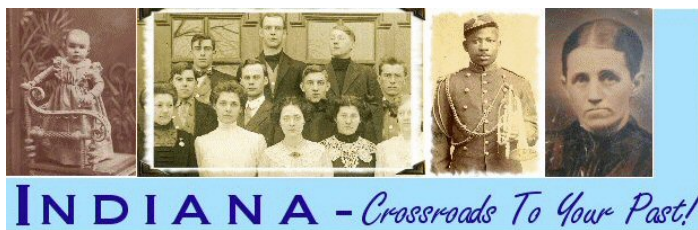


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Indiana News - December 2016

Welcome to the December 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.

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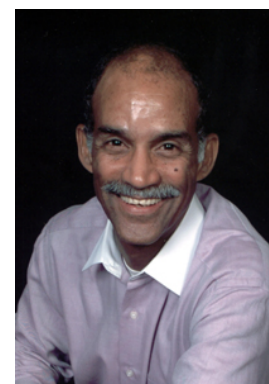
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IGS annual conference in Indianapolis

Registration is open for the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual [conference](#) in downtown Indianapolis on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**. We're pleased to have genealogist and author Tony Burroughs as our featured speaker. He will be leading sessions on:

- Digital Research of African-Americans
- Off the Beaten Path: Unusual Sources for Research
- Freedmen's Bureau Research
- Creating Order Out of Chaos

There will also be sessions on researching Indianapolis Public School records (Ron Darrah) and Hidden Treasures in Midwestern Archives (Mauri Stotts Pratt).



The conference will be held at the central branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. There will be free parking in the library's parking garage. A box lunch will also be available for pre-purchase, with a choice of 3 entrees. Indiana Genealogical Society members can receive a \$10 discount on conference registration.

You can register for the conference [online](#), or by mailing the [registration form](#).

Free databases from IGS scanning kits added

Our ongoing [Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project](#) - a project to give scanning kits worth \$500 to qualified Indiana non-profit groups - continues to result in some fascinating free databases:

HENRY COUNTY (contributed by the Henry County Historical Society):

- [Members of Grand Army of the Republic Post 148, Henry County, Indiana \(1883-1928\)](#) - A typewritten list of members of George W. Lennard Post #148 from March 1883 through October 1928. The Grand Army of the Republic was a fraternal organization for Civil War veterans, formed in 1866.
- [Membership Applications for Gold Star Mothers, Henry County, Indiana \(1951-1958\)](#) - Original applications for membership in the Henry County chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, an organization for mothers of soldiers who had died in military service. These particular applications are from mothers of soldiers who were killed in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.



IGS Vice President Marlene Polster (left) presents a scanning kit to Amanda Aguilera (right) of the Hammond Public Library in Lake County

MORGAN COUNTY (contributed by the Ten O'Clock Line Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution):

- [Brochure of Gossard Breeding Estates, Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana \(1921\)](#) - A brochure about a large agricultural operation in Martinsville.
- [Directory of Martinsville First Christian Church, Morgan County, Indiana \(1928\)](#) - A 1928 booklet containing a yearbook and directory of the First Christian Church in Martinsville.
- [Graduates of Common Schools in Morgan County, Indiana \(1909\)](#) - A July 7, 1909 commencement program for the townships' common schools. A common school was for grades 1 through 8.
- [Graduates of Common Schools in Morgan County, Indiana \(1910\)](#) - A June 30, 1910 commencement program for the townships' common schools. A common school was for grades 1 through 8.
- [History of Eminence Baptist Church, Morgan County, Indiana \(1840-1940\)](#) - A typewritten manuscript from the collection of the Morgan County Public Library in Martinsville.
- [History of Martinsville First Christian Church, Morgan County, Indiana \(1836-1961\)](#) - A booklet from the collection of the Morgan County Public Library in Martinsville.

ORANGE COUNTY (contributed by the Paoli Public Library):

- [Indiana Pioneer Mothers' Memorial, Orange County, Indiana \(1916\)](#) - A 1916 booklet about the Indiana Pioneer Mothers' Memorial, which was created south of Paoli in 1916 to help celebrate Indiana's centennial.
- [Phone Directory of French Lick and West Baden, Orange County, Indiana \(1929\)](#) - A February 15, 1929 phone directory for the towns of French Lick and West Baden, published by The Star Telephone Co.
- [Program of the Orange County Fair, Orange County, Indiana \(1951\)](#) - A program from the county fair, held August 1-4, 1951.

Applications for these scanning kits are being accepted on a rolling basis.

Indiana State Library adds overhead scanner

The Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis now has a Zeta digital overhead scanner (pictured) that is FREE for the public to use. It can scan

items up to 14 inches x 18.9 inches, and the files can then be saved to a USB device.

The benefit of an overhead scanner versus a traditional flatbed scanner is that you don't have to risk damaging your book or document to get it to lie flat.



The Zeta overhead scanner

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.

DEKALB COUNTY

The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) about the McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett. The database contains digital records of the funeral home from pre-1972 through 1999, when the funeral home closed. This database was produced with the cooperation of the Garrett Public Library.

GIBSON COUNTY

The Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Princeton recently [celebrated](#) its 150th anniversary. Built in 1866, it was the first African-American Baptist Church in the area.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Franklin resident Dave Wilson recently [met](#) his 5 half-siblings for the first time in 50 years after finding them through MyHeritage.com.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

The Union Literary Institute Preservation Society has [received](#) a \$15,000 grant from the Indiana Historical Society to help preserve the Greenville Settlement in Greensfork Township. The settlement was formed in 1822 and was the earliest African-American settlement in Indiana. It includes the Union Literary Institute building (pictured), which dates to 1860.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY

[Indiana's Gore](#) (a website run by Tina Lyons which focuses on Dearborn County, Ohio County and Switzerland County) also has a [Facebook page](#).

UNION COUNTY

The Union County Courthouse in Liberty was recently [named](#) among the "Top 10 Most Beautiful Courthouses" in Indiana. The courthouse was built in 1890 and was the fourth built in the county's history.

WARREN COUNTY

A Warren County resident who gained fame in the Civil War will soon be the [subject](#) of a biography by author Eric Jacobson. George Day Wagner (1821-1869) was a colonel in the 15th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War, and became famous as a general at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee in 1864.



Union Literary Institute in Randolph County
(photo courtesy of the *Indianapolis Star* and
Richmond Palladium-Item)

WAYNE COUNTY

A Richmond newspaper [article](#) has items that were making headlines in 1894, including a runaway horse and residents of the county jail.

New IGS databases

We now have 1,900 total databases, including at least 8 databases for each of Indiana's 92 counties.

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT: INDIANA MASONIC HOME HIGH SCHOOL



Senior year photos from Indiana Masonic Home High School in 1933
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

The Indiana Masonic Home was founded in Franklin, Indiana in 1916 as a retirement home for members of Masonic lodges (today it's known as Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park).

But did you also know they accepted children of Masonic members? Children were sent there for a variety of reasons, sometimes because their families could not support them or because they had been orphaned.

From 1916 until 1944, the Indiana Masonic Home had its own high school on campus; in 1944, the high school closed and the children attended Franklin High School.

The Indiana Masonic Home High School produced its own yearbook, the *Ma-Ho-Hi*. The senior year photos included the student's hometown and the name of the Masonic lodge that was sponsoring them.

Here are all the databases for Indiana Genealogical Society members that we've added in the last month:

[College Records](#)

- DePauw University, Greencastle - graduates (1932).
- Earlham College, Richmond - graduates (1911).
- Indiana University, Bloomington - graduates (1919).
- Oakland City College, Gibson County - graduates (1964).

[County Records](#)

- Allen County - students at Madden Grade School, Eel River Township (1931).
- Bartholomew County - students & teachers at Columbus High School (1927).
- Fulton County - students & teachers at Rochester High School (1936).
- Gibson County - rosters of Montgomery Rifles and Union Rifle Guards, Indiana Legion (1861).
- Grant County - students & teachers at Fairmount High School (1933).
- Huntington County - graduates of Roanoke High School (1932).
- Johnson County - members of First Presbyterian Church, Franklin (1824-1874).
- Montgomery County - alumni of Waynetown High School (1900-1923).
- Monroe County - applications for military tombstones (1909-1924).

[Military Records](#)

- World War II - graduates of Army Air Force Training, Freeman Field, Seymour (1944)

[Statewide Records](#)

- Indiana Masonic Home High School, Franklin - alumni (1924-1932); students & teachers (1933).
- Indiana Women's Prison, Indianapolis - prisoners admitted (1873).

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

- Union County - [graduates](#) of Kitchel High School (1925-1961) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.
- Wayne County - [post offices and postmasters](#) (1872) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.

FOUND: Photo of Marshall County family (1880's)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found this photo, identified on the back as being Pete and Maggie BURGNER, which was taken at the McDonald's Studio in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. The photo appears to have been taken in the 1880's, with the couple appearing to be in their 20's or 30's at the time this photo was taken.

Research has found that this couple is Peter Daniel Burgener (born 1 February 1863 in Bremen, Marshall County, Indiana, died 1936; son of Swiss immigrant Peter Burgener, Sr. and Louisa VEIHMANN) and Margaret "Maggie" Ellen GARN (born 1863 in Union County, Indiana; died 1921 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana).

Peter and Maggie Burgener were married in Plymouth, Marshall County in 1888. They had one child, Theresa Leonore Burgener (born 12 August 1895 in Plymouth; died 1977). Theresa married Fred GEIBLE in Elkhart County in 1919 and they had three children: Harry F., Merrell D. and Freda E. Geible. Fred Geible died in 1923 and Theresa was remarried to Everett AMBER in 1927 in South Bend, St. Joseph County.



Pete and Maggie Burgener
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

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

Legal terms explained: Sheriff's sale/Sheriff's execution

One of the responsibilities of a county sheriff is to carry out ("execute") the judgments of the court. So if someone fails to pay their mortgage payments to an individual lender or a bank (resulting in foreclosure proceedings) or fails to pay their property taxes to the county, a court may order a sheriff's sale of that real estate. A sheriff's sale (sometimes referred to as a sheriff's execution) is a public auction where the real estate is sold to the highest bidder.



NOTE: If a court judgment occurs on the federal level, then the sale is the responsibility of a federal marshal.

Sheriff's sales must be advertised in advance to the public, through notices in the newspaper. Here is an example of a sheriff's sale notice for Indianapolis in 1875:

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed, from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana, in a cause wherein The Berkshire Life Insurance Company is plaintiff and Barton D. Jones et al. are defendants, requiring me to make the sum of forty-five hundred and forty-four dollars and seventy-three cents, with interest on said decree and cost, I will expose at public sale, to the highest bidder, on

SATURDAY, the Thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1875,

between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the door of the Court House of Marion county, Indiana, the rents and profits for a term not exceeding seven years, of the following real estate, to-wit:

Lot Number three [3] of Noble and Jones Sub-division of Lots numbered one [1] and two [2] in Square number twenty-four [24] in the city of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana.

If such rents and profits will not sell for a sufficient sum to satisfy said decree, interests and costs, I will, at the same time and place, expose to public sale the fee simple of said real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to discharge said decree, interests and costs.

Said sale will be made without any relief whatever from valuation or appraisement laws.

ALBERT REISSNEB,
 Sheriff of Marion county.

Oct. 20, A. D. 1875.
 WALLACE, Atty. for Pl'ff. oct21-3t

A newspaper notice for a sheriff's sale in Indianapolis in 1875 (see [full-sized PDF](#))

Real estate that is sold at a sheriff's sale is recorded differently in deed books - you will often find it listed with the county sheriff named as the seller instead of the actual owner. That's why when looking at deed book indexes, you may also want to look at the "C" portion (for County), the portion that starts with county's name (such as "M" for Marion County) and the "S" portion (for Sheriff).

Here is an example of the "S" portion of a Hendricks County deed book index for the 1880's, showing the Sheriff of Hendricks County listed as the seller in several transactions:

Sheriff of Hendricks County	to	Leitzman Theodore	56
" " " "	"	Hauer Cynthia J.	59
Sander Nelson	"	North Salem Lodge, P. O. A. M.	79
Scottie Washington J.	"	Frank Lucinda	100
Searee Lida B.	"	Leachman, Pk. Pk.	106
Sheriff of Hendricks Co.	"	Three Wm. A.	112

The "S" portion of a Hendricks County deed book index for the 1880's (see [full-sized PDF](#))

FOUND: Photo of Howard County woman (1880's)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found this

photo, identified on the back as being Sadie WALKER, which was taken at the Nicholson Studio in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana. The photo appears to have been taken in the 1880's, with her appearing to be in her 30's or 40's at the time this photo was taken.

Research has found that this is Sarah "Sadie" Curtis SAVILLE (born about 1837 in Wayne County, Indiana), daughter of Phillip Saville and Beulah EVANS who were married in Wayne County in 1823. Sadie Saville married Alfred B. Walker in Miami County, Indiana in 1861 and they were in the 1870 and 1880 censuses in Kokomo, Howard County.

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



Sadie Walker
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Research Tip: Indiana marriage resources for "missing" counties

Our [June 2016](#) e-mail talked about Ancestry.com's new database, [Indiana, Marriage Certificates, 1958-2005](#). It also mentioned that the Indiana State Library had an [Indiana marriage index 1958-2013](#) that was free. Both of these databases cover all 92 counties, but were actually compiled from information that was sent to Indiana's state health department by county clerks.

Earlier this month, Ancestry.com added another database for its subscribers - [Indiana Marriages, 1810-2001](#). However, when you look at the explanation/source for their database, you'll see that it is actually the same data that's in FamilySearch's [Indiana Marriages, 1811-2007](#).

The FamilySearch data was compiled from the records in county courthouses and it covers 70 of Indiana's 92 counties (the years it covers [varies by county](#)). There are 22 counties that are not covered at all:

Cass, Clinton, Crawford, Grant, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Johnson, Knox, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Newton, Posey, Ripley, Tippecanoe, Union, Vanderburgh, Warren and White.

Among the 22 missing counties are two of Indiana's largest population centers - Indianapolis (Marion County) and Evansville (Vanderburgh County).

Here are some marriage resources for these 22 missing counties, including a separate FamilySearch database that is being periodically updated:

CASS COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1864 through 1942.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1829 through 1930.

CLINTON COUNTY:

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1830 through 1905.

CRAWFORD COUNTY:

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1818 through 1880.

GRANT COUNTY:

--[Grant County marriage index](#) (Marion Public Library - FREE) - covers 1837 through 2006.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1831 through 1924.

GREENE COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1905 through 1918.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1821 through 1827 and 1833 through 1850.

HANCOCK COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1882 through 1932.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1828 through 1920.

JASPER COUNTY:

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1865 through 1920.

--[Jasper County, Indiana Marriages, 1850-1920](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1850 through 1920.

JOHNSON COUNTY:

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1830 through 1845 and 1851 through 1900.

KNOX COUNTY:

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1807 through 1832 and 1854 through 1920.

LAPORTE COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1905 through 1915 and 1917 through 1920.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1832 through 1839 and 1850 through 1920.

MADISON COUNTY:

--[Madison County marriage index](#) (Anderson Public Library - FREE) - covers 1921 through 1951.

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1880 through 1923.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1880 through 1920.

MARION COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1822 through 1857, 1865 through 1869 and 1874 through 1921.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1822 through 1836 and 1861 through 1925.

--[Web: Marion County, Indiana, Marriage Index, 1925-2012](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1925 through 2012.

MONROE COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1921 through 1933.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1818 through 1835.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

--[Montgomery County marriage index](#) (Crawfordsville District Public Library - FREE) - covers 1823 through 2001.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1823

through 1850 and 1860 through 1920.

NEWTON COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1860 through 1920 and 1946 through 1951.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1860 through 1922.

POSEY COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1815 through 1894, 1910 through 1915 and 1918 through 1921.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1815 through 1831 and 1846 through 1920.

RIPLEY COUNTY:

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1818 through 1850.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY:

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1860 through 1941.

UNION COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1931 through 1936.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1821 through 1850 and 1860 through 1918.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY:

--[Vanderburgh County marriage index](#) (Willard Library, Evansville - FREE) - covers 1920 through 1979.

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1905 through 1906 and 1907 through 1920.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1818 through 1846.

WARREN COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1846 through 1941.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1830 through 1920.

WHITE COUNTY:

--[Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#) (FamilySearch - FREE) - covers 1835 through 1875 and 1911 through 1916.

--[Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941](#) (Ancestry.com - subscription required) - covers 1835 through 1920.

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