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Indiana News - June 2017

Welcome to the June 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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IN MEMORIAM: Linda Malooley

The genealogy world suffered a great loss when Linda Malooley of Terre Haute died earlier this month. Linda helped organize several of the Indiana Genealogical Society's recent conferences and was our Chapters manager. She was also a long-time volunteer with the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society in Terre Haute. We echo these words from their tribute

to her.

"Her boundless energy and gift for making the organization and planning of meetings, conferences and other events look effortless were the envy of us all. Her attention to detail was legendary."



Her family has requested that we honor Linda's memory by making donations to the Wabash Valley Genealogy Society so that their preservation and education efforts can continue. You can donate [online](#) or by mail:

Wabash Valley Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 9347
Terre Haute, IN 47808-9347

Please read her [obituary](#) for more information on Linda's life and accomplishments.

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 Genealogical Society):

- Abstracts of naturalization records - [1907-1918](#)

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

NAME: FREDERICK WHITELEAM COGGAN
 Present Residence: Goshen, Ind. Occupation: Machinist
 Date & Place of Birth: 9 Jan. 1869, Messingham, Lincolnshire, Eng.
 Emigrated From: Liverpool, Eng. Date: 29 Oct. 1910
 Arrival at Port of: New York Vessel: Mauretania
 Date of Declaration of Intent: 2 Oct. 1912, Goshen, Ind.
 Marital Status: Married
 Wife's Name: Christina Coggan Birthplace: Aberdeen, Scotland
 Residence: Goshen, Ind.

Children:	Birthplaces	Residences
Andrew b. 13 Dec. 1888	Revesby, Eng.	Goshen, Ind.
George b. 21 Aug. 1889	"	Alaska
Helena b. 20 Mar. 1893	"	Elkhart, Ind.
William b. 9 Jan. 1898	"	Goshen, Ind.
Christina H. b. 22 Dec. 1905	"	Goshen, Ind.

Former Sovereign: George V Speak English: Yes x No
 Resident of U.S. Since: 3 Nov. 1910 Indiana, 30 Nov. 1910
 Previous Petition for Citizenship: Yes No x

An abstract of an Elkhart County naturalization record.

GREENE COUNTY (contributed by the Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library):

- City directory of Bloomfield - [1939](#) and [1960](#)
- Greene County Poor House - census index [1870](#), [1880](#), [1900](#), [1910](#) and [1920](#)

- Smith Township common schools [graduates](#) (1906)

HENRY COUNTY (contributed by the East Central Indiana Genealogy Alliance):

- City directory of New Castle - [1894](#)

SULLIVAN COUNTY (contributed by the Sullivan County Public Library):

- Phone directory of Merom - [1918](#)

FamilySearch to stop loaning its microfilm collection

FamilySearch has [announced](#) that as of September 1st, it is ending its microfilm loan program, where you paid a small fee to borrow a reel from its vast collection for 60 days, or keep it indefinitely.



The two main reasons cited for the end of this program are the lack of raw materials to continue making copies of microfilm, and their continued push towards digitizing their microfilm collection.

They estimate they will be finished digitizing their microfilm collection by 2020, with 1.5 million rolls online already. Digitizing the microfilm and putting it online will also require getting a separate set of agreements from the record custodians who allowed the original microfilming (for example, local government officials), so some of their microfilm collection may never appear online.

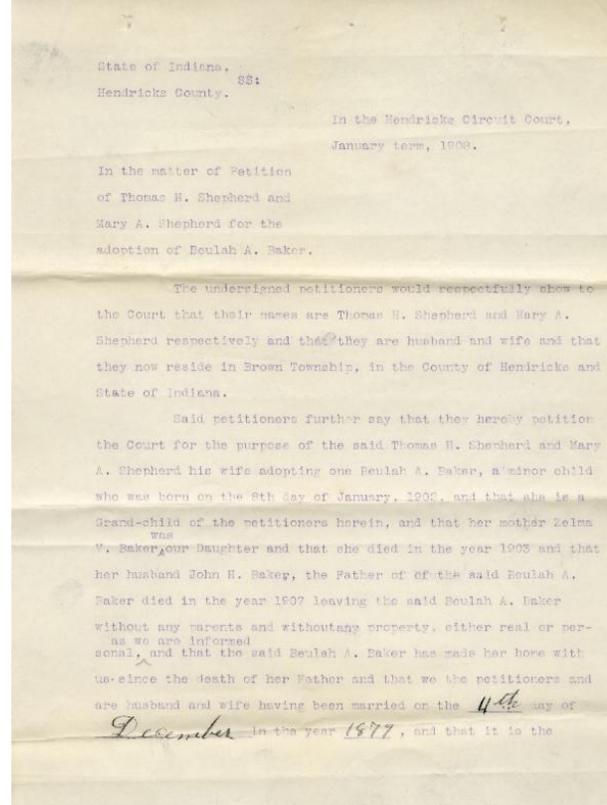
The last day to order microfilm is August 31. There is also a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) that you can consult.

More Hendricks County probate packets digitized

Thanks to volunteers at the Allen County Public Library, more probate packets for Hendricks County have been digitized and placed online in our free [database](#). The 44 files that were added span 1850 to 1912 (as well as one stray packet from 1923):

- Applegate, Milton B. (1874) - estate
- Appleton, James (1850) - estate

- Arbuckle, Bertie, Mary V. & Nora B. (1891) - guardianship of minors
- Arbuckle, Elizabeth (1891) - estate
- Arbuckle, John M. (1871) - estate
- Archer, Isaiah (1912) - estate
- Armstrong, Alonzo, Lizzie, Millie & Thomas (1888) - guardianship of minors
- Armstrong, Eppa H. (1888) - estate
- Armstrong, Fernando W. (1877) - guardianship of minor
- Armstrong, Lizzie (1895) - estate
- Armstrong, Thomas (1898) - estate
- Asher, Catharine (1892) - estate
- Asher, Joseph (1889) - estate
- Atkinson, Benajah (1871) - estate
- Atkinson, Osborn (1867) - estate
- Ayers, Balinda J., Ida Vida & Jesse Oran (1878) - guardianship of minors
- Ayers, Corbina Bernice (1880) - guardianship of minor
- Ayers, Gertrude (1880) - guardianship of minor
- Ayers, Jesse W. (1880) - guardianship of minor [see also Christian, Jesse W.]
- Baker, Beulah A. (1908) - adoption
- Baker, John (1868) - estate
- Baldock, William H. (1889) - estate
- Bales, Esther C. (1894) - estate
- Ballard, Amos W. (1869) - estate
- Ballard, Charles S., Nathan T., Nancy Jane & Cora (1870) - guardianship of minors
- Ballard, David (1877) - estate
- Ballard, Grandison (1893) - estate
- Ballard, James (1892) - estate
- Ballard, Jane (1868) - estate
- Ballard, Louisa Alice & Alfred H. (1869) - guardianship of minors
- Ballenger, Data/Datee and Bainey, John S. & Edward (1869) - guardianship of minors
- Barber, Samuel (1923) - estate
- Barbour, Clement (1870) - estate
- Barker, Almira (1856) - guardianship of minor
- Barker, Elihu F., Cora & Dora (1885) - guardianship of minors
- Barker, John C. (1871) - estate
- Barker, Joshua F. (1885) - estate
- Barker, Polly L., Daniel L., Elizabeth E., William Jasper, James Newton & Joshua Hadley (1850) - guardianship of minors
- Barker, Sabina (1886) - estate
- Barker, Sarah Ann (1871) - estate



A 1908 petition for the adoption of Beulah Baker.

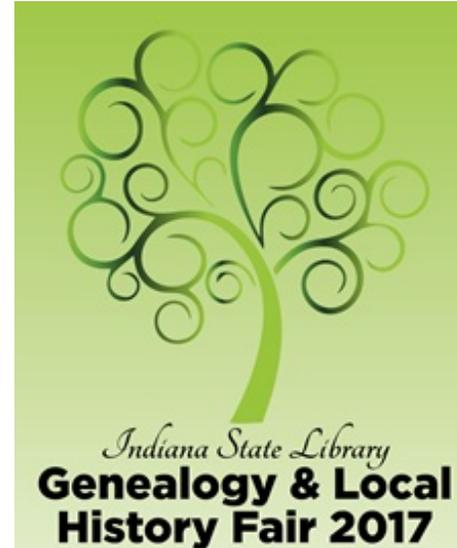
- Barnes, William H. (1891) - estate
- Barnett, James B. (1865) - estate
- Barnett, John (1871) - estate
- Barnett, Melevia (1870) - estate

Indiana State Library to hold Genealogy Fair

The Indiana State Library in Indianapolis will hold their annual Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair on Saturday, October 28 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. The theme is "Sacrificing and Shaping the Future," commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War I and focusing on military resources and history.

Local genealogy and history organizations will have information and vendor tables, and there will be speakers:

- Kathleen Brandt will present sessions on "Finding Your Revolutionary War Soldier" and "Finding the Elusive Civil War Ancestor."
- Katherine R. Willson will present a session on "Military Record Research", which will show you how to determine which war your ancestor may have served in, what records may have been generated, and where those records are held.



Attendance is free, and no registration is required. Indiana librarians can receive LEU credits for attending (librarians please contact crward@library.in.gov in advance).

FOUND: Photo of South Bend man (1900's)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found this photo, identified on the back as being Louis M. FETHERSTON, which was taken at the McDonald Studio in South Bend, Indiana.

The photo appears to have been taken in the early 1900's, with Louis likely in his 20's or 30's at the time it was taken. In

addition to his name, someone has also written "Very Sincerely Yours" on the back of the photo.

Research has found that Louis Marius Fetherston was born 24 February 1880 in Durham, England and died 5 July 1957 in Chicago, Illinois. He was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove, Cook County, Illinois.

He married Isabelle Gordon (born 20 February 1879 in Frankfort, Benzie County, Michigan; died 11 July 1933 in Chicago; buried in All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois) and worked for the Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

Louis was the son of Patrick Fetherston (born about 1843 in Ireland) and Mary Quineen (born January 1849 in Ireland). The family emigrated to the United States in April 1880 from Liverpool, on board the Cashian. Patrick was naturalized on 8 October 1888 at the District Court in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa.

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



Louis M. Fetherston
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Various resources

GERMAN RESEARCH

If you have German ancestors and come across the name of a German town or parish they came from, you can now search the Meyers Gazetteer [online](#) to find out everywhere in Germany that place name existed. The Meyers Gazetteer is a list of every place in Germany that existed from 1871 through 1918.

INDIANA COUNTIES RESEARCH

The Indiana State Library has compiled [research guides](#) for each of the 92 counties in Indiana. The guides give an overview of what information is available in the library's collection, as well as links to free websites with county-specific information.

INDIANA FUNERAL HOMES HISTORY

Hoosier State Chronicles (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) has a [blog post](#) examining the history of funeral homes in Indiana and how they advertised in newspapers.

NEW YORK RESEARCH

The non-profit group Reclaim the Records has gotten a copy of the death index for New York State for 1880 through 1956. This death index was previously only available to the New York State Department of Health. They have put it [online](#) for free access at [Internet Archive](#). Read their [press release](#) for more information. NOTE: This death index does not include New York City.

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.

CARROLL COUNTY

Archaeologists from the University of Indianapolis are [excavating](#) part of the Historic Delphi Trails this summer. The area was owned by Daniel Baum, who was one of the earliest settlers in the area.



Thieves stole a historic fence that surrounded graves in Stierwalt Cemetery in Morgan County (photo courtesy of WTTV)

DUBOIS COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) has added issues of the *Jasper Weekly Courier* for 1876.

HAMILTON COUNTY

--In our [November 2016](#) e-mail, we told you about the Native American burial ground at Strawtown Park, and how archaeologists mishandled the artifacts and human remains they found during excavation. The Hamilton County Parks Department recently [announced](#) they have come to an agreement with the Miami tribe to return these artifacts to them.

--The [Central Indiana DNA Interest Group](#) will meet on Saturday, July 8 from 10 am to 11:30 am at the [Fishers Library](#). Steven Frank will moderate a roundtable discussion about DNA testing, including: 1) how to get your matches to respond; 2) understanding ethnicity results; 3) using AncestryDNA tools. The group will also meet on Saturday, August 5 from 10 am to 11:30 am at the Fishers Library.

HOWARD COUNTY

The [Russiaville Historical Society](#) is [remodeling](#) a former garage into a space for the public to view some of its collection. When complete, the building at 483 E. Main Street will include a

research area for viewing digitized copies of historical documents and newspaper clippings.

JASPER COUNTY

Tombstones in two cemeteries in Walker Township are being professionally [restored](#) by the Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration Co. Kniman Cemetery and Hershman Cemetery, both south of DeMotte, are getting a facelift thanks to funding from the Walker Township Trustee.

JOHNSON COUNTY

In our [May 2017](#) e-mail, we told you about how Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin was [vandalized](#), with a dozen headstones knocked over, including some from the 1800's. Tim Stakelbeck of Franklin Monument Co. recently [reset](#) the tombstones for free, refusing to take any payment.

MARION COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) has added issues of the *Indiana State Sentinel* for 1878 through 1879.

MORGAN COUNTY

Scrap-metal thieves recently [stole](#) a historic fence from Stierwalt Cemetery in Paragon. The wrought iron fence was 130 years old and surrounded the graves of William Sandy (died 1885) and wife Lucinda Thompson (died 1879).

TIPPECANOE COUNTY

--Professional cemetery restorer John "Walt" Walters recently [visited](#) Greenbush Cemetery in Lafayette (which dates back to 1848) to work on some of their 10,000 tombstones.
--Renovations to Fowler House (the history museum in Lafayette that was formerly a family mansion) have [uncovered](#) artifacts from the building's past, including bottles of alcohol that date to Prohibition.

WAYNE COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's free site for digitized newspapers) has added issues of the *Richmond Palladium* (published weekly) for 1839 through 1843 and the *Richmond Palladium* (published daily) for 1911 through 1922.

Greene County Genealogist appointed

The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes Mary Witte of Bloomfield as the Indiana County Genealogist for Greene County. Mary was appointed by the IGS board at the May meeting. She has worked at the Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library for 20 years, and has been head of the library's Indiana Room since 2014.



If you have questions about Greene County research, please contact her at mwitte@bloomfield.lib.in.us

New IGS databases

We have 2,001 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

- Central Normal College, Danville - directory of students (1941-1942).
- Franklin College, Franklin - graduates (1941).
- Indiana University - graduates (1921).
- Muncie Normal Institute, Muncie - graduates (1916). NOTE: Muncie Normal Institute later became Ball State University.
- University of Notre Dame, Notre dame - graduates (1930).

County Records

- Grant County - phone directories for Fairmount & Fowlerston (1935).
- Marion County - divorce cases filed (1931-1932).
- Monroe County - Spanish-American War veterans (1900).
- Putnam County - Cataract/Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church history (1927).
- Warren County - West Lebanon schools students grades 1-12 (1924); West Lebanon High School teachers (1924); West Lebanon High School alumni (1888-1923).
- Washington County - marriage records of Quakers (1816-1920).

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

- Clay County - Bowling Green High School [graduates](#) (1924-1965) - contributed by Randi Richardson.
- Monroe County - Stinesville School [yearbooks index](#) (1929-1939) - contributed by Randi Richardson.
- Scott County - Johnson Township [plat book index](#) (1915) - contributed by Randi Richardson.

Legal terms explained: In personam and In rem

"In personam" is a Latin phrase that translates as "against a person." It refers to a court case that is brought against a specific individual. The judgment made by the court in that case applies to that individual and their personal assets, wherever they are. An example of an "in personam" case is a divorce case.



"In rem" is a Latin phrase that translates as "against a thing." It refers to a court case that is brought against a piece of real estate or personal property, rather than an individual. The judgment made by the court in that case applies only to that property and its specific location. An example of an "in rem" case is a quiet title case regarding ownership of a piece of land.

Research Tip: Indiana's Courts of Conciliation

In our [September 2015](#) e-mail, we talked about the Court of Common Pleas, how it existed in each Indiana county from 1853 until 1873 and its purpose was to relieve some of the burden on circuit courts. If you've done research in Court of Common Pleas records, you may have come across a reference to another court in the county - the Court of Conciliation.

The Indiana legislature passed "An act to establish Courts of Conciliation" on June 11, 1852, to go into effect on January 1, 1853. It called for the judge of each county's Court of Common Pleas to preside over a Court of Conciliation, to be held concurrently with the Court of Common Pleas. These courts of conciliation could hear cases about: libel, slander, malicious persecution, assault & battery, or false imprisonment.

Unlike the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas, the two parties who came before the Court of Conciliation could not be represented by an attorney - they were to appear on their own behalf. The only exceptions to this rule were if a party was under the age of 21 (in which case they had to be represented by their guardian) or was a woman (in which case she had to be represented by her husband or male friend). And in contrast to the other county courts, the decision of the Court of Conciliation could not be appealed - it was final.

The focus of the Court of Conciliation was also different from the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas. Rather than determining fault, the purpose was to get the two parties to reconcile their differences or effect a compromise. If the judge was successful in this, he would receive a \$5 fee - to be paid equally by the two parties.

One example of a Court of Conciliation case occurred in Dearborn County in 1854, when Nancy Woolford sued Milton Beach for slander for words said by his wife. The compromise the court reached was that the wife denied saying the words, but her husband agreed to pay Woolford \$75.80 in damages and court costs. Beach later unsuccessfully appealed to the state Supreme Court to void this agreement.

Courts of Conciliation existed in Indiana counties from January 1, 1853 until November 30, 1865, when the law was repealed.

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