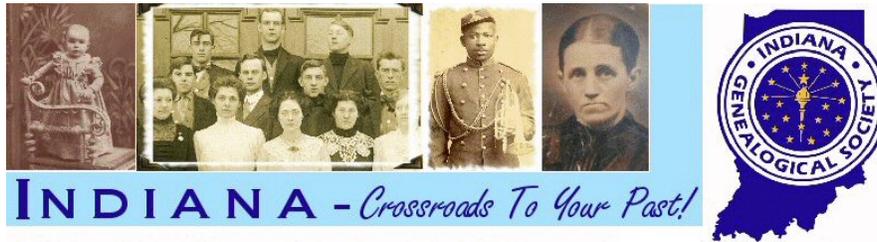


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## Indiana News - October 2017

Welcome to the October 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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### September 2017 quarterly available for IGS members

If you are an Indiana Genealogical Society member, you can download the September 2017 issue of *Indiana Genealogist* - just login to the [IGS Records](#) section of the Members-Only area. You can also download earlier issues going back to 2010.

The September 2017 issue includes:

- Tina Lyons' overview of the settlement of Indiana's "Gore" - the southeast corner of the state - and what records are available for those counties.
- Randi Richardson's examination of the history of Bowling Green High School in Clay County, which closed in 1965.
- Harold Henderson, CG's profiles of some pioneer families from northwest

Indiana.

- Judy McCullough's discussion of land ownership abstracts for Marshall County and what they can tell you.
- Details of coal miners who were injured in Indiana in 1898.
- Brief records from Delaware, Fountain, Knox, Marion and Pulaski counties.



Lowe, Amerman, and Gilbert Families ★ Indiana Mine Accidents, 1898 ★ Marshall County Title Abstracts ★ Bowling Green School ★ A Guide to Indiana's Gore ★ Notices from Delaware, Fountain, & Pulaski Counties

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## Free databases from IGS scanning kits added

We recently added more free databases that were created from our [Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project](#) - a project to give portable scanning kits worth \$500 to qualified non-profit groups in Indiana:

**CLAY COUNTY** (contributed by Clay County Genealogical Society):

- [Memories of Bowling Green High School, Clay County, Indiana \(1924-1965\)](#)

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY** (contributed by Covington-Veedersburg Public Library):

- [Graduates of Richland Township Schools, Fountain County, Indiana \(1885-1898\)](#)
- [Index of Federal Land Grants for Fountain County, Indiana](#)
- [Index of Indentured Servants Contracts, Fountain County, Indiana \(1847-1884\)](#)
- [Program of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Covington, Fountain County, Indiana \(1948\)](#)
- [Program of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Covington, Fountain County, Indiana \(1959\)](#)

**MARTIN COUNTY** (contributed by Martin County Historical Society):

- [Directories of Teachers for Martin County, Indiana \(1893-1897\)](#)
- [Recollections of Early Schools in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana](#)
- [Reunion of Class of 1943, Shoals High School, Martin County, Indiana \(1965\)](#)

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY** (contributed by Tippecanoe County Area Genealogical Society):

- [Report of Lafayette City Government, Tippecanoe County, Indiana \(1910\)](#)
- [Report of Lafayette Home Hospital, Tippecanoe County, Indiana \(1919\)](#)
- [Voter Records of Jackson Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana \(1902\)](#)

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## FOUND: Photo of South Bend man (1880's)

Shelley Cardiel ([cardiels@comcast.net](mailto:cardiels@comcast.net)) has found this photo, identified as being John GRUBER, which was taken at the McDonald Studio in South Bend,

Indiana. The photograph appears to have been taken in the 1880's or 1890's, with John likely in his 50's at the time. In addition to his name, on the back of the photograph someone has also written "Emma's Father" and Callie Polson's Uncle".

Research has found that John Gruber was born about 1828 in Bavaria and died between 1880 and 1900. He was a shoemaker and married Margaret (born August 1832 in Bavaria). They lived in South Bend and had 9 children: Charles, Lena (born August 1858), George, Louise (born about 1860), Sophia (born March 1862), Kate, Mary, Edward (born April 1868) and Emma (born March 1870; married James Bertram REASOR who was born in 1876 and died in 1946).

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



John Gruber  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

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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

--A contractor doing utility work in Fort Wayne recently [uncovered](#) human remains. The remains were discovered while digging on West Washington Boulevard. Per state law, the site will be marked as a burial site and protected.

--The Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana has added several free databases to the Records section of their [website](#), including divorce case files from the 1840's through the 1870's and plat maps of landowners from the 1940's and 1950's.



Restoration of an infant's tombstone in St. John/St. Joseph Cemetery in Hammond (photo courtesy of *Post-Tribune*)

### FAYETTE COUNTY

The Indiana Landmarks Foundation has [rescued](#) the Newkirk Mansion in Connersville, which was on its most endangered list for 2017. The mansion was built in 1880 and the foundation has turned it over to a couple who will be restoring and preserving it.

### HENRY COUNTY

The [Henry County Cemetery Commission](#) has [received funding](#) from the county to erect signs marking 37 pioneer cemeteries.

### JASPER COUNTY

Details about the military veterans buried in Jasper County cemeteries have been compiled into a database, [JC Veterans Cemetery List](#), which is available for free on Internet Archive, as part of the Jasper County Public Library's [collection](#). This database, which includes photos of tombstones, was [compiled](#) by Kyle Eenigenburg for his Eagle Scout Project.

### JENNINGS COUNTY

The family of Annabelle Pickett recently [donated](#) her extensive collection to the Jennings County Public Library in North Vernon. The collection includes old photos of area churches and schools, as well as family documents dating back to the 1700's.

### LAKE COUNTY

The graves of 94 infants buried in St. John/St. Joseph Cemetery in Hammond from 1936 through 1958 were recently cleaned, repaired and restored. The [restoration](#) was for Nicholas Wilson's Eagle Scout Project.

### LAPORTE COUNTY

The former site of LaPorte University will [receive](#) a state historical marker in early 2018, thanks to the research efforts by local officials. LaPorte University only existed in the town of LaPorte during the 1840's, but it included the state's first medical college. The buildings were destroyed by fire in 1856.

### MONROE COUNTY

An [article](#) explores the history of Dunn Cemetery, which is on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington. It is a family cemetery created in the 1800's for 3 Brewster sisters, and you must prove you are a direct descendant in order to be buried there.

### ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

South Bend recently held a ceremony to honor resident Alexander L. Arch, who was credited with firing the first shot by an American in World War I. An [article](#) about his descendants details how they continued his tradition of military service. Arch (1894-1979) emigrated from Hungary and started working in a factory in South Bend when he was 12.

### TIPPECANOE COUNTY

Workers renovating the dome of the Tippecanoe County courthouse recently [discovered](#) paychecks from the 1800's hidden inside it. Hiding paychecks was believed to bring prosperity.

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## New IGS databases - 9 for 92 status reached

We now have **2,062** total databases for members. We also have reached "9 for 92" status - we have at least 9 databases for each of Indiana's 92 counties.

Here are all the premium databases (accessible only to IGS members) that we've added recently:

### College Records

- Evansville College - directory of students (1940); directory of faculty (1940). NOTE: Evansville College later changed its name to University of Evansville.
- Indiana University, Bloomington - graduates (1917).
- Tri-State College, Angola - graduates (1942). NOTE: Tri-State College later changed its name to Trine University.

### County Records

- Clinton County - students in Kirklin schools grades 1-12 (1929); teachers at Kirklin High School (1929).
- Jay County - Portland High School students and teachers (1937).
- Marshall County - Brick School students (1908). NOTE: Brick School was District No.12 in West Township.
- Monroe County - African-Americans in 1850-1870 censuses.
- Newton County - county history (1933); histories of Brook and Morocco (1916).
- Porter County - Valparaiso High School students (1909) - grade 12 only.
- Steuben County - Indiana Legion rosters: Steuben Rangers (1863); Turkey Creek Rangers (1863).
- Switzerland County - phone directory for Patriot (1956).

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

- Madison County - [Anderson business directory \(1930\)](#) courtesy of Wayne Klusman

- Madison County - [Anderson business directory \(1950\)](#) - courtesy of Wayne Ruskman.
- Monroe County - [tax duplicates index \(1865\)](#) - courtesy of Randi Richardson.
- Orange County - [will books index \(1892-1917\)](#) - courtesy of Randi Richardson.

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## Legal terms explained: Life estate

If you've looked at deeds, or at wills, you may have seen where someone was granted a "life estate" to a house or piece of land. A life estate is where the ownership of that piece of property only lasts as long as that person is alive - when they die, the ownership of that property will revert to someone else.



For example, a man's will may grant his widow a life estate to their house, and then after her death, the will states that the ownership of the house is to go to their surviving children.

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## Research Tip: Indiana State Archives catalog

In the past, when planning a visit to the [Indiana State Archives](#) in Indianapolis, researchers could browse their [alphabetical subject index](#) or search their online indexes at the [Indiana Digital Archives](#). Now they have added a [catalog](#) to give you a better sense of what they have.

The homepage of this Research Indiana catalog has options to search either by Containers, Series, or Entities:

IARA » SERVICES FOR PUBLIC » SEARCH ARCHIVES HOLDINGS

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### SEARCH ARCHIVES HOLDINGS

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#### Research Indiana Catalog

A new online catalog connects researchers to the millions of records housed within the collections of the Indiana State Archives. The *Research Indiana Catalog* simplifies the process of searching the Archives' collections by providing listings of more than a quarter of a million holdings. The *Research Indiana Catalog* is the result of a multi-year inventory project, and will continue to be updated and refined. If you notice any errors in our data, please email us at [arc@iara.in.gov](mailto:arc@iara.in.gov).

			
<a href="#">Search for Containers</a> Inventory	<a href="#">Search for Series</a> Record Series	<a href="#">Search for Entities</a> Governmental Units	<a href="#">Help With Your Search</a> Learn How To Use The Catalog

The main page of the Research Indiana Catalog  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

### SEARCH FOR CONTAINERS:

If you want to find a particular item about a subject, you can use the Containers search. For example, typing in Evansville in the search box gives 685 results:

# Containers

## Search physical items in the State Archives' holdings

Find:   [Reset](#)

[Show advanced search options](#)

685 results      Prev 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... 28 Next

Sort by Relevance   
Detail View

Container Status	Container Type	Media Type	Entity
<a href="#">COMPLETED (685)</a>	<a href="#">Cubic Foot Box (459)</a> <a href="#">Folder (58)</a> <a href="#">Box (54)</a> <a href="#">Volume (29)</a> <a href="#">3x5 Short Lid Box (27)</a> <a href="#">More...</a>	<a href="#">paper (675)</a> <a href="#">microform (9)</a> <a href="#">moving images (1)</a>	<a href="#">Evansville State Hospital (456)</a> <a href="#">Proprietary Education, Indiana Commission on (43)</a> <a href="#">Fire Marshal, State (19)</a> <a href="#">Gaming Commission, Indiana (16)</a> <a href="#">Employment Security Division, Indiana (15)</a> <a href="#">More</a>

<a href="#">Evansville Levee at Evansville</a> 1976 <b>Container Type:</b> Box <b>Container ID:</b> 64 <b>Series Title:</b> <a href="#">AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND AREA MAPS</a> <b>Entity Name:</b> <a href="#">Natural Resources, Department of, Water, Division of.</a>
<a href="#">Duplicate Annual Reports</a> <b>Container Type:</b> Box <b>Series Title:</b> <a href="#">ANNUAL REPORTS -- Archives Copy</a> <b>Entity Name:</b> <a href="#">Family And Social Services Administration, Mental Health And Addiction, Division of, Evansville...</a>
<a href="#">Evansville, Indianapolis, Cleveland Straight-Line Railroad Co. vs. City of Evansville</a> 1858 <b>Container Type:</b> Folder <b>Container ID:</b> 403 <b>Series Title:</b> <a href="#">SUPREME COURT CASE FILES</a> <b>Entity Name:</b> <a href="#">Clerk of The Supreme Court</a>
<a href="#">2nd Biennial Report of the Board of Trustees &amp; Medical Superintendent of the Southern Indiana ...</a> 1891 <b>Container Type:</b> Volume <b>Container ID:</b> 2

The results for a container search for Evansville  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

One way you can narrow down the results is by clicking on some of the options to the left, such as media type or the entity.

For example, clicking on the "microform" media type narrows it to 9 results, which includes some Civil War hospital registers:

# Containers

## Search physical items in the State Archives' holdings

Find:

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Detail View

**Container Status**  
COMPLETED (9)

**Container Type**  
16 mm Roll (5)  
35 mm Roll (3)  
Microfilm (1)

**Media Type**  
 microform  
[moving images \(1\)](#)  
[paper \(575\)](#)

**Entity**  
[Employment Administration Division \(4\)](#)  
[Adjutant General's Office \(2\)](#)  
[Indiana Military Agency \(2\)](#)  
[Law Enforcement Academy, Indiana \(1\)](#)

**Top Level**  
Yes (9)

[ADAMS CO. SD 2010 ANNUAL TRAINING TO EVANSVILLE PD 2010 ANNUAL TRAINING](#) Mar 1, 2015

Container Type: 16 mm Roll  
Container ID: 665  
Accession ID: 2016302  
Series Title: [EDUCATIONAL RECORDS -- Microfilm - Archives](#)  
Entity Name: [Law Enforcement Academy, Indiana](#)

[Roll # 37, Evansville State Hospital to Commission on Public Records](#) 1971 - 1985

Container Type: 16 mm Roll  
Accession ID: 1982022  
Series Title: [HRMSTAFF \(HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM\) -- ORIGINAL COM](#)  
Entity Name: [Personnel, Department of, Employment Administration Division](#)

[Civil War Hospital Registers. Roll # 3. Evansville, IN, Louisville, KY #2, St. Louis, MO #1,...](#) 1862 - 1865

Container Type: 35 mm Roll  
Accession ID: 1994071  
Series Title: [HOSPITAL, CASUALTY, AND CEMETERY RECORDS](#)  
Entity Name: [Adjutant General's Office, Indiana Military Agency](#)

[Civil War Hospital Registers. Roll # 3. Evansville, IN, Louisville, KY, St. Louis, MO #1, Jefferson...](#) 1862 - 1865

Container Type: 35 mm Roll  
Accession ID: 1994071  
Series Title: [HOSPITAL, CASUALTY, AND CEMETERY RECORDS](#)

The Evansville results narrowed down to microfilm  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Clicking on a particular item among the results will show you its details:

## Civil War Hospital Registers. Roll # 3. Evansville, IN, Louisville, KY #2, St. Louis, MO #1,...

Page ID: 37356

Date From: 1862

Date To: 1865

Location Code: MFC1 - MFA - 01

Repository: Indiana State Archives

Top Level: Yes

Status: COMPLETED

State: PERMANENT

Container Type: 35 mm Roll

Accession ID: 1994071

Contents Description: Civil War Hospital Registers. Roll # 3. Evansville, IN, Louisville, KY #2, St. Louis, MO #1, Jefferson Barracks, MO; filmed 1/1994

Entity Name: [Indiana Military Agency](#) (State Government)

Series Title: [HOSPITAL, CASUALTY, AND CEMETERY RECORDS](#)



The detail of an Evansville search  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

When looking at these details, make note of the item's Location Code and the Barcode (if available). This information is what you will need to provide to the Indiana State Archives' staff so that they can retrieve it for you when you visit.

### SEARCH FOR SERIES:

As we saw in the container search, an item may also be part of a larger collection of items. If you are interested in viewing these larger collections, you would use the Series search. In our Container search, one of the microfilm results said it was part of a series, "Hospital, Casualty and Cemetery Records." If we search for this series, we can see everything that is included in that designation, which includes an 1862-1864 book on hospitalized soldiers as well as the microfilm:

## HOSPITAL, CASUALTY, AND CEMETERY RECORDS, 1862 - 1865

Page ID: 17801

Level ID: series-16209  
Local ID: 76-05

From Date: 1862-01-01  
Thru Date: 1865-01-01

Entity Name: [Adjutant General's Office, Indiana Military Agency.](#)

Containers					
<u>Container Type</u>	<u>Container ID</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>From Date</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Barcode</u>
Volume	8	Hospital Register, St. Louis, MO, n.d..	Not on record	Not on record	Not on record
Volume	8	Hospital Register, Evansville, IN, n.d..	Not on record	Not on record	Not on record
Volume	9	Hospital Register, St. Louis, MO.	1864	Not on record	Not on record
Volume	Not on record	Record of Hospitalization of Soldiers.	1862	1864	Not on record
35 mm Roll	Not on record	Civil War Hospital Registers. Roll # 4. Murfreesboro, TN - Cairo, IL; filmed 1/1994	1862	1865	B000037266I 
35 mm Roll	Not on record	Civil War Hospital Registers. Roll # 3. Evansville, IN, Louisville, KY, St. Louis, MO #1, Jefferson...	1862	1865	B000037267J 
35 mm Roll	Not on record	Civil War Hospital Registers. Roll # 3. Evansville, IN,	1862	1865	B000037268K

The items in the Hospital series  
(see [full-sized PDF](#)).

### SEARCH FOR ENTITIES:

If you are interested in finding all the items from a particular government office or institution, you would use the Entities search. In this example, we searched for public instruction, since we knew the state's Superintendent for Public Instruction is the one who deals with schools:

## List of Entities

Search the state and local government agencies, and find out which records they have transferred to the State Archives

Find:  Search [Reset](#)

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**Top Level**  
[No \(2\)](#)

**Status**  
[Active \(2\)](#)

**Entity Type**  
[state government \(2\)](#)

2 results Prev 1 Next

[Auditor of State's Office. Public Instruction.](#)  
[Auditor of State's Office](#) > Public Instruction  
**Entity Status:** Active  
**Entity ID:** 3818  
**Entity Hierarchy Codes:** AUD - PI  
**Contacts:**  
No contacts available

[Education, Department of. Superintendent of Public Instruction.](#)  
[Education, Department of](#) > Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**Entity Status:** Active  
**Entity ID:** 399  
**Entity Hierarchy Codes:** DOE - SPI  
**Contacts:**  
Records Coordinator: Deipan Shah   
317-234-6870  
229 State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Sort by Relevance Detail View

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An Entity search for public instruction  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

There are only 2 results - when you click on the one for education, you will see the detailed results. The detailed results show that there are 11 results under the "series" section - clicking on the arrow to expand the Series section shows these 11 results:

## Education, Department of. Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Page ID: 190

**Status:** Active

**Entity ID:** 399

**Hierarchical Names:** [Education, Department of](#) | [Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)

**Hierarchy Codes:** [DOE](#) | [SPI](#)

**Prior Entity Name(s):**

- Public Instruction, Superintendent of. Date Begin: 1852-01-01 Date End: 1932-12-31

▶ [Schedule Items](#)

▼ [Series \(11\)](#)

- [HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVAL AGENCY RECORDS -- INACTIVE 1853 - 1970](#)
- [HISTORICAL FINANCIAL RECORDS 1833 - 1952](#)
- [PROPRIETARY INSTITUTION FILES 1859 - 1918](#)
- [MINUTES 1971 - 1972](#)
- [ANNUAL REPORTS 1842 - 1975](#)
- [Agency Publications 1842 - 1975](#)
- [LICENSING FILE 1912 - 1969](#)
- [ANNUAL REPORTS -- Archives Copy](#)
- [DEFUNCT INSTITUTION STUDENT RECORDS 1894 - 1915](#)
- [POLICY FILES-APPOINTING AUTHORITIES, DEPUTIES, AND DIVISION DIRECTORS 1835 - 1972](#)
- [Agency Publications -- Archives Copy](#)

▶ [Contact this Entity](#)

The Series section for the Superintendent of Public Instruction result  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

Note that for an entity search, it does not have to be a state-level institution or government office  
- you can also search for a county or local entity.

If you want more search help, you can view their YouTube [video](#).

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