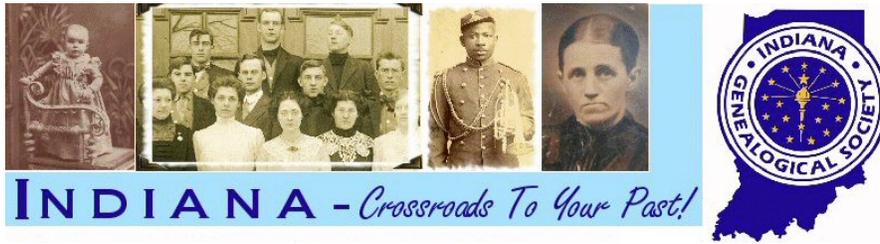


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Indiana News - August 2016

Welcome to the August 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 news relating to Indiana genealogy and history. Past issues going back to 2010 are available for [download](#) in PDF format.

In this issue, read about an opportunity for Indiana non-profit organizations to get free scanning equipment, see photos of some 100-year-old inscriptions in an Indiana cave, and learn about how you can order microfilm from FamilySearch's vast collection.

IGS to offer portable scanning kits to non-profits

There is a wide variety of small record collections in our state - items like booklets, directories, programs and group photos. But these valuable records may be kept in hard-to-reach locations, like museums, churches or even private homes. That's why the Indiana Genealogical Society has launched a Genealogy Digitization Project, to supply qualified Indiana non-profit groups (including genealogical societies, historical societies and public libraries) with a portable scanning kit and the training they need to digitize these records.



The portable scanning kits (valued at \$500) will include a Windows laptop computer and a scanner that can scan documents up to 8.5 inches x 11 inches. In return for accepting this scanning kit, the non-profit organization agrees to supply IGS with 5 databases of any size, which will be made available to the public for free on the IGS website. The non-profit organization gets to keep the scanning kit when they're done, and they can also publish these 5 databases anywhere else they wish.

Scanning kits will be awarded on a rolling basis - for the application form and other details, please visit the [Genealogy Digitization Project](#) page on the IGS website.

This project is being partially funded by a \$2,000 grant that IGS received from the Kahle Family Foundation in 2015.

County Roundup

Here are some genealogy and history-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.

BOONE COUNTY

Tornados that went through central Indiana earlier this month damaged the Union Lutheran Cemetery in Zionsville. Winds in excess of 100 miles per hour knocked over trees and toppled headstones in the cemetery, which dates back to 1836. The cemetery association is asking for donations to help defray the repair costs.



A tree toppled a tombstone at Union Lutheran Cemetery in Boone County (photo courtesy WISH-TV)

CLAY COUNTY

The [Clay County Genealogical Society](#) has received a grant from Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities to restore Center Point Cemetery. A hands-on cemetery restoration workshop will be held there on September 10.

MARION COUNTY

A couple in Stanford, Kentucky have [found](#) a family bible belonging to a World War II soldier from Indianapolis and are seeking family members to return it to. IGS research has revealed that the soldier, Milton Clarence Cummins (born 27 October 1916 in Mercer County, Kentucky; died 7 January 1975 in Indianapolis; buried in Floral Park Cemetery) was the son of James Thomas Cummins and Minnie Lou Rodgers. His family moved from their farm in Mercer County, Kentucky to Indianapolis sometime between the 1920 and 1930 censuses. Milton enlisted in the Army on 10 July 1941 at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis and served until 27 November 1945. He married Geraldine Jean Kelly on 20 October 1967 in Indianapolis. His obituary in the January 9, 1975 issue of the *Indianapolis Star* lists his siblings: Ernest Cummins, Frank Cummins, Ruby Luedemann, Lucille Sarkini, Lilly Mae Cummins and Mable Ross.

TIPTON COUNTY

The remains of 1st Lieutenant Robert L. McIntosh were [buried](#) at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton earlier this month. The World War II pilot was reported missing in May 1944 in Italy. Wreckage was found in 2013 and his remains were [identified](#) through DNA testing.

IGS increases Library Staff Scholarship

The Indiana Genealogical Society's [Library Staff Educational Scholarship](#) has previously included a \$500 cash award for an employee of an Indiana library to use towards their expenses of attending a major genealogy conference, seminar or class. At its August board meeting, IGS decided to also add a \$500 cash award for the employee's library, to be used for the acquisition of genealogy resources.

The board also decided to retroactively give this \$500 cash award to the libraries of this year's 2 recipients, Deana Juday (Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library in Mishawaka) and Janice Kistler (Morgan County Public Library in Martinsville).

Applications are now being accepted for next year's library staff scholarship - the deadline to apply is **December 31, 2016**; the recipients will be announced in April 2017.

New IGS databases

We're now at 1,800 databases and counting! Here are all the databases for IGS members that we've added since last month:

[College Records](#)

- Evansville College - graduates (1966) [Evansville College later became the University of Evansville]

- Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute - graduates (1954) [Indiana State Teachers College later became Indiana State University]
- Moores Hill College, Dearborn County - students (1897-1898) [Moores Hill College later became the University of Evansville]
- Tri-State College, Angola - graduates (1912) [Tri-State College later became Trine University]

County Records

- Jackson County - students & teachers at Brownstown High School (1933)
- Jennings County - history of Vernon (1818-1938)
- Randolph County - students & teachers in Monroe Township schools (1911)
- Scott County - tax list (1839)
- Spencer County - graduates of Grass Township High School (1943)
- Washington County - members of Lost River Baptist Church, Claysville (1836-1884)

Statewide Records

- Independent Order of Odd Fellows - members who died in Indiana (1880-1885)
- Coal miners killed in Indiana (1883-1888)
- Indiana Girls' School, Indianapolis - inmates who died (1877-1894)
- Indiana State Prison North, Michigan City - prisoners released (1861)

Not an IGS member? We also added some FREE databases, courtesy of Wayne Klusman and Randi Richardson:

- Henry County - New Castle High School [students](#) & [teachers](#) (1936)
- Monroe County - Van Buren Township [history](#) (1940)

Honor a genealogist with an IGS Award

Indiana is filled with people who deserve public praise and recognition for the great work they are doing in the world of genealogy. Help IGS find them by nominating them for one of our service awards. We have awards to honor IGS members and non-members alike. Recipients will be recognized during the annual meeting portion of our conference, which will be held at the Indianapolis Public Library on April 8, 2017.

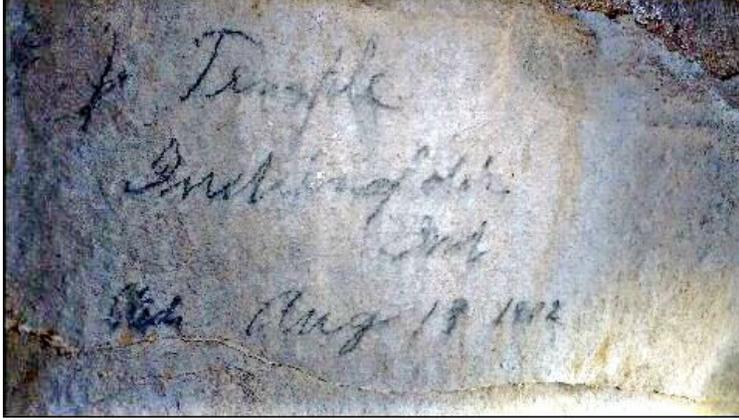
Nominations must be received by **January 15, 2017** - to download the nomination form and see a list of previous winners, please visit our [Service Awards](#) page.



FOUND: Old inscriptions in Indiana cave

Do you think of your ancestors as exploring caves? Michele Dutcher (mdutcher@aph.org) has taken photos of some fascinating inscriptions that were made in a Washington County cave over 100 years ago. These cave markings were found in the Endless Cave at Cave River Valley Nature Preserve, which is part of Spring Mill Park.

This inscription is written in pencil about 2500 feet from the cave entrance - it reads "P. Temple Indianapolis Ind. Aug 13 1902".



P. Temple Indianapolis Ind. Aug 13 1902
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

This inscription is carved on a wall about 1500 feet from the cave entrance - it reads "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heifes Brookmor Ind. Jan 25 1904".



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heifes Brookmore Ind. Jan 25 1904
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

FOUND: Photo of Cass County family (1900's)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found this photo, identified as being Hattie KLITZY and "Mama", which was taken at the Harrington Studio in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana. The photo appears to have been taken in the early 1900's, with the two women likely in their 20's at the time this photo was taken.

If you are a descendant of this family, or you know someone who might be, please contact her.



Hattie Klitzky and "Mama"
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Legal terms explained: Nunc pro tunc

Sometimes in court records, you may find a *nunc pro tunc* order that was filed after a case was closed. "Nunc pro tunc" is Latin meaning "now for then". If a clerical error is discovered after a case has closed, the judge can go back and enter a corrected order in the case file with the notation "nunc pro tunc" after it, which would then take effect retroactively.



As an example, in a divorce case, after a divorce decree is issued, a judge might issue a nunc pro tunc order because a detail about the child custody and visitation hours had been left out in the recording of the decree.

Research Tip: FamilySearch microfilm

Hopefully you're already aware of the FamilySearch [website](https://www.familysearch.org) and its growing collection of databases, all free to the public. But did you know they also have a massive collection of records on microfilm? And did you know you can order this microfilm and have it delivered to a location near you - either a Family History Center or a public library that's a FamilySearch Affiliate Library?

We've compiled a step-by-step guide (including screenshots) to how to order microfilm from FamilySearch - everything from creating a FamilySearch account to finding the microfilm that you want to order.

- [Step-by-step guide to ordering microfilm from FamilySearch \(PDF\)](#)



1) Go to the Online Film Ordering page on FamilySearch:
<https://familysearch.org/films>

In the upper right corner, click on the "Sign In" link.

A sample page from our step-by-step guide

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