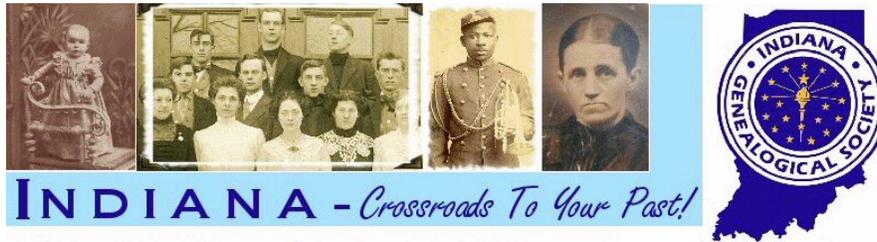


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## Indiana News - November 2017

Welcome to the November 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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### FamilySearch to require free registration

FamilySearch has announced that beginning **December 13, 2017**, visitors to their website will have to create a (free) user account and sign in in order to search for and view their records collection. As explained in their [detailed press release](#), you will not have to be signed in to search their catalog, look at their digitized books or read their research Wiki.

In an answer to one of the [comments](#) made regarding this change, a FamilySearch official said one of the benefits of the sign-in is that FamilySearch will be able to publish records from partners that have restrictions about who can view them.

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### Registration open for IGS 2018 conference

Registration is open for the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual [conference](#), to be held on **Saturday, April 28, 2018** on the campus of Indiana University Southeast in New Albany,

Indiana. The theme is "From Albany to New Albany," and Jane. E. Wilcox from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society will be the featured speaker. There will be sessions on:

- New York city and state vital records
- New York emigration/immigration and migration
- Sources for female ancestors
- Kentucky vital records law
- Kentucky Civil War ancestors
- Allen County Public Library's collections and access

Pre-registration is \$30 for Indiana Genealogical Society members, \$35 for non-members.



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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:

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY** (contributed by Yellow Trail Research Center):

- [Directory of Hope and St. Louis Methodist Churches, Bartholomew County, Indiana \(1906\)](#)

**JASPER COUNTY** (contributed by Jasper County Historical Society):

- [History of The State Bank, Rensselaer, Jasper County, Indiana \(1904-1954\)](#)
- [Membership Directory of First Christian Church, Rensselaer, Jasper County, Indiana \(1958\)](#)

**LAKE COUNTY** (contributed by Hammond Public Library):

- [Enumeration of North Township Schools, Lake County, Indiana \(1920\)](#)

**MARION COUNTY** (contributed by Genealogical Society of Marion County):

- [Veterans Buried in Franklin Township, Marion County, Indiana](#)
- [Veterans Buried in Perry Township, Marion County, Indiana](#)
- [Veterans Buried in Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana](#)

**CIVIL WAR** (contributed by General Van Rensselaer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution):

- [Grand Army of the Republic's Annual Encampment in Indiana \(1906\)](#)

**MILITARY RECORDS** (contributed by Whiting-Robertsdale Historical Society):

- [Members of American Legion Attending State Convention in Indiana \(1945\)](#)

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## Jay County Genealogist appointed

The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes Janice Stucky as the Indiana County Genealogist (ICG) for Jay County. She was appointed by the IGS board at the November meeting. Janice has been the librarian for the Jay County Historical Society since 2003 and co-authored a history textbook for 3rd graders.

If you have questions about Jay County research, please contact her at [research@jaycountyhistory.org](mailto:research@jaycountyhistory.org)

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## Monroe County Genealogist appointed

The Indiana Genealogical Society welcomes Megan MacDonald as the Indiana County Genealogist (ICG) for Monroe County. She was appointed by the IGS board at the November meeting. Megan is the research librarian at the Monroe County History Center's Genealogy Library and has worked for the Indiana University Archives and Libraries. She is researching early African American families in the county as part of the county's bicentennial celebration.

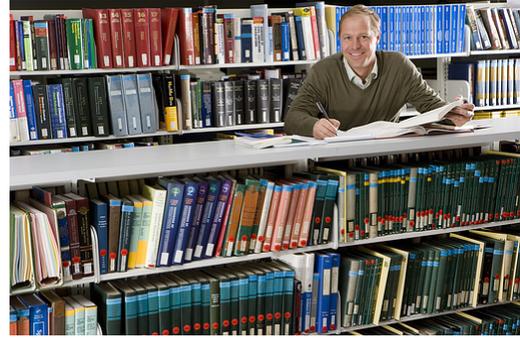
If you have questions about Monroe County research, please contact her at [memacdon@gmail.com](mailto:memacdon@gmail.com)

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## Educational scholarship for Indiana library employees

Do you work at an Indiana library that helps answer genealogy questions? The Indiana Genealogical Society offers an educational scholarship for staff of Indiana libraries, which includes:

- **\$500 cash for the employee**, to be used towards the expenses of attending a major genealogy conference, seminar or class.
- **\$500 cash for their library**, to be used to acquire more genealogy resources (either printed or electronic).
- A one-time registration to the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual conference in New Albany on April 28, 2018 (a \$40 value)
- A one-time membership in the Indiana Genealogical Society (a \$30 value)



The deadline to apply for the educational scholarship is December 31, 2017 - please visit the [Library Staff Educational Scholarship](#) page for more information, including the application form.

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## Honor a genealogist with a \$500 IGS Award

The genealogy world in Indiana is full of people who deserve praise and public recognition for the great work they are doing. Help the Indiana Genealogical Society honor these great people by nominating them for one of our service awards - they do not have to be members.

- Honorees will be recognized during the annual meeting portion of the Indiana Genealogical Society's conference, which will be held at the Indiana University Southeast in New Albany on Saturday, April 28, 2018.
- In addition to recognition during the annual meeting, each honoree will receive **\$500 cash**.
- Nominations must be received by **January 15, 2018** - please visit our [Service Awards](#) page to download the nomination form and see a list of previous winners.



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## Apply for a \$1,000 grant from IGS

Indiana non-profit organizations - including libraries, archives and genealogical or historical groups - are encouraged to apply for one of the Indiana Genealogical Society's **\$1,000** grants to go towards a genealogy-related project.

- Grants will be awarded for restoration of a cemetery or development of a printed or electronic resource.
- You can apply for more than one project, and in more than one category.

- Your application must be received by **December 31, 2017** - please visit our [Grants](#) page to download the application form as well as a list of previous winners/projects.



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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.

### BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's site for free digitized newspapers) has added issues of the *Hope Republican* from 1892 to 1894.

### CLARK COUNTY

--Construction to widen a road near the Stuart-Emery Cemetery in Clarksville has resulted in the [discovery](#) of 17 unidentified burials. The remains were discovered in June and descendants of those buried in the pioneer cemetery are now [battling](#) with town officials over what to do with them.



*Construction to widen a road near Stuart-Emery Cemetery in Clarksville (photo courtesy WDRB).*

--Two employees of the Eastern Hill Cemetery Association in Jeffersonville have been [charged](#) with stealing nearly \$22,000 in cemetery funds. The theft includes some money that was paid for the purchase of plots in the cemetery.

### FLOYD COUNTY

A New Albany resident [discovered](#) a belt buckle from a World War I veteran buried in his backyard. The buckle is believed to belong to Harold Zornman, who died in 1958. No descendants have been found yet.

### HAMILTON COUNTY

In our [June 2017](#) e-mail, we told you about an agreement to return artifacts excavated from the Native American burial ground at Strawtown Park to the Miami tribe after they were mishandled. Now the federal government has [fined](#) the Hamilton County Parks Department some \$6,500 for the violation.

### LAKE COUNTY

A Gary resident has [written](#) a family history chronicling her ancestors' immigration from Mexico to Gary and East Chicago in the early 1900's. The history includes memories that her grandmother jotted down in the family bible.

### TIPPCANOE COUNTY

The life of Lafayette resident Sandford Cox (1811-1877), whose house became a stop on the Underground Railroad, is [recounted](#) in a newspaper article.

### VIGO COUNTY

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#) (the Indiana State Library's site for free digitized newspapers) has added scattered issues of the *Terre Haute Daily Tribune* from 1902-1903 and 1914-1919.

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## New databases for IGS members

We now have **2,072** total databases for members, including 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

- DePauw University, Greencastle - students (1931).
- Franklin College, Franklin - students (1942).
- Valparaiso University, Valparaiso - graduates (1907).

### County Records

- Jackson County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Jay County - Portland High School graduates (1936).
- Lawrence County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Morgan County - Martinsville High School alumni (1900-1913).
- Putnam County - Belle Union High School graduates (1958).
- Shelby County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Sullivan County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.

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

- Wayne County - [Dublin High School graduates \(1875-1917\)](#) - courtesy of Wayne Klusman.
- Wayne County - [Economy High School graduates \(1889-1962\)](#) - courtesy of Wayne Klusman.

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## Legal terms explained: Writ of mandamus

A writ is a legal order issued by a court; mandamus is a Latin phrase meaning "we command". A writ of mandamus is when the court issues an order to a government official commanding them to perform their duty. These writs are considered rare, and are only issued in matters of urgency.



One example is a court commanding a county clerk to issue a marriage license after they have refused to do so, because one of the people is terminally ill. Another example is an appeals court commanding a lower court to enforce a child custody agreement because the other parent intends to flee with the children.

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## Research Tip: Indiana soldiers enrollment lists 1886-1894

In April 1885, the Indiana legislature marked the 20th anniversary of the end of the Civil War by passing a law to enumerate all veterans in Indiana, as well as their widows (even if they had remarried) and any children they had who were under the age of 16. This law was called "An act to enroll the late soldiers, their widows and orphans, of the late armies of the United States, residing in the State of Indiana."

This enumeration of soldiers was to be done by the township assessors in each county in 1886, at the same time they were doing their assessments for property taxes, and then this enumeration process was to be repeated every 4 years after that. These enumerations - known as soldiers enrollment lists - were done in 1886, 1890 and 1894.

Although the law was passed on the anniversary of the Civil War, the enumeration was also to include veterans of the Mexican War and Indian Wars, as well as those who had been soldiers in the militia or other service. Show below is an example of a soldier enumerated for his Mexican War service:

Enrollment of Soldiers, their Widows										311			
No.	NAME IN FULL.	Rank.	Letter of Company.	Number of Regiment.	The State to which Regiment Belonged.	Volunteer.	Regiment.	Militia.	Marine.	IRREGULAR SERVICE.	White.	Colored.	War of
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	Simmons Thos. J. Co.	B	10	Ind	Ind	yes	yes				yes		Rebellion
	Scott M. B. S. R	1	1	Ohio	"						"		Mexican
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A soldier with service in the Mexican War  
(see [full-sized PDF](#)).

The enumeration was to include those in the Army as well as the Navy, and the law specifically mentioned that surgeons and chaplains were also to be included.

The enumerator was to ask for:

- 1) Soldier's name
- 2) Race (white or colored)
- 3) Rank
- 4) Company
- 5) Regiment
- 6) State or federal unit
- 7) Post office address
- 8) Whether injured or diseased while in service

Shown below is an example of the details given of the injuries and diseases received:

Injured while in Service. Give Nature of Injury. State Time and Place.	Contracted Disease while in Service. Give Nature of Disease.
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Gun shot wound of left arm and fore arm	Rheumatism Camp fever & Chronic diarrhoea
Gun shot wound left arm May 14 Resaca Ga Sun stroke at Summit Point W Va	Chronic Catarrh Chronic Diarrhoea Constipation dyspepsia and Piles Chronic Diarrhoea and resulting Piles.
Hernia fell into cellar at Tarnoville Tm. in surrounding town after night	Constipation, Liver Complaint Rheumatism disease of spleen & stomach

The columns for injuries and diseases  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

If the soldier was dead, the enumerator was also to record the soldier's date of death and their

residence at the time of death, as well as the names of their widow (remarried or not) and all children under the age of 16.

The county auditor was to provide blank forms for the township assessors to use. These completed forms were then to be returned to the county clerk, who was to make a duplicate listing that alphabetized the names and arranged them in townships and towns. The county clerk was to return these alphabetized lists to Indiana's Adjutant General, who was to send a copy to the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington, DC to aid them in their evaluation of pension applications.

The 1886 enrollment lists survived for 75 of Indiana's 92 counties. The 17 counties whose enrollment lists did not survive are: Allen, Carroll, Cass, Dearborn, Franklin, Grant, Howard, Lake, Marion, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Steuben, Union, Vigo, Warren and Wayne.

**IGS MEMBERS:** The [County Records](#) section of our Members-Only area has indexes of the 1886 enrollment lists for Harrison, Hendricks, Henry, Howard and Madison counties.

The 1890 enrollment lists survived for 85 of Indiana's 92 counties. The 7 counties whose enrollment lists did not survive are: Adams, Allen, Blackford, Crawford, Dearborn, Madison and Marion.

The 1894 enrollment lists survived for 84 of Indiana's 92 counties. The 8 counties whose enrollment lists did not survive are: Dearborn, Henry, Knox, Madison, Marion, Randolph, Rush and Tippecanoe.

**FREE:** View the [index of Porter County's 1894 enrollment list](#).

NOTE: Dearborn County and Marion County are the only counties where none of the 3 enrollment lists survived.

The 1886, 1890 and 1894 soldiers enrollment lists have been microfilmed. All 89 rolls have been [digitized](#) by FamilySearch but their digital images are restricted - see our [September 2017](#) issue for an explanation and details on where you can view restricted images.

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