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Indiana News - January 2017

Welcome to the January 2017 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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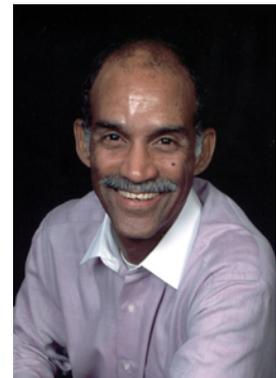
- More free Indiana databases from our giveaway of scanning kits.
- Boston's Catholic Church records to be digitized.
- Find out what a motion in limine means.
- Learn about digitized records that are in the FamilySearch catalog.

IGS annual conference in Indianapolis

The Indiana Genealogical Society's annual [conference](#) will be held at the Indianapolis Public Library in downtown Indianapolis on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**. Genealogist and author Tony Burroughs will be the 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 (by Ron Darrah) and Hidden Treasures in Midwestern Archives (by Mauri Stotts Pratt).



Free parking will be available in the library's parking garage. A box lunch is available for pre-purchase, with a choice of 3 entrees. Indiana Genealogical Society members receive a \$10 discount on conference pre-registration.

You can register and pay for the conference [online](#), or mail in the [registration form](#) along with your payment.

IGS members: December 2016 quarterly available

If you are an IGS member, you can download the December 2016 issue of *Indiana Genealogist*, by logging into the [Members-Only area](#) and going to IGS Records.

This issue includes:

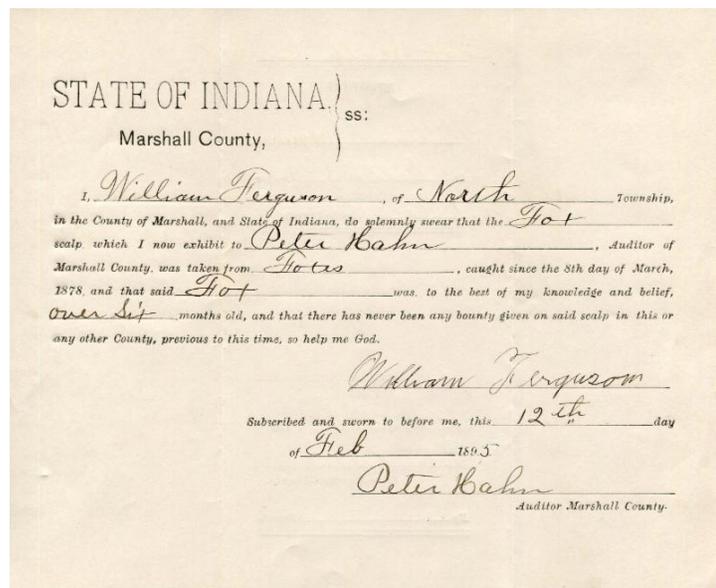
- Margaret B. Champion's unraveling of the parentage of a Madison County family
- Guests at the Palmer Hotel, Indianapolis in 1869
- Emancipated slaves in Harrison County records, courtesy of Randi Richardson
- Floyd County pre-1907 naturalization records (part 2), courtesy of Nancy Strickland
- Confederate veterans buried in Montgomery County, courtesy of Amy Johnson Crow, CG

Free databases from IGS scanning kits added

Here are some of the databases we've added recently from our [Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project](#) - a project to give portable scanning kits worth \$500 to qualified Indiana non-profit groups:

ELKHART COUNTY (contributed by the Elkhart County Historical Society):

- [Index to Adoption Notices in Elkhart County, Indiana \(1873-1914\)](#) - A card file of the adoption cases mentioned in a Bristol newspaper and other miscellaneous resources.
- [Index to Divorces Mentioned in Goshen Newspapers, Elkhart County, Indiana \(1837-1852\)](#) - A card file of the divorce cases mentioned in various Goshen newspapers.



An example of a Marshall County bounty paid in 1895 for a fox scalp (see [full-size PDF](#)). The receipt includes the signature of the resident who is receiving the money.

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

- [Convention of Postal Clerks, New Castle, Henry County, Indiana \(1930\)](#) - A program of the July 1930 convention of Indiana post office clerks, held in New Castle.
- [History of the Federation of Clubs, Henry County, Indiana \(1897-1961\)](#) - A typewritten manuscript. The Federation of Clubs was a compilation of women's groups.

HOWARD COUNTY (contributed by the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library):

- [Graduates of Glendale School, Howard County, Indiana \(1915\)](#) - A 1915 souvenir of Glendale School, which was in Center Township, District 3.
- [Graduates of Martin School, Howard County, Indiana \(1906\)](#) - A 1906 souvenir of Martin School, which was in Liberty Township, District 6.
- [Graduates of New London High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1912\)](#) - An April 25, 1912 commencement program for New London High School.
- [Phone Directory of Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana \(1933\)](#) - A 1933 telephone directory published by Lewis Directory Service of Muncie.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (contributed by the Kosciusko County Historical Society):

- [Directories of Teachers in Kosciusko County, Indiana \(1894-1901\)](#) - Directories of teachers and school staff for the 1894-1895 school year through the 1900-1901 school year.
- [Directories of Teachers in Kosciusko County, Indiana \(1912-1919\)](#) - Directories of teachers and school staff for the 1912-1913 school year through the 1918-1919 school year (no directory for the 1916-1917 school year).
- [Directories of Teachers in Kosciusko County, Indiana \(1922-1930\)](#) - Directories of teachers and school staff for the 1922-1923 school year through the 1929-1930 school year (no directory for the 1923-1924 school year).

MARSHALL COUNTY (contributed by the Marshall County Historical Society):

- [Bounties Paid to Marshall County, Indiana Residents for Fox Scalps \(1893-1895\)](#) - Handwritten forms filled out by the Marshall County Auditor to keep track of the money the county government paid to residents for turning in the scalps of foxes they had killed.
- [Bounties Paid to Marshall County, Indiana Residents for Wolf Scalps \(1845-1857\)](#) - Handwritten forms filled out by the Marshall County Auditor to keep track of the money the county government paid to residents for turning in the scalps of foxes they had killed.
- [Naturalization Card File for Marshall County, Indiana \(1855-1954\)](#) - Typewritten cards created by the Marshall County Clerk to use as an index to the naturalization records at the courthouse.

CIVIL WAR (contributed by the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library):

- [Grand Army of the Republic Annual Encampment in Indiana \(1908\)](#) - A program for the Indiana GAR's annual reunion ("encampment") that was held in Kokomo in May 1908. The Grand Army of the Republic was a fraternal organization for Civil War veterans, formed in 1866. This program includes the names and photos of Indiana GAR officers and their auxiliaries, as well as historical information about Kokomo.

Boston's Catholic Church records to be digitized

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announced they have come to an agreement with the Boston Archdiocese to digitize historical Catholic Church records for Boston parishes and 100 parishes in the surrounding area. These records date from 1789 through 1900 and include baptisms, confirmations and marriages.

According to the project's [website](#), these records include 937 bound volumes, 400,000 handwritten pages, and 10 million names total.

According to a *Boston Herald* [article](#), NEHGS has 4 paid employees and 70 volunteers working on this project. It is estimated it will take 10 years and cost \$1 million to complete.



Preparing a parish register to be digitized
(photo courtesy of New England Historic Genealogical Society website)

The digitized records will be put online at the NEHGS [website](#) as they are completed. You can browse the digital records if you sign up for a free Guest Membership; name searches of these records will only be available to NEHGS dues-paying members.

County Roundup

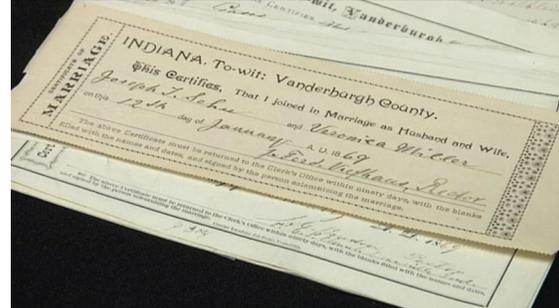
Here are some genealogy and history-related news items from around the state. NOTE: Items on other websites often change or are removed without notice - we apologize if you encounter a link that no longer works.

ALLEN COUNTY

--The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of the records of

the Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne (1958-2004). This data was compiled by Earle Swanson and was previously only available in book form; it was put online with permission from the author.

--The [Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana](#) is having a fundraising campaign, called "[\\$40 for 40](#)", to celebrate its 40th anniversary. These funds are being earmarked for the digitizing of more county records, including court records and death records. There is also a match challenge - if the fundraising campaign receives a total of \$2,500, anonymous benefactors have agreed to match this with an additional \$1,250 donation.



An early Evansville marriage return
(photo courtesy of Nexstar Broadcasting)

DEARBORN COUNTY

[Indiana's Gore](#) has added entries from Aurora and Lawrenceburg newspapers from 1885 through 1889 to its [Dearborn County newspaper index](#).

HANCOCK COUNTY

--The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of an 1898 commencement program for Vernon Township schools. This database was produced with the cooperation of Rebecca Crowe and the Fortville-Vernon Township Public Library.

--The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of the students and teachers at Fortville schoolhouse from 1881 through 1887. This database was produced with the cooperation of Rebecca Crowe and the Fortville-Vernon Township Public Library.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

The *Indianapolis Star* recently had a retrospective [article](#) on a 1947 court case against Lottie "Tot" Lockman of Dupont. Her case gained national attention and the newspapers referred to it "Mercury and Old Lace", because she was accused of killing several of the people she worked for by poisoning them with mercury. Lockman was acquitted, and died in 1954.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Robert Hyatt, a 91-year-old Franklin resident, [died](#) last month. He was a veteran of 3 wars - World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

MARION COUNTY

--The Irvington Historical Society recently [posted on Facebook](#) about a donation of an 1876 Marion County marriage license between John C. Naylor and Addie Caraway. The society was looking to find descendants of this family, to give the license to. Genealogists found that the widow moved to Arkansas and Missouri and her children appeared to have had no descendants.

--An *Indianapolis Star* [article](#) talks about the history behind a fenced-in tombstone at the intersection of Kessler Boulevard and Keystone Avenue (near Glendale Mall). The tombstone was the result of an effort by Dorothea Woods Sargent and the Daughters of the American Revolution to mark the site of the now-lost Bacon Cemetery, which was where Robert Dickerson and several other Revolutionary War veterans were buried in the 1800's.

OHIO COUNTY

[Indiana's Gore](#) has added a free index of [Ohio County deaths 1882-1910](#) and [Rising Sun deaths 1882-1910](#). They were compiled from Ohio County Health Department's microfilm records.

PARKE COUNTY

The federal Department of the Interior recently [announced](#) that the West Union Bridge in Montezuma had been designated as a National Historic Landmark. The covered bridge was built in 1876 and spans Sugar Creek.

SCOTT COUNTY

Anti-Semitic symbols were recently [found](#) spray-painted on some tombstones at Scottsburg Cemetery in Beechwood Park. A 19-year-old and 20-year-old have been arrested and charged with criminal mischief and criminal trespassing.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY

If you're planning on visiting Switzerland County to do research, [Indiana's Gore](#) has a helpful [blog](#)

[post](#) describing a recent visit to the courthouse and how the records there are organized.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY

--The Tippecanoe County Historical Association and the Tippecanoe County Genealogical Society are working to [preserve](#) boxes of courthouse records dating back to 1826. The records include poorhouse records and business licenses, as well as marriages and deaths.

--The former Morris School in West Lafayette will be [moved](#) 900 feet away by the city's Parks and Recreation Department to prevent it from being demolished. This one-room schoolhouse - also known as Wabash Township School #5 - is at the corner of US 231 and Cumberland Avenue and was built in 1879. Funds are still needed to help with the cost of the move.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY

The Vanderburgh County Clerk in Evansville recently had 38,000 early marriage records [digitized by a vendor](#) to help them answer public requests. These records date back to 1818 and include consents and returns.

WAYNE COUNTY

--[Hoosier State Chronicles](#), the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers, recently added scattered issues from the Richmond *Daily Palladium* for 1916-1918 and 1920-1922. These issues were digitized with the support of the Wayne County Foundation, in cooperation with the Morrison-Reeves Library in Richmond.

--The Resource Inventory Council of Wayne County has been [documenting](#) historic barns in the area (defined as those built before 1950). They have photographed about 650, dating as far back as 1810. The Wayne County Government's website has a [map](#) of the barns that have been documented so far.

--A Richmond newspaper [article](#) has items that were making headlines in 1874, including how the New Year was being celebrated.

--A Richmond newspaper [article](#) has items that were making headlines in 1894, including an encounter between police and 4 men who broken into a wagon shop.

FamilySearch adds Indiana church marriages database

FamilySearch recently added a new database, [Indiana, Church Marriages, 1780-1993](#). This database consists of over 47,000 entries.

According to its description, most of these marriage records come from Catholic Church resources; however, other denominations are said to be included.

New IGS databases

We have 1,916 total databases, including at least 8 databases for each of Indiana's 92 counties.

Here are all the premium databases (accessible only to IGS members) that we've added since last month:

[College Records](#)

- Indiana State Normal School, Terre Haute - graduates (1928). NOTE: Indiana State Normal School later changed its name to Indiana State University.
- Purdue University, West Lafayette - graduates (1926).
- University of Notre Dame - graduates (1923).
- Valparaiso University - graduates (1950).

[County Records](#)

- Crawford County - rosters of Grantsburgh Guards and Leavenworth Greys, Indiana Legion (1861).
- Dubois County - roster of volunteers, Indiana Legion (1861).
- Jay County - graduates of Dunkirk High School (1958).
- Jennings County - rosters of Butlerville Guards and Vernon Greys, Indiana Legion (1861).
- Lake County - teachers at Lew Wallace High School, Gary (1946).

- Sullivan County - graduates of Farmersburg High School (1923).

Statewide Records

- Indiana Masonic Home High School, Franklin - alumni (1924-1935); students & teachers (1934).

Not an IGS member? We also added some databases that are FREE to the public:

- Delaware County - [Muncie business directory \(1930\)](#) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.
- Noble County - [Civil War discharge papers filed](#) - contributed by Judy Richter.
- Shelby County - [Shelbyville business directory \(1930\)](#) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.
- Wayne County - [students](#) and [teachers](#) in Williamsburg schools (1950) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.

Legal terms explained: Motion in limine

When reading the proceedings of a court case, you may see that the plaintiff or defendant has filed a "motion in limine". This is a Latin phrase that translates as "at the beginning" or "at the threshold." This is a motion made before a trial begins, asking the court to issue an order preventing the other side from presenting certain evidence that they believe would be prejudicial to their case or that is not relevant. For example, in a criminal trial a defendant might make this motion to prevent the prosecutor from introducing evidence of any previous crimes they had committed.

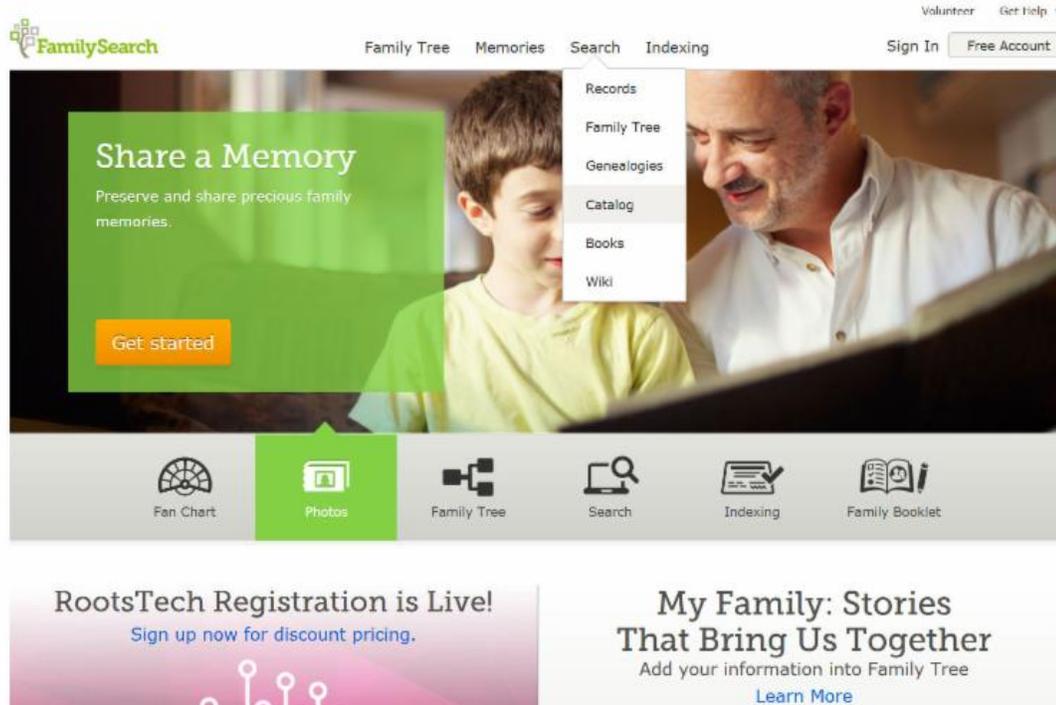


Research Tip: Digitized records in FamilySearch's catalog

In our [August 2016](#) e-mail, we talked about the microfilm collection in FamilySearch's catalog and how you can borrow it for viewing. But did you know that their catalog also contains links to digitized records that are not yet available as databases on their site?

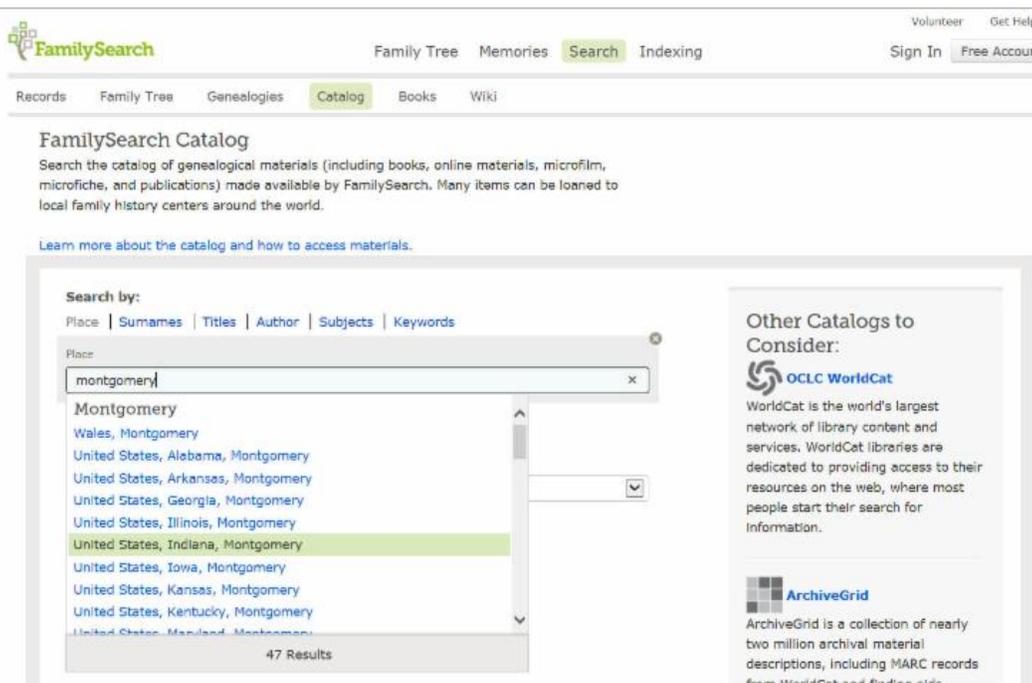
According to a [press release](#), in 2017 FamilySearch will have more than 330 teams of digital camera operators out in the world digitizing records. Some of these FamilySearch teams have been in Indiana in recent years.

To see some of the results of their efforts, on the FamilySearch [main page](#), go to the Search tab. Rather than selecting "Records" (which takes you to all their searchable and browseable databases), select "Catalog":



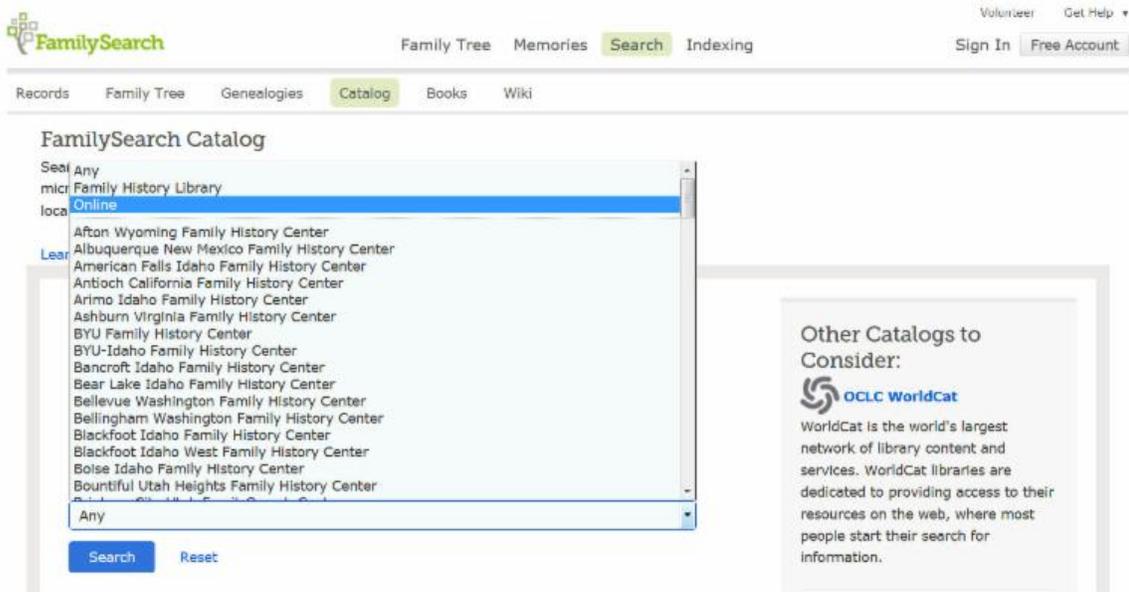
The Search tab on the FamilySearch main page (see [full-sized PDF](#))

On the Catalog screen, the default Search type is to search by place, so if we want to search for records about Montgomery County, Indiana, we would start typing in Montgomery in the search box. Several possible matches for that place name will appear in a dropdown menu. We would then select "United States, Indiana, Montgomery" from the dropdown menu:



Searching by place name in the FamilySearch catalog (see [full-sized PDF](#))

Below the place name, there is a part of the Search box that says "Search these family history centers", which has a dropdown menu. Change the default ("Any") to "Online" from the dropdown menu - this way we'll only get results for those records that are online. Then click on the blue "Search" button:



Searching for online results for Montgomery County, Indiana
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

The results for Montgomery County records that are online are sorted by category:



FamilySearch catalog results for Montgomery County records that are online
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

If you click on the results in the probate records category, you'll find this result for "Indiana, Montgomery County, probate records, 1825-1882":

Indiana, Montgomery County, probate records, 1825-1882

Authors:	Montgomery County (Indiana). Clerk of the Circuit Court (Main Author) Montgomery County Courthouse (Crawfordsville, Indiana) (Repository)
Format:	Manuscript/Manuscript on Digital Images
Language:	English
Publication:	Salt Lake City, Utah : Digital capture by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 2014
Physical:	415 digital folders

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Notes

Digital capture of original probate records from Montgomery County Courthouse, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

[View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations](#)

Subjects

Locality Subjects

[United States, Indiana, Montgomery - Probate records](#)

[United States, Indiana, Montgomery - Guardianship](#)

Film Notes (This family history center has 415 of 415 films/fiche.)

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film/DGS	Format
Probate case files index, v. 1, 1822-1963	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Digital	101235546	
Probate case files index, v. 2, 1963-1966	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Digital	101264176	

A result for Montgomery County probate records 1825-1882
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

The summary at the top says that these records were digitally captured by FamilySearch in 2014. The "Film Notes" section at the bottom shows a camera icon in the Format column - this tells you they are digital images. If these images were indexed/searchable, there would be a magnifying glass icon next to the camera icon.

If you click on one of these camera icons, you're taken to a page of thumbnail images, where you can then click on a particular image to view it at full size:



Thumbnail images of the Montgomery County probate records
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Vigo County, Indiana is another county whose probate case files (covering 1818 through 1935) have been recently digitized by FamilySearch and put [online](#) in the catalog.

NOTE: Some of the search results for "online" records are actually FamilySearch microfilm that has been converted to digital images - this is part of their ongoing effort to digitize their 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. According to their press release, they are 30% finished with this conversion process. Sometimes the images from these digitized microfilm are then linked to a particular database - for example, images from the microfilm of many Indiana counties have been linked to the [Indiana Marriages, 1811-2007](#) database. However, this is not always the case - it's worth the effort to look at all of the search results.

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