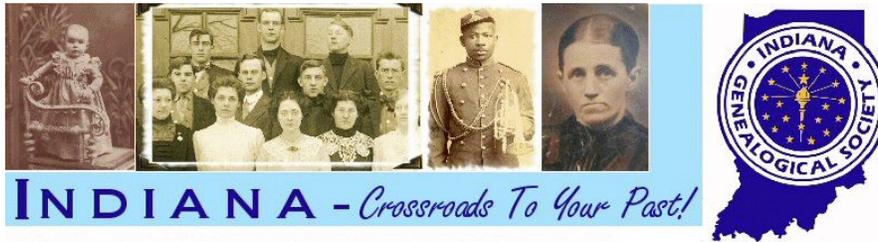


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## Indiana News - December 2017

Welcome to the December 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.

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### UPDATE: FamilySearch to require free registration

In our [November 2017](#) issue, we noted that FamilySearch was now requiring users to register for a free account and be signed in to use their website. According to their [detailed press release](#), this user account would only be required if you were viewing their records collection, not if you were searching their catalog, looking at their digitized books or reading their research Wiki. However, we have subsequently noticed that a user account is also needed when accessing the digitized microfilm in the catalog - even if you are accessing it at a Family History Center or FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

One other change: a notice on their website warns you that beginning February 1st, their website will no longer support Internet Explorer 11 - if that is the web browser you currently use to access the FamilySearch website, you must upgrade to Microsoft Edge, or else use another browser (Chrome, Firefox and Safari are supported).

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### Registration open for IGS conference in southern Indiana

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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## Hoosier State Chronicles adds YouTube channel

[Hoosier State Chronicles](#), the Indiana State Library's free website for digitized newspapers, recently launched their own [channel](#) on YouTube. The channel features videos that give a more in-depth examination of some aspects of Indiana history, such as the history of the Reno Gang and the controversial removal of Senator Jesse Bright from Congress in 1862.



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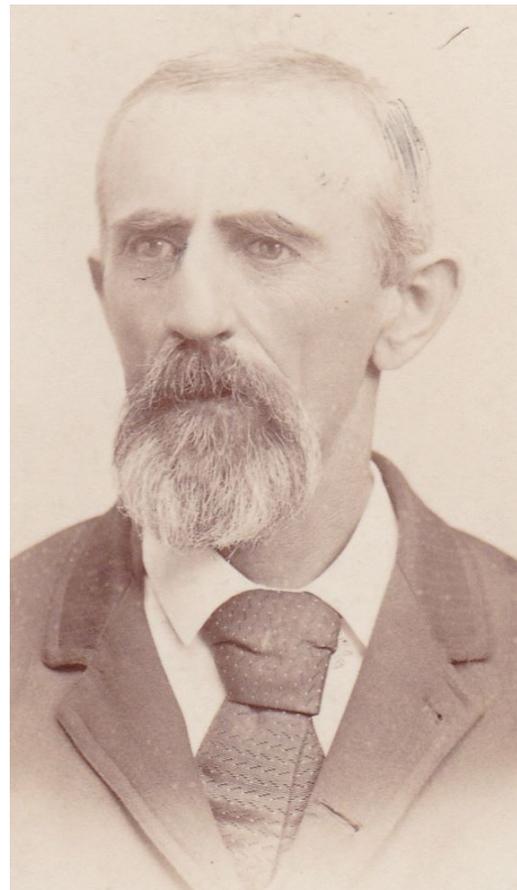
## FOUND: Photo of Vigo County man (1880's-early 1900's)

Shelley Cardiel ([cardiels@comcast.net](mailto:cardiels@comcast.net)) has found this photo, identified as being Jacob Orth. The photo was taken at the Eppert & Son Studio in Terre Haute, Indiana, and appears to have been taken sometime in the 1880's or early 1900's, with Jacob in his 40's or 50's at the time the photo was taken.

Research has found that Jacob Stern Orth was born 1 May 1843 in Warren County, Ohio and died 5 February 1908 in either Indianapolis or Otter Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana. He was buried in the Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute, Indiana. He was the son of Lewis Orth (born 1803 in Baden, Wurtemberg, Germany; died 1877) and Mary Catherine STAMM (born 1819 in Bayern, Germany; died 1880). Jacob had 12 siblings (Mary Elizabeth Orth; Phobe/Phebe Orth; Carloline Orth; William Orth; Jeanette Orth; Lewis M. Orth; Eliza Orth; Peter Orth; Charles Orth; James Abraham Orth; Emma G. Orth; John Orth), who were born between 1840 and 1865.

Jacob Stern Orth married Lucy Ellen WITHAM or WITHERN (born 1845; died 1920) and they had 3 children: Frank Lewis Orth (born August 1873); Frederick Jacob Orth (born July 1876), and Charles Wilbur Orth (born March 1880). The family was enumerated in the 1860 through 1900 censuses in Otter Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana.

If you are a descendant of this family, or know



Jacob Stern Orth  
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

someone who may be, please contact Shelley Cardiel.

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## FOUND: Photo of Muncie infant (1890's)

Shelley Cardiel ([cardiels@comcast.net](mailto:cardiels@comcast.net)) has found this photo, identified as being John McGraw of Muncie, Indiana. The photo was taken at the Bowden Studio in Muncie, and the identification on the back indicates that he was born 10 September 1898 and was age 1 at the time this photo was taken.

Research has found that John J. McGraw was born 10 September 1898/1899 in Delaware County, Indiana and died 7 September 1935 in Rio Grande County, Colorado. He was the son of Joseph McGraw (born 1876) and Inez FARRALL (born 1878).

John J. McGraw married Stella M. FULTZ (born 1902; died 1983) and they had two children: Evelyn Pauline McGraw (born 1925; died 1945) and Andrew Joseph McGraw (born 1928; died 1996).

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



John J. McGraw circa 1899  
(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.

### KNOX COUNTY

The Knox County Public Library in Vincennes has been [awarded](#) a \$34,000 Heritage Support Grant from the Indiana Historical Society to digitize 1,500 pages of county records dating back to the early 1800's. This is the second consecutive year the library has received such a grant - as we reported in our [July 2016](#) issue, last year they received a \$50,000 grant to digitize county court records from 1790 through 1813.

### LAKE COUNTY

The city of Whiting is planning to [renovate](#) a memorial to 4 residents who died in the Vietnam War. The families of the 4 residents - David Brown, Ted Hamel, Michael Kurella and Ronald Soucy - are being sought.

### PORTER COUNTY

The James/Schrock Cemetery in Portage Township was recently [vandalized](#). Several holes were dug near graves, perhaps by metal collectors. The cemetery dates back to 1838 and the Indiana Toll Road was built around it.

### WARRICK COUNTY

The Little Red Brick House in Newburgh was recently [moved](#) a mile away to the Old Lock and Dam Park, where it will be part of a complex of historic buildings. Historic Newburgh estimated the cost to move the building - which dates to the mid-1800's - was \$70,000, which was partially funded by a grant from Indiana Historical Society.



Moving the Little Red Brick House in Newburgh  
(photo courtesy *Courier & Press*).

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## New databases for IGS members

We now have **2,085** 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

- Earlham College, Richmond - graduates (1949).

### County Records

- Decatur County - Westport phone directory (1945).
- Delaware County - Harrison Township common schools graduates (1912) and teachers (1912). NOTE: A common school went up to 8th grade.
- Jefferson County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Johnson County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Lake County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Marion County - divorce cases filed (1927-1928). NOTE: The database now covers 1927-1932.
- Miami County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Montgomery County - Crawfordsville High School graduates (1930).
- Perry County - index to 1860 mortality schedule.
- Vermillion County - Clinton High School graduates (1940) and teachers (1940).
- Vigo County - West Terre Haute High School graduates (1935).

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## Legal terms explained: Receivership

Did your ancestor own a business? You may have seen the term "receivership" in court records relating to a business. If a business is in trouble or filing for bankruptcy, its creditors may file a petition in court asking for the debts to be paid or for the remaining assets to be protected. The court would put the business into "receivership" while the court case was being heard, which would involve appointing a "receiver" - a neutral person to administer the assets. Going into receivership is not the same thing as declaring bankruptcy - a business in receivership can reorganize and be returned to regular ownership.



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## Research Tip: Free websites for digitized newspapers

Newspapers are a great tool for genealogy research - not just for their obituaries but for the information they can reveal in legal notices, court columns, list of delinquent taxpayers, ads for local businesses, etc. Now more and more of these newspapers are being converted to digital images, either from existing microfilm or by scanning the original papers.

Some local libraries and other organizations are digitizing their local newspapers and making them freely available on their own websites. Websites such as [The Online Historical Newspapers Website](#) and [The Ancestor Hunt](#) maintain an updated directory of these local websites.

Many states also have a state "memory" project - a website that acts as a virtual library for various documents that have been digitized. The kind of documents that are included in each state's memory project will vary - photos, high school yearbooks, etc. [Indiana Memory](#), for example, includes some historic maps and atlases. Some of these state memory projects (such as [Ohio Memory Project](#)) do include newspapers. The Library of Congress has a [directory](#) of the state memory projects.

The Library of Congress hosts a free website, [Chronicling America](#), which has a selection of digitized newspapers dating from 1789 through 1949. Some states contribute all their issues to Chronicling America; other states, such as Indiana, contribute some issues to Chronicling

America, but also maintain their own sites. In Indiana's case, their separate site is called [Hoosier State Chronicles](#), which includes numerous issues that are not available on Chronicling America.

As of this writing, there are 42 states (listed below) that have statewide websites specifically for digitized newspapers. There are 8 states that do not have statewide websites online yet: Alabama, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

**ALASKA** - Alaska Historical Newspapers  
[http://library.alaska.gov/hist/newspaper/digital\\_home.html](http://library.alaska.gov/hist/newspaper/digital_home.html)

**ARIZONA** - Arizona Newspaper Project  
[http://apps.azlibrary.gov/anp/newspaper\\_project.aspx](http://apps.azlibrary.gov/anp/newspaper_project.aspx)

**CALIFORNIA** - California Digital Newspaper Collection  
<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>

**COLORADO** - Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection  
<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>

**CONNECTICUT** - Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project  
<http://ctdigitalnewspaperproject.org>

**DELAWARE** - Delaware Digital Newspaper Project  
<https://library.udel.edu/ddnp/home/>

**FLORIDA** - Florida Digital Newspaper Library  
<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/newspapers>

**GEORGIA** - Georgia Historic Newspapers  
<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>

**HAWAII** - Hawaii Digital Newspaper Program  
<http://hdnp.library.manoa.hawaii.edu>

**IDAHO** - Idaho's Digital Newspapers  
<https://history.idaho.gov/digital-newspapers>

**ILLINOIS** - Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections  
<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu>

**INDIANA** - Hoosier State Chronicles  
<https://newspapers.library.in.gov>

**IOWA** - Iowa Digital Newspaper Project  
<https://iowaculture.gov/history/research/collections/newspapers/iowa-digital-newspaper-project>

**KANSAS** - Kansas Digital Newspapers  
<https://www.kshs.org/p/kansas-digital-newspaper-program/16126>

**KENTUCKY** - The Kentucky Edition  
<https://www.uky.edu/Libraries/NDNP/kycollections.html>

**LOUISIANA** - Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project  
<https://www.lib.lsu.edu/collections/digital/dlnp>

**MAINE** - Maine Newspaper Project  
<http://digitalmaine.com/newspapers/>

**MARYLAND** - Historic Maryland Newspapers Project  
<https://www.lib.umd.edu/digital/newspapers/home>

**MICHIGAN** - Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal  
<https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/Michigan-Digital-Newspaper-Portal.aspx>

**MINNESOTA** - Minnesota Digital Newspaper Project

<http://www.mnhs.org/collections/projects/ndnp.php>

**MISSOURI** - Missouri Digital Newspaper Project  
<https://shsmo.org/newspaper/mdnp/>

**MONTANA** - Montana Digital Newspaper Project  
<http://montanane newspapers.org>

**NEVADA** - Nevada Digital Newspaper Project  
<https://nvdp.wordpress.com>

**NEW MEXICO** - New Mexico Digital Newspapers  
<http://econtent.unm.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/dignews>

**NEW YORK** - NYS Historic Newspapers  
<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org>

**NORTH CAROLINA** - North Carolina Newspapers  
<http://www.digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/>

**NORTH DAKOTA** - North Dakota Newspaper Index  
<http://history.nd.gov/archives/whatnewspapers.html>

**OHIO** - Ohio's Digitized Newspapers  
<http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers>

**OKLAHOMA** - Oklahoma Digital Newspapers Program  
<https://gateway.okhistory.org/explore/collections/ODNP/>

**OREGON** - Historic Oregon Newspapers  
<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>

**PENNSYLVANIA** - Pennsylvania Digital Newspaper Project  
<https://libraries.psu.edu/about/departments/preservation-conservation-and-digitization/pa-newspaper-project/Pennsylvania>

**SOUTH CAROLINA** - Historic Newspapers of South Carolina  
<http://historicnewspapers.sc.edu>

**SOUTH DAKOTA** - South Dakota State Historical Society  
<http://history.sd.gov/archives/SDNDNP.aspx>

**TENNESSEE** - Tennessee Newspaper Digitization Project  
<https://www.lib.utk.edu/tndp/>

**TEXAS** - Texas Digital Newspaper Program  
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/>

**UTAH** - Utah Digital Newspapers  
<https://digitalnewspapers.org>

**VERMONT** - Vermont Digital Newspaper Project  
<http://library.uvm.edu/vtnp/>

**VIRGINIA** - Virginia Chronicle  
<https://virginiachronicle.com>

**WASHINGTON STATE** - Washington Digital Newspapers  
<https://newspapers.sos.wa.gov>

**WEST VIRGINIA** - West Virginia Newspapers  
<https://lib.wvu.edu/collections/collection.php?id=48>

**WYOMING** - Wyoming Newspapers  
<http://newspapers.wyo.gov>

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