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## Indiana News - August 2018

Welcome to the August 2018 edition of Indiana News! This e-mail is sent once a month and focuses on news and resources relating to genealogy research in Indiana. You are receiving this e-mail either because you signed up on our website to receive it or because you are a member of the Indiana Genealogical Society.

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### SAVE THE DATE: IGS 2019 conference with DNA expert

Mark your calendars! DNA expert Blaine Bettinger will be the featured speaker at the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual conference on **Saturday, April 13, 2019** at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. Bettinger is author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and "The Genetic Genealogist" blog.



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### March 2018 quarterly available for IGS members

The March 2018 issue of *Indiana Genealogist*, our quarterly journal for members of the Indiana Genealogical Society, is now available for download in the [IGS Records](#) section of our Members-Only area.

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### UPDATE: Canada digitizes World War I records

In our January 2014 e-mail, we told you about a project by Library and Archives Canada to begin

**SIGNAL TRAINING DEPOT**  
**ATTESTATION PAPER.** No. 226889. Original.  
Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.  
(ANSWERS)

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname? COOK
- 1a. What are your Christian names? PAUL RHEI
- 1b. What is your present address? Liberty Mills, Ind. U.S.A.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born? Liberty Mills, Ind. U.S.A.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs. Alice Cook (Mother)
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Liberty Mills, Ind. U.S.A.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Mother
5. What is the date of your birth? Aug 11 1887
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Telegraph operator
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? No
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force? Yes
13. Have you ever been discharged from any Branch of His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? No
14. If so, what was the nature of the disability? No
15. Have you ever offered to serve in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? No
16. If so, what was the reason? No

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Paul Rhei Cook, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should no longer require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date 16th June 1917. Paul Rhei Cook (Signature of Recruit)  
J. J. [unclear] (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Paul Rhei Cook, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date 16th June 1917. Paul Rhei Cook (Signature of Recruit)  
J. J. [unclear] (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration set forth: the oath before me, at Liberty Mills, Ind. this 16th day of June 1917.

J. J. [unclear] (Signature of Justice)

M. P. 25. N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

digitizing their collection of Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) service records. The significance of the CEF was that many Americans also enlisted in it, spurred by their English, Scottish or Irish roots and the opportunity to participate in the Allied war effort before the United States became officially involved in April 1917.

If you have access to a subscription for Ancestry.com, you'll note that they have a database, [Canada, WWI CEF Attestation Papers, 1914-1918](#), which is an index of enrollments in the CEF - called "attestations". Ancestry.com's index shows 245 Canadian Expeditionary Force soldiers who listed Indiana as their residence at the time of enlistment; now that Library and Archives Canada has finished digitizing the enrollment papers, you can [view](#) them yourself for free.

NOTE: When you click on a search result in the Library and Archives Canada's database, it will show only a thumbnail image of the attestation paper. To view the entire service record file for that soldier, be sure to click on the link "digitized service file - PDF format" that's next to the thumbnail image.

Like the World War I draft registration cards that were used in the United States, the CEF enrollment paper contains some biographical information as well as physical details. In the example shown here, Paul Rhei Cook is a telegraph operator in Liberty

Mills, Indiana, born 11 August 1887, and names his mother Alice as his next of kin. On the back of this page (not shown), it describes him as being 5 foot 7 1/2 inches tall, having blue eyes and dark brown hair, and belonging to the United Brethren Church.

Cook's service record file is a 48-page PDF that includes many more details, including that he was treated for a gunshot wound to the nose, was hospitalized twice for tonsillitis and even describes what teeth he was missing and/or had fillings for when he was discharged in 1919.

## IGS adds 30 free databases from scanning kits

We recently added 30 free databases that were contributed by recipients of our [Indiana Genealogy Digitization Project](#) - a project to give portable scanning kits worth \$500 to qualified non-profit groups in Indiana. In recognition of this project, the Federation of Genealogical Societies presented the Indiana Genealogical Society with its Outstanding Society Technical Award at its recent conference in Fort Wayne.

NOTE: This project is ongoing - applications for the scanning kits are still being accepted.

### JASPER COUNTY:

**contributed by General Van Rensselaer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution:**

- Directory of students in Rensselaer schools (1878)
- Directory of teachers in Rensselaer Central schools (1969)
- Graduates of Fair Oaks High School, Union Township (1921)
- Graduates of Fair Oaks High School, Union Township (1929)
- Graduates of Fair Oaks High School, Union Township (1938)
- Graduates of Fair Oaks High School, Union Township (1941)
- Graduates of Fair Oaks High School, Union Township (1962)
- Graduates of Fair Oaks High School, Union Township (1965)
- Graduates of Rensselaer Central High School (1990)
- History of Brusnahan family (1935)
- History of First Presbyterian Church, Rensselaer (1847-1937)
- History of First Presbyterian Church, Rensselaer (1847-1947)
- Students at Fair Oaks Public School, Union Township (1914)

**contributed by Jasper County Historical Society:**

- Charter members of Jasper County Historical Society (1966)
- Graduates of Rose Bud School, Union Township (1911)
- Graduates of Rose Bud School, Union Township (1915)
- Graduates of Rose Bud School, Union Township (1916)
- Graduates of Rose Bud School, Union Township (1917)

- Graduates of Rose Bud School, Union Township (1920)
- History of Jasper, Benton and Newton counties (1929)
- History of Methodist churches
- History of Welsh Cemetery
- Members of Grand Army of the Republic in Rensselaer (1904)
- Selected members of St. Augustine's Church, Rensselaer (1897)
- Students & teachers of Rensselaer Graded School (1888)
- Students & teachers of Rensselaer Graded School (1890)

#### LAKE COUNTY:

##### **contributed by Whiting-Robertsdale Historical Society:**

- Standard Oil Company Hospital, Whiting - register of patients admitted (1935-1945)
- Standard Oil Company Refinery, Whiting - selected employees (1931)
- Voters of Whiting (1946)
- Weddings mentioned in Whiting newspapers (1894-1946)

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## Volunteers sought for IGS Treasurer

The Indiana Genealogical Society is now seeking volunteers for the position of treasurer, with current treasurer Meredith Thompson's resignation to take effect on December 31st. Many of the responsibilities of this position can be done online - the society has a subscription to the online version of QuickBooks software, and deposits can be made online either through a smartphone app or by using a check scanner. The treasurer is expected to attend the board's quarterly meetings.

If you are interested in this position, or would like more information, please contact IGS President Rhonda Stoffer - [president.indgensoc@gmail.com](mailto:president.indgensoc@gmail.com)

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## County Roundup

Here are some genealogy-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:**

The remains of a Navy sailor from Fort Wayne who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor have finally been [identified](#) and returned to his family. Arthur Glenn was among those killed on the USS Oklahoma on December 7, 1941 - it was his 43rd birthday.



#### **DELAWARE COUNTY:**

- Construction crews working on a bridge in Albany [discovered](#) a list of men who had worked on the bridge when it was built in 1939. The list was encased in one of the bridge's pillars.
- The Delaware County Historical Society recently received a \$10,000 [grant](#) to help inventory its collections. The group is based in Muncie.

#### **FRANKLIN COUNTY:**

A Batesville newspaper has an [article](#) about the history of Franklin County's various photographers.

#### **JENNINGS COUNTY:**

A military dog tag belonging to a missing Korean War soldier from Vernon was recently [found](#) and returned to his family. Charles H. McDaniel was a Master Sergeant in the Army when he went missing in 1950.

#### **SHELBY COUNTY:**

Several tombstones at the Davis-Bennett Cemetery in Morristown were recently [vandalized](#) (see photo above). The cemetery dates back to the early 1800's and among the graves that were vandalized were a Revolutionary War veteran and his wife. Four juveniles were [arrested](#) in connection with the vandalism.

#### **ST. JOSEPH COUNTY:**

The Michiana Jewish Historical Society recently [received](#) a \$21,000 grant from the Indiana Historical Society to improve access to its archives. The group is based in South Bend.

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## IGS adds 15 new databases for members

We now have **2,197** 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:

- Central Normal College - graduates (1938).

### County Records:

- Bartholomew County - tax list (1843)
- Dearborn County - Aurora High School graduates (1938); teachers in Aurora schools (1938).
- Franklin County - commercial licenses issued (1813-1819); court orders issued (1812-1817).
- Harrison County - residents who found stray animals (1817-1837).
- Madison County - Anderson High School graduates (1924).
- Morgan County - Eminence High School graduates (1958).
- Porter County - Valparaiso High School students (1917).
- Putnam County - Belle Union High School graduates (1954).
- St. Joseph County - German Township schools graduates (1897).
- Switzerland County - tax list (1843).
- Tippecanoe County - tax list (1848).
- Vigo County - tax list (1828).
- Whitley County - tax list (1841).

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## Legal terms explained: Curtilage

In our July 2018 e-mail, we explained *messuage*, which is a term used in old deed records - it's the buyer's right to the dwelling house and any other outbuildings associated with it. A related term used in old deed records is *curtilage* - it's the buyer's right to the land that immediately surrounds the dwelling house. Curtilage has also been recognized in court decisions as being an area that is protected by the 4th Amendment from unreasonable searches and seizures.



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## RESEARCH TIP: Enumerations of Indiana's schoolchildren



Name of parents or guardians	Name of Children	Males	Females	Age	Name of parents or guardians	Name of Children	Males	Females	Age
Edward Hobson	George	1	1	15	Steve	Cartter	Edward	1	12
Erros	C	1	1	11		Elizabeth		1	10
Catharine Berry		1	1	12		Axie		1	7
Mary Ann Berry		1	1	11		Vesse		1	5
Wm Berry		1	1	9	Clidiah	Morgan	Thomas	1	18
Sorothy H Berry		1	1	7		Ephia		1	16
Volah Berry		1	1	5		Joseph		1	14

In 1832, Indiana passed its first law calling for the annual enumerations of children who were of school age (defined as being between the ages of 5 and 21). Trustees for each Congressional Township were to make a note of how many children each resident had, grouping the children as being: 1) under age 5; 2) between age 5 and 14 and 3) between age 14 and 21.

The earliest enumerations did not have to include the child's name or age, although some enumerators did so anyway. Another law passed in 1852 established common schools (which were for grades 1 through 8) and that the trustees of each civil township would be responsible for an annual enumeration of children between the ages of 7 and 17, grouped as being: 1) between age 7 and 12 and 2) between age 12 and 17.

Indiana did not make attending school mandatory until 1897, when it passed a law making it compulsory for children between the ages of 8 and 14 to attend school. To help enforce this law, the annual enumerations were to include more details about the children, including their date of birth and place of birth, as well as a signature from their parent or guardian affirming their children's status.

### WHERE TO FIND THE RECORDS:

- County Auditor's office - The township trustee was to send the completed enumeration to them.
- Indiana State Archives or Indiana State Library - Back when there were was a superintendent of

schools for each county (before school corporations were formed), they may have sent their enumerations to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The records of that office are found at the State Archives and/or the State Library.

- Libraries and other local repositories - The enumeration of a Congressional Township in 1845 Guilford Township, Hendricks County (pictured above) is in the collection of the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library.
- [Internet Archive](#) - Among the books they have digitized so far is a transcription of the 1916 enumeration for [Spice Valley Township, Lawrence County](#)

**FOR INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS:** The [County Records](#) section of the Members-Only area includes schoolchildren enumerations for: Adams County (1853), Benton County (1853), Porter County (1919 and 1924) and Wells County (1844 and 1849).

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