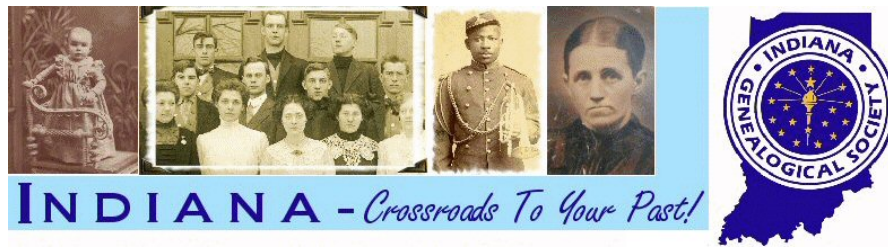


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Indiana News - March 2017

Welcome to the March 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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- An update on funding for a new Indiana State Archives building.
- Indiana Territory's court records 1800-1816 are digitized.
- Photo found of Elkhart County woman from 1890's.
- Learn about other records for Indiana's colleges and universities.

UPDATE: Indiana State Archives

Last month, we told you that the [funding](#) to build the long-awaited new building for the Indiana State Archives had fallen through.

You may have also seen our follow-up e-mail, which reported that Representative Matt Pierce of Bloomington had introduced an amendment to the proposed budget which would include \$27.5 million for the State Archives, courtesy of the state's general fund.

Rep. Pierce's amendment failed in a voice vote on the House floor. The budget (House Bill 1001) has now moved to the Senate for consideration and amendments.



Storage pallets in the Indiana State Archives in 2015
(photo courtesy the *Indianapolis Star*)

This session of legislature will end on April 29.

April 4 deadline to register for IGS conference in Indianapolis

Tuesday, April 4 is the deadline to pre-register for the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual [conference](#) at the Indianapolis Public Library. It will be held on **Saturday, April 8**. Genealogist and author Tony Burroughs will be the featured speaker. He will be leading sessions on:

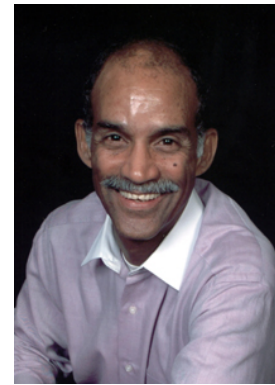
- Digital Research of African-Americans
- Off the Beaten Path: Unusual Sources for Research
- Freedmen's Bureau Research
- Creating Order Out of Chaos

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 is available in the library's parking garage (the free parking pass will be given to you at the conference).

Indiana Genealogical Society members will receive a \$10 discount on the conference if they pre-register. After April 4, registration will only be accepted at the door and will be \$50 per person, regardless of IGS membership status.

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



IGS Seminar on Digitizing Records

The Indiana Genealogical Society will hold a [Society Management Seminar](#) on **Friday, April 7** at the [Indiana Historical Society](#) in Indianapolis, as the lead-up to our conference. Our seminar always focuses on topics that help those involved in the operation of local genealogy organizations, such as societies and libraries. This year's seminar will focus on how to digitize records:

- Connie Rendfeld, the Digital Initiatives Librarian for the Indiana State Library, will talk about how to plan your digitization project before you start scanning
- Ramona Duncan-Huse and Susan Sutton from the Indiana Historical Society will talk about how to preserve records and how to choose what you should put online
- Ron Darrah from the Genealogical Society of Marion County will lead a panel discussion on local digitization projects
- Tours will be given of the Indiana Historical Society's Conservation Lab and their William H. Smith Memorial Library



Free parking will be available in the IHS parking lot (enter on New York Street) and the IHS Stardust Café on the canal level will be open for lunch. The seminar costs just \$5 per person. Register [online](#) or mail in the [registration form](#) along with your payment.

Join the IGS Board

Looking to become more involved in genealogy? The Indiana Genealogical Society's board has a position open:

- **North Central District Director** - represents Carroll, Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Howard, Kosciusko, Marshall, Miami, St. Joseph and Wabash counties.

The district director submits a report for the board meetings, which are held quarterly, usually at a site in central Indiana. Mileage is reimbursed.

For more information, please contact IGS President Michael Maben (mmaben@indiana.edu)

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:

CIVIL WAR

A burial permit for Gosport Cemetery (Owen County) for a death that occurred in Marion County (see [full-size PDF](#)).

(contributed by the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society, Terre Haute):

- [Muster Roll of 71st Indiana Infantry in the Civil War \(1862\)](#) - Handwritten muster rolls for Companies C, D, F and H of the 71st Indiana Infantry.
- [Muster Roll of 97th Indiana Infantry in the Civil War \(1862\)](#) - Handwritten muster rolls for Axtele's, Dean's and Holston's Companies of the 97th Indiana Infantry.

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

- [Graduates of Kokomo High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1908\)](#) - A May 29, 1908 commencement program for Kokomo High School.
- [Graduates of Kokomo High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1910\)](#) - A June 2, 1910 commencement program for Kokomo High School.
- [Graduates of Kokomo High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1917\)](#) - A June 1, 1917 commencement program for Kokomo High School.
- [Graduates of Kokomo High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1920\)](#) - A June 1, 1920 commencement program for Kokomo High School.
- [Graduates of Kokomo High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1923\)](#) - A May 27, 1923 commencement program for Kokomo High School.
- [Graduates of Kokomo High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1925\)](#) - A May 29, 1925 commencement program for Kokomo High School.

MONROE COUNTY (contributed by the Ten O'Clock Line Treaty Museum, Gosport):

- [Phone Directory of Clear Creek, Monroe County, Indiana \(1941\)](#) - A 1941 phone directory for the town of Clear Creek.
- [Phone Directory of Ellettsville, Monroe County, Indiana \(1941\)](#) - A 1941 phone directory for the town of Ellettsville.
- [Phone Directory of Smithville, Monroe County, Indiana \(1941\)](#) - A 1941 phone directory for the town of Smithville.

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

- [History of Miscellaneous Baptist Churches in Morgan County, Indiana](#) - A typewritten manuscript.
- [History of Mt. Olive Paragon Christian Church, Morgan County, Indiana](#) - A typewritten manuscript.
- [Students of Martinsville High School, Morgan County, Indiana \(1934\)](#) - The 1934 yearbook for Martinsville High School, *Artesian 1934*. It contains information on students in grades 7 through 12.
- [Students of Martinsville High School, Morgan County, Indiana \(1940\)](#) - The 1940 yearbook for Martinsville High School, *Artesian 1940*. It contains information on students in grades 7 through 12.
- [Teachers of Martinsville High School, Morgan County, Indiana \(1934\)](#) - The 1934 yearbook for Martinsville High School, *Artesian 1934*. It contains information on teachers in grades 7 through 12.
- [Teachers of Martinsville High School, Morgan County, Indiana \(1940\)](#) - The 1940 yearbook for Martinsville High School, *Artesian 1940*. It contains information on teachers in grades 7 through 12.

ORANGE COUNTY (contributed by the Paoli Public Library):

- [Dedication of Quaker Meetinghouse, Paoli, Orange County, Indiana \(1954\)](#) - A program from the June 6, 1954 dedication of a new Society of Friends meetinghouse in Paoli.

OWEN COUNTY (contributed by the Ten O'Clock Line Treaty Museum, Gosport):

- [Burial Permits for Gosport Cemetery, Owen County, Indiana \(1920-1928\)](#) - Original burial permit forms issued by various county health departments in Indiana for burials at Gosport Cemetery.
- [Phone Directory of Gosport, Owen County, Indiana \(1941\)](#) - A 1941 phone directory for the town of Gosport.

PARKE COUNTY (contributed by the Parke County Historical Society, Rockville):

- [Graduates of Mecca High School, Parke County, Indiana \(1912-1963\)](#) - Information compiled and published by the Mecca ARABS and Mecca School Alumni Association in 2011.

Court records of Indiana Territory digitized

Indiana Territory existed before Indiana officially became a state in 1816, and Vincennes in Knox County was its seat. Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) recently digitized the Indiana Territory's [court order books](#) for 1800 through 1816. The court order books contain information on various court matters, including divorces and naturalizations.

This digitization project was the result of a collaboration between IUPUI, the Indiana State Archives (which holds the court order books), and the Historical Society for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

FOUND: Photo of Elkhart County woman (1890's)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found this photo, identified as being Justine (Burlingame) Kingsley, which was taken at the E.M. Mudge Studio in Elkhart, Indiana.

The photo appears to have been taken in the 1890's, with Justine likely in her 20's at the time it was taken. In addition to her name,

A vintage portrait of a young woman with short, curly hair, wearing a dark, high-collared dress with a white lace collar and a white bow. She is looking slightly to the right.

Justine (Burlingame) Kingsley
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

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

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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

–The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of early records of the Hawcreek Baptist Church, including a list of members and minutes of meetings 1873-1913.
–The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of early records of the Clifford Christian Church, including several lists of members from the 1900's.

DEKALB COUNTY

The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of the Spencerville High School 1942 yearbook, "Beacon". This yearbook includes information in students in grades 1 through 12.

DELAWARE COUNTY

The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of Elizabethtown Cemetery. It was compiled by Jim Cox.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Ancestry.com has added a database, [Hamilton County, Indiana, Compiled Records From Hamilton East Public Library, 1891-1962](#), which is available to those who have a subscription. This database was contributed by the Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville and consists of an index and digital images from: a 1920 city directory for Noblesville; Hamilton County teacher directories for 1891-1892, 1898-1899, 1900-1925 and 1927-1930; Evans-Godby-Trout Funeral Home records 1924-1950's.

KNOX COUNTY

The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) about Maria Creek Baptist Church (1809-1947).

MARION COUNTY

Workers at a construction site at 10th Street and Emerson Avenue on the southeast side of Indianapolis [found](#) a message inside a bottle. The message was written in 1930 by Carl L. Ott, who was well-known in Indiana politics.

MONROE COUNTY

The Allen County Public Library's [website](#) has added a free [database](#) of records of Richland Christian Church 1825-1975, as compiled by William M. Williams.

UNION COUNTY

The [remains](#) of Korean War veteran Gerald Shepler of Liberty, who has been listed as missing in action since 1950, have finally been laid to rest in Dunlapville Cemetery. His remains were recently identified thanks to DNA provided by his surviving siblings.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

An impaired driver [ran over](#) 6 grave markers at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Evansville. The driver was charged with cemetery mischief and driving while intoxicated.

Indiana State Library to hold extended hours for research

The [Indiana State Library](#) in Indianapolis will hold "Genealogy for Night Owls", an extended-hours research event, on **Wednesday, May 17** from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.

This free event is your chance to get in extended hours of genealogy research. Orientation tours of the library will be given, and you can also have a one-on-one session with these experts:

Daughters of the American Revolution; Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America; professional genealogist Betty Warren; Genealogical Society of Marion County; Indiana African American



[Registration](#) is required - the deadline to register is May 16.

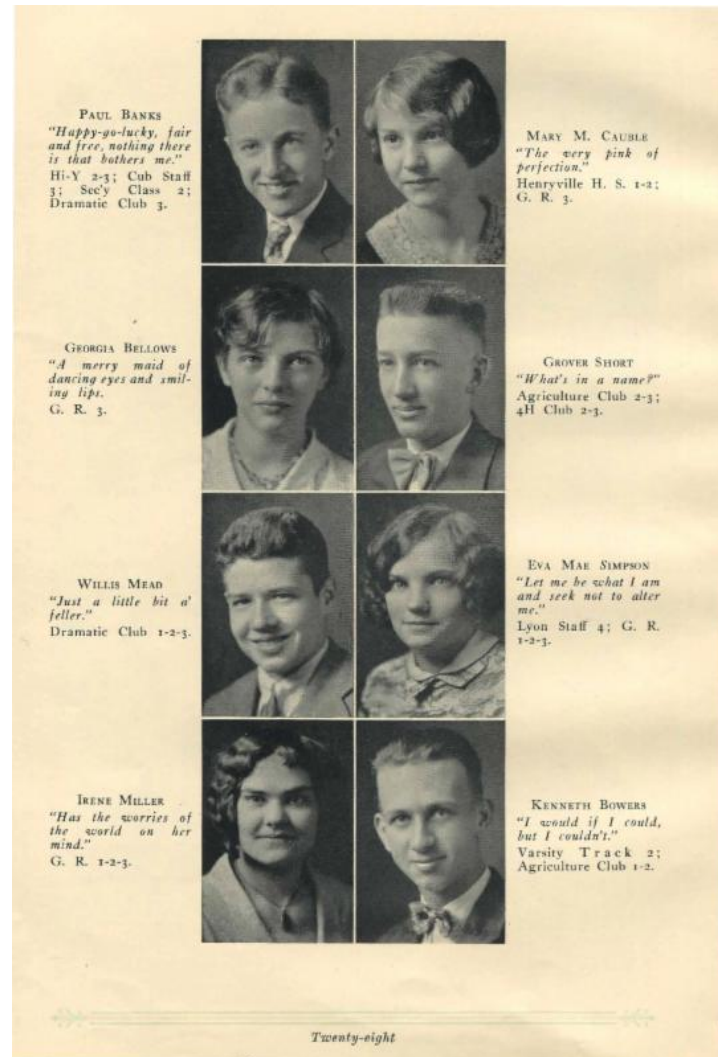
New IGS databases

We have 1,957 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

- Butler University, Indianapolis - graduates (1938).
- Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute - graduates (1931). NOTE: Indiana State Teachers College later changed its name to Indiana State University.
- Moores Hill College, Dearborn County - graduates (1896-1897). NOTE: Moores Hill College later became part of the University of Evansville.
- Muncie Normal Institute, Muncie - graduates (1913). NOTE: Muncie Normal Institute later changed its name to Ball State University.
- Purdue University, West Lafayette - graduates (1930).
- Valparaiso University, Valparaiso - graduates (1952).



Students in Salem High School, Washington County (1930)

County Records

- Delaware County - students at Hickory Grove School (1897). NOTE: Hickory Grove School was District No. 7 in Salem Township.
- Pike County - graduates of Lockhart Township Common School (1913). NOTE: A common school was for grades 1 through 8.
- Putnam County - graduates of Fillmore High School (1945-1961).
- Randolph County - alumni of Monroe Township schools (1900-1910).
- Vanderburgh County - students & teachers of Benjamin Bosse High School in Evansville (1947).
- Washington County - students, teachers & selected alumni of Salem High School (1930).

Statewide Records

- Indiana Masonic Home High School, Franklin - students & teachers (1937).

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

- Lawrence County - [Bedford business directory \(1930\)](#) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.

Legal terms explained: Ad valorem

Ad valorem is a Latin phrase which translates as "according to value." It is most commonly associated with taxes - an ad valorem tax is one that is based on the value of something. Property tax is an example of an ad valorem tax - the amount you pay is based on the value that your real estate is assessed at.



An ad valorem tax is the opposite of a flat tax, which is one where the tax is the same for everyone. A poll tax - a common practice in the 1800's where an adult male had to pay a certain amount (like 50 cents or \$1) when they registered to vote - is an example of a flat tax.

Research Tip: Other records for Indiana's colleges & universities

In our [March 2016](#) e-mail, we talked about yearbooks for several of Indiana's colleges and universities that have been digitized, with a [listing](#) of over 3,800 yearbooks that are available online. And in a May 2016 [blog post](#), we talked about the details you can find in college catalogs, including what things cost and specific rules the student was expected to follow.

However, there are other kinds of records for colleges and universities besides yearbooks and college catalogs.

STUDENT DIRECTORIES:

Student directories were sometimes known as student handbooks or manuals. They contained information on the students as well as the faculty, and various campus organizations including fraternities and sororities.

In this example from Indiana University's student directory (which they called "the red book") for the 1929-1930 school year, it includes the student's name, their year, their hometown, and the name of their residence hall or fraternity/sorority, as well as a phone number.

STUDENT NEWSPAPERS:

Student-produced newspapers can offer a glimpse into the daily life on campus. They contain information not just on the school's sports teams, but various clubs and associations, sprinkled in with news from alumni.

In this example from Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis)'s student newspaper for January 1941, it includes news of several alumni who have gotten married, as well as a trip to an indoor pool - a treat during an

STUDENT DIRECTORY

List Of Students For First Semester 1929-30

—A—

Abbott, John M. (F), Louisville, South Hall	4255
Abel, James W. (J), Greencastle, Lambda Chi	2163
Abel, Mary L. (F), Jasonville, Memorial Hall	6311
Abrell, Faye C. (J), Bloomington, 320 E. First	
Abromson, Albert A. (Sr), Portland, 421 N. Fess	4972

Indiana University student directory 1929
(see [full-size PDF](#))

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Indiana Central College student newspaper January 1941

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS:

Commencement programs can contain detailed information about those who are graduating, as well as the schedule of events and commencement speakers.

In this example from Ball State University's June 1969 commencement, the list of graduates for the Master of Science degree includes: 1) their hometown; 2) where they earned their undergraduate degrees and 3) the subject of their degree. We also can see that they're not actually going to be graduating until August.

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

(Degrees to be Conferred August 20, 1969)

Morihiro, Linda Miwako, Wailuku, Hawaii, (A.B. 1968, Indiana State University), Departmental Curriculum in Science Education.
 Morris, Julia I. Hauk, Crawfordsville, Indiana, (B.S. 1967, Indiana State University), Elementary School Teacher.
 Morris, Marion H. Jr., Indianapolis, Indiana, (B.S. 1966, Indiana State University), Departmental Curriculum in Physical Education.
 Morton, Gary Lee, Oakland City, Indiana, (B.S. 1966, Oakland City College), Secondary School Teacher of Business and Social Science.
 Mowry, Oris Albert, Salt Lake City, Utah, (B.S. 1958, University of Utah), School Counselor.

Ball State University June 1969 commencement program
 (see [full-size PDF](#))

ALUMNI DIRECTORIES:

Alumni directories are valuable because students were likely to keep in touch long after their graduation. The directories of alumni that the schools would periodically publish are valuable not just for finding out a woman's married name, but for the level of detail they could include.

In this example from Earlham College's 1957 alumni directory, it shows the alumni's: 1) name; 2) the degree they earned; 3) the year of graduation; 4) the name of their spouse; 5) the names of their children and their years of birth; 6) their occupation and 7) their current residence.

*HINKLE, CLINTON A m Margaret Pring specialty salesman Pendleton dec c 1941
 HINKLE, DORIS see Golder
 HINKLE, MARGARET PRING 99-01 m Clinton A Hinkle RR 2 Pendleton
 HINKLE, THETIS 13-15 Gary nrr
 *HINKLEY, MARY GODDARD RICH (2) 14-15 m Horace C Hinkley Keokuk Iowa
 *HINSHAW, BARNABAS 1856 Economy
 HINSHAW, CHRISTOPHER C 09-10 Winchester nrr
 HINSHAW, CLARA BURCHAM 1908 m Rufus Hinshaw ch Marjorie b 1912 Mary Helen b 1923 906 Lincoln Ave New Castle
 HINSHAW, DELLA see Elkins
 HINSHAW, DOROTHY ELLEN STRATTAN (2) AB 1956 m Edwin E Hinshaw see husband
 HINSHAW, EDITH J GRIFFIN AB 1926 m Howard Hinshaw 1 child 25 Sadlier Dr Indpls
 HINSHAW, EDWIN EVERETT AB 1956 m Dorothy Ellen Strattan s Lindley Edwin b 1956 Friends Minister & teacher Box 21 Williamsburg
 HINSHAW, ROBERT RUE 09-10 11-12 Carmel nrr
 HINSHAW, ROBERT S AB 1923 MS Indiana U 1939 m Jane McEwen (dec) d Helen b 1930 Indiana H S Athletic Assoc 812 Circle Tower res 5347 Central Ave Indianapolis
 HINSHAW, RODRICK J 50-51 100 E Walnut Oxford O
 HINSHAW, RUFUS VERGIL 01-03 sum 08 m Estella Moore 607 W 5th Bloomington
 HINSHAW, RUTH see Spray
 *HINSHAW, STEPHEN A BL 1897 m Mary E Worley d Mary Bell b 1898 hardware dealer Sheridan dec 1937
 HINSHAW, URPHIA A K see Orr
 HINSHAW, VERNON AB 1923 1 E 42nd New York 17 N Y
 *HINSHAW, WALTER 55-59
 HINSON, ANNA see Major
 HINTON, DUCHAN M 10-11 Ridgeville nrr
 *HIPPENSTEEL, HENRY S AM 1905 AB Ind Univ m Laura Alfaretta teacher State Normal Col Stevens Point Wisc dec 1916

Earlham College alumni directory 1957
 (see [full-size PDF](#))

Many of these resources can only be found at the college or university, or at public libraries in the areas surrounding these institutions. However, be sure and check [Google Books](#) and [Internet Archive](#) to see what they have for these institutions. And some of these institutions are beginning to digitize their own resources:

Ball State University, Muncie:

- Catalogs 1918-2015 - <http://libx.bsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/BSUCoursCat>
- Commencement programs 1913-2015 - <http://libx.bsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/BSUCmncPrg>

Butler University, Indianapolis:

- Alumni directory 1856-1912 - http://digitalcommons.butler.edu/alumni_directories/
- Catalogs 1855-1937 - <http://digitalcommons.butler.edu/histacbulletins/index.html>

Central Normal College & Canterbury College, Danville:

- Catalogs 1877-1951 - http://hcapps.co.hendricks.in.us/Archive/SectionMenus/CNC_Index.asp
- Commencement programs 1878-1949 - http://hcapps.co.hendricks.in.us/Archive/SectionMenus/CNC_Index.asp

Indiana Central College, Indianapolis (later became University of Indianapolis):

- Bulletins 1908-1944 - <http://archives.uindy.edu/Bulletins.php>
- Catalogs 1902-1908 - <http://archives.uindy.edu/catalogs.php>
- Commencement programs 1902-1989 -

<http://archives.uindy.edu/Commencement.php>

- Student newspapers 1922-1999; 2001-2013 - <http://archives.uindy.edu/reflector.php>

Indiana State University, Evansville (later became University of Southern Indiana):

- Commencement programs 1871-2014 - <http://library2.usi.edu:8080/cdm/search/collection/Commence>

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame:

- Catalogs/bulletins 1850-1914 - <http://archives.nd.edu/bulletin/cmmncmts.htm>
- Commencement programs 1845-2016 - <http://archives.nd.edu/Commencement/>
- Student directories 1922-1974 - <http://archives.nd.edu/dir/>

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