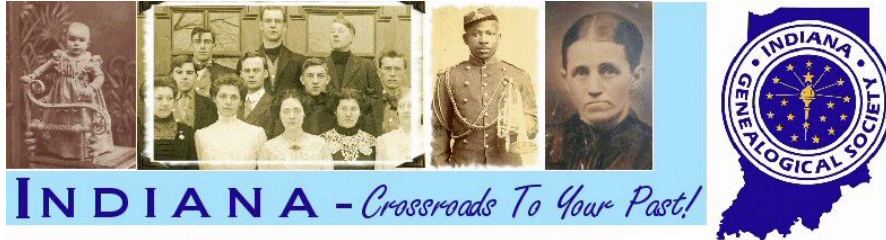


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Indiana News - March 2016

Welcome to the March 2016 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've got the latest updates on our April 15 & 16 seminar and conference in Fort Wayne. There's also an update on an Indiana marriage index, an explanation of the legal term "duces tecum," and a listing of websites where you can view the yearbooks of various Indiana colleges and universities.

Registration open for IGS Society Management Seminar

As part of our pre-conference activities, we'll be holding a [Society Management Seminar](#) on **Friday, April 15** at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. This seminar is geared towards those who are stakeholders in genealogy organizations. Sessions will include social media and doing projects with limited volunteers. There will also be tours offered behind the scenes of the library and of the library's extensive Abraham Lincoln collection. Registration is just \$5 per person.

Pre-registration deadline April 4 for IGS Conference in Fort Wayne

April 4 is the deadline for Indiana Genealogical Society members to pre-register for the Indiana Genealogical Society's



Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG

annual [conference](#) on **Saturday, April 16** at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. IGS members who register before the April 4 deadline will receive a \$10 discount.

For Indiana librarians: All of the sessions for the conference have been approved by the

Indiana State Library for LEU or TLEU credits (see website for details).



Jen Baldwin

The conference will feature not one but two featured speakers - professional researcher [Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG](#) and [Jen Baldwin](#) of Find My Past - presenting sessions on how to research women, do research in urban areas, and effectively use social media, among others. Read the [description](#) of all of the conference sessions. Baldwin's sessions are being sponsored by the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana and the Doug and Joni Lehman Charitable Foundation.

Registration for the conference is \$45, with Indiana Genealogical Society members receiving a \$10 discount if they register before **April 4, 2016**. For online registration, you have the option of purchasing an Indiana Genealogical Society membership and a discounted conference registration combination (\$65 total). Mail-in registrations are also welcome - download our [registration form](#).

FamilySearch adds to Indiana marriage index

FamilySearch recently updated their database, [Indiana Marriages 1811-2007](#). They added 16,000 browseable digital images for Howard County, which cover 1852-1915 and 1939-1942. These images have not been indexed yet.

Visit our [project page](#) to see a list of the 68 counties that are included in this database, and what years are covered for each county.

Indiana adoption records bill becomes law

After being passed overwhelmingly by the Indiana House and Senate, a bill in the Indiana legislature to allow adoptees from 1941 to 1993 to get access to their own birth records was [signed into law](#) earlier this month by Governor Mike Pence. The unsealing of these adoption records will occur on July 1, 2018. Biological parents have until that date to opt out of having their information disclosed.

Indiana State Library to hold genealogy extended hours

The Indiana State Library in Indianapolis will hold "Genealogy for Night Owls", an extended-hours event, on **Wednesday, April 20** from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.



This free event is your chance to get in extended hours of genealogy research. There will also be orientation tours of the library, and one-on-one sessions available with experts from the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America, professional genealogist Betty Warren, the Genealogical Society of Marion County, the Indiana African American Genealogy Group, and the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group.

Registration is required - the deadline to register is April 19. Parking will be available in the parking garage for \$5.

Indiana State Archives adds social media

The Indiana State Archives recently joined some social media platforms:

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/iara1816>
- Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/indiana_archives/

New IGS databases

Over 1,700 databases and still going! Here are all the databases for IGS members that we've added since last month:

College Records

- Franklin College - graduates (1933)
- Tri-State Normal College, Angola - graduates (1904)
- University of Notre Dame - graduates (1937)

County Records

- DeKalb County - students & teachers at Auburn High School (1932)
- Delaware County - Mississinewa Church of the Brethren members who died (1848-1917)
- Dubois County - World War I veterans who registered at Jasper (1919)
- Fulton County - students & teachers at Rochester High School (1934)
- Ripley County - students & teachers at Batesville High School (1950)

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

- Cass County - [Logansport business directory](#) (1930)
 - Clinton County - [Frankfort business directory](#) (1930)
 - Jackson County - [Seymour business directory](#) (1930)
 - Miami County - [Peru business directory](#) (1930)
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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.

ALLEN COUNTY

The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne recently [completed](#) construction on two additions. The Discovery Center is for large workshops and other programs; the Life Stories Center is for the recording of oral histories.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

Historical issues of some Columbus newspapers have been [digitized](#) and can be accessed through a subscription to Newspapers.com. The digitized issues include: *Columbus Republican* (1872-1927), *Columbus Herald* (1942-1993) and *The Republic* (1877-current).



Records in the attic of the LaGrange County courthouse (photo courtesy Indiana State Archives)

DELAWARE COUNTY

Some 200 historic photos of Yorktown have been [compiled](#) into a book, *Images of America: Yorktown*. The book - which is part of the Images of America series by [Arcadia Publishing](#) - was compiled by local residents Becky Monroe and John Shideler. The book can be purchased directly from [Yorktown Historical Alliance](#), with the proceeds to benefit that organization. It can also be purchased through book vendors such as Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY

Silver Island Cemetery in Kingman was the recent [target](#) of scrap metal thieves, who stole its wrought-iron front gates and other parts of its fence. The cemetery has been designated as a pioneer cemetery, with the earliest known burial occurring in 1832. A \$1,000 reward is being offered.

HANCOCK COUNTY

Greenfield resident and historian Joe Skvarenina recently [donated](#) the contents of his personal archive to the Hancock County Public Library. The collection includes thousands of documents, photos and newspaper clippings. The library is now in the process of digitizing the items.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY

The Huntington County Recorder has been [digitizing](#) deed books and other records dating from 1919 to the late 1960's. These records - totaling 116,900 pages - will then be viewable and searchable by the public for a fee at www.landrecords.net. The cost of this project is estimated at \$50,000.

JASPER COUNTY

DeMotte Cemetery was the recent [target](#) of scrap metal thieves, who stole military service plaques from the graves of veterans.

LAGRANGE COUNTY

Indiana State Archives Director Jim Corridan recently visited the LaGrange County Courthouse and toured its attic, where many older records are stored. Photos from the visit are posted on the Indiana State Archives' [Instagram](#) account.

PORTER COUNTY

According to an [article](#) in the *Post-Tribune*, Porter County Surveyor Kevin Breitzke has been purchasing historic plat maps of the county, some dating back 100 years. He plans to digitize them and put them online at the county government's website. The article includes this quote from him: "Any time somebody comes and says they have historical records, I'll see what I can do...It's better than being put in a warehouse someplace or a landfill."

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

The *Evansville Courier & Press* has an [article](#) profiling the genealogy assistance provided by Stan Schmitt, a Willard Library employee who was recently re-appointed by the Indiana Historical Society for another term as the county's historian.

WHITLEY COUNTY

Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City was the recent [victim](#) of vandalism, with 40 tombstones being spray painted. Police are offering a reward for information that leads to an arrest.

Ancestry.com & Find My Past index Irish Catholic parish records

Back in our [June 2015](#) issue, we told you about the National Library of Ireland's digitizing of Catholic church records for 1,000 local parishes from the 1700's and 1800's. These [digital images](#) are freely accessible by the public, but the drawback has always been that there was no index to them - the images had to be browsed. Now Ancestry.com and Find My Past have created an index to these images, which includes 10 million names. This index is available to those who have access to a subscription to either of these websites. For more information, read the [press release](#) on Ancestry.com's blog.

NOTE: The digital images remain free for browsing on the National Library of Ireland's website.

Mocavo closes; content moving to Find My Past

The Mocavo website closed this month, with its content scheduled to be moved to the subscription site Find My Past in the coming months. The closure comes after Find My Past acquired the company in 2014.

Mocavo started out as a genealogy search engine and then began adding digital content, which was free to browse but required a premium account if you wanted to search it.



For more information about the move and how existing Mocavo subscribers will be affected, visit www.findmypast.com/mocavo-info

Genealogy on TV

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

The new season of ["Who Do You Think You Are?"](#) will debut on TLC on Sunday, April 3 at 9 pm Eastern. Celebrities who will be featured will include: Scott Foley, Lea Michele, Chris Noth, Molly Ringwald, Katey Sagal and Aisha Tyler. The full [press release](#) is available on Dick Eastman's newsletter.



GENEALOGY ROADSHOW

Season 3 of ["Genealogy Roadshow"](#) will debut on PBS on Tuesday, May 17. The season will run through Tuesday, June 28.

Legal terms explained: Duces tecum

"Duces tecum" is a Latin phrase, that translates as "bring with you." It refers to a specific type of subpoena. A subpoena duces tecum is not only ordering you to appear in court, it is ordering you to bring documents and other evidence with you. One example of why a subpoena duces tecum might be issued is in a divorce case, if there is a dispute about child support. A subpoena duces tecum would compel you to bring your bank statements and pay stubs to show the court how much income you have.



Research Tip: Online yearbooks for Indiana's colleges & universities

Did your ancestor attend a college or university in Indiana, even if just for a year or two? Yearbooks from these institutions can be a great way to find a photo of them, as well as learn details of their college life. The libraries and archives of these institutions - or the public libraries in the areas around these institutions - are great resources that you should plan to visit or contact for help.

Some of these yearbooks have been digitized and put online. We've put together a listing of over 3,800 Indiana college & university yearbooks that can be viewed online. NOTE: If a subscription

to a website is required in order to access a particular yearbook, we've indicated this in our listing.

- [Online yearbooks for Indiana colleges and universities](#) (PDF) - 1.1 MB

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