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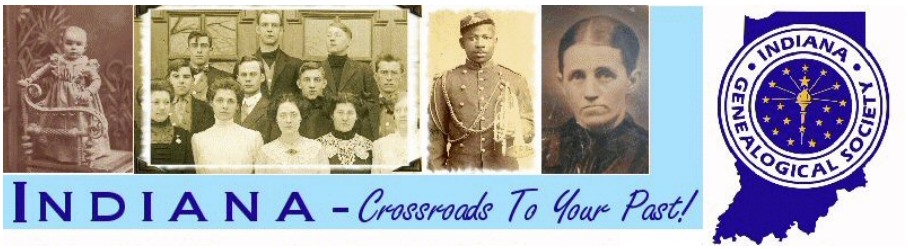

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Indiana News - September 2017

Welcome to the September 2017 edition of Indiana News! This e-mail is sent once a month and focuses on news relating to Indiana genealogy and history. You are receiving this e-mail either because you signed up on our website to receive it or as a benefit of your membership in the Indiana Genealogical Society.

Past issues of this e-mail going back to 2010 are available for **download** in PDF format.

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SAVE THE DATE: IGS 2018 conference

Make sure to save **Saturday, April 28, 2018** on your calendar - that's the date of the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual conference. It will be held in southern Indiana - specifically, on the campus of Indiana University Southeast in New Albany. Professional genealogist Jane E. Wilcox will be the featured speaker.

More details - including how to register - will be released later.

FamilySearch identifies restricted digitized microfilm

In our **June 2017** e-mail, we told you how FamilySearch was ending its program of loaning their microfilm collection and focusing on completing the digitization of that microfilm. In our **July 2017** e-mail, we told you how some of the digital images from these digitized microfilms could only be viewed if you were at a Family History Center.

FamilySearch has now added helpful icons to identify which digitized microfilm is restricted. When you find an item in their **catalog** and click on it to view the details, an item that is microfilm will be identified by a microfilm reel icon to the right:

If that microfilm has been digitized and the images are available to all, there will be a camera icon to the right:

If that microfilm has been digitized but the images can only be viewed at a Family History Center, that camera icon will have a key above it:

A FamilySearch **press release** says that FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries will have access to "nearly all" of these restricted images. REMEMBER: An Affiliate Library can be a public library, genealogical society or other entity. So you may want to use their **locator** to see where the nearest Family History Center or FamilySearch Affiliate Library is. We have a **list** of all the Affiliate Libraries in Indiana.

Ancestry.com adds Presbyterian Church records for Indiana

In our **February 2017** e-mail, we told you that Ancestry.com had added a database, **U.S. Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970**, which included Presbyterian Church records from parts of 38 states. This database comes from the records of the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia. At that time, the database had limited coverage for Indiana - it only included churches in Blackford County (Hartford City) and Grant County (Marion).

This database has now been updated and includes greater coverage for Indiana, specifically:

Carroll County (Camden)
Clinton County (Mulberry)
Dubois County (Ireland)

Fountain County (Hillsboro)
Gibson County (Somerville)
Jennings County (Scipio)
Lake County (Gary)
Marion County (Indianapolis)
Marshall County (Plymouth)
Monroe County (Bloomington)
Shelby County (Shelbyville)
St. Joseph County (Sumption Prairie)
Sullivan County (Sullivan)
Wayne County (Richmond)

NOTE: A subscription is required to access this database.

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.

BOONE COUNTY
A car recently **crashed** into Hopewell Cemetery in Lebanon. The car overturned, damaging several tombstones dating back to the 1800's. The damage is estimated at several thousand dollars.

CLINTON COUNTY
A Kansas woman who **met** a Scircleville resident in the Korean War was able to find out what happened to him thanks to an article in a local newspaper. Robert Max Smith was stationed in Kansas in 1952 when he met the woman, who 60 years later wondered what had happened to him. After a Kokomo newspaper published an article in August, they were able to tell her Smith had died in 2005 and put her in touch with Smith's family.

GIBSON COUNTY
The **Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library** will hold a genealogy seminar on Friday, October 13 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. The seminar will be held at the library's learning center (105 E. Locust St.) and will feature author Lisa Louise Cooke, host of the "Genealogy Gems" podcast.
Cook will give presentations about: the latest Google strategies; new technology tools, using mobile devices and searching newspapers. Registration is $15 and includes a catered lunch. Seating is limited - please call (812) 753-4212 to reserve your spot.

Photos of Spanish-American War veterans stored in Evansville's coliseum (photo courtesy of *Evansville Courier & Press*)

HANCOCK COUNTY
--Thieves recently **stole** antique metal urns from Park Cemetery in Greenfield. Some of the urns date back to the 1900's.
--A Vietnam War veteran from Greenfield is **restoring** the military grave markers for veterans buried all over Indiana. Rick Brown heads up the **Central Indiana chapter** of the "Mission: Restore Bronze" group, which raises money to do the restorations. Over 200 Indiana markers have been restored so far.

HOWARD COUNTY
Howard Elementary School in Kokomo recently **celebrated** its 100th anniversary (see a **photo gallery**). When it was originally built in 1917, it housed students in grades 1 through 12 and had a separate barn for horses.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY
Local historians are concerned with the **disintegrating records** and other artifacts stored in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Coliseum in Evansville. The coliseum was built in 1917 as a tribute to local Civil War and Spanish-American War veterans and over the years many veterans groups used it.

The coliseum's collection has not been inventoried but is known to include Civil War records and photos.

New IGS databases

We have **2,044** 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 - students (1933-1934).
- Indiana University, Bloomington - graduates (1887-1914).
- University of Evansville, Evansville - students of Evansville College (1939). NOTE: Evansville College later changed its name to University of Evansville.

County Records

- Decatur County - phone directory for Greensburg (1945).
- Jay County - graduates (1962).
- Marion County - divorce cases filed (1929-1930).
- Owen County - phone directory for Coal City (1936).
- Putnam County - Belle Union High School graduates (1949).

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

- Fayette County - **Connersville business directory (1930)** - contributed by Wayne Klusman.
- Grant County - **Marion business directory (1930)** - contributed by Wayne Klusman.
- Howard County - **Kokomo business directory (1930)** - contributed by Wayne Klusman.

Legal terms explained: Ejectment

Ejectment is a civil case brought when someone believes they have been unlawfully removed from their real estate and they seek to recover possession of the real estate and/or receive monetary damages as a result of the removal.

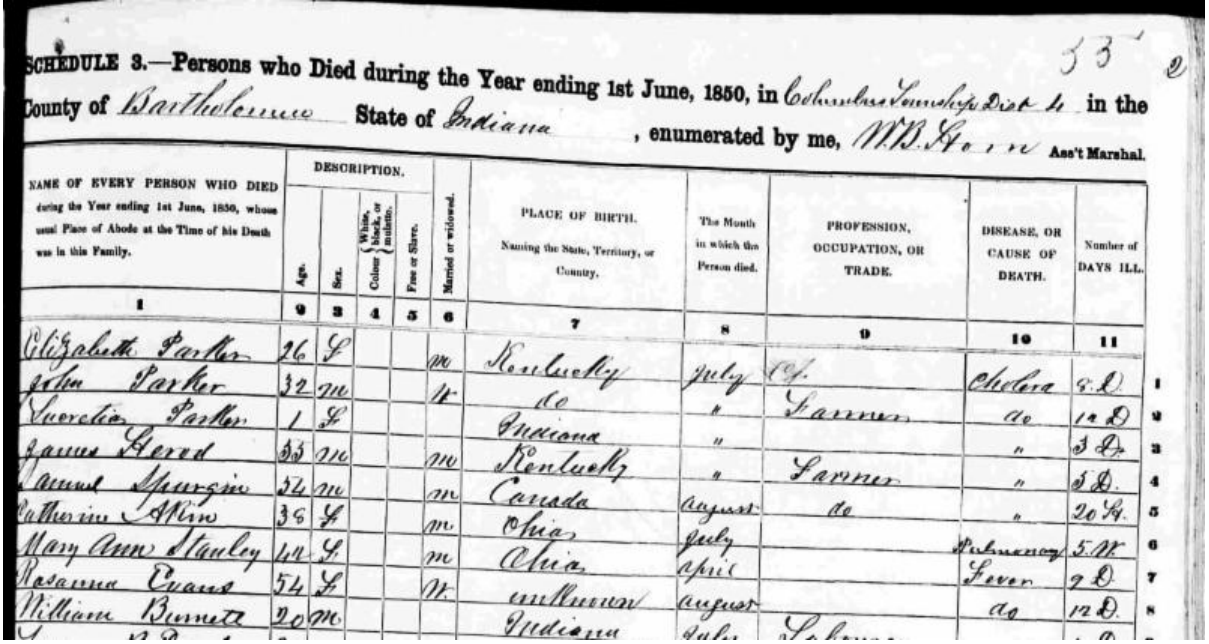
Ejectment is not the same thing as eviction - eviction is when there is a written agreement between a landlord and a tenant and the tenant fails to live up to this agreement (for example, by not paying rent to the landlord). In an ejectment case, there is either no written agreement between the two parties or there is some dispute over who legally has the title to the real estate.

Research Tip: 1850-1880 mortality schedules

When census enumerators were writing down information about each household in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880, they also had another task - to ask for information about anyone who had died in the last 12 months. That information was recorded separately, as a "mortality schedule". These mortality schedules can act as a partial substitute for death records, give you a glimpse into what diseases were prevalent, and help reconstruct households.

1850 MORTALITY SCHEDULE
The 1850 mortality schedule was to record information on people who had died between June 1849 and May 1850. It had columns for: name; age; sex; race; whether free or slave; whether married or widowed; birthplace; month of death; occupation; disease or cause of death, and the number of days ill.

Shown below is a page from the 1850 mortality schedule for Bartholomew County, town of Columbus:



SCHEDULE 3.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, in Columbus Township Dist 4 in the County of Bartholomew State of Indiana, enumerated by me, W.B. Horn Ass't Marshal.

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, whose usual Place of Abode at the Time of his Death was in this Family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	Colour (White, black, or mulatto).	Free or Slave.	Married or widowed.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	The Month in which the Person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	Number of DAYS ILL.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Elizabeth Parker	26	F			m	Kentucky	July	Cf.	Cholera	8 D.
John Parker	32	m			W	do	"	Farmer	do	12 D.
Lucretia Parker	1	F				Indiana	"		"	3 D.
James Herod	55	m			m	Kentucky	"	Farmer	"	5 D.
Samuel Spurgin	54	m			m	Canada	August	do	"	20 H.
Catherine Akin	38	F			m	Ohio	July		Pulmonary	5 W.
Mary Ann Stanley	44	F			m	Ohio	April		Fever	9 D.
Rosanna Evans	54	F			W	unknown	August		do	12 D.
William Burnett	20	m				Indiana	July	[illegible]		[illegible]

A page from the 1850 mortality schedule for Bartholomew County, town of Columbus (see **full-sized PDF**).

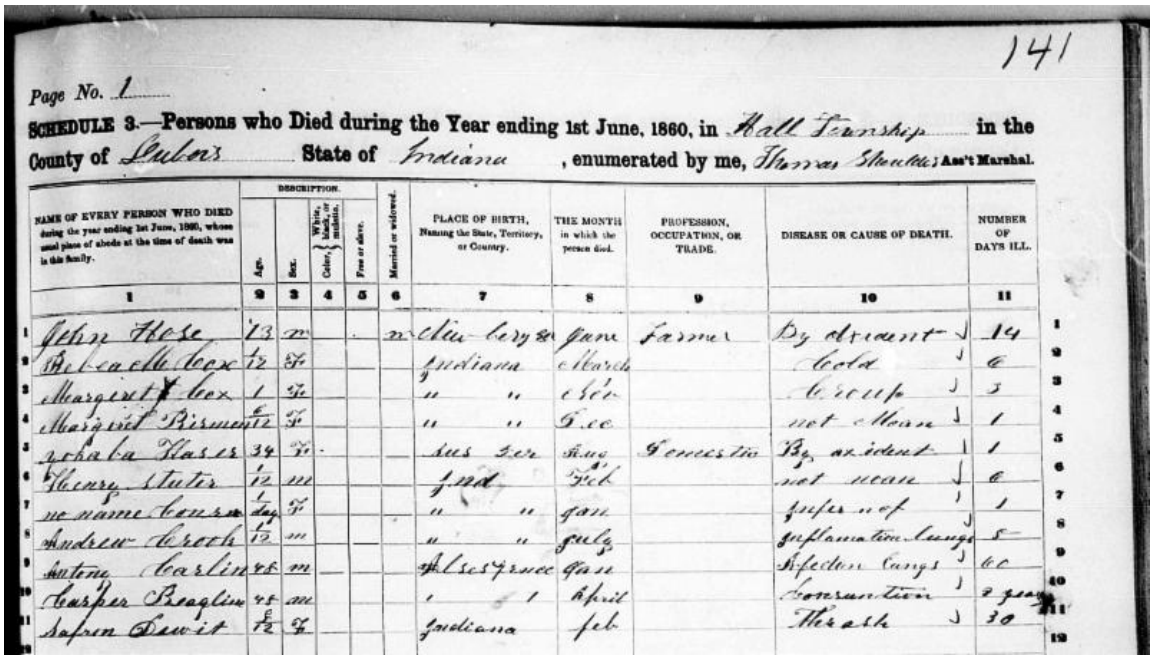
Indiana's 1850 mortality schedules are on FamilySearch microfilm **22594821**, which has been digitized - the images are available to all.

FamilySearch has a **database** of 1850 mortality schedules, which includes Indiana.

1860 MORTALITY SCHEDULE

The 1860 mortality schedule was to record information on people who had died between June 1859 and May 1860. It had columns for: name; age; sex; race; whether free or slave; whether married or widowed; birthplace; month of death; occupation; disease or cause of death, and the number of days ill.

Shown below is a page from the 1860 mortality schedule for Dubois County, Hall Township:



Page No. 1

SCHEDULE 3.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1860, in Hall Township in the County of Dubois State of Indiana, enumerated by me, Thomas Shoulder Ass't Marshal.

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the year ending 1st June, 1860, whose usual place of abode at the time of death was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	Color, White, black, or mulatto.	Free or slave.	Married or widowed.	PLACE OF BIRTH, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	THE MONTH in which the person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	NUMBER OF DAYS ILL.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
John Hose	13	m			m	New Jersey	June	Farmer	By accident	14
Rebecca Cox	1/12	F				Indiana	March		Cold	6
Margaret Cox	1	F				" "	Nov		Croup	3
Margaret Bismen	6/12	F				" "	Dec		not Mean	1
Johaba Haser	34	F				Sus Ser	Aug	Domestic	By accident	1
Henry Stuter	1/12	m				Ind	Feb		not mean	6
no name Conrad	1 day	F				" "	Jan		Infer nof	1
Andrew Crook	1/12	m				" "	July		Inflamation lungs	5
Antony Carlin	48	m				Alsesgrnce	Jan		Infection lungs	60
Casper Beaglin	48	m				" "	April		Consumption	2 years
Safron Dewit	6/12	F				Indiana	Feb		Thrash	30

A page from the 1860 mortality schedule for Dubois County - enumeration for Hall Township (see **full-sized PDF**).

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the images are available to all.

We have compiled an **inventory** of Indiana's 1860 mortality schedule microfilm, which tells you what pages you will find each county on.

NOTES:
--The page numbering on this microfilm starts with Adams County and goes consecutively all the way through Lawrence County; the numbering starts over again at page 1 with Madison County.
--For some counties, their entries are scattered throughout the microfilm, instead of being all together. For example, part of Tippecanoe County is on pages 252 through 253; the remainder of it is on pages 346 through 356.
--Brown County is not included at all.

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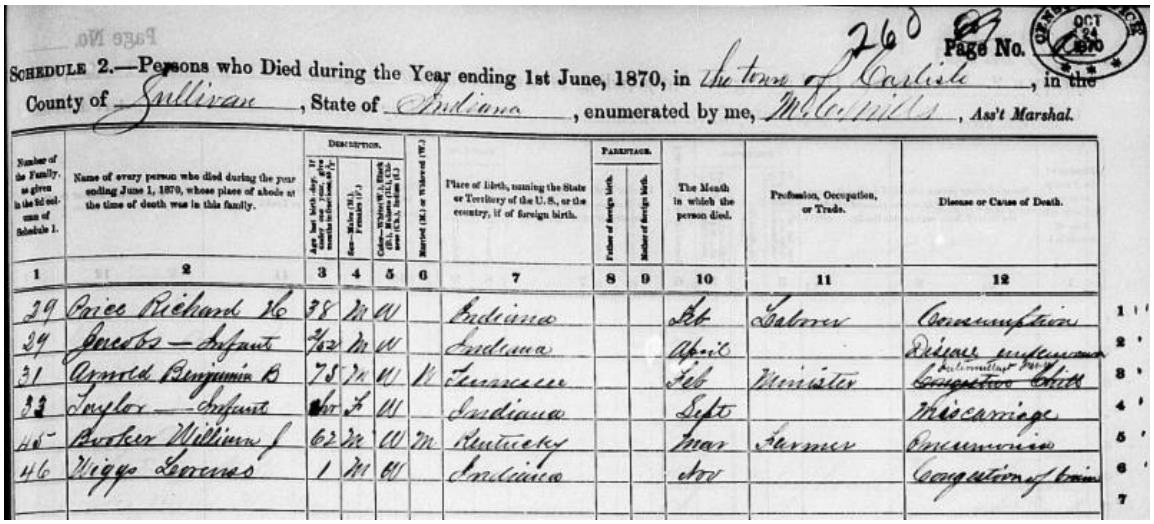
1870 MORTALITY SCHEDULE
The 1870 mortality schedule was to record information on people who had died between June 1869 and May 1870. It had columns for: the family number (the 2nd column from the 1870 census); name; age, sex; race; whether married or widowed; birthplace; whether father was foreign-born; whether mother was foreign-born; month of death; occupation and the disease or cause of death.

Shown below is a page from the 1870 mortality schedule for Sullivan County, town of Carlisle:



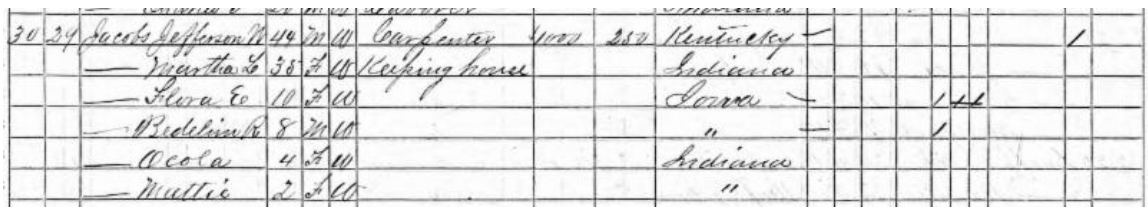
SCHEDULE 2.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1870, in the town of Carlisle, in the County of Sullivan, State of Indiana, enumerated by me, M. Cornell, Ass't Marshal. Page No. 260

Number of the Family, as given in the 2d column of Schedule 1.	Name of every person who died during the year ending June 1, 1870, whose place of abode at the time of death was in this family.	Description: Age last birthday	Sex	Color	Married or Widowed	Place of birth, naming the State or Territory of the U. S., or the country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	The Month in which the person died.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade.	Disease or Cause of Death.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
29	Price Richard H.	38	M	W		Indiana			Feb	Laborer	Consumption	1
29	Jacobs — Infant	2/12	M	W		Indiana			April		Disease unknown	2
31	Arnold Benjamin B	78	M	W	V	Tennessee			Feb	Minister	~~Congestive Chill~~	3
33	Taylor — Infant	1/12	F	W		Indiana			Sept		Miscarriage	4
46	Booker William J	62	M	W	M	Kentucky			Mar	Farmer	Pneumonia	5
46	Wiggs Lorenzo	1	M	W		Indiana			Jan		Congestion of brain	6
												7

A page from the 1870 mortality schedule for Sullivan County - enumeration for the town of Carlisle
(see **full-sized PDF**)

Because this mortality schedule mentioned the family number from the 1870 census, we can go back to the 1870 census to find out what household the dead belonged to. In the example above, family #29 had two deaths - Richard H. Price, a 38-year-old laborer, and a 2-month-old male infant with the last name of Jacobs.

Looking at the 1870 census for Sullivan County, town of Carlisle, we can see that family #29 corresponds to the household of 44-year-old Jefferson W. Jacobs:



30	29	Jacobs Jefferson W	44	M	W	Carpenter	1000	280	Kentucky									1
		— Martha S	38	F	W	Keeping house			Indiana									
		— Flora E	10	F	W				Iowa							1	11	
		— Madelina R	8	M	W				"							1		
		— Accola	4	F	W				Indiana									
		— Mattie	2	F	W				"									

A page from the 1870 census for Sullivan County - enumeration for the town of Carlisle
(see **full-sized PDF**)

Indiana's 1870 mortality schedules are on FamilySearch microfilm **2259483** (Roll 1 - contains Adams County through Morgan County) and **2259484** (Roll 2 - contains Newton County through Whitley County). Both rolls have been digitized - the images are available to all.

We have compiled an **inventory** of Indiana's 1870 mortality schedule microfilm, which tells you what pages and rolls you will find each county on.

NOTES:
--On the first roll of microfilm, the page numbering starts with Adams County and goes consecutively all the way through Greene County, then the numbering starts over again at page 1 beginning with Hamilton County.
--On the second roll of microfilm, the page numbering is consecutive throughout.

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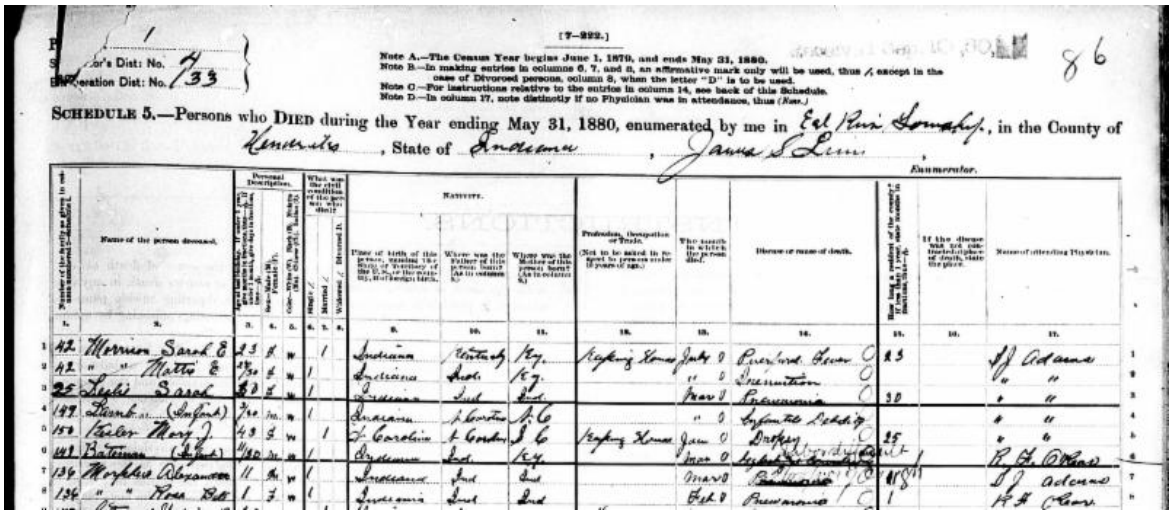
1880 MORTALITY SCHEDULE
The 1880 mortality schedule was to record information on people who had died between June 1879 and May 1880. It had columns for: the family number (the 2nd column from the 1870 census); name; age; sex; race; whether single, married, widowed or divorced; birthplace; birthplace of father; birthplace of mother; occupation; month of death; disease or cause of death; how long a resident of the county; whether the disease was contracted at the place of death; the name of the attending physician.

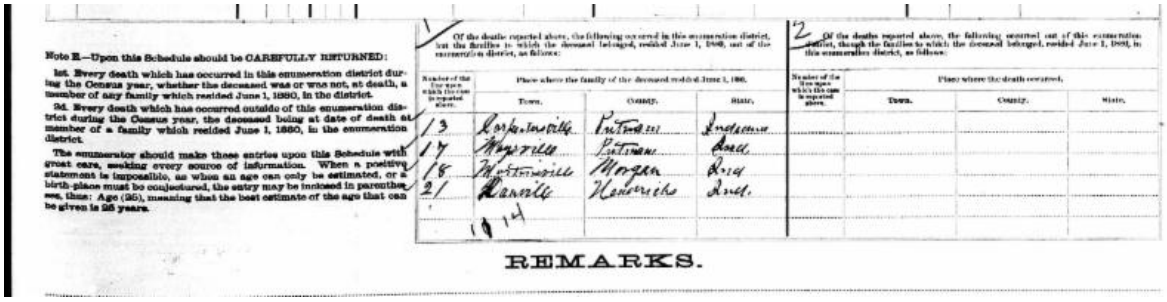
Shown below is a page from the 1880 mortality schedule for Hendricks County, Eel River Township:



A page from the 1880 mortality schedule for Hendricks County, Eel River Township
(see **full-sized PDF**).

At the bottom of each page of the 1880 mortality schedule were 2 extra columns. The first column was to note those deaths where they were not a resident as of June 1, 1880. The second column was to note any deaths reported by residents of family members who had died out of the area - which could give you a clue as to other mortality schedules you should look for.

Show below is the bottom of the page for the 1880 mortality schedule for Hendricks County, Eel River Township, indicating in the first column that there were some deaths where they were actually residents of Putnam County and Morgan County:



The two supplemental columns from the 1880 mortality schedule for Hendricks County, Eel River

Township (see **full-sized PDF**)

Indiana's 1880 mortality schedules are on FamilySearch microfilm **2259485** (Roll 1 - contains Adams County through Greene County), **2259486** (Roll 2 - contains Hamilton County through Noble County) and **2259487** (Roll 3 - contains Ohio County through Whitley County). All 3 rolls have been digitized - the images are available to all.

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--On the second roll of microfilm, the page numbering starts with Hamilton County and goes consecutively all the way through Lawrence County, then the numbering starts over again at page 1 beginning with Madison County.
--On the third roll of microfilm, the page numbering starts with Ohio County and goes consecutively all the way through Switzerland County, then the numbering starts over again at page 1 beginning with Tippecanoe County.
--For some counties, their entries are scattered throughout the microfilm, instead of being all together. For example, some of Dearborn County is on pages 30 through 50; the remainder of it is on pages 74 through 81.

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