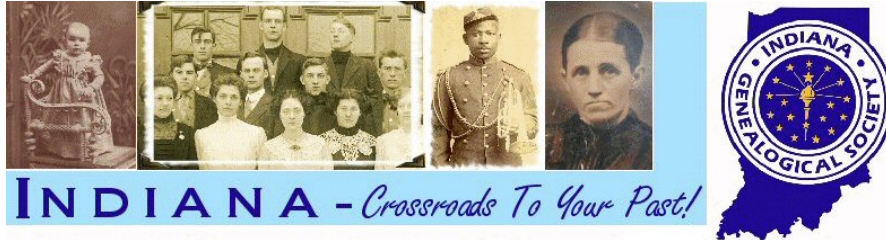


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Indiana News - December 2015

Welcome to the December 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.

In this issue, we begin with sad news about a longtime board member. Other items include an update on the new Indiana State Archives and a tip on where you can view some Indiana plat maps online.

IN MEMORIAM: Connie Conrad

This month began with the shocking news of the death of Constance "Connie" Conrad of Evansville, who'd served as our Southwest District Director since 2004. We still can't believe she's really gone. Her witty take on the genealogy world, as well as the state of construction on Indiana roads, will be sorely missed, as will her expertise on Posey County. We extend our deepest condolences to her circle of family and friends, particularly her husband Ervin and daughter Chrystal.

You can view her obituary and a wonderful photo gallery of her life [HERE](#).



Connie Conrad
(1949-2015)

IGS appoints Donna Adams as Southwest District Director

The Indiana Genealogical Society has appointed Donna Adams of Merom to fill the unexpired term of Southwest District Director. Donna is a fixture in Sullivan County genealogy, working at the Sullivan County Public Library and serving as the Indiana County Genealogist for Sullivan County. She is the chair of our Library Staff Educational Scholarship program, and co-chair of our Indiana County Genealogist program.



Donna Adams

We welcome Donna, and thank her for her service during this difficult time.

IUPUI location eyed for Indiana State Archives

The state government is reportedly considering a partnership with Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to build the new Indiana State Archives on or near their campus. Pictured at right is one of the locations that is being considered - an area near the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Blackford Street.



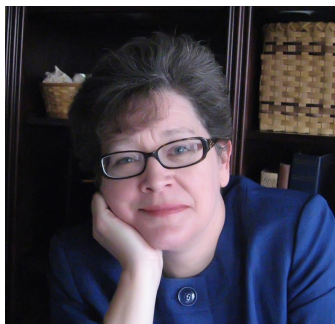
The intersection of Indiana Avenue and Blackford Street in Indianapolis

(photo courtesy of Google Street View)

The IUPUI campus is in downtown Indianapolis, a few blocks northwest of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Library.

Speakers for IGS 2016 Conference

The Indiana Genealogical Society will have not one but TWO national-level speakers at our conference on Saturday, April 16, 2016 in Fort Wayne: Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG and Jen Baldwin. Save the date and watch for when registration opens in January!



Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG is a professional researcher who also helps the Army to identify next of kin for missing soldiers from World War II on. Bloom will speak on:

- Miracles, Mysteries & Mayhem: Online Family Trees
- The Art of Negative-Space Research: Women
- You're Not in Kansas Anymore: Essential Resources for Urban-Area Research
- Bringing Life to Our Ancestors: Manuscript Collections

Jen Baldwin is an author and blogger, as well as the Outreach Manager US/Canada for Findmypast. Her sessions are being



sponsored by the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana.
Baldwin will speak on:

- Being More Than Social on Social Media
- Paperless Genealogy
- Preserving Your Personal Archives
- Go Back to School: Utilizing University Resources

Submissions re-opened for "Once A Hoosier"

Welcome to Teresa Kahle, the new editor of our "Once A Hoosier...Always A Hoosier" blog. We invite you to share information on your ancestors who spent some time in Indiana, via an easy online form. You can also browse all the entries about a particular county.

[Visit the "Once A Hoosier" blog](#)

John Philip Colletta coming to Fort Wayne

Nationally-known genealogy lecturer John Philip Colletta will give a full day of talks on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, thanks to a partnership between the library and the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana (ACGSI).

Colletta will present sessions on:

- Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD
- U.S. Naturalization Records, 1790-1930: Sources and Strategies
- Passenger Arrival Records: Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century
- The Keepers of the Records and I: Tales of Accessing Historical Sources [an evening banquet session]



John Philip Colletta

For full details, including how to register, please visit <http://www.acgsi.org/colletta.php>

New IGS databases

1,685 databases and counting! Here are all the databases for IGS members that we've added since last month:

College Records

- Hanover College - students (1844-1845).
- Moores Hill College - graduates (1889) & students (1890).

County Records

- Adams County - students at Geneva High School (1914).
- Clinton County - students at Frankfort High School (1946).
- Hendricks County - Plainfield students in grades 1-12 (1945); teachers at Plainfield High School (1945). Courtesy of Ron Darrah.
- Henry County - students & teachers of New Castle High School (1926). Courtesy of Ron Darrah.
- Jasper County - students in various townships who took graduation exams (1884). Courtesy of Sue Caldwell.
- Johnson County - students & teachers at Alva Neal High School (1936). Courtesy of Ron Darrah.
- Lawrence County - insanity applications (1882-1913). Courtesy of Randi Richardson.
- Montgomery County - alumni, students & teachers of Crawfordsville High School (1913). Courtesy of Ron Darrah.
- Morgan County - students & teachers at Martinsville High School (1916).

Not an IGS member? We also added some **FREE** databases:

- Madison County - [students](#) & [teachers](#) at Alexandria High School (1932). Courtesy of Wayne Klusman.
- Martin County - [landowners](#) (1892). Courtesy of Wabash Valley Genealogy Society.
- Monroe County - [burials](#) relocated from county cemeteries by the creation of Lake Monroe in 1960. Courtesy of Randi Richardson.
- Owen County - [index to will books](#) (1872-1897). Courtesy of Randi Richardson.

Indiana legislature to consider adoption records access

When the Indiana General Assembly convenes in January 2016 for their "short" session, they will once again consider a bill to allow adoptees from 1941-1993 access to their own records, which would include information on their birth parents. An Indiana University newspaper has an [article](#) on an adoptee who is heading the lobbying effort.

Indiana launches bicentennial celebration

With Indiana's 199th birthday on December 11, the state has now launched its yearlong celebration of its bicentennial, which will culminate in December 2016. The official Indiana bicentennial flag (pictured at right) has been distributed to all 92 counties, and several events, including a torch relay across the state, are planned.



For more information, visit the state's bicentennial website, www.indiana2016.org

County Roundup

Here are some genealogy-related news items from around the state. NOTE: Items on other websites often change or are removed without notice - we apologize if you encounter a link that no longer works.

ADAMS COUNTY

Decatur Cemetery has been the target of repeated vandalism in recent weeks, including a guardian angel that was [stolen](#) from a child's headstone.



A toppled headstone at Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City

HENDRICKS COUNTY

Visitors to the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library can now access digitized newspapers from across Indiana - they have added a subscription to the Indiana collection of NewspaperArchives.com.

LAPORTE COUNTY

Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City was the target of major vandalism recently, with at least 118 headstones [knocked over](#) or otherwise damaged. Many of the damaged headstones date from the 1800's. The cemetery contains over 50,000 burials.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

The mausoleum at Cresthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery in Bedford was the target of vandalism last month, with thieves [breaking flower vases](#) and glass and defacing the names on the crypts.

MARION COUNTY

Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis was the target of recent vandalism - thieves [stole](#) two angel statues from a grave. A few days after the theft was publicized, the statues were anonymously [returned](#).

WAYNE COUNTY

The Richmond High School Alumni Association has published a history of the Richmond and Morton high schools from 1864 through 2014. *Devils' Tales - History Legacy and Memories - A walk through the halls of Morton and RHS* is 300 pages and includes over 900 photos contributed by alumni. For more information, please contact the Richmond High School Alumni Office - phone (765) 973-3338. You can also contact the book's authors: Mary Lou Griffey (mgriffey@comcast.net) and Duane Hodgin (duanehodgin@yahoo.com).

Legal terms explained: Coparcenary

Coparcenary is a term seen in probate records. If a person owned land at the time of their death, when their estate is settled, their heirs may be given a joint title to the parcel of land. If this happens, the land is described as being *coparcenary* - jointly owned.



Research Tip: Online plat maps

In our [September 2014](#) issue, we talked about the uses of plat maps in researching land records, not only to jump-start the process by narrowing down when your ancestor owned the land, but to see at a glance who your ancestor's neighbors were (which is especially helpful when doing collateral research).

Due to their large size and often fragile condition, historical plat maps for Indiana are not likely to have been digitized, so as a general rule you must visit local libraries and archives to view them. However, here are some notable exceptions - unless otherwise noted, these resources are free to the public:

ALLEN COUNTY:

--[1898 atlas](#) (Internet Archive) OR [1898 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY:

--[1879 atlas](#) (Library of Congress) OR [1879 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases)

BENTON COUNTY:

--[1888 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

--[1909 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

BOONE COUNTY:

--[1865 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1878 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1878 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

CARROLL COUNTY:

--[1874 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

--[1897 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1898 map](#) (Library of Congress)

CASS COUNTY:

--[1878 atlas](#) (Internet Archive)

--[1916 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

CLARK COUNTY:

--[1875 map](#) (Library of Congress)

CLINTON COUNTY:

--[1865 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1878 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

DAVIESS COUNTY:

--[1888 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

DEARBORN COUNTY:

--[1859 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1875 atlas](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1899 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

DECATUR COUNTY:

--[1867 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1882 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1882 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

DEKALB COUNTY:

--[1863 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1880 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

DELAWARE COUNTY:

--[1887 atlas](#) (Ball State University)

ELKHART COUNTY:

--[1874 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1915 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

FLOYD COUNTY:

--[1859 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1882 map](#) (Library of Congress)

FOUNTAIN COUNTY:

--[1865 map](#) (Library of Congress)

FRANKLIN COUNTY:

--[1858 map](#) (Allen County Public Library)

--[1882 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

FULTON COUNTY:

--[1883 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases)

GIBSON COUNTY:

--[1881 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1899 atlas](#) (Library of Congress) OR [1899 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

GRANT COUNTY:

--[1861 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1877 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

GREENE COUNTY:

--[1879 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

HAMILTON COUNTY:

--[1866 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1880 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases)

--[1922 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases)

HANCOCK COUNTY:

--[1887 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1906 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases)

HARRISON COUNTY:

--[1882 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1906 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

HENDRICKS COUNTY:

--[1852-1943 plat maps](#) (Hendricks County Government Archive)

--[1865 map](#) (Library of Congress) OR [1865 map](#) (Hendricks County Government Archive)

--[1878 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1878 atlas](#) (Hendricks County Government Archive) OR [1878 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1904 atlas](#) (Hendricks County Government Archive) OR [1904 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

HENRY COUNTY:

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--[1893 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

HOWARD COUNTY:

--[1877 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1877 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

HUNTINGTON COUNTY:

--[1866 map](#) (Library of Congress)

JACKSON COUNTY:

--[1878 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

--[1900 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

JASPER COUNTY:

--[1909 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

JAY COUNTY:

--[1881 atlas](#) (Internet Archive)

--[1887 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

JENNINGS COUNTY:

--[1884 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1884 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

JOHNSON COUNTY:

--[1866 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1900 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1900 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

KNOX COUNTY:

--[1880 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY:

--[1866 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1879 atlas](#) (Library of Congress)

- [1909 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1914 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

LAGRANGE COUNTY:

- [1874 atlas](#) (Internet Archive)
- [1893 atlas](#) (Library of Congress) OR [1893 atlas](#) (Internet Archive)

LAPORTE COUNTY:

- [1862 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1874 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)
- [1892 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

MADISON COUNTY:

- [1901 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1901 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

MARION COUNTY:

- [1855 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1866 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1889 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)
- [1931 map](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

MARTIN COUNTY:

- [1892 map](#) (IGS County Records - free)

MIAMI COUNTY:

- [1877 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

- [1864 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1878 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)
- [1898 atlas](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1917 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

MORGAN COUNTY:

- [1875 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1909 map](#) (Library of Congress)

NEWTON COUNTY:

- [1916 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

NOBLE COUNTY:

- [1860 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1874 atlas](#) (Internet Archive)
- [1893 atlas](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1914 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

OHIO COUNTY:

- [1883 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

PERRY COUNTY:

--[1894 map](#) (Library of Congress)

PIKE COUNTY:

--[1881 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

PORTER COUNTY:

--[1876 atlas](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1895 atlas](#) (Library of Congress)

POSEY COUNTY:

--[1900 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

PULASKI COUNTY:

--[1907 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

PUTNAM COUNTY:

--[1864 map](#) (Library of Congress)

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RANDOLPH COUNTY:

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RIPLEY COUNTY:

--[1883 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1900 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

RUSH COUNTY:

--[1856 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1867 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1879 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases)

SHELBY COUNTY:

--[1866 map](#) (Library of Congress)

--[1880 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1880 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1900 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)

SPENCER COUNTY:

--[1879 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

--[1896 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

STARKE COUNTY:

--[1898 map](#) (Library of Congress)

STEUBEN COUNTY:

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--[1912 atlas](#) (Internet Archive) OR [1912 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY:

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- [1895 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)
- [1911 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

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SWITZERLAND COUNTY:

- [1883 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

TIPPECANOE COUNTY:

- [1866 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1878 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)
- [1913 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

UNION COUNTY:

- [1884 atlas](#) (IUPUI - Historic Indiana Atlases) OR [1884 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY:

- [1880 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)
- [1899 atlas](#) (Indiana State Library - Map Collection)
- [1903 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

VERMILLION COUNTY:

- [1872 map](#) (Library of Congress)

VIGO COUNTY:

- [1858 map](#) (Library of Congress)
- [1874 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)
- [1895 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

WABASH COUNTY:

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WARREN COUNTY:

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WARRICK COUNTY:

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- [1903 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

WAYNE COUNTY:

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- [1893 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

WELLS COUNTY:

- [1881 atlas](#) (Library of Congress)

WHITE COUNTY:

--[1896 atlas](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required)

WHITLEY COUNTY:

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