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Welcome to the December 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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IGS conference in Fort Wayne with DNA expert

Registration is 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.

June 2018 quarterly available for IGS members

The June 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.

IGS welcomes new treasurer

At its November 3 meeting, the Indiana Genealogical Society's board of directors appointed Susan Heider of Zionsville as treasurer.

UPDATE: Indiana's World War I records

In our [June 2018](#) e-mail, we told you about separate projects by the Indiana State Archives and FamilySearch to index Indiana's collection of World War I enrollment cards. FamilySearch has now begun to put their index [online](#), with 134,000 entries so far. FamilySearch's index can be freely accessed, but their digital images of these enrollment cards are [restricted](#) - you must be at a computer in a Family History Center or FamilySearch Affiliate Library in order to view them.

72 Hendricks County probate packets digitized

Thanks to volunteers, 72 more packets of Hendricks County probate records have been digitized and placed online in our free [database](#). The 72 files that were added span from 1834 through 1887:

Baber, Mary Melissa (1853) – guardianship of a minor
Bacon, Emma (1874) – estate
Bailey, Amos M. & Thomas J. (1872) – guardianship of minors
Bailey, Tilford (1871) – estate
Bales, Eleazer (1887) – estate
Bales, John (1885) – estate
Bales, John, Sr. (1852) – estate
Bales, Ruth M. (1850) – estate
Bales, Samirah (1879) – estate
Bales, Susannah & Mary Jane (1870) – guardianship of minors
Bales, Tarlton (1878) - estate
Ballard, Emma; Jones, George T., Lily, Samuel & Charles; Morris, Oliver P. (1882) – guardianship of minors
Ballard, Louisa A. (1878) – guardianship of a minor
Barker, Charles (1882) – guardianship of a minor
Barker, Martin R. (1852) – estate
Barker, Samuel (1873) – estate
Barnett, Elnora (1869) – guardianship of a minor
Baron, Nathaniel S. (1882) – estate
Beard, Elizabeth (1873) – estate
Beason, Jemima (1834) – guardianship of a minor
Beeson, Christena Elizabeth & Jehu Alva (1868) – guardianship of minors
Bell, Moses (1882) – estate
Benbow, Wyatt H., Letitia A., Wilson Charles & Laura J. (1868) – guardianship of minors
Bendler, Joseph (1881) - estate
Bennefiel, Isaac O., John Chesley, Eliza E. & Lewella (1870) – guardianship of minors
Bennett, Ann (1882) -estate
Bereman, Rhoda E. (1885) – estate
Berreman, Allen (1878) – estate
Black, Charles W. & Mary Virginia (1853) – guardianship of minors
Black, William (1835) – guardianship of a minor
Blair, Abner, Jr. (1856) – estate
Blair, Joseph F. (1871) – guardianship of a minor
Blake, John (1857) – estate
Bland, Americus V. (1875) – estate
Blanton, John (1873) – estate
Blanton, Mary Elizabeth & Christopher (1874) – guardianship of minors
Blanton, William H. (1882) – estate
Blunk, Malissa A. (1876) – guardianship of a minor
Blunk, Sena (1877) – estate

Boatright, Ambrose, Mary, William, Daniel & Benjamin (1840) – guardianship of minors
Bonifield, Mary J., Alice J. & Luther F. (1873) – guardianship of minors
Brill, William (1873) - estate
Brittain, Harmon (1875) – estate
Broadstreet, Thomas, Sr. (1885) – estate
Bronaugh, William N., Jacintha, Martha Ann, Sarah Jane, Lucy, Thomas, Maria & Ford Tinsley (1838) – guardianship of minors
Brooks, Rebecca (1880) – estate
Brown, Brasleton (1872) – estate
Brown, Carrie E. & Laura P. (1869) – guardianship of minors
Brown, Daniel (1847) – estate
Brown, Jacob (1880) – estate
Brown, John W. (1894) – guardianship of unsound mind
Brown, Martha (1882) – guardianship of a minor
Brown, Milton (1881) - estate
Brown, Preston (1881) - estate
Brown, Susan (1883) - estate
Bryan, George M. (1846) - estate
Bryant, Asbury B. (1881) - estate
Bryant, Bardna Ann, Thomas David & Nancy Elizabeth (1870) - guardianship of minors
Bryant, Florence E. & Carl T. (1876) - guardianship of minors
Bryant, Nancy (1886) - estate
Bryant, Sarah (1887) - estate
Buchanan, Eli (1852) - estate
Buchanan, John A. (1879) - estate
Buchanan, Reuben M. (1872) - estate
Buchanan, Reuben M., Cora A., Samuel M. & Fremont T. (1876) - guardianship of minors
Budd, Harriett A., David D. & Daniel F. (1865) - guardianship of minors
Burcham, McCarty (1876) – guardianship of unsound mind
Burden, Daniel (1874) – estate
Burnett, Isaac (1878) – estate
Butler, Joshua (1859) – guardianship of a minor

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.

DUBOIS COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently added digital images of an [1896 history and souvenir of Dubois County](#) to their [website](#).

HAMILTON COUNTY:

A woman who was born in a Noblesville hospital more than 40 years ago recently [learned the identity](#) of her biological mother, thanks to Indiana's unsealing of its adoption records from 1941 through 1994.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently added digital images of a [1949-1950 public schools directory of Huntington County](#) to their [website](#).

JOHNSON COUNTY:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars' post in Whiteland recently raised money to [purchase a tombstone](#) for World War II veteran Bill Tuley, who died in 2002. His grave at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood had been unmarked for 16 years.

MARION COUNTY:

--Two history professors at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis recently received a [\\$150,000 grant](#) from the National Endowment for the Humanities to expand their smartphone app and website about Indiana history. The app and website, called "[Discover Indiana](#)," features facts and virtual tours of historical sites all over Indiana.

--The remains of Marvin E. Dickson, an Indianapolis soldier who died in Germany in 1944, have finally been [identified](#) thanks to DNA analysis.

--Workers remodeling a house in Indianapolis recently came across a [bottle of beer](#) made by the Home Brewing Co. - which went out of business in the 1920's thanks to Prohibition.

PERRY COUNTY:

A 65-year-old Tell City man recently [learned the identity](#) of his biological mother, thanks to Indiana's unsealing of its adoption records from 1941 through 1994. The state's Department of Health is reporting they now have a [5-month backlog](#) of requests for adoption records.

RUSH COUNTY:

Hopewell Cemetery in Richland was recently the victim of [vandalism](#), including a fire that was intentionally set. One family that has relatives buried in the cemetery is offering a reward for information.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY:

An 1841 map of Lafayette that was discovered in a pawn shop last year turned out to have been mistakenly [removed](#) from an area library.

IGS adds 16 new databases for members

We now have **2,263** 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:

- Central Normal College, Danville - autographs of students (1883).
- DePauw University, Greencastle - graduates (1957).
- Indiana Institute of Technology, Fort Wayne - directory of alumni of Indiana Technical College (1955). NOTE: Indiana Technical College later changed its name to Indiana Institute of Technology.
- University of Evansville, Evansville - directories of students & faculty at Evansville College (1955). NOTE: Evansville College later changed its name to University of Evansville.

County Records:

- Elkhart County - Griner School students (1904). NOTE: Griner School was District #5 in Middlebury Township.
 - Huntington County - Huntington High School graduates & teachers (1954).
 - Jay County - plat book (1949).
 - Kosciusko County - plat book (1963).
 - Tipton County - Windfall High School students & teachers (1922).
 - Union County - Short High School teachers (1954); students grades 1-12 in Short schools (1954).
 - Wayne County - Hagerstown High School students & teachers (1949).
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Legal terms explained: Dr

If you see the notation "Dr" in court records, don't assume it is an abbreviation for "doctor". In the 1800's, "Dr" was more likely to be used as an abbreviation for "debtor" - someone who owed money. This was especially common in foreclosure and bankruptcy cases.



RESEARCH TIP: Indiana's prisons

In 1822, Indiana opened its first state prison, in Jeffersonville (Clark County). Known as the Indiana State Prison, it accepted prisoners from all over the state.

In 1860, due to growing population, the state opened a second state prison, in Michigan City (LaPorte County). At that point, the Jeffersonville location became known as Indiana State Prison South, and would only accept prisoners from the counties in the southern half of the state, while the Michigan City location became known as Indiana State Prison North, and would only accept prisoners from the counties in the northern half of the state.

When the Jeffersonville location first opened, it housed both male and female prisoners. In 1873, the state opened a separate prison for women in Indianapolis (Marion County). It still exists today.

In 1897, the Jeffersonville location changed from being a state prison to a reformatory for male offenders ages 16 to 30. Prisoners who were over the age of 30 were transferred to the Michigan City

location. At that point, Michigan City changed its name to the Indiana State Prison. It still exists today.

In 1915, the state opened the Indiana State Farm in Putnamville (Putnam County) as a minimum security work camp for men who had been convicted of a misdemeanor. In 1977, the Putnamville location was changed to medium security for males who had been convicted of a felony and its name was changed to the Putnamville Correctional Facility. It still exists today.

In 1867, the House of Refuge for Juvenile Offenders opened in Plainfield (Hendricks County). In 1883, its name was changed to the Indiana Reform School for Boys, and in 1903 to the Indiana Boys' School. The Indiana Boys' School closed in 2005. The Plainfield location is now known as the Heritage Trails Correctional Facility.

In 1873, the state opened a Reform School for Girls, as part of the Women's Prison. In 1899, its name was changed to the Indiana Industrial School for Girls and in 1907, its name was changed to the Indiana Girls' School and it moved to its own location, in Clermont (Marion County). The Indiana Girls' School closed in 2009.

WHERE ARE THE RECORDS?

The Indiana State Archives' [Digital Archives](#) has databases for:

- Jeffersonville 1822-1897 (aka Indiana State Prison South)
- Michigan City 1860-1897 (aka Indiana State Prison North)
- Michigan City 1897-1966 (aka Indiana State Prison).
- Indiana Women's Prison 1873-1969.
- Indiana State Farm 1915-??
- Indiana State Reformatory 1897-1923.
- Indiana Girls' School 1873-1935.
- Indiana Boys' School 1867-1937.

FOR INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS: The [Statewide Records](#) section of our Members-Only area has indexes about various prisoners.

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