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Welcome to the February 2019 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)

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.

FOUND: Photo of Madison County man (1900's)

Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net) has found this photo, identified as being Frank BOYD. It was taken at the Emerson Studio in Alexandria, Madison County, Indiana sometime in the early 1900's, with Frank appearing to be in his 30's at the time.

Research has found that Frank T. Boyd (born 11 December 1904 in Leechburg, Pennsylvania; died 29 June 1997 in Louisville, Kentucky) was the son of Charles Beunaire Boyd (1876-1943) and Anna Louise Theobald (1876-1912) and he married Sarah Gertrude Porch (1906-1983).

The Boyd and Theobald families were both from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area and were consistently found there in the censuses and city directories from 1900 through 1940. However, Frank's parents appear to have been living in Alexandria, Indiana for a few years around 1900 - Frank's older sister Emma Augusta Boyd died 11 March 1901 in Alexandria at age 2; his other sister Magdalena Florence Boyd was born 10 November 1901 in Madison County.

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



Frank T. Boyd
(see [full-sized PDF](#))

71 Hendricks County probate packets digitized

Thanks to volunteers, 71 more packets of Hendricks County probate records have been digitized and placed online in our free [database](#). The 71 files that were added span from 1830 through 1897:

Compton, Nancy H. (1876) – estate
Compton, Rachel (1830) - guardianship of a minor
Conaroe, Catherine (1885) – estate
Conaroe, Charles W. (1881) - guardianship of a minor
Condiff, Lewis J. (1845) - estate
Conover, John D. (1881) – estate
Cook, Edith R., John B., Edward J. & Charles N. (1884) - guardianship of minors
Cook, Henderson (1884) - estate
Cook, Isaac M. (1883) – estate
Cook, Joshua M. (1897) – estate
Cook, Nathan (1879) – guardianship of an unsound mind
DeWitt, Joseph, John Henry & Herman M.M. (1873) - guardianship of minors
Dickinson, John (1879) – estate
Dixon, Elihu (1879) – estate
Doan, Clarkson (1866) – estate
Doan, Dayton M. (1873) – guardianship of a minor
Doan, Laura Ann & Ruth E. (1880) - guardianship of minors
Dodd, Marion (1880) – estate
Dodson, Benjamin R. (1880) - estate
Dodson, Nora (1883) - guardianship of a minor
Douglas, Isaac (1856) – estate
Dow, Andrew Edward (1865) - guardianship of a minor
Downard, Jonathan K. (1846) - guardianship of a minor
Downs, Mary (1851) – estate
Fonville, Lewis (1876) – estate
Foote, Samuel P. (1873) – estate
Ford, James S. (1842) - guardianship of a minor
Ford, John (1874) - estate
Forgey, Idella Jane & Rachel Ellen (1861) - guardianship of minors
Foster, Leonard (1848) - estate
Foust/Fouste, James W. (1886) – estate
Fox, David (1838) – estate
Fox, Eli (1876) – guardianship of an unsound mind
Fox, Eli (1877) – estate
Foxworthy, William H. (1881) – estate
Fraizer, Robert (1880) – estate
Frakes, John (1843) - estate
Franke, Dedrich (1875) - estate
Franklin, Joseph (1877) – estate
Franklin, Lewis C. (1863) – estate

Franklin, Martha Ann (1866) – guardianship of a minor
Franklin, Martha Ann (1876) – estate
Frazee, Daniel D. (1875) - estate
Garrison, Abijah D. (1838) – estate
Garrison, Josiah (1897) - estate
Garrison, Mary Ann, Phoebe, Elizabeth E. & Hainey A. (1857) - guardianship of minors
Garrison, William (1845) – estate
Gaskill, Kate S. (1885) - estate
Gates, Edward E. (1853) – estate
Gatson, Elmer E. & Charles (1879) - guardianship of minors
Gatson, Thomas (1879) – estate
Gentry, Alva (1887) - guardianship of a minor
Gentry, John (1884) – estate
Gibbs, George A. (1887) - estate
Gibbs, Joseph T. (1886) – estate
Gibbs, Tabitha (1859) – estate
Gibbs, Thomas (1859) - estate
Gibson, Isaac T. & Mariah Owen (1847) - guardianship of minors
Gibson, William (1838) – estate
Gilbert, Amos (1896) – estate
Gilbert, Henry (1852) – estate
Gilleland, Mary Ellen, John Henry, Norah Bell & William Thomas S. (1868) - guardianship of minors
Gilleland, Thomas (1836) - estate
Gilliland, Joseph (1842) – guardianship of a minor
Glover, George (1867) – guardianship of a minor
Glover, James 1886) – guardianship of an unsound mind
Glover, William (1838) – estate
Glover, William H. (1896) - estate
Goings, Henry, Hardin, David, Nancy, Mary, Eliza & William (1850) – heirs of estate
Gordon, James W. (1842) - guardianship of a minor
Gorham, Thornton F. (1853) – estate
Goss, Eddie A. (1879) - guardianship of a minor
Gossett, Samuel (1886) – estate

If you live in central Indiana and would like to help with this project, please contact project coordinator Ron Darrah (e-mail rdarrah@att.net)

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 Allen County Public Library recently digitized yearbooks for South Side High School, Fort Wayne for [1925 1937](#) and [1973](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

DEKALB COUNTY:

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a [1967 yearbook](#) of Waterloo High School. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a [1941 yearbook](#) of Garrett High School. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

ELKHART COUNTY:

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized yearbooks for Nappanee High School for [1948](#) and [1950](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized yearbooks for Elkhart High School for [1928](#) and [1930](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a [1952 yearbook](#) for Goshen High School. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

LAPORTE COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a [1976 yearbook](#) of LaLumiere School in LaPorte. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

MARION COUNTY:

The remains of Edward J. Sheldon of Indianapolis, who was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, were recently [identified](#) thanks to DNA analysis.

MORGAN COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized yearbooks for Martinsville High School for [1923](#) [1943](#) [1945](#) and [1946](#) . The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

OWEN COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a [1953 yearbook](#) of Gosport High School. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

STEBEN COUNTY:

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a [1928 yearbook](#) of Angola High School. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a [1956 yearbook](#) of Tri-State College, Angola. The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

TIPPECANOE COUNTY:

A Lafayette newspaper has an [article](#) about the history of the Ford School, whose building stood from 1869 until 1953.

WAYNE COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized yearbooks for Richmond High School for [1952](#) and [1953](#) . The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

IGS adds 9 new databases for members

We now have **2,288** 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:

- Wabash College, Crawfordsville - graduates (1913).

County Records:

- Clinton County - plat book (1967).
 - Jennings County - North Vernon business directory (1968).
 - LaGrange County - plat book (1966).
 - Morgan County - Mooresville High School students & teachers (1947).
 - Parke County - Rockville phone directory (1951).
 - Shelby County - Shelbyville High School alumni (1918-1923).
 - Vigo County - directory of members of Masonic lodges in Terre Haute (1936).
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Legal terms explained: Contra

Contra is a Latin term meaning "against" or "the opposite of". A court case might use the term contra when describing an illegal activity - for example, in the case of someone charged with selling alcohol to a minor, it could describe the defendant as acting "contra" to a specific law or statute.



RESEARCH TIP: World War II draft registration cards

Genealogy researchers know the valuable information that can be found on draft registration cards from World War I - personal details as well as employment. What is not as well known is that draft registration cards were also recorded before and during World War II.

On September 16, 1940, the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 was signed into federal law. It called for all men between

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)			ORDER NUMBER
599	John noble Patterson			1930
2. ADDRESS (Print)				
RR No 2 Brownsburg Hendricks Indiana				
3. TELEPHONE				
4. AGE IN YEARS		5. PLACE OF BIRTH		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
29		Hendricks		U.S.A.
DATE OF BIRTH				
Aug 9 1917 Indiana				
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS				
Mrs Ethel Patterson mother				
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON				
RR No 2 Brownsburg Hendricks Indiana				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME				
Self				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS				
RR No 2 Brownsburg Hendricks Indiana				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD				
D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 10-17105 10-17105-1				
John Noble Patterson (Registrant's signature)				

the ages of 21 and 36 to register for the military draft.

After the United States formally entered World War II, this law was amended on December 20, 1941 to say that all men between the ages of 20 and 44 were eligible to be drafted, and all those between the ages of 18 and 64 had to register. The law was further amended on November 13, 1942 to say that men ages 18 and 19 were also eligible to be drafted.

As a result of these laws, a series of registrations were held. On

these dates, men were to report to the draft board in their area to be registered:

1st registration – held October 16, 1940 for men between the ages of 21 and 36 (see example of a [1940 draft card](#)).

2nd registration – held July 1, 1941, for men who'd turned 21 since the 1st registration.

3rd registration – held February 16, 1942 for men ages 20-21 and 35-44.

4th registration – held April 27, 1942 for men between the ages of 45 and 64 (born between April 28, 1877 and February 16, 1897). Known as the "Old Man's Draft", it was geared towards enumerating those who had skills to support the military effort.

5th registration – held June 30, 1942 for men ages 18-20.

6th registration – held December 1942 for men who'd turned 18 since the 5th registration.

7th registration – held November & December 1943 for men ages 18-44 who were living abroad.

The draft registration cards from the "Old Man's Draft" that was held in 1942 have long been available online:

FREE:

--FamilySearch - "United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942" [includes index and digital images] - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1861144>

SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED:

--Ancestry.com - "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942" [includes index and digital images] - <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1002>

Earlier this month, Ancestry and Fold3 began adding draft cards from some of the other registrations besides 1942. Both sites require a subscription to access:

--Ancestry.com - "U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947" [index only] - <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2238>

--Fold3.com - "WWII Draft Registration Cards" [includes index and digital images] - <https://www.fold3.com/title/816/wwii-draft-registration-cards>

This database only covers a handful of states so far, but Indiana (with over 895,000 entries) is among them.

If you don't have access to Ancestry or Fold3, you can still contact the National Archives-St. Louis and order a copy of your ancestor's draft registration card (<https://www.archives.gov/st-louis/selective-service#wwii>). You must supply them with your ancestor's name, date of birth and their street address at the time they registered.

