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Welcome to the March 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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Pre-registration closing for IGS conference in Fort Wayne

Pre-registration will close on **Tuesday, April 9, 2019** for the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual [conference](#). After that, registrations will only be accepted at the door on the day of the conference, at a cost of \$50 per person (whether they are an Indiana Genealogical Society member or not).

The conference will 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 have been approved for these sessions.

Job Opening: IGS website manager

Do you have experience designing websites or using WordPress? The Indiana Genealogical Society is looking for a website manager to take over by June 30. For more information, please contact IGS President Rhonda Stoffer (president.indgensoc@gmail.com).

Midwestern Roots 2019 conference in Indianapolis

Registration is open for the Indiana Historical Society's [Midwestern Roots 2019 Conference](#), which is July 19-20, 2019 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. Several pre-conference activities will be held on July 18, including workshops at the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Society.

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 1836 through 1888:

Coleman, Benjamin (1882) – estate
Cooper, Edmund (1837) - estate
Cooper, Imla R. (1880) – estate
Cooper, Manerva; McCormack, Albert G., Alfred G., Joseph, Mary J., Nancy Jane, Vincent Lee & William Riley (1837) - guardianship of minors
Corliss, Thomas (1879) – estate
Courtney, Dayton (1880) – estate
Courtney, Margaret (1879) – estate
Courtney, Minerva & Martha (1848) - guardianship of minors
Courtney, Thomas D. (1878) – estate
Cowley, William (1877) – estate
Cox, Andrew, Louisa & Jonathan (1853) - guardianship of minors
Cox, Harmon (1880) – estate
Cox, Sarah Elizabeth, Sylvester, Ida May & Charley (1873) - guardianship of minors
Cox, William P., John B., Basil M., Wesley L., Mary & Susannah (1838) - guardianship of minors
Craddick, Samuel R. (1882) – estate
Crawford, English (1844) - estate
Crawford, Hugh C. (1841) - estate
Crawford, Mary (1846) – estate
Crone, David (1885) - estate
Curtis, Martha Maria; Rushton, Nancy, Amanda, John B. & Reuben (1868) – guardianship of minors
Cutshall, James W. (1886) – estate
Dale, Washington (1884) – estate
Darnall, Lewis W. (1880) – guardianship of a minor
Darnall, Maria (1836) - guardianship of a minor
Darraugh, John (1849) – estate
Darraugh, Thomas (1849) – estate
Davidson, Carrie E., Marietta, Orpha E. & Archibald F. (1886) - guardianship of minors
Davidson, James (1882) – estate
Davidson, Minnie, Jennie V., William T. & Victor W. (1881) - guardianship of minors
Davidson, Robert (1843) - estate
Davidson, Silas (1886) – estate
Davis, Francis M. (1887) - estate
Davis, George B. & Benjamin (1888) - guardianship of minors
Davis, James (1878) – estate
Davis, John W. (1873) - estate
Davis, Mary (1880) – estate
Davis, Nathan (1850) – estate
Davis, Sarah Frances (1866) - guardianship of a minor
Davison, James T. (1880) – estate
Day, Elizabeth (1887) – estate
Faucett/Fawcett, Joseph W. (1876) – estate
Faight, Ann Jane (1875) – estate
Fought, George (1861) - estate

Faught, John F. (1875) – estate
Faught, John H. (1876) - estate
Faulkner, Cornelius (1839) - guardianship of a minor
Faulkner, Jesse (1870) - estate
Fausset, Jennette Annie (1887) - guardianship of a minor
Faussett/Faucett, Isaac (1878) – estate
Faussett, Ada A. & Harry W. Williams (1880) - guardianship of minors
Ferguson, Eliza & Allen (1871) - guardianship of minors
Figg, Gabriel M. (1883) – estate
Fisher, William (1879) – estate
Fitzsimmons, Thomas (1840) – estate
Flathers, Edward (1847) – estate
Flathers, Isaac (1844) – estate
Flathers, Mary (1863) – estate
Fleece, Carrie & Effie May (1884) - guardianship of minors
Fleece, Clinton B. (1884) – estate
Fleece, William H. (1882) – assignment
Fletcher, Ellen M. & Alvah (1865) - guardianship of minors
Goudy, Hugh (1849) – estate
Gowin, Elizabeth, John & Robert M. (1856) - guardianship of minors
Graham, Mary Jane, Sarah Elizabeth & Klydia M. (1847) - guardianship of minors
Gray, James H., Samuel C., Alexander, Isaac & Mary (1849) - guardianship of minors
Gray, Malachi (1879) – estate
Green, Henry Taylor, John Richard & John Ellis (1863) - guardianship of minors
Green, Hiram (1877) – estate
Green, John (1838) – estate
Green, John A. (1852) – estate
Green, Mary (1879) – estate
Green, Sarah (1873) – 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)

April 2019 newsletter available for IGS members

The April 2019 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.

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 a [1962 yearbook](#) of Monroeville High School. The digital images can be freely accessed at Internet Archive.

DAVISS COUNTY:

The [Daviss County Historical Society & Museum](#) in Washington is preparing to [debut](#) its new Research Room. The new space provides an archival-quality home for its collection and is the result of grants from the Indiana Historical Society and the Daviess County Community Foundation.

DELAWARE COUNTY:

An [article](#) describes the history of the buildings at the intersection of Jackson Street and Tillotson Avenue in Muncie.

MARION COUNTY:

An [article](#) describes the early history of Indianapolis, including the first free African-American woman to settle there in the 1820's.

MORGAN COUNTY:

An [article](#) describes a record-keeping error that was recently discovered at Mooresville Cemetery, which led to the discovery that the same burial plot had been sold twice. The remains of Cecil Lundy had to be re-buried after the error.

PERRY COUNTY:

The remains of Clifford M. Mills of Troy, who was reported missing in action in Germany in 1944, were recently [identified](#) thanks to DNA analysis.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY:

Construction workers at the Columbian Park Zoo in Lafayette recently [discovered](#) a time capsule had been buried there. Members of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association helped [open](#) the time capsule and are preserving the documents found inside, including an old newspaper.

VIGO COUNTY:

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized yearbooks for West Vigo High School in West Terre Haute for [1963](#), [1964](#), [1965](#) and [1966](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

--The Allen County Public Library recently digitized yearbooks for Indiana State University, Terre Haute for [1929](#) and [1932](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

WAYNE COUNTY:

An [article](#) recounts the county's public execution of Henry Chryst in 1816, who was convicted of killing his son-in-law.

IGS adds 14 new databases for members

We now have **2,302** 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 & students (1915).

County Records:

- Benton County - Grand Army of the Republic members in Boswell (1881) and Oxford (1901).
- Clark County - stray livestock reported by residents (1813-1832).
- Dubois County - Grand Army of the Republic members in Huntingburg (1882).
- Perry County - livestock marks recorded by residents (1814-1874)
- Posey County - Mount Vernon phone directory (1951).
- Scott County - graduates of common schools (1918). NOTE: A common school went up to 8th grade.
- St. Joseph County - directory of rural residents (1941).
- Tipton County - alumni of Windfall High School (1901-1921).
- Warren County - livestock marks recorded by residents (1827-1831).
- Whitley County - directory of members of Masonic lodges in Columbia City (1918).

Military Records:

- State Soldiers' Home, Lafayette - selected burials of veterans (1896-1996).
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Legal terms explained: warranty deed

If you look at land records, you may notice a deed sometimes being described as being a "warranty deed", or it may begin with the seller saying they "convey and warrant" the land to the buyer.

Just like with warranties of other things you buy, this means that the seller is guaranteeing to the buyer that their title to the land is clear - none of what they are selling is actually owned by someone else. And if there turns out to be a problem with the title, the buyer can hold the seller liable.



RESEARCH TIP: Normal schools in Indiana

Did your ancestor attend a "normal" school? If so, they weren't alone. A normal school was actually a college that trained people to be teachers, with an emphasis on pedagogy – the science of learning. Normal schools were a worldwide phenomenon, but the first normal school that opened in the United States was in Vermont in 1823.

A normal school could be publicly-supported (the normal school in Terre Haute - today known as

Indiana State University - received annual support from the legislature) or a private college (such as the normal school in Muncie - today known as Ball State University).

Several towns in the United States are named Normal because they were the home of a normal school at one time. Among them are Normal, Illinois - today the home of Illinois State University.

Indiana had numerous normal schools in the 1800's and early 1900's - here are a few of them:

DELAWARE COUNTY:

Eastern Indiana Normal School – founded in 1899 in Muncie.

Other names: Muncie Normal Institute; Indiana State Normal School – Eastern Division; Ball State Teachers College.

Today known as: Ball State University.

DUBOIS COUNTY:

St. Benedict Normal School – founded in 1914 in Ferdinand. Existed until 1970.

Other names: St. Benedict College.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY:

Indiana Normal College – founded in 1885 in Covington. Existed until at least 1896.

FRANKLIN COUNTY:

St. Francis Normal School – founded in 1870 in Oldenburg.

Today known as: Marian College.

FULTON COUNTY:

Rochester Normal University – founded in 1895 in Rochester. Existed until 1912.

GRANT COUNTY:

Marion Normal College – founded in 1880 in Marion.

Other names: Marion College.

Today known as: Indiana Wesleyan University.

HENDRICKS COUNTY:

Central Normal College – founded in 1878 in Danville. Existed until 1945.

LAWRENCE COUNTY:

Southern Indiana Normal College – founded in 1880 in Mitchell. Existed until 1900.

MADISON COUNTY:

Anderson Normal University – founded in 1896 in Anderson. Existed until 1914.

MARION COUNTY:

Indianapolis Normal School – founded in 1867 in Indianapolis. Existed until at least 1922.

PORTER COUNTY:

Northern Indiana Normal School – founded in 1873 in Valparaiso.

Today known as: Valparaiso University.

STEUBEN COUNTY:

Tri-State Normal School – founded in 1884 in Angola.

Other names: Tri-State College.

Today known as: Trine University.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY:

Indiana Normal University – founded in 1890 in Evansville. Closed between 1894 and 1900.

VIGO COUNTY:

Indiana State Normal School – founded in 1865 in Terre Haute.

Other names: Indiana State Teachers College.

Today known as: Indiana State University.



