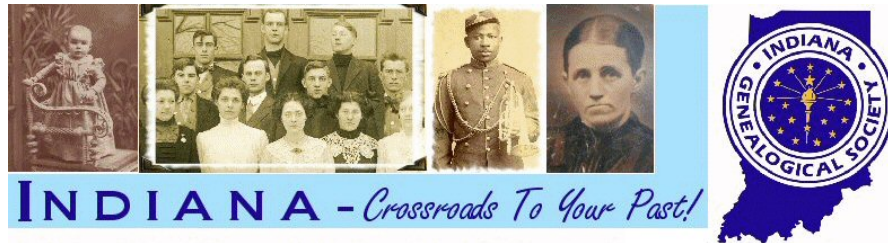


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## Indiana News - April 2017

Welcome to the April 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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## No funding for new Indiana State Archives

This year's session of the Indiana General Assembly ended on April 22 without the legislature budgeting any money for a new building for the Indiana State Archives. It will be January 2019 before the budget will be discussed again.

According to the Indiana State Archives' social media accounts, they have 310,000 boxes of records (75 miles long if they were lined up end-to-end) and their microfilm collection consists of over 450 million images.

In other news, the legislature overwhelmingly passed House Bill 1523, which would allow local and state government agencies to charge the public \$20 an hour if a public records request takes more than 2 hours to complete. Governor Eric Holcomb has [vetoed](#) the bill; the legislature can override the veto with a simple majority.



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

## Highlights of IGS annual meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Indiana Genealogical Society's conference at the Indianapolis Public Library with Tony Burroughs. Among the highlights of our annual meeting:

- **Library Staff Educational Scholarships** were given to Amanda Aguilera of the Hammond Public Library (in Lake County) and Jan McGrew of the Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library (in Gibson County). Each recipient received \$500 to be used towards furthering their education, along with \$500 for their library to purchase genealogy resources.
- **Electronic Database Award** (\$500) was given to the Padli Public Library (in Orange County) for their many contributions, including a 1929 phone directory for French Lick and West Baden.
- **Elaine Spires Smith Family History Writing Award** was given to 1) Amy Harbor of West Lafayette for her article in the March 2016 quarterly about the mystery of an abandoned baby in 1887; 2) Ann Raymond of Carmel for her article in the September 2016 quarterly about using DNA to identify the father of James Dorsey. Each recipient received \$500.
- **Outstanding County Genealogical Contribution Award** was given to Vikki Sordean for her work with the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society and its Historical Preservation Committee.
- **Distinguished County Genealogical Service Award** was given to 94-year-old Irv Morse of the South Bend Area Genealogical Society. He has invested over 50 years indexing various records in the area libraries as well as the county archives.
- **Grants** of \$1,000 each were given to: 1) Wabash Valley Genealogy Society for the restoration of the Chunn Cemetery in Vigo County; 2) Clark County Cemetery Commission for the restoration of the Little Union Pioneer Cemetery; 3) Peaceful Valley Heritage Preservation Society for the restoration of Lawlis Cemetery in Brown County; 4) Scott County Genealogical Society of Indiana for developing an 1890 census substitute; 5) Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana for their website.



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## 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:

**WORLD WAR II**  
(contributed by the Genealogical Society of Marion County, Indianapolis):

- [History of Allison Engine Division, Indianapolis in World War II](#) - A booklet detailing their employees' involvement in the war effort.



The basketball team for the Kokomo YMCA in the 1930's

**UTILITIES** (contributed by the Genealogical Society of Marion County, Indianapolis):

- [Selected Employees of Indiana Bell Telephone Co. \(1965\)](#) - A 1965 booklet containing news about various employees, as well as the company's 1964 annual report.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING** (contributed by the Genealogical Society of

#### Marion County, Indianapolis):

- [Graduates of Indiana University School of Nursing, Indianapolis \(1914-1945\)](#) - A history compiled by Dorcas Irene Rock as part of her graduate thesis.

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

- [Alumni of New London High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1884-1930\)](#) - An alumni souvenir published in 1930.
- [Alumni of New London High School, Howard County, Indiana \(1931-1948\)](#) - A handwritten list found in the back of an alumni souvenir that was published in 1930.
- [History of Young Men Christian's Association, Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana \(1937\)](#) - A collection of miscellaneous materials about the Kokomo YMCA, including a 1930's basketball team roster and a 1937 newspaper article.

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

- [Burials at Gosport Cemetery, Owen County, Indiana \(1901-1928\)](#) - A typewritten list of burial information.
- [Owners of Lots at Lake Hollybrook, Owen County, Indiana \(1930\)](#) - A typewritten list of lots sold in Lake Hollybrook as of July 14, 1930.

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

- [Benefit for West Terre Haute Police Department, Vigo County, Indiana \(1941\)](#) - A program for a show held in July 1941 to benefit the West Terre Haute Police Department.
- [Confederate Soldiers Buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana](#) - Information about the 11 Confederate prisoners of war who are buried in the cemetery.

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## FamilySearch to hold free webinars on European research

Do you have any ancestors from Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland or Luxembourg?

FamilySearch will be holding free webinars from May 15 through May 19 as part of their Western European Family History Conference. You can view the full [schedule](#) and [pre-register](#) for each day of the webinar.



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## Various resources for research

### GERMAN RESEARCH

Author James Beidler has a [post](#) on *Family Tree Magazine*'s blog about online resources you can use to help determine where in Germany your ancestor came from.

### WORLD WAR I RESEARCH

April marks the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I. One of the obstacles to researching ancestors who served in World War I is that in 1973, a fire at the National Archives' National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis destroyed 80% of their Army WWI records. *Family Tree Magazine* has a [blog post](#) listing several other resources you can use to find out about World War I service.



#### 1840 CENSUS - HIDDEN INFORMATION

Because the 1850 census was the first one to list all the members of a household by name, it can be a challenge finding information before 1850 on ancestors who may have served in the military. The My Kith N Kin blog has a helpful [post](#) reminding you to check the 1840 census for these military ancestors. That's because the back of each page on the 1840 census contains a column with the names and ages of those receiving military pensions - even if they weren't the head of household.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH

The so-called "Dawes rolls" are an important resource if you are trying to verify that an ancestor was Native American. These rolls take their name from the Dawes Commission, which was established by Congress in 1893 to create official membership rolls of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole tribes. The applications date from 1898 through 1914, and comprise 93 rolls of microfilm at the National Archives.

The National Archives has a [searchable database](#) for the Dawes rolls in its catalog. They also have a [blog post](#) that has more background information on the rolls as well as a how-to about how to search them.

And if you have access to an Ancestry.com subscription, either at home or through your local library, they have a database, [Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914](#).

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## FOUND: Photo of Elkhart County man (1880's)

Shelley Cardiel ([cardiels@comcast.net](mailto:cardiels@comcast.net)) has found this photo, identified as being Grant Lincoln Zellers, which was taken at the F.L. Goff Studio in Elkhart, Indiana.

The photo appears to have been taken in the 1880's, with Grant likely in his teens at the time the photo was taken. In addition to his name, someone has also written the name "Nettie" on the back of the photo.

Research has found that Grant Lincoln Zellers was born 21 January 1865 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania and died 22 September 1922 in Goodland, Kansas. His parents were Isaac W. Zellers (born about 1839 in Pennsylvania) and Amanda SARGE (born about 1842 in Pennsylvania).

In about 1872, the family moved to Elkhart, Indiana. In about 1882, Grant and his mother moved to Winston, Missouri. Grant worked for the railroad and eventually settled in Goodland, Kansas.

Grant married 1) Clara B. JACKSON (born 16 March 1867 in Illinois; died 1913 in Goodland, Kansas) on 14 November 1888 in Carrollton, Missouri; 2) Helen Mildred BROWN (born 13 July 1889 in Circleville, Kansas) on 19 October 1921 in Goodland, Kansas.



Grant Lincoln Zellers  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Grant and Helen Zellers had twin boys, George W. and Paul Brown Zellers, who were born 29 August

1922 in Goodland, Kansas. Grant apparently committed suicide in September 1922 and is buried at the Holton Cemetery in Holton, Kansas.

Grant's obituary lists siblings: John Zellers of New York, New York; Mrs. Clara DEAN of Elkhart, Indiana; Mrs. Hattie BISHOP of Cassopolis, Michigan; Mrs. Cora WEYRICK of East Akron, Ohio; step-brother R.J. KIMBERLING of Winston, Missouri and half-brother Ralph KEMBERLING of Three Forks, Montana.

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

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## 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 Genealogy Group; Central Indiana DNA Interest Group.

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

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## 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 blog for [Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) has a helpful [post](#) exploring the history of newspapers in Allen County.

### BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

A Columbus newspaper has an [article](#) explaining some of the genealogy resources available at the Bartholomew County Public Library.

### BROWN COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) recently added issues from several Brown County newspapers:

- *Brown County Banner* (1898-1898)
- *Brown County Democrat* (1890-1918)
- *The Daily Evening Democrat* (Nashville) (1898)
- *Hickory Withe* (Nashville) (1856-1857)
- *The Index* (Nashville) (1869)



Vandalized tombstones at Ferguson-Mayfield Cemetery in Lawrence County (photo courtesy of the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department)

- *The Jacksonian* (Nashville) (1873-1883)
- *The Nashville Union* (1862-1863)

### DELAWARE COUNTY

Investigators were alerted to a military plaque for a World War II veteran that was [found](#) on the side of a road. The bronze plaque for Army Sergeant David C. Gray (1911-1993) was on a county road in the northeast part of the county, even though his grave is actually in Wells County. The plaque listed his middle initial as "C", not "D", and investigators later [determined](#) this plaque was never actually placed on his grave. A plaque with the corrected middle initial is now being made.

### HAMILTON COUNTY

The [Carmel-Clay Historical Society](#) has [developed](#) an app for your smartphone that will take you on a historic walking tour of Carmel. The [app](#) is the result of a partnership with Ball State University and was made possible by support from the city of Carmel and Hamilton County Tourism.

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

In a Facebook post, the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department shared [photos](#) of recent [vandalism](#) of the Ferguson-Mayfield Cemetery in Indian Creek Township. About 30 tombstones were knocked over, including some Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans.

### ORANGE COUNTY

Rebecca Gardner has been appointed by the Indiana Genealogical Society board as the Indiana County Genealogist for Orange County. Becky has been involved in genealogy for almost 20 years. She is past president and life member of the Orange County Historical Society and is the Registrar for the Lost River Chapter of the daughters of the American revolution. She teaches genealogy classes at several area libraries. If you have any questions about Orange County research, please contact her at [rig48@hotmail.com](mailto:rig48@hotmail.com)

### SPENCER COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) recently added issues from the *Dale News* for 1938 through 1943.

### VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Thanks to the efforts of the Evansville Fire Department, the Oak Hill Cemetery grave of firefighter Andrew Gordon [finally](#) has a tombstone, 90 years after he died while responding to a fire. Gordon is one of 34 firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

### VIGO COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) recently added issues from the *Daily Tribune* (Terre Haute) for 1902 through 1915.

### WARRICK COUNTY

Indiana Landmarks has an [article](#) about the effort to save a brick house in Newburgh that dates to the mid-1800's. This 300 square foot house is at 519 West Jennings Street and the land is scheduled to be developed, so the house will hopefully be moved a mile away to the Old Lock and Dam Park, where it will join other historic buildings. The move will cost about \$80,000 - if it goes through, it will be thanks to Historic Newburgh, Inc., as well as an online fundraising campaign that raised \$19,000, plus a grant from the Indiana Historical Society. An Evansville newspaper [article](#) from March 2016 has more information on the house

## New IGS databases

We have 1,972 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 University, Bloomington - graduates (1920).
- Indiana Central University, Indianapolis - students (1906-1908). NOTE: Indiana Central University later changed its name to University of Indianapolis.
- University of Notre Dame - graduates (1928).

### [County Records](#)

- Blackford County - graduates of Hartford City High School (1912)



- Blackford County - graduates of Hartford City High School (1913).
- Floyd County - students at New Albany High School (1896).
- Hancock County - graduates of Brandywine Common School (1924). NOTE: A common school was for grades 1 through 8.
- Jay County - students & teachers of Portland High School (1933).
- Morgan County - students & teachers of Martinsville High School (1914).
- Porter County - students at Valparaiso High School (1919).
- Randolph County - graduates of Union City East Side High School (1927).
- Rush County - graduates of Rushville High School (1936).
- Wayne County - alumni of Hagerstown High School (1881-1932).

### Statewide Records

- Indiana School for the Deaf - students (1848-1917).

**Not an IGS member?** We also added a database that is FREE to the public:

- Union County - [alumni](#) of Short High School in Liberty (1876-1937) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.

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## Legal terms explained: Tenancy by curtesy

Tenancy by curtesy (which is not to be confused with "courtesy", meaning politeness) is an old French phrase that was used in common law in the 1800's and early 1900's. If a married woman was the sole owner of any land, and she had any children with her husband at the time of her death, her husband was entitled to take sole ownership of that land for the rest of his life.



Curtesy is generous in comparison to dower, which is the wife's right to take one-third of her husband's land and other assets when he died.

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## Research Tip: Bureau of Land Management's website

There are 30 states (including Indiana) that were surveyed using the township and range system:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Under the township-range system - also known as the rectangular survey system, or the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) - land is measured from a north-south running line called a principal meridian (see a [map](#) of principal meridians in the United States). In Indiana, there are two principal meridians. The 1st principal meridian is in the southeastern corner of Indiana; the 2nd principal meridian is in southern Indiana, near Padli.

A congressional township is a line that runs east-west that is measured from the principal meridian. A range is a line that runs north-south that is measured from a principal meridian. The area where a congressional township and a range intersect forms a grid, which is then divided into 36 numbered sections.

After the public lands were surveyed, the federal government sold these lands to individuals via regional General Land Offices, to raise revenue as well as encourage settlement. These original land sales are part of federal records. However, once an individual purchased this land "patent" from the federal government, they were then free to sell all or part of this land to other individuals. These subsequent land sales are part of county records. So depending on when your ancestor purchased land, you may need to look in federal records, or county records.

The Bureau of Land Management has a website (<https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov>) for the General Land Office Records:

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The Official Federal Land Records Site

Welcome to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records Automation web site. We provide live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States, including image access to more than five million Federal land title records issued between 1788 and the present. We also have images of survey plats and field notes, land status records, and control document index records. Due to organization of documents in the GLO collection, this site **does not** currently contain every Federal title record issued for the Public Land States.

Land Patents

Federal Land Patents offer researchers a source of information on the initial transfer of land titles from the Federal government to individuals. In addition to verifying title transfer, this information will allow the researcher to associate an individual (Patentee, Assignee, Warrantee, Widow, or Heir) with a specific location (Legal Land Description) and time (Issue Date). We have a variety of Land Patents on our site, including Cash Entry, Homestead and Military Warrant patents.




The General Land Office Records website  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

You can search their database of land patents for your ancestor's name - click on the "Search Documents" tab at the top and where it says "Search Documents by Type", select the state and at least a first name or last name and then click on the "Search Patents" button.

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Land Description

Township: /

Range: /

Meridian: Any Meridian

Section #:

Miscellaneous

Land Office: Any Land Office

Issue Date: to

Document #:

Militia:

Indian Allot. #:

Tribe: Any Tribe

Survey #:

Geo. Name/ Mining Claim:

Authority: Any Authority

Search Patents

Note: This site does not cover every state, but we do have [resource links](#) for most states.

Search land patents by name  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

A list of results is displayed - when you click on one, you'll see the detail:



Search Documents Results List Patent Details

Accession Nr: IN3200\_\_095 Document Type: State Volume Patent State: Indiana Issue Date: 5/15/1837 Cancelled: No

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Names On Document	Miscellaneous Information
PATTERSON, FRANCIS	Land Office: Crawfordsville
	US Reservations: No
	Mineral Reservations: No
	Tribe: ---
	Militia: ---
	State In Favor Of: ---
	Authority: April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)
Military Rank: ---	General Remarks: ---

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Detailed results for a search for Francis Patterson  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Click on the tab that says "Patent Image" to see a digital image of the land patent. It's a clerk's transcription, so it doesn't show your ancestor's actual signature, but it does have the exact legal description of this land. And it tells their residence at the time they purchased this land, giving you a possible clue as to where they had come from.

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Accession Nr: IN3200\_\_095 Document Type: State Volume Patent State: Indiana Issue Date: 5/15/1837 Cancelled: No

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*Copied Nov 8, 1881.*

**CERTIFICATE**  
No. 28979

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** Francis Patterson of Fleming County, Kentucky,

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Crawfordsville, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Francis Patterson,

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

The North East quarter of the South West quarter, of Section twenty four, in Township sixteen North, of Range one West, in the District of lands subject to sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana, containing forty acres.

Image of land patent for Francis Patterson  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

In this example, Francis Patterson purchased land in Hendricks County, Indiana, but he was actually a resident of Fleming County, Kentucky.

If you know the value of collateral research, you know that your ancestor's neighbors may have been relatives. So if you want to see who the neighbors were around this land, click on the "Related Documents" tab. It will show you a list of who bought land patents in that particular section, township and range:

Patent Details

Patent Image

Related Documents

Printer Friendly Below are documents matching the following *land description* from the current document: IN 2nd PM Township 16.0N Range 1.0W/ Section 24

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	IN1390__455	HESTER, SOLOMON	3/30/1837	26275	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	N½NW¼	24	Hendricks
	IN1390__255	HESTER, STEPHEN	3/30/1837	26075	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	W½SW¼	24	Hendricks
	IN1390__256	HESTER, STEPHEN	3/30/1837	26076	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	SE½SW¼	24	Hendricks
	IN3200__138	HUFF, ELDRED	5/15/1837	29022	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	NW¼NE¼	24	Hendricks
	IN3180__221	HUGHES, HENRY	5/15/1837	28074	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	SW¼NE¼	24	Hendricks
	IN3200__095	PATTERSON, FRANCIS	5/15/1837	28979	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	NE¼SW¼	24	Hendricks
	IN1310__042	RICHARDS, REUBEN	9/16/1835	21810	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	SE¼	24	Hendricks
	IN1400__062	ROBERTS, NELSON	3/30/1837	26382	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	SE¼NE¼	24	Hendricks
	IN1280__419	WRIGHT, HIRAM	10/30/1834	20717	IN	2nd PM	016N - 001W	NE¼NE¼	24	Hendricks

List of land patents in Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 1 West  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

NOTE: If you're interested in seeing a bigger neighborhood than just a particular section, there's a way to search for all the people who had land patents in a particular congressional township and range. Back at the Search Documents page, click on the tab that says "Search Documents by Location". You'll see a map of the United States with a slider to the left that zooms in and out:

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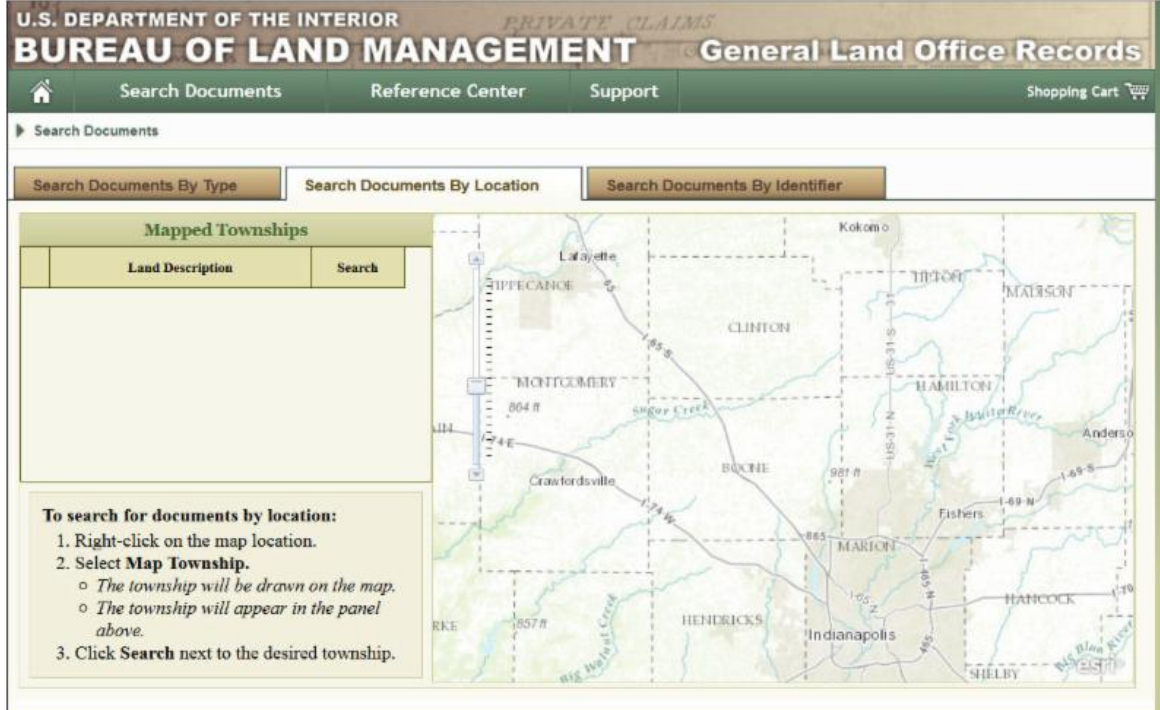
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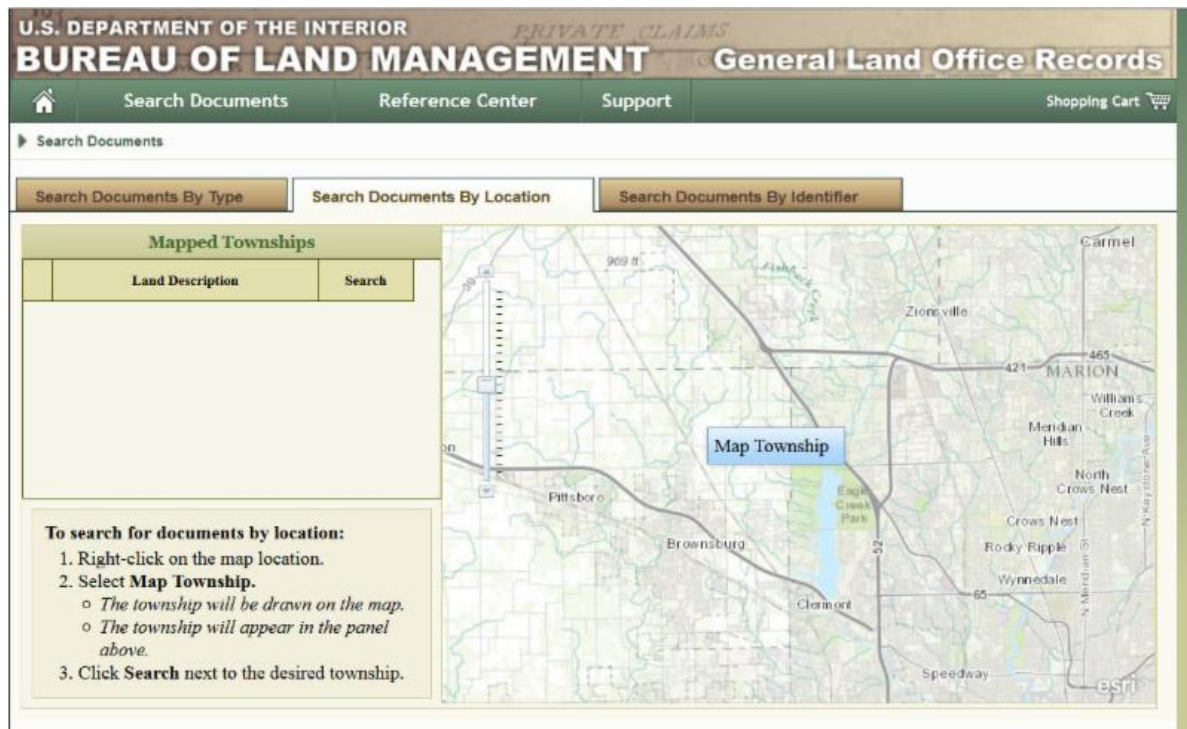
Search land patents by location  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Use the slider to zoom in on the map until it shows the state and county you're interested in:



Map zoomed in to show central Indiana  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

When you're in the part of the county you're interested in, right-click on that part of the map. There will be a blue "Map Township" link displayed:



Map Township link showing for central Indiana  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

In this example, clicking on the Map Township link shows you an orange-colored grid for Township 16 North, Range 1 East:



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**Mapped Townships**

Land Description	Search
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- Click **Search** next to the desired township.

Map Township for Township 16 North, Range 1 East  
 (see [full-sized PDF](#))

In the box to the left of the map, click on the orange "Search" button. You'll then be shown a list of all of the people who got land patents in that particular Township and Range:

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