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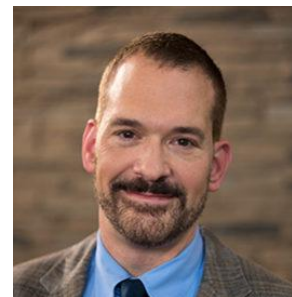
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SAVE THE DATE: IGS 2020 conference in Terre Haute

Mark your calendars! The Indiana Genealogical Society's 2020 conference will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2020** at the Vigo County Historical Museum in Terre Haute. Dr. Michael D. Lacopo will be the featured speaker.



June 2019 newsletter available for IGS members

The June 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.

Midwestern Roots 2019 conference in Indianapolis

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

IGS digitizes 68 more Hendricks County probate packets

Thanks to volunteers, 68 more packets of Hendricks County probate records have been digitized and placed online in our free [database](#). The 68 files that were added span from 1835 through 1897:

Hardwick, Rhoda (1875) - estate
Harlan, Enoch (1840) – estate
Harlan, Stephen (1859) - estate
Harlow, John (1878) – estate
Harner, William M. (1839) - estate
Harris, Joshua (1873) – estate
Harrison, Jasper (1875) – estate
Harrison, Iva E., Oscar W., Ady B. & William (1874) - guardianship of minors
Harrison, John W., Sylvina E., Margaret S. & William A. (1875) – guardianship of minors
Harrison, Thomas (1846) – estate
Harper, Frances (1868) – guardianship of a minor
Harrod, John (1883) – estate
Harvey, Amos (1875) – estate
Harvey, Elwood (1859) - estate
Harvey, James H., Mary E. & George A. (1876) – guardianship of minors
Harvey, Robert (1871) – estate
Harsh, Stephen C. (1879) - estate
Hawkins, James W. (1889) – estate
Hawkins, Jehu (1887) – estate
Haynes, Eugene & Asa (1876) - guardianship of minors
Haworth, Emma J. & James S. (1869) - guardianship of minors
Haworth/Hayworth, William (1849) – estate
Hayworth, Melissa (1886) – estate
Hazelrigg, William H. or F. (1844) – estate
Heaven/Heavin, Sarah Jane (1859) – estate
Hedge, William (1835) – estate
Helton, Jeremiah (1896) – estate
Helton, Joseph (1879) – estate
Helton, Nancy & George J. (1866) - guardianship of minors
Helton/Hylton, Nancy R., Allen J. & Hannah S. (1878) - guardianship of minors
Henderson, Thomas (1839) – estate
Hendricks, Jesse (1874) – estate
Hendrickson, Matilda F., James, Samuel, Joshua & Ruama (1870) - guardianship of minors
Henley, Jesse M. (1876) – estate
Henley, Martha (1881) – estate
Henry, James W. & McCrosky, Mary E. (1852) - guardianship of minors
Henson, Henry, Alice & William (1877) - guardianship of minors
Hiatt, Jacob (1840) – guardianship of a minor
Hicks, Anna Laura & John Carlos (1872) - guardianship of minors
Higgins, Hellen (1874) – estate
Higgins, Samuel (1854) – estate
Higgins, William A. (1862) – estate
Hill, Abram C. (1879) – estate
Hill, Charles (1880) – guardianship of a minor
Hill, Rowland H. (1881) - guardianship of a minor
Hill, Samuel (1897) – estate
Hiller, Francis M. (1877) - guardianship of a minor
Hitt, Samuel (1856) – estate
Hoadley, Asa T. (1857) – estate
Hockett, Adaline & Addison (1859) – guardianship of minors
Hockett, Catharine (1881) - estate
Hockett, Enoch C. (1879) – guardianship of an unsound mind
Hockett, Eunice J. (1882) - estate
Hockett, Jesse C. (1884) – estate
Hockett, Jesse M. (1851) - estate
Hockett, Moses (1859) - estate
Hockett, Nancy (1880) – estate
Hodge, Alexander (1854) – estate
Hodson, Albert N. (1885) – estate
Hodson, Benjamin W. (1853) – estate
Hodson, Eli (1867) - estate
Hodson, Eli W. (1874) – estate
Hodson, Elizabeth J. (1886) – guardianship of an unsound mind
Hodson, Elwood J. (1866) - guardianship of a minor

Hodson, Jesse (1837) – estate

Hodson, Jesse W. (1878) – estate

Hodson, Mahala Emaline, Henry Dillon, John Nelson & Walter Oliver (1863) - guardianship of minors

Hodson, Rachel W., Josiah W., Jesse W. & George W. (1854) - guardianship of minors

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 an Allen County farm plat book for [1949](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

--The Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana will hold a seminar on Saturday, October 26 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. Judy G. Russell (of The Legal Genealogist blog) will be the featured speaker. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.acgsi.org/event.php>

CASS COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a Cass County plat book for [1950](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

HAMILTON COUNTY:

Westfield residents Michael and Nicole Kobrowski and J. and Jodi Becker have formed [Indiana Cemetery Works](#) to preserve and maintain area cemeteries. They recently [shared](#) some do's and don'ts for cleaning tombstones.

HANCOCK COUNTY:

Greenfield resident and Vietnam veteran Rick Brown is helping to [restore](#) the military markers of all 1,600 Vietnam veterans who are buried in Indiana.

JOHNSON COUNTY:

Members of the Benjamin Harrison Camp No. 356, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recently [cleaned](#) tombstones at the Greenwood Cemetery.

LAGRANGE COUNTY:

Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange was recently [vandalized](#), with metal insignias from the Daughters of the American Revolution having been ripped out from the tombstones.

MARION COUNTY:

To help celebrate the city of Indianapolis' bicentennial in 2020, the Indiana Historical Society is [seeking](#) historical resources from individuals and organizations. These resources will be digitized and placed online for free.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized a history of New Ross for [1829-1967](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

PULASKI COUNTY:

Among the structures that were recently [named](#) to Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered Places for 2019 is the Pulaski County Courthouse in Winamac, which was built in 1895. County officials want to tear it down and build a parking lot.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized an Evansville phone directory for [1949](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

Legal terms explained: Grantee & Grantor

In land and property records, you will often see the terms "grantee" and "grantor". A grantee is the person (or people) who are buying the land; a grantor is the person (or people) who are selling the land. Thus a grantee index is an index of buyers; a grantor index is an index of sellers.

NOTE: If the land has been seized by county government because the owner hasn't paid the property taxes on it, the name of the grantor (seller) will actually be the county sheriff, because they are selling the land on the county's behalf.



RESEARCH TIP: Soldiers' homes in Indiana (state & federal)

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MILITARY HISTORY.									
Date and Place of Birth	Rank	Company and Regiment	Theater and Period of Service	Cause of Discharge	Kind and Degree of Disability	When and Where Contracted			
Aug. 2, 1841	Co. 8	7th Inf.	Aug. 15, 1861	End of term	End of term	War of Sec.			
Nov. 26, 1861	Co. 4	7th Inf.	Nov. 1861	End of term	End of term	War of Sec.			

DOMESTIC HISTORY.										
WEDDED	WIFE	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	OCCUPATION	Residence Previous to Marriage	Married or Single	Place of Birth of Spouse
Married	1859	5-9	5-9	Fair	Blue	Gray	Farmer	St. Albans, Vt.	Married	St. Albans, Vt.

HOME HISTORY.									
Date of Death	Date of Admission to Institution	Condition of Admission	Event of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Date of Death	Cause of Death			
1877	1877	Discharged	1877	Discharged	1877	Discharged			

Money \$ 1.00
 Pension Money \$ 0.00
 Personal, Appraisal of \$ 100.00 sold for \$
 Total \$
 How Disposed of Proceeds of Service & Pension, under
 Act of March 3, 1877 (2d) (3d) (4th) (5th) (6th) (7th) (8th) (9th) (10th) (11th) (12th) (13th) (14th) (15th) (16th) (17th) (18th) (19th) (20th) (21st) (22nd) (23rd) (24th) (25th) (26th) (27th) (28th) (29th) (30th) (31st) (32nd) (33rd) (34th) (35th) (36th) (37th) (38th) (39th) (40th) (41st) (42nd) (43rd) (44th) (45th) (46th) (47th) (48th) (49th) (50th) (51st) (52nd) (53rd) (54th) (55th) (56th) (57th) (58th) (59th) (60th) (61st) (62nd) (63rd) (64th) (65th) (66th) (67th) (68th) (69th) (70th) (71st) (72nd) (73rd) (74th) (75th) (76th) (77th) (78th) (79th) (80th) (81st) (82nd) (83rd) (84th) (85th) (86th) (87th) (88th) (89th) (90th) (91st) (92nd) (93rd) (94th) (95th) (96th) (97th) (98th) (99th) (100th)

At the end of the Civil War, government on both the state and federal level attempted to care for the large number of veterans who had lasting injuries.

In March 1865, Congress passed a law establishing a system of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. The first branch of these national homes was built in Maine in 1866. Between 1866 and 1930, 12 more homes were built in rural areas across the country, including in Marion, Grant County, Indiana in 1890 [see [example](#) of a veteran's record from the Marion branch].

When Congress passed a law in 1930 creating the Veterans Administration, all of these national homes then became part of the VA system.

National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers were built in:

- Togus, Maine (opened 1866) - known as the Eastern branch.
- Dayton, Ohio (opened 1867) - known as the Central branch.
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin (opened 1867) - known as the Northwestern branch.
- Hampton, Virginia (opened 1870) - known as the Southern branch.
- Leavenworth, Kansas (opened 1885) - known as the Western branch.
- Santa Monica, California (opened 1888) - known as the Pacific branch.
- Marion, Indiana (opened 1890) - known as the Marion branch.
- Roseburg, Oregon (opened 1894) - known as the Roseburg branch.
- Danville, Illinois (opened 1898) - known as the Danville branch.
- Johnson City, Tennessee (opened 1903) - known as the Mountain branch.
- Hot Springs, South Dakota (opened 1907) - known as the Battle Mountain Sanitarium.
- Bath, New York (opened 1929) - known as the Bath branch.
- St. Petersburg, Florida (opened 1930) - known as the St. Petersburg Home.

Veterans did not have to be a resident of the state in order to apply to live at that branch, but often they would apply to the branches that were in their vicinity. So veterans who lived in Indiana may have applied to the branches in Marion, Indiana, as well as Dayton, Ohio and Danville, Illinois.

At the same time the federal government was building national homes, state governments were building their own state homes to deal with the demand. Unlike the federal homes, the state homes did require the veteran to be a resident of that state to apply.

It took Indiana two attempts to establish a lasting state soldiers' home. The first attempt was in March 1867, when the Indiana General Assembly passed a law appropriating \$25,000 to create a home for "sick and disabled Indiana soldiers and seamen and their orphans and widows." The Indiana Soldiers and Seamen's Home was built in Knightstown, Rush County, Indiana but did not last very long - after part of it burned in 1872, the veterans and widows who had been staying there were moved to the Dayton, Ohio branch of national homes.

It took Indiana 20 years to make its second attempt to have a state soldiers' home. In February 1895, the Indiana General Assembly passed a law appropriating \$75,000 to build the Indiana State Soldiers' Home in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County. It opened in 1896, and still exists to this day, under the name Indiana Veterans' Home.

WHERE TO FIND THE FEDERAL RECORDS:

--The National Archives has the records of the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. Some of these records have been microfilmed. Digital images from the microfilm are available online at:

- FamilySearch - United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938

(<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1916230>). [FREE]

- Ancestry.com - U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938

(<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1200>). [SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED]

--The National Archives' Chicago branch has the records of the National Homes branches in Danville, Illinois and Marion, Indiana. They have compiled finding aids to the case files they have for Danville, Illinois 1918-1932 (<https://www.archives.gov/chicago/finding-aids/veterans-danville.html>) and Marion, Indiana 1890-1930 (<https://www.archives.gov/chicago/finding-aids/veterans-marion.html>).

WHERE TO FIND THE STATE RECORDS:

--The Indiana State Archives has the records of the Indiana State Soldiers' Home in Lafayette. Their [Indiana Digital Archives](#) site includes an index of the veterans which covers 1896-1964.

FOR INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS: The [Military Records](#) section of our Members-Only area has several indexes about veterans at the Indiana State Soldiers' Home.

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