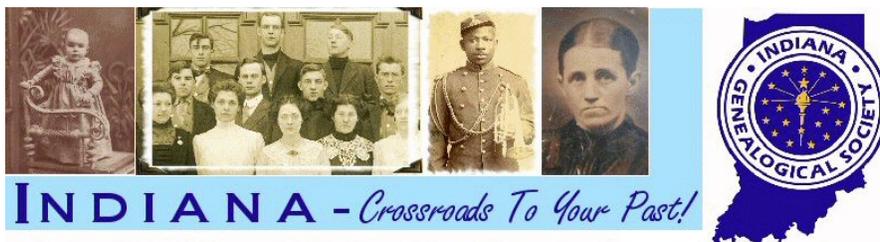


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Indiana News - July 2017

Welcome to the July 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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Indiana Genealogical Society reaches Facebook milestone

The Indiana Genealogical Society's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IndianaAncestors/>) recently hit 5,000 followers. Thanks to all - make sure you follow us there for the latest news and discussions!

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:

JASPER COUNTY (contributed by the General Van Rensselaer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution):

- [Graduates of Rensselaer High School, Jasper County, Indiana \(1961\)](#)
- [Graduates of Rensselaer High School, Jasper County, Indiana \(1964\)](#)

LAWRENCE COUNTY (contributed by the Genealogical Society of Marion County):

- [Genealogy of Root Family, Lawrence County, Indiana \(1843-1960\)](#)

MORGAN COUNTY (contributed by the Ten O'Clock Line Chapter, Daughters of the

American Revolution):

- [Graduates of Common Schools in Morgan County, Indiana \(1913\)](#)
- [Graduates of Common Schools in Morgan County, Indiana \(1914\)](#)

WASHINGTON COUNTY (contributed by the Genealogical Society of Marion County):

- [Genealogy of Hattabaugh Family, Washington County, Indiana \(1793-1937\)](#)

UPDATE: FamilySearch to stop loaning its microfilm collection

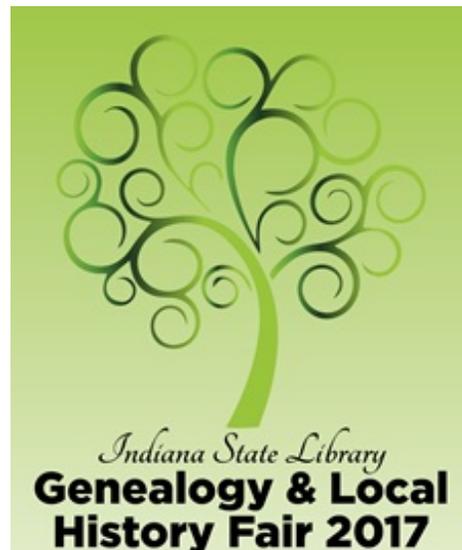
In our [June 2017](#) issue, we told you that FamilySearch was ending its microfilm loan program to focus on completing the digitization of their microfilm collection.



Since then, we've noticed that some of the digital images that the public could previously access on the FamilySearch website can now only be viewed if you are at a Family History Center (which is not the same as an Affiliate Library). For example, this restriction on viewing digital images appears for some (not all) of the counties included in the [Indiana marriages, 1811-2007](#) database.

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).

Miscellaneous resources

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC OF 1918

The Indiana Historical Bureau has a [blog post](#) detailing how the influenza epidemic of 1918 impacted Indiana soldiers, including at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis.

VIETNAM WAR RECORDS

FamilyTree.com has a [blog post](#) about online resources for researching Vietnam War service. Some of the resources are free, while others require a subscription.

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.

CLARK COUNTY

Archaeologists have [dug up](#) remains from 17 unmarked graves at the Stewart-Emery Cemetery in Clarksville. The unmarked graves were discovered during a construction project to widen Blackiston Mill Road and are believed to date between 1830 and 1900. Officials hope to re-inter the remains in another part of the cemetery.



Thieves vandalized 40 graves in Funk Newcomer Cemetery in Tippecanoe County (photo courtesy of *Journal & Courier*)

CLINTON COUNTY

The Frankfort Community Public Library has [received](#) a federal grant to continue digitizing its [collection](#) of slides from the 1950's. The \$7,000 digitization grant was administered by the Indiana State Library, with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

DECATUR COUNTY

The ashes of a Greensburg woman who died in 2000 were [found](#) in a car that was about to be destroyed. A car crusher in Connersville who was emptying the trunk found the death certificate and remains of Josephean Shields, who died in January 2000 at the age of 52. The remains were returned to the family.

FAYETTE COUNTY

The grave of a World War II veteran who died in Connersville in 1996 is finally [receiving](#) a military marker. The bronze military marker for Edward Sorrell was found in the trunk of a car. It will be placed at his grave in Hopewell Cemetery in Rush County.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Construction workers in Carmel recently [discovered](#) a Native American artifact. The banner stone, believed to be about 4,000 years old, was found at a site for a roundabout. Officials contacted the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Conner Prairie.

JACKSON COUNTY

Hoosier State Chronicles has a [blog post](#) detailing the history of the infamous Reno Gang.

MARION COUNTY

--The Indiana State Library's [Digital Collections](#) has added digital images of 19,000 Marion County [birth returns](#) from July 1882 to September 1907. These birth returns were filled out by doctors and sent to the county health department and that information was then used to generate the actual birth certificates. These birth returns were abstracted by the late Jane Darlington in 1987; her book is available at many area libraries.

--The Invisible Indianapolis [blog](#) has a post examining the history of prostitution houses in the city in the early 1900's.

NOBLE COUNTY

A state historical marker was recently [installed](#) at Sawyer/Old Kendallville Cemetery, after years of restoration. The cemetery dates back to 1836 and contains about 200 tombstones; the last burial was in 1904.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY

--Forty tombstones at the Funk Newcomer Cemetery in Sheffield Township (near Mulberry) were [vandalized](#). The damage is estimated to be \$20,000, with some of the tombstones dating back to the 1850's. Fisher's Funeral Chapel in Lafayette has offered a [reward](#)

for information.

–Volunteers have started to [restore](#) the tombstones at Lafayette St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. The restoration project is slated to take 3 years and is a collaboration among the city of Lafayette, Fisher Funeral Chapel and St. Boniface Parish. The cemetery dates back to the 1850's.

WHITE COUNTY

The remains of a Monticello resident who went missing during the Korean War have finally been [identified](#) and brought home for burial. Sergeant Max Harris was reported missing in action in 1950.

Bus Trip to Allen County Public Library

The Indiana Historical Society, in partnership with The Genealogy Center, is sponsoring a bus trip from Indianapolis to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne on **Saturday, November 4**. The bus will depart from the Eugene and Marilyn Glick History Center (450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis) at 7:30 am and participants will spend the day in Fort Wayne exploring the country's largest public genealogy collection before returning to Indianapolis at 6 pm.



The cost of the bus trip is \$75 for Indiana Historical Society members, \$125 for non-members (a 1 year membership in IHS is included in the non-member price). A box lunch will be provided. Register [online](#).

New season of "Finding Your Roots"

The new season of "Finding Your Roots" with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will begin airing on PBS on **Tuesday, October 3**. Among the celebrities whose ancestors will be featured are Scarlett Johansson, Aziz Ansari, Bryant Gumbel, and Garrison Keillor.



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New IGS databases

We have **2,021** 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](#)

- Evansville College, Evansville - graduates (1939). NOTE: Evansville College later became University of Evansville.
- Indiana University, Bloomington - graduates (1881-1884).
- Valparaiso University, Valparaiso - graduates (1953).
- Wabash College, Crawfordsville - directories of students and faculty (1948).

[County Records](#)

- Allen County - Hometown High School teachers (1941).

- Benton County - marriage book index (1841-1858).
- Clinton County - Kirklins schools students grades 1-12 (1928); Kirklins High School teachers (1928).
- Decatur County - phone directories for Clarksburg and New Point (1945).
- Johnson County - Union Township High School graduates (1888-1940).
- Marshall County - Liggett School students (1904). NOTE: Liggett School was District No. 17 in Center Township.
- Montgomery County - Crawfordsville High School students (1943).
- Porter County - Valparaiso High School students (1907).
- Switzerland County - phone directories for Vevay and Patriot (1955).
- Washington County - Salem High School students & teachers (1932).

Military Records

- Revolutionary War - Indiana veterans denied pensions (1840).

Statewide Records

- Fraternal Organizations - Rebekah Assembly members in Indiana (1945).

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

- Union County - [students](#) and [teachers](#) of Short High School, Liberty (1938) - contributed by Wayne Klusman.

Legal terms explained: Redocketed

Redocketed refers to a court case that is decided and then is later put back on the court's docket (calendar) because of some new action. An example: when a divorce is granted, that divorce case may be redocketed if someone then fails to pay child support as ordered.



Research Tip: Land entry case files

In our [April 2017](#) issue, we talked about how to use the Bureau of Land Management's website to find the "patent" issued to an individual by the federal government when the land was originally purchased. But the patent only represents the final part of what is an application process. The documents generated by this application process are known as a land entry case file.

The National Archives has these land entry case files from the General Land Office and they can be ordered for \$50 per file, using NATF Form 84. You can either print [Form 84](#) or [order online](#) (scroll down to NATF Form 84, Federal Land Entry Files). In either instance, the \$50 payment must be made through credit card - no checks or money orders are accepted. It can take up to 60 to 90 days to receive your case file; your credit card is not charged until they actually begin processing your order (if they don't find anything, you will not be charged). You choose how you want to receive your copies: paper copies through postal mail; burned to a CD or DVD; or an e-mail notification that contains a link to download the PDF file (the link will expire after 30 days).

The information these case files contain can vary - those that were created before 1840 have only the basic information of the land purchase, while those that were created after 1840 may contain many more details, such as affidavits from witnesses, public notices from newspapers and proof of naturalization (if the applicant is a naturalized citizen).

But even the pre-1840 case files will contain a brief application and a receipt, which will have the applicant's signature (remember, the land patent only has the handwriting of the clerk who transcribed the transaction). Below is a signature of John Scott from an 1834 application:

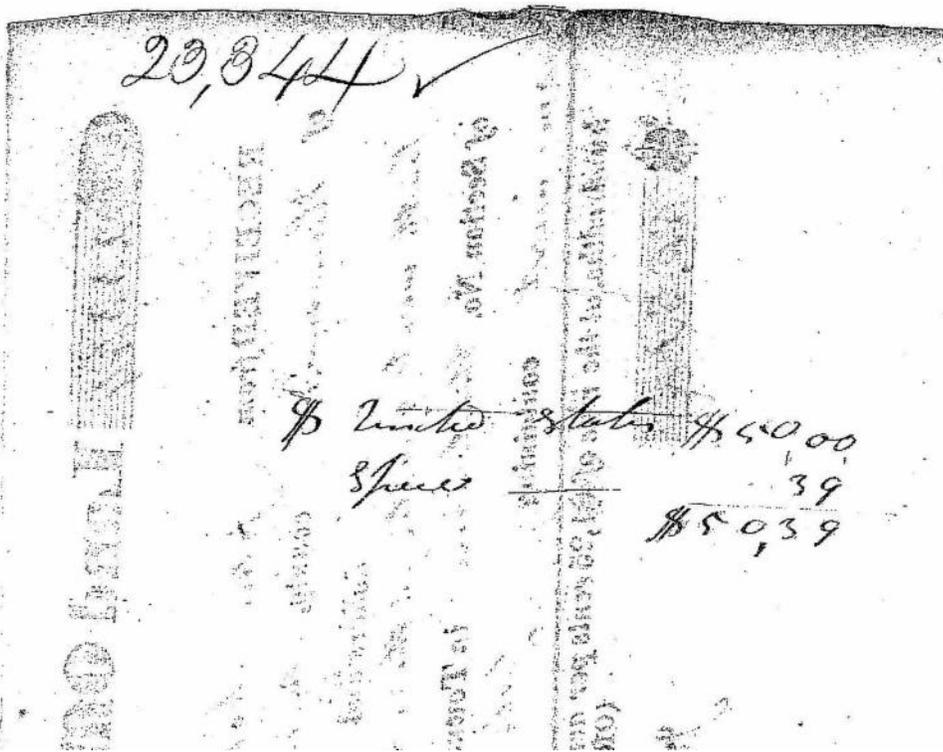
Land Office at Crawfordsville;

Dec 13th 1834
I *John Scott* of *Mon dricks* County *Ind.*
do hereby apply for the purchase of *S. 1/4 of N. 16th* section
No. *31* Township No. *17* N., Range No. *16th* containing *40* acres and
31 hundredths, according to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have
agreed with the Register to give at the rate of \$1.25 per acre,

John Scott
I, *Charles Tyler*, Register of the Land Office, do hereby certify that the lot above
described contains *forty* acres and *thirty one* hundredths as
mentioned, and that the price agreed upon is \$1.25 per acre.
Charles Tyler, Register.

An 1834 application showing the signature of applicant John Scott
(see [full-sized PDF](#)).

The receipt will indicate on the back how the applicant made their payment - often through a bank draft, and more rarely with actual cash. In the example below, John Scott's payment of \$50.39 was made with 50 in United States dollars and then .39 in "specie" (coins):



A receipt showing the payment of \$50.39 made with dollars and coins
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

All the information that you need to fill out National Archives Form 84 is displayed on the Bureau of Land Management's [website](#). Here is an example of the land patent details for Francis Patterson who was issued 40 acres in Section 1 of Township 16 North, Range 1 East in September 1838, via the Crawfordsville land office (document #30595):

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Accession Nr: IN3230...245 Document Type: State Volume Patent State: Indiana Issue Date: 9/10/1838 Cancelled: No

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

Document Numbers		Survey Information	
Document Nr:	30595	Total Acres:	40.00
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Land patent details for Francis Patterson in 1838
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William "Buffalo Bill" Cody Land Entry

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After that, you're prompted to login to your National Archives account - if you don't have an account yet, you must create one before proceeding further. Once you're logged into your account, you fill out the order form using all the details from the land patent - the owner's name, Section, Township and Range as well as the patent/document number and the name of the land office it was issued from. Under "Type of File," be sure to select "General Land Entry File" rather than "Bounty Land Warrant File":

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Identification of Land File	Files - Before 1908	Files - 1908 and After	Military Bounty-Land Warrant Files
* Type of File: General Land Entry File	* Section Number: 1		
* Entryman's First Name: Francis	* Township Number: 16N		
Entryman's Middle Name:	* Range Number: 1E		
* Entryman's Last Name: Patterson	* Type of General Land Entry: Cash		
* Land Located in State of: Indiana	Patent, Final Certificate, or Document Number: 30595		
* Approximate Date of Entry: Before 1908	Name of Land Office: Corydon		
Please provide any additional info	Brookville		
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	Fort Wayne		
	Indianapolis		
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