's New Studio in Indianapolis in the early 1910's. He appears to be about age 4 in the photo. If you are a descendant of this family, or you know someone who might be, please contact her.

This is the information Shelley was able to find on Anthony and his family:

Anthony N. HAAG (born 27 February 1908 in Indianapolis; died 8 April 2004 in Indianapolis; buried at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis) married Mary Elizabeth YATES (1911-2000).

Anthony was the son of John Francis HAAG (1868-1938) and Rosina Mary WEINTRAUT (1867-1939). Anthony was a pharmacist in Indianapolis for more than 50 years. He managed the Keene Drug Company and retired in 1985 from the Hawkins Pharmacy. His obituary names his surviving children as James HAAG; Thomas HAAG, and Rosemarie HAAG ROWNEY. Anthony was living in Beech Grove, Marion County, Indiana at the time of his death in 2004, having moved there in 1998.

The family is found in the censuses in Indianapolis:

1910 census - 826 N. West St.:
Catherine HAAG, age 63, a widower, born IN, parents born Germany
John F. HAAG, son, age 42, married 7 years, born IN, parents born IN, a Hardware Store Owner
Rosina W. HAAG, daughter-in-law, age 42, married 7 years, 1 child/1 living, born IN, parents born Germany
Anthony N. HAAG, grandson, age 4, born IN, parents born IN  
Anthony F. HAAG, son, age 38, born IN, parents born IN, Store Owner

1920 census - 838 N. West St.:
Catherine HAAG, age 99
John F. HAAG, son, age 51
Rosina HAAG, daughter-in-law, age 50
Anthony M. HAAG, grandson, age 12, born IN
Anthony J. HAAG, son, age 48, born IN

1930 census - 1644 Union St.:
F. John HAAG, age 62, married 34 years, born IN, parents born IN, a Hardware Merchant
Rosina HAAG, wife, age 62, married 34 years, born IN, parents born IN
Anthony HAAG, son, age 22, born IN, a Drug Store Pharmacist
J. Anthony HAAG, brother, age 57, born IN, parents born IN, a Hardware Merchant

1940 census - 1644 Union St.:
Anthony N. HAGG, age 32, born IN, a Drug Store Pharmacist
Mary E. HAGG, wife, age 28, born IN
James HAGG, son, age 5
Thomas HAGG, son, age 3
Anthony J. HAGG, uncle, age 67, born IN, a Hardware Store Dealer

GENEALOGY CONFERENCES IN THE MIDWEST

Saturday, April 16, 2016 - Indiana Genealogical Society conference at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. Bookmark our conference page and check back this fall as we will be adding information.

Friday, July 15 & Saturday, July 16, 2016 - Midwestern Roots 2016 Family History and Genealogy Conference, held at the Marriott East on the southeast side of Indianapolis. Bookmark their conference site and check back periodically for more information - speakers will include Cece Moore, The Genetic Genealogist.

Wednesday, August 31 through Saturday, September 3, 2016 - Federation of Genealogical Societies' national conference in Springfield, Illinois. The theme will be "Time Travel: Centuries of Memories."

RADIO SHOW FOR INDIANA HISTORY

Indiana author Nelson Price heads a radio show, "Hoosier History Live!", which airs on Saturdays from 12 to 1 pm Eastern on WICR 88.7 FM, the radio station of the University of Indianapolis. Guests talk about a different aspect of Indiana history each week. You can also listen to some of the past shows online and visit their Facebook page.
Here are some genealogical and local history news items from around the state.
NOTE: Items on websites often change or are removed without notice - we apologize if you encounter a link that no longer works.

FLOYD COUNTY
A New Albany newspaper details the history and early settlers of Scottsville, a once-thriving town that is now just a crossroads on a map.

HANCOCK COUNTY
Volunteers are working to digitize 1,000 photos of area World War II soldiers. The photos had been stored in the basement of a government building in Greenfield.

HENDRICKS COUNTY
The Plainfield library is looking for help in identifying the students in an early 1900's photo at a Pittsboro grammar school. The only one named in the photo is the teacher, Oscar Reynolds, who taught in Pittsboro schools from 1898 through about 1920.

LAKE COUNTY
The Old Lake County Courthouse in Crown Point is now home to a museum about John Dillinger, the bank robber from the 1930's who was frequently jailed there. Included among the exhibits is information about the role the FBI played in tracking him down to Chicago and how it led to modern crime-fighting measures. This month marks the 81st anniversary of Dillinger's death.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY
Small pieces of metal have recently been falling off of the roof of the Tippecanoe County Courthouse in Lafayette. County officials plan to have the roof fixed in 2016. The courthouse dates back to 1881 and was renovated in the 1990's.

VIGO COUNTY
Thanks to a $20,000 grant from the Indiana State Library, the Vigo County Public Library in Terre Haute has now digitized Terre Haute newspapers from 1852 to 1893. The digital images are online at the Hoosier State Chronicles website, which is run by the Indiana State Library.

WAYNE COUNTY
A Richmond newspaper recounts the details of an outbreak of cholera in 1849 that decimated the town of Boston and surrounding areas.

LEGAL TERMS EXPLAINED: ASSIGNMENT OF DOWER
You may remember our December 2013 e-mail, when we explained the term "widow's
A diagram from Hendricks County court records showing the assignment of dower in 1845 for land that Samuel Carter had owned (see full-size PDF).

Now imagine if the man's assets at the time of his death included some land. So when the widow tells the court she wants to take 1/3 of this as her right to dower, the judge would have to have that land appraised and then draw up a diagram of the 1/3 portion that the widow would then receive the title to. This process - the widow's filing with the court and the subsequent division of the land - plays out in court records and is referred to as an assignment of dower.

GENEALOGY ON TV

PBS has postponed airing the third season of "Finding Your Roots" after an internal investigation revealed that its producers had bowed to pressure by actor Ben Affleck to omit details of a slave-owning ancestor. Read the full PBS press release, including what measures they will implement in future.

The new season of "Who Do You Think You Are?" will premiere on TLC on Sunday, July 26 at 9 pm Eastern. The celebrities featured will be J.K. Rowling, Tom Bergeron, Bryan Cranston, Ginnifer Goodwin and Alfred Woodward.

AN UNMARRIED WOMAN'S REPUTATION (1892)

In 1892, the Indianapolis Journal appealed a $3,000 judgment that was levied against an unmarried woman's reputation.
them in Hamilton County Circuit Court. The newspaper had been found guilty of libel for impugning the character of Wilmina Pugh in a series of articles. The articles referred to Maria B. Woodworth, a traveling evangelist who spoke in Muncie, and the scandal that erupted concerning her business manager, Thomas Dempsey. Dempsey had been traveling with a woman - Wilmina Pugh - on the speaking circuit for 5 months, saying she was his wife, until his actual wife had shown up at one of the speaking events and said he had abandoned her.

The articles assailed Pugh for having visiting a saloon and drinking "intoxicating liquors" with another woman, and also dressing in men's clothes and walking down the street. The libel case that Pugh brought against the newspaper was full of biographical details - she was 27 and born in Illinois, but her father was a Civil War veteran who was living in Parker, Randolph County, Indiana at the time of his death 15 years prior - he had gotten tuberculosis and never recovered.

Indiana's Court of Appeals threw out the libel judgment against the newspaper because of some errors by the judge, but in its opinion it did note the importance of a woman's reputation: "To charge a female of previous good repute for chastity [...] with having traveled with a married man for five months, as his wife [...] is actionable libel."

Source: *Reports of cases argued and determined in the Appellate Court of the State of Indiana [...] volume 6* (Indianapolis: W.B. Burford, 1893).

1880 DEFECTIVE CENSUS EXPLAINED

Amy Johnson Crow, CG has a blog post in which she explains about the information contained on the 1880 special census of Defective, Dependent and Delinquent (DDD). This census included those who were classified as insane, idiotic, deaf, blind, orphans or in prison or poorhouses.

As with other special censuses, the 1880 DDD schedules are not as accessible as the federal population censuses. In Indiana, the originals of the 1880 DDD schedules are housed at the Indiana State Archives; the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne has the schedules on 6 rolls of microfilm.

For IGS members, the County Records section of our Members-Only area has indexes to the 1880 DDD schedules for all 92 counties in Indiana.

RESEARCH TIP: SECRETARY OF STATE REPORTS

In our June 2015 e-mail, we talked about the Department of Factory Inspection and the employee accidents that they referenced in their annual reports, many of which are available for free through Google Books.

Another state agency with fascinating annual reports is the Indiana Secretary of State. Historically, the main responsibility of this office has been to oversee Indiana's elections, so their annual reports include voting results as received from the counties and a list of who had won the elections to county offices. However, some of the other
1) Business Corporations - It can be a challenge to pin down when and where a business existed, particularly since business directories often required payment to be included and were only regularly produced in Indiana's largest cities. If your ancestor's business was a partnership, that partnership had to be registered with the county recorder, and when one of the partners died, the partnership automatically ended.

However, if the business was a corporation (their names often included "Co." or "Inc."), that business would have been registered not at the county level, but with the Secretary of State. And for many years, the Secretary of State's annual reports would include a listing of all the corporations that had registered in Indiana that year.
2) Justice of the Peace appointments - A major weakness to Indiana marriage records before 1882 is they did not ask for information about the parents, and that's why it's important to look for a church record of the marriage. When trying to find what (if any) your ancestor's religious denomination was, one of the strategies is to try and trace the official who performed the marriage. Finding a list of the county's Justices of the Peace can save you a lot of time.