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Welcome to the November 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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Registration open for IGS 2019 conference with DNA expert

Registration is now open for the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual [conference](#), to be held on **Saturday, April 13, 2019** in the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. Blaine Bettinger, author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and "The Genetic Genealogist" blog, will be the featured speaker.



Bettinger will present sessions on:

- The Danger of Distant Matches
- Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries
- Are You Doing Everything To Identify Your DNA Matches?
- Phasing and Mapping Your DNA

There will also be sessions on:

- Evaluating Published Genealogies (John Beatty)
- German Resources in the Genealogy Center (John Beatty)
- Getting to Know the Genealogy Center's Free Databases (Allison DePrey Singleton)
- The 1940 Census and Preparing for the 1950 Census (Allison DePrey Singleton)

Attention, Indiana library employees: LEU credits are being applied for - the details for these sessions will be updated when LEU credits have been approved.

Pre-registration is \$40 for Indiana Genealogical Society members, \$50 for non-members.

December 2018 newsletter available for IGS members

The December 2018 issue of *IGS Newsletter*, our bi-monthly newsletter for members of the Indiana Genealogical Society, is now available for download in the [IGS Records](#) section of our Members-Only area.

IGS offers \$1,000 grants

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. These grants can help defray the cost of a genealogy-related project.

Grants are available in the categories of 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.

Applications must be received by **December 31, 2018** - please visit our [Grants](#) page for more information, including the application form.

Educational scholarship for Indiana library employees

If you work at an Indiana library that helps answer genealogy questions, you may be eligible for an educational scholarship from the Indiana Genealogical Society. The scholarship includes:

- **\$500 cash for the library employee**, to be used towards the expenses of attending a major genealogy conference, seminar or class.
- **\$500 cash** for the library itself, 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 Fort Wayne on April 13, 2019 (a **\$50 value**).
- A one-time annual membership in the Indiana Genealogical Society (a **\$30 value**).

The deadline to apply for the educational scholarship is **December 31, 2018** - please visit the [Library Staff Educational Scholarship](#) page for more information, including the application form.

Honor a genealogist with a \$500 IGS Service Award

Indiana is full of people who deserve public recognition for the great work they are doing in the field of genealogy. Help the Indiana Genealogical Society honor these great people by nominating them for one of our \$500 service awards - they do not have to be members of the Indiana Genealogical Society.

- Honorees will be recognized during the annual meeting portion of the Indiana Genealogical Society's conference, which will be held at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne on Saturday, April 13, 2019.
- Honorees will be presented with \$500 cash.

Nominations must be received by **January 15, 2019** - please visit our [Service Awards](#) page for more information, including the nomination form.

34 Hendricks County probate packets digitized

Thanks to volunteers, 34 more packets of Hendricks County probate records have been digitized and placed online in our free [database](#). The 34 files that were added span from 1844 through 1883:

Adair, John D. (& Lavena A. Claypool) (1866) - guardianship of minors
Adams, Franklin P. (1882) - estate
Adams, Hiram F., Caleb F. & Solomon T. (1864) - guardianship of minors
Adams, Melinda Elinor, Sarah Jane, Francis Newton, John Allen, Margaret Elizabeth, Bellsena, James Milton, Letha Hester & Mary Emily (1867) - guardianship of minors
Adams, Thaddeus S. (1881) - appointment as commissioner
Aldred, William (1881) - estate
Alexander, Mary E., Susan, Henry J. & Sarah (1864) - guardianship of minors
Alexander, William (1881) - estate
Ayers, James, Sr. (1870) - estate
Ayers, Lydia (1881) - estate

Ayers, William (1877) - estate
Ayers, William (1878) - estate
Bonnifield, Susan (1859) - estate
Borders, James (1875) - estate
Boswell, William (1875) - estate
Bowsher, Lewis D. (1879) - guardianship of a minor
Boyd, Dudley (1859) - estate
Boyd, Dudley E. (1860) - guardianship of a minor
Boyd, John (1840) - estate
Boyd, Phebe (1857) - estate
Brackett, Jacob (1867) - guardianship of a minor
Bradshaw, Charles W. (1885) - estate
Bradshaw, James A. (1874) - guardianship of a minor
Brady, Drusilla (1882) - estate
Brady, Merrill (1859) - estate
Brady, Sarah, Lucy E. & Carrie B. (1883) - guardianship of minors
Bramell, Thomas (1882) - estate
Bray, Edward W. (1874) - estate
Bray, Elizabeth J. (1881) - estate
Bray, Thomas S. (1878) - estate
Brewer, Daniel (1881) - estate
Bunton, George (1844) - estate
Bunton, Nancy, Amanda, Aramantha, George M. & James J. (1849) - guardianship of minors
Bunton, William (1856) - estate

If you live in central Indiana and would like to help with this project, please contact volunteer coordinator Darlene Anderson (e-mail mdagenealogy@gmail.com)

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.

ADAMS COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized some yearbooks from Central School in Decatur, dating from 1921 until 1931. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

ALLEN COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized some yearbooks from Arcola High School, dating from 1951 through 1956. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

HOWARD COUNTY:

The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library and the Howard County Historical Society are working together to [digitize](#) more than 2,300 Civil War documents, photos and other artifacts from the area. The digitizing project is the result of an \$11,000 grant from the Indiana State Library.

JACKSON COUNTY:

Harry Beaty of Vallonia recently [received](#) a First Family award from the Jackson County History Center. The award honors his pioneer ancestor Abraham Miller, who settled in the county before Indiana became a state.

MADISON COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized some yearbooks from Madison Heights High School in Anderson, dating from 1959 through 1977. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

MORGAN COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized some yearbooks from Martinsville High School, dating from 1940 through 1955. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

PARKE COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized some annual catalogs of the Friends' Bloomingdale Academy, dating from 1882 through 1913. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

IGS adds 20 new databases for members

We now have **2,247** total databases for members, including at least 10 databases for each of the 92 counties in Indiana.

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

College Records:

- Indiana University, Bloomington - directories of faculty and students (1937).
- Manchester College, North Manchester - graduates (1923).
- Oakland City College, Gibson County - graduates (1934).
- University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame - directories of faculty and students (1939).

County Records:

- Carroll County - index to 1870 mortality schedule.
- Dearborn County - Aurora High School graduates (1940); teachers in Aurora schools (1940).
- Hendricks County - index to birth records (1907-1908).
- Marshall County - Bremen business directory (1952).
- Posey County - Poseyville phone directory (1951).
- Pulaski County - Pulaski Public School students (1906).
- Shelby County - students & teachers at Shelbyville High School (1924).
- Spencer County - index to 1870 mortality schedule.
- Starke County - index to 1870 mortality schedule.
- Tippecanoe County - students & teachers at West Lafayette High School (1923).
- Wells County - index to 1870 mortality schedule.

Legal terms explained: Putative

If something is described in a court case as putative, it means assumed, alleged or thought to exist. In the matter of a child's paternity, a putative father is someone who was not married to the mother at the time of birth.



RESEARCH TIP: Indiana's Defective, Dependent and Delinquent census (1880)

NAME	Residence when at home. (See Note A.)		Age in 1880 (See Note B.)	Form of blindness. (See Note C.)	Supposed cause of blindness. (If known.)
	City or Town	County (If in prison, state or other place.)			
Widdell James D.	Clinton Mass	Champaign	48		Kick from a horse
Bonger Elizabeth	Wabasha	Champaign	30	Paralysis	Paralysis
Stephens William	Wabasha	Champaign	27	Prostration	Prostration

In the 1800's, at the same time they did the population census, the federal government also took some supplemental censuses. Some of these supplemental schedules - the mortality schedules, for example - are well-known to genealogy researchers. But the 1880 Defective,

Dependent and Delinquent Classes schedule (often abbreviated as DDD) is not as well-known or utilized.

The 1880 DDD schedule recorded information on 7 "classes" of people they named as:

- 1) Insane
- 2) Idiots
- 3) Deaf-Mutes
- 4) Blind
- 5) Homeless Children
- 6) Inhabitants in Prison
- 7) Paupers and Indigent Inhabitants in Institutions, Poor-Houses or Asylums, or Boarded at Public Expense in Private Houses

These schedules aimed to collect detailed information on people whose qualifying condition may have only been marked in the 1880 population census by a checked box or inclusion in an enumeration of a particular institution. As the instructions to the enumerator said, "The object of this supplemental schedule is to furnish material not only for a complete enumeration [...] but for an account of their condition."

On the **Insane** section of the schedule, questions included:

- If they were currently an inmate in an institution, were they paying?
- What form of disease did they have?

- The duration of their present "attack" (not including previous attacks)?
- The age at which their first attack occurred.
- Are they required to be kept under lock and key, or in restraints such as a strait-jacket?

On the **Idiots** section of the schedule, questions included:

- Age at which their idiocy occurred?
- The supposed cause of their idiocy?
- The size of their head (large, small or natural)?
- Have they been an inmate of a training school for idiots? If so, list the name of the school, the length of their stay and the date they were discharged.

On the **Deaf-Mutes** section of the schedule, questions included:

- Age at which their deafness occurred?
- The supposed cause of their deafness?
- Are they semi-mute or semi-deaf?
- Have they been an inmate of an institution for deaf-mutes? If so, name the institution, the length of their stay and the date they were discharged.

On the **Blind** section of the schedule, questions included:

- Are they self-supporting or partly so?
- Form of blindness?
- The supposed cause of their blindness?
- Are they totally blind or semi-blind?
- Have they been an inmate of an institution for the blind? If so, name the institution, the length of their stay and the date they were discharged.

On the **Homeless Children** section of the schedule, questions included:

- Is their father or mother deceased?
- Have they been abandoned by their parents?
- Did their parents surrender control of them to an institution?
- Were they born in an institution?
- When were they admitted to the institution?
- Are they illegitimate?
- Have they been separated from a mother who is living?
- Have their parents ever been arrested? On what charge? Convicted or sentenced?
- Was the origin of the child "respectable"?
- Were they rescued from "criminal surroundings"?

On the **Inhabitants in Prison** section, questions included:

- Place of imprisonment
- Are they a federal, state or city prisoner?
- Are they awaiting trial? Serving a term of imprisonment? Serving out a fine? Awaiting execution (death)? Sentenced to some higher prison, awaiting removal? Being held as a witness?
- Imprisoned for debt?
- Imprisoned for insanity?
- Date of their incarceration?
- What was their alleged offense?
- Amount of fine imposed?
- Number of days in jail or work-house?
- Number of years in penitentiary?
- At hard labor? Working inside or outside the prison walls? Is their labor being contracted out?

On the **Paupers and Indigent Inhabitants** section, questions included:

- Are they being supported at the cost to the city, town, county, state or the institution itself?
- Are they able-bodied?
- Are they habitually intemperate?
- Are they epileptic?
- Have they ever been convicted of a crime?
- If disabled, list their form of disability?
- Were they born in this institution?
- Date of admission to the institution?
- Do they have family members also in the institution? If so, how many of each relation (sons, daughters, etc.)?

If you have access to a subscription for Ancestry.com, you may be aware of their database, [U.S. Federal Census - 1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes](#). It includes an index and digital images for 21 states. Unfortunately, Indiana is not one of these 21 states. Indiana's 1880 DDD census is on 6 rolls of microfilm, which are only available at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne and the Indiana State Archives in Indianapolis.

FOR INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS: The [County Records](#) section of our Members-Only area has indexes of the 1880 DDD census for all 92 counties.

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