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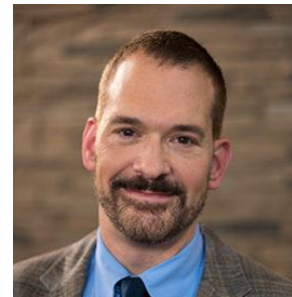
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SAVE THE DATE: IGS 2020 conference in Terre Haute

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.



Indiana State Archives to test Saturday hours

The [Indiana State Archives](#) in Indianapolis will be open on **Saturday, July 27** from 10 am to 4 pm, as part of a test to see the level of interest in them being regularly open on Saturdays. If you can't get to the State Archives during their normal schedule (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm), this is your chance. Pre-registration is suggested, particularly so that staff can pull records ahead of time - please [contact](#) the State Archives.

IGS digitizes 42 more Hendricks County probate packets

Thanks to volunteers, 42 more packets of Hendricks County probate records have been digitized and

placed online in our free [database](#). The 42 files that were added span from 1825 through 1898:

Hodson, Joseph (1855) – estate
Hodson, Josiah (1853) – estate
Hoerner, Jacob (1883) – estate
Hoerner, Lydia A. (1884) – estate
Hogate, Charles F. (1874) – estate
Holcomb, Aubrey W. (1878) – guardianship of a minor
Hollingsworth, Hannah T. (1882) – estate
Hollingsworth, Mary (1847) – estate
Homan, Aaron (1879) – estate
Hooker, William (1856) - estate
Hooten, Thomas (1879) – estate
Hopper, Levi (1854) - estate
Hopwood, Moses (1869) – estate
Hornaday, Anna (1883) – guardianship of a minor
Hornaday, Edwin H., Enos C., Edom M. & Elizabeth (1855) - guardianship of minors
Hornaday, John E. (1883) - estate
Hornaday, Samantha J., William A., Sarah A. & Louisa F. (1866) – guardianship of minors
Hornaday, Simon (1880) - estate
Horne, Henry (1895) – estate
Howe, Franklin Edward (1874) – guardianship of a minor
Howe, Samuel (1871) – estate
Howell, Thomas (1875) – estate
Huddleston, Hiram (1880) – estate
Huddleston, Oliver (1846) – estate
Hufford, David J. (1898) – estate
Hufford, Joel (1881) – estate
Hulsizer, John (1875) – guardianship of an unsound mind
Hults, Abigail (1829) – estate
Hunt, Albert M. (1856) – estate
Hunt, Amiel (1870) – estate
Hunt, Charles F., Emery & Jessie R. (1871) – guardianship of minors
Hunt, Charles T. (1886) – estate
Hunt, Chase (1882) – guardianship of a minor
Hunt, Eleazer (1847) – estate
Hunt, Ira, Rachel, William, David, Beulah & Joshua (1850) - guardianship of minors
Hunt, Ithamer (1851) – estate
Hussey, Thomas (1858) – estate
Irons, John (1864) – estate
Irons, Thomas (1864) – 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 has added a database of Monroe Township school records [1923-1925](#) to its [website](#).

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized the Columbus North High School yearbooks for [1937](#) and [1943](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

DEKALB COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized the Garrett High School yearbook for [1923](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

HOWARD COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized the Greentown High School yearbooks for [1920](#) and [1922](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

HUNTINGTON COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library recently digitized the Roanoke High School yearbook for [1962](#). The digital images can be freely accessed at [Internet Archive](#).

JOHNSON COUNTY:

The children of Larry and Pauline Pinnick recently [discovered](#) that their parents had been buried in the wrong plots at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Greenwood.

MADISON COUNTY:

Recent tornadoes have [damaged](#) the Huntsville Cemetery in Fall Creek, and volunteers are trying to clean up the debris and reset the toppled headstones.

MIAMI COUNTY:

A Miami County group, Miami County Worth Remembering, is [documenting](#) the gravesites of all the World War I veterans in the county. They have compiled a [list](#) of over 1,500 known veterans, and are hoping to get gravestone markers for the more than 400 of those without markers.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

The remains of Marvin Dickson of Indianapolis, who died in Germany in 1944 at the age of 19, were recently [identified](#) thanks to DNA analysis. He will be [buried](#) in Shannondale Cemetery.

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

The Allen County Public Library has added an index to the obituaries in a Carlisle newspaper [1926-1950](#) to its [website](#).

Legal terms explained: Easement

In land and property records, you may see a reference to there being an "easement" on a property. An easement is when a landowner gives someone else the right to use a limited part of the property, such as when a utility company places a power pole or water or sewer line or when a neighbor has to cross the property in order to access their own property.



RESEARCH TIP: Indiana School for the Blind

Indiana's 1816 constitution called for the Indiana legislature to provide support for institutions for the deaf and blind (Article IX, Section 1). But it wasn't until 1847 that the legislature created the Indiana Institution for the Education of the Blind. Its purpose was to provide training for Indiana residents between the ages of 8 and 21, with an eye towards increasing their "intelligence, usefulness and happiness" (according to their 1848 annual report).

The institution had 25 students its first year. Tuition was free, thanks to annual funding from the state government, but students had to supply their own clothing and pay for their own travel expenses, including each summer when the institution closed and students returned home.

In 1891 the legislature passed a law requiring township assessors to compile a list of blind residents at the same time they were assessing property taxes, with this list to be passed on to the institution's superintendent as a way of finding students who were eligible for the school.

In 1907 the name of the institution was changed to the Indiana School for the Blind. Today the institution is known as the [Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired \(ISBVI\)](#).

WHERE TO FIND THE SCHOOL'S RECORDS:

The [Indiana State Archives](#) has the records of the Indiana School for the Blind from 1847 through 1947.

FOR INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS: The [Statewide Records](#) section of our Members-Only area has several indexes about students at the Indiana School for the Blind.

