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SAVE THE DATE: IGS 2022 Conference - Now Virtual!

IGS Conference 2022:

The next IGS Conference will be held Saturday, April 2, 2022 and will now be virtual. Our main speaker will be David Lambert, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). David Lambert has been on the staff of American Ancestors and NEHGS since 1993. David is an internationally recognized speaker on the topics of genealogy and history. His genealogical expertise includes New England and Atlantic Canadian records of the 17th through 21st century; military records; DNA research; and Native American and African American genealogical research in New England. Lambert has published many articles in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, the *New Hampshire Genealogical Record*, *Rhode Island Roots*, *The Mayflower Descendant*, and *American Ancestors Magazine*. He has also published *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries* (NEHGS, 2009). David is an elected Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Mass., and a life member of the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati.



His four talks will focus on New England research:

1. **Great Migration Immigrants to New England 1620-40** – This lecture is intended to explore the primary and published resources for Great Migration immigrants to New England 1620-40. David will discuss the existing primary source and immigration records both in England as well as New England. This lecture is focused on *Mayflower* passengers through later settlers into Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts Bay Colony, and settlement in other New England states in the 17th century.

2. **Using New England Probate Records** – Probate records can be a powerful resource for genealogists and researchers. These papers document legal decisions that explain how an individual's estate is distributed to heirs, dependents, and creditors. Probate records often reveal details of an ancestor's personal life. In this lecture, learn how to get the most out of probate records with a special emphasis on New England resources both on and offline.

3. **Discovering Land Records in New England** – Land records can often trace generations of ownership of a single parcel of land and help genealogists determine years of family connections. Learn about existing land records and how to access them across New England for your own family history research.

4. **Using New England Court Records in Your Family History** – Court records are often overlooked in genealogical research, however this record group can help you fill in the sometimes more colorful details of an ancestor's life, put your ancestor at a certain place at a certain time, or provide information about family connections and relations not found in other records. In this lecture you will learn all about court records in New England – what records exist, what they can tell you about your ancestor, and how to best access them either online or in person.

We will also have a second track of speakers which will be shared at a later date. Be sure to keep checking social media and the enews for more information as it becomes available.

Ancestry® Appoints Former Amazon and Facebook Executives to Propel Family History and AncestryDNA® Growth Globally

There isn't a family historian among us who hasn't utilized the services of Ancestry.com in the search to uncover our pasts, and the service recently announced that it has taken on new leadership roles. Ancestry has named former Amazon and Facebook executives to its leadership team. Brian Donnelly, formerly head of Diagnostics and Genomics at Amazon, has been named Senior Vice President and General Manager of AncestryDNA, and Ashish Nayyar, Facebook's Senior Director of Data Science, has been appointed Chief Data Officer. Heather Friedland, who joined Ancestry in 2019 and most recently served as Senior Vice President, New Products & Growth, has been promoted to Chief Product Officer.

The article goes on to introduce the new hires as follows:

"Brian Donnelly has joined Ancestry as Senior Vice President and General Manager of AncestryDNA from Amazon, where he served as the worldwide leader of Diagnostics and Genomics. Prior to Amazon, Donnelly held a variety of global leadership roles at market leading genomics companies, such as Sequenom, Illumina, and Codex DNA where he was the Chief Commercial Officer. In his role leading the AncestryDNA business, Donnelly will work to advance scientific innovation and develop Ancestry's long-term vision and global strategy for AncestryDNA to drive growth, improve the customer experience, and maximize its impact on the overall business.

Ashish Nayyar joins as Chief Data Officer and will lead analytics, data science and data engineering at Ancestry. Nayyar brings more than 20 years of experience in the field and joins Ancestry from Facebook where he led the Entertainment and Commerce Data Science teams for the Facebook app. Nayyar will be responsible for defining strategies to govern and manage data across the enterprise to directly support Ancestry's product innovation, business growth and future value creation.

Heather Friedland was promoted to Chief Product Officer at Ancestry to accelerate the company's product innovation. Friedland joined Ancestry in June 2019 and served as Vice President of Product for AncestryHealth and Senior Vice President, New Products & Growth. Friedland brings more than two decades of product management experience, previously serving as Chief Product Officer at Glassdoor where she led the product organization during a period of rapid growth."

To learn more about this update and Ancestry's thoughts on the future, click [here](#).

Recording the enslaved in the North

Despite common misconceptions, slavery north of the Mason-Dixon line was a harsh reality for many enslaved individuals, and just like their counterparts in the south, finding information on lineage and migration can be difficult. Thankfully, thanks to the hard work of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, with its partners Atlantic Black Box, Monmouth University and the Witness Stones Project, a new resource has been developed to aid those in the search.

Called the [Northeast Slavery Records Index \(NESRI\)](#), it's "an online searchable compilation of records that identify individual enslaved persons and enslavers in the states of New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Jersey."

The website hopes to include:

- "Colonial census records
- United States Census records
- Slave Trade Records: Emancipations
- Fugitive advertisements and announcements for enslaved people
- Gradual Abolition Records: Connecticut, New Jersey and Rhode Island had "gradual abolition of slavery" laws like New York. Massachusetts freed enslaved people at the time of abolition. The gradual abolition laws imposed periods of servitude of children born to enslaved mothers and records of birth and eventual emancipation must be included in the database.
- Treaty of Paris Records: The Book of Negroes is a hand-written list of more than 3,000 formerly enslaved persons allowed to emigrate to Nova Scotia in 1783 because of their service to the British during the Revolutionary War.
- Cemetery Records
- Slave ship Records: NESRI will index records of slave ships that delivered enslaved people to or from the New England states, including records of ownership.
- Portraits and Sculptures and other memorializations: NESRI will index art representations of enslaved persons and enslavers from the northeast states.
- Court records: These include criminal and civil records.
- Records from other indices: These would include records of enslaved persons in Louisiana who were born in a northeast state, such as Simon who was born in Massachusetts in 1750 and sold in Louisiana in 1772."

Most exciting of all, the website is covered by a Creative Commons license, thereby making it free to use for all. To learn more on what this resource has to offer, refer [here](#).

\$40K grant will preserve local Black history sites

For the people of Spartanburg, Indiana, exciting developments are in the works regarding local African American history.

Two historical markers and a \$40,000 grant have been allotted to the Greenville Settlement, and, according to news statements, the Union Literary Institute Preservation Society will dedicate the two markers Sunday, and the grant will provide critical stabilization for the 1860s Union Literary Institute building

The Greenville Settlement was established in 1822 covering 10 square miles in Randolph County and Darke County, Ohio. It had about 900 residents and was the earliest settlement of African American freedmen in Indiana.

For those interested in following this story, Sunday's first marker dedication will be at 2 p.m. at the home of James and Sophia Clemens in the Longtown Community in Darke County. The Black pioneers from Rockingham County, Virginia, built their brick house in 1850 with several distinctive architectural features. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information on this important work, refer [here](#).

FamilySearch Completes Digitization of Massive Microfilm Collection

Exciting new resources are now available via FamilySearch thanks to their diligent hard work digitizing their collection—a collection that includes censuses, births, marriages, deaths, probate, Church, immigration, and much, much more.

"After 83 years of filming the world's historical genealogical records, FamilySearch has completed digitizing its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm," FamilySearch reports. And best of all? All of these records are available for free through their website. "FamilySearch, back when it was still called the [Genealogical Society of Utah](#), began microfilming in 1938. It was one of the first major organizations to embrace the use of microfilm imaging for long-term record preservation. FamilySearch's microfilm collection eventually grew to more than 2.4 million rolls."

But every digitizing project brings with it an obvious question: What will be done with the original materials once they've been digitized? FamilySearch states that their "physical microfilm collection will continue to be preserved, but the information that the rolls contain can now be easily viewed and searched online."

Click [here](#) to read the full article and learn more about the process and hard work that went into this monumental undertaking.

COUNTY ROUNDUP OF EVENTS

>> Allen County

submitted by Margery Graham, Allen Co. ICG:

The Society holds regular monthly programs on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August), at 7:00 PM. To expand our audience and bring the amazing resources of the Society to a wider audience, our 2021-2022 season of programs will continue as virtual programs on the Zoom platform. Registration for the virtual programs will be on the ACGSI website. For more information and current program offerings, please see www.acgsi.org, our blog at acgsi.wordpress.com, or visit us on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter. ACGSI members will be emailed an invitation to each Free Educational Program. Membership in the Society is open to all. Any changes to the meeting platform will be announced on our social media sites. All times listed below are Eastern Time.

- October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Curt Sylvester will present “Researching Ancestors of the Colonial Era” (part 2). This presentation explores the people who lived in the colonies including the Native Americans, English immigrants, and non-English immigrants. Analysis will be provided of immigrant’s home country and why the immigrants came to colony of arrival. We will explore the life situations and how our ancestors adjusted into the various social classes of the colonies. Guidance will be given on researching ancestors in the colonies using DNA, ship’s logs, court records, tax records, land records, and clues provided by family names and religion.
- November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Martine Copeland will present “French Migration to Allen County, Indiana with a Special Nod to Alsace”. The area now known as Allen County has a long history of French explorers, traders, and settlers. Many of the county’s prominent families share in this French heritage. This presentation will share research into this segment of our county’s heritage.
- December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Kelli Bergheimer will present “Family Tree Maker for Moderate Users”. Learn strategies to build a robust, portable, sourced, cloud-synchronized digital tree. Learn about privacy options and how to back up your tree to prevent losing everything. Learn strategies to maximize your DNA information-messaging matches, sharing trees, and how to use surname message boards.

From the Genealogy Center

We have a full month of virtual offerings for you! Twenty-two programs are scattered throughout the month, including our new program series, Wednesdays with Witcher. Find inspiration with Friday Facebook Questions to ask yourself or family members and learn five Family History Month Genealogy Tips posted on Facebook throughout the month. Lastly, meet sixteen Genealogy Center staff members, who will share their insight into family history in Facebook videos. Join us every day for new family history information! To learn more or register for the programs, visit <https://genealogycenter.org>, call 260-421-1225, or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info. Each day there are events scheduled, but below are just a few of the highlights:

October 5th, Tuesday, 2:30 PM: “Beginning Virginia Genealogical Research” with John Beatty. Many families have roots extending back to Virginia. This talk offers an overview for the beginner on the many sources and methods for doing genealogical research in the Old Dominion. We will examine both online tools, books, and how to find original records.

- October 6th, Wednesday, 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: “Talk about Listening: Some Practical Advice on Getting More from Our Family Interviews” presented by Curt Witcher. Spend a quick 30 minutes with Curt Witcher reviewing how we can put a little spark in our family history activities. Proven strategies will be highlighted on how to listen better and the benefits of doing that listening.
- October 7th, Thursday, 6:30 PM: “Interpreting DNA Results” by Sara Allen. Looking at mtDNA, Y-chromosome, and autosomal DNA results, we will cover common questions and give general guidance on how to interpret your results. For beginning and intermediate level participants.
- October 12th, Tuesday, 2:30 PM: “Working with Unusual Single Records” with Cynthia Theusch. Have you found a document, postcard or an article in a collection that was given to you, and don’t know how they connect to the family? This program will show you ways to find the connections, friends, neighbors or family.
- October 13th, Wednesday, 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: “What Are You Going to Do with All That Stuff?!” Preparing Our Research for the Future” by Curt Witcher. There are some basic steps we can take to help ensure our research lives beyond our years, or not.
- October 14th, Thursday, 6:30 PM: “Watching Historical Context: Using Historical Videos” by

Allison DePrey Singleton. While researching our family trees, often we wish we could see what life was like for our ancestors. For some, we have that opportunity with early films found on the Library of Congress website and more. Learn how you might use these videos and find some for where your ancestors lived.

- October 15th, Friday: Multiple programs. A series of eight video programs recorded specifically for this event will be presented this Friday. The programs are provided by the Genealogy Network of Texas (GNT), an initiative to connect libraries and genealogical societies as well as provide educational and research opportunities. Spearheaded by the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library, topics covered will include NARA, timelines, a genealogy beginner's class, German town of origin records access, using ancestral origins to identify ethnic heritage, building historical context, understanding motivations of migration, DNA tools, understanding social history, and maps as a tool. The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library is collaborating with the Genealogy Network of Texas to provide these programs for individuals who register through our Center.
 1. 9:00 – 9:50 AM: "NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives" by Judy G Russell, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist Sponsored by: Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries.
 2. 10:00 – 10:50 AM: "Methodology: Using Timelines to Focus Your Research" by Susan Ball, President TxSGS.
 3. 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM: "Beginning Genealogy Workshop" by Kathy Huber, MLS, Director of the Tulsa Genealogy Center, Hardesty Public Library.
 4. 12:25 – 1:30 PM: "So, You've Found Your German Town of Origin, Now What?" by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG Sponsored by: Waco-McLennan County Library.
 5. 1:40 – 2:35 PM: "Fingerprinting Our Families: Using Ancestral Origins as a Genealogical Research Key" with Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, The Genealogy Center Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library.
 6. 2:45 – 4:00 PM: "Attacking 18th and 19th Century Mysteries with DNA" by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., The Genetic Genealogist Sponsored by: Waco-McLennan County Library
 7. 4:10 – 5:00 PM: "Filling in the Family Stories" with Susan Kaufman, Senior Manager, Houston Public Library, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
 8. 5:10 – 6:00 PM: "Discover Genealogical Treasure Using Historic U.S. Maps" by Hannah Kubacak, Genealogy Librarian, Genealogy Center Waco-McLennan County Library
- October 19th, Tuesday, 2:30 PM: "Researching Tennessee and Kentucky Ancestors" by Sara Allen. Learn how to track your Tennessee and Kentucky ancestors, including the best print sources, physical repositories and online resources.
- October 20th, Wednesday, 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: "Wait, What? You Want to Know My Story? How Telling One's Own Story Can Get Other Family Members Interested in Their History" by Curt Witcher. Hear how interest in you, your life experiences, and your thoughts and musings, can generate unexpected and welcome interest from other family members.

From the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society

We hold quarterly, public programs to discuss and promote Jewish genealogy, as well as several more intimate events just for our members. Our purpose is to present educational programs relevant to Jewish genealogy, to support our members in their pursuit of their family histories, to collaborate with other organizations on areas of Jewish genealogical interests, and to protect, preserve and share Jewish genealogical records from the region of Northeast Indiana. Visit <https://neindianajgs.org/> for more information.

- October 17, 2021 – Meet Your Mishpocha! Open House – Discover local Jewish families, start your own genealogical research, and more!
- November 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM – "Jewish Cemeteries – Indiana and Beyond." To study Jewish cemeteries, in Indiana and around the world, we have partnered with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society to invite two experts for our November program. This is a program that was rescheduled from May 2020 due to the pandemic. Jeannie Regan-Dinius is a staff member with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the expert on Indiana cemeteries. She will speak about the Jewish cemeteries of Indiana. Nolan Altman is an IAJGS board member and coordinates JewishGen's JOWBR (JewishGen's Online Worldwide Burial Registry) Database, Memorial Plaques Database, and Holocaust Database. He will discuss the interpretation of Jewish headstones and other information that might be gathered from them. This program will be held virtually.
- February 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM – Warren Blatt, "Jewish Names." Warren Blatt will present two programs, "Jewish Given Names" and "Jewish Surnames." The first will focus on the history and patterns of Jewish first names and how to recognize names in genealogical sources. The surname presentation will discuss the types and origins of surnames, how they developed and how they transformed with immigration. Warren Blatt is the former Managing Director of JewishGen and the

>> Grant County *submitted by Rhonda Stoffer, Grant Co. ICG:*

The Marion Public Library has a genealogy database of over 900,000 entries that index birth, death, and marriage records, obituaries, cemetery listings, orphan's home, funeral homes, and some court records. The Indiana Room is taking appointments for use of microfilm and other resources, emphasizing social distancing.

The Marion Public Library Virtual Genealogy Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can contact the Indiana Room at mplih@marion.lib.in.us for more information.

>> Huntington County

The Huntington County Genealogy Society meets at 6:30 PM on the first Wednesday of most months in the Indiana Room at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, 255 West Park Drive, Huntington. The public is invited, and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact the Indiana Room at 260-356-0824. Visit the library website at <http://www.huntingtonpub.lib.in.us/calendar/> to learn more.

Any adult interested in genealogy or local history is invited to our monthly club. Meeting in the Joan B. Keefer Genealogy and Local History Center, each session brings together hobbyists and professionals for discussion, learning, and research.

October: Jeannine Regan-Dinius will speak on cemetery rules and regulations.

>> Noble County

We meet on the 3rd Monday night of March, May, July, September, and November at 6:30 PM usually at the Noble County Public Library. Our Genealogy Room is located in the Noble County Public Library on East Main in Albion, IN. We maintain a wonderful collection of books, manuscripts, various indexes, census information, etc. in the Indiana Genealogy Room. Visit <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~innccgs/> to learn more.

>> Elkhart County *submitted by Mona Gehring, Elkhart Co. ICG:*

The Elkhart County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 21st, at 1 PM in the Bristol Public Library Community Room, Bristol, IN. Michelle Nash, Curator of Collections at the Elkhart County Historical Museum, will speak on the preservation of old linens and photos. The meeting is open to the public. Masks are recommended. The November 18th program will be a webinar. More details can be found on our website: www.elkhartcogensoc.org.

On October 4, Mona Gehring will provide a program for beginning genealogists at the Middlebury Public Library. The presentation will begin at 6:30 PM. The public is welcome.

>> Howard County *submitted by Cindy Stover, Howard Co. ICG:*

The Howard County Society isn't meeting yet. The Library is open regular hours, but masks are required. Normally, the Howard County Genealogical Society meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Library, 220 N. Union St., Kokomo, Indiana 46901. Visit the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library website to learn more at <http://www.KHCPL.org>.

- Thursday, October 14 at 6 PM: "A Grave Interest: Searching for Clues in the Cemetery" Cemeteries are treasure-troves of genealogy records and can hold a wealth of information - if you know where to look. During this session, Genealogy Blogger, Joy Neighbors will focus on the various kinds of records available in the cemetery, what types of graveyards exist and whom to contact for assistance. You'll learn where to search for the 21 Nuggets of Information that can make your ancestors come alive. Discover where those clues about your family may be hiding in the cemetery. Register here.
- Friday, November 12 from 4:30 - 11:55 PM: "Night Owls for Genealogists"
- Saturday, November 13 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM: "Discover Your Veteran Ancestor" Thinking about honoring a family member who served but don't know where to start?
- Monday, November 15 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM: "How to date photographs" Pull that shoebox full of old photographs out of the closet and take a look.

>> Kosciusko County *submitted by Sharon Whetstone, North Central District Director:*

The Kosciusko County Historical society genealogy library is open from Wednesday through Friday 10 AM - 4 PM. Saturday hours are 10 AM - 2 PM. Currently the group is working on adding obituaries to the online cemetery project and 1890 census substitute. Coming events are:

The Genealogy Group will meet October 19 from 12-2 PM. Old Jail Museum in Warsaw. The 1950 census will be discussed. Some plan ahead strategies will be shown with insights in how to find you, your parents or other family members before they are indexed.

November 16 meeting will be from 10 AM to Noon.

December's Christmas celebration will be December 21. Holiday hors d'oeuvres, teas and Family History activities are planned.

Questions or queries: contact 574-269-1078 or librarian@kosciuskohistory.com.

>> St. Joseph County *submitted by Greta Fisher, St. Joseph Co. ICG:*

In St. Joseph County, both the St. Joseph County Public Library (SJCPL) and the Mishawaka Public Library have reopened to the public with some limitations on meetings. The South Bend Area Genealogical Society has resumed meeting with options for those who are not ready to be "in-person" to join via Zoom. Visit their website for resources and their upcoming program information at <https://www.sbags.org/main.htm>.

On October 25, we will have our annual dinner. A Polish dinner prepared by Allie's will be served at 6 PM with the program beginning at 7. Our speaker will be Jeanne Dams, an award-winning local author. She will be talking about her Hilda Johansson books, a series about a young Swedish immigrant who begins working as a maid for the Clement Studebaker family.

Jeanne weaves local history, families and landmarks into her fictional works. Come early and browse our silent auction collection of used history and genealogy books. It should be a great event! Buy a book, enjoy dinner and sit back for an entertaining program!

The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are considered guaranteed and must be paid in full. To pay by check, make check payable to SBAGS and mail to:

South Bend Area Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 11
Notre Dame, IN 46556

To pay online beginning October 1:

Click on this link to pay and register via PayPal. This link is also available on our website.

<https://www.sbags.org/annualdinnerpay.htm>

>> La Porte County *submitted by Harold Henderson, La Porte Co. ICG:*

The La Porte County Genealogical Society (LPCGS) has resumed meetings. Visit the society website at <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~inlcigs/> to confirm the event is continuing as scheduled. Meetings of the Society are free and open to the public at the La Porte Parks & Recreation Dept. Office Bldg. Meeting Room, 250 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte, IN. The business meeting is at 7:00 PM followed by a brief social time, and the evening's program.

>> Lake and Porter County *submitted by Marlene Polster, Lake Co. ICG:*

Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society is announcing their new website at www.nwigs.com. It is a new and improved site with a members-only side. They will be adding some of their publication to the members-only site, and new indexes to the databases/research side. With extra time on the hands of the board member, they will be able to get more up on the site.

Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society has been meeting on line at Google Meets. If anyone would like to join in on our meetings they can go to www.nwigs.com to find out how to join in.

- Saturday, October 16th, 2021 at 10:00 AM (appx. 1 hour) - Zoom: "Tips and Tricks To Discover Your Croatian Roots" with Robert Jerin. Robert has been researching Croatian family histories since 1986 and for the past 18 years he has been conducting Croatian Genealogy Workshops across the US and Croatia. In those 16 years he has helped connect dozens of families around the world. Robert enjoys helping people discover their Croatian family history and realized that many descendants of Croatians from the second, third and fourth generations know very little about Croatian history and culture.
- Saturday, November 20th, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Zoom: "The 1950 US Census: Are You Ready?" with Thomas MacEntee. Participants will get up to speed on the history of the 1950 US Census, why the 1950 US Census form is radically different than previous forms, and how the data will be accessed. In addition we'll cover what you can do NOW to prepare for the release of the 1950 US Census as well as volunteer projects related to indexing and finding aids. Finally, we'll cover how you can always get the latest information related to the release of the 1950 US Census data!

If anyone would like to research at the Larry J. Clark Genealogy Center they can contact the Valparaiso

Public Library to set up an appointment. Ask to speak to Chris Hough. The library is located at 103 Jefferson, Valparaiso, IN 219-462-0524.

>> Pulaski County *submitted by Janet Onken, Pulaski Co. ICG:*

The Pulaski County Genealogy Society meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Historical Society Museum on US#35 in Winamac. Meetings begin at 5:00 PM. The Pulaski County Public Library in Winamac is now open Monday thru Friday; closed on Saturday. Masks requested. Genealogy research is limited to one hour. Pulaski County books and newspaper microfilm are now in an upstairs room at the library. All other resources that were originally shelved, or in vertical files, in the local history & genealogy dept. are now stored in the basement and must be requested of a library staff member.

>> Delaware County *submitted by Karen Good, Delaware Co. ICG:*

Delaware County Historical Society Ancestor Hunters meet each month on the last Monday. Email Karen Good - markerfinder@gmail.com - for the link to the zoom meeting.

>> Hancock County *submitted by Paul McNeil, Hancock Co. ICG:*

The Hancock County Historical Society is open for the season. Tours of the Chapel and Old Log Jail Museum are offered on the weekends from 12-5 PM. Current exhibit is Hotels and Motels. Visit HancockHistory.org for more information.

>> Henry County *submitted by Kaye Ford, East Central District:*

The Indiana Room at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library is open for research. You may also contact the Indiana Room genealogist, Kathie Ward, at kathie@nchcpl.org or 765-529-0362, ext. 1368. Kathie is at the Indiana Room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, between 9am and 5PM.

The Clarence H. Smith Genealogy Library is open by appointment only at the Henry County Historical Society. Please contact Henry County Genealogist, Kaye Ford, at henrycountymuseum@gmail.com or 765-529-4028 to schedule an appointment or request research. Research is \$15 per surname, payable by cash, check, or PayPal (at www.HenryCountyMuseum.org by clicking the 'donate' button).

>> Wayne County Genealogical Society *submitted by Kaye Ford, East Central District:*

Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except December and January), at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the First Friends Church at 2010 Chester Blvd, Richmond, Indiana. You are welcome to join our [Facebook Group](#) to keep up to date on what the society is doing. Meetings are open to all persons who wish to attend. Visit the website at <http://www.waynet.org/nonprofit/wcgs.htm> for more information.

Central

>> Boone County *submitted by Teresa Price, Boone Co. ICG:*

The Boone County Genealogical Society normally meets at the Lebanon Public Library in the top floor meeting room at 6:30 PM on Tuesday evening. They have a new website that you can visit at <https://bcgsin.org/> and learn more about their activities and research. The Society normally meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month except July and December. The Society now has a Facebook page that is available at <https://www.facebook.com/BooneCountyIndianaGenealogicalSociety>.

Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 PM: Monthly Meeting at the Lebanon Public Library Meeting Room.

>> Hamilton County *submitted by Nancy Massey, Hamilton Co. ICG:*

From Hamilton East Public Library

The Library has reopened with considerations for social distancing and the safety of all. Visit the Hamilton East Public Library website calendar of events to see more detail and register for the virtual classes at <https://hepl.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>

- October 12, 2021 at 2 PM: "Virtual Genealogy Roundtable: Focus on Early American Ancestors" Did your ancestors witness the signing of the Declaration of Independence or the first shots of the American Revolution—or were they here even before then? Those early American ancestors are challenging to trace and document. Attendees will share their tips and techniques for successful research. This is an informal virtual genealogy discussion group. You must register to receive a ZOOM invitation.
- October 23, 2021 at 10 AM: "Beginning African American Family History" When searching for African American ancestors, tracing family back to the 1870 Federal Census is just the beginning. This program will explore the steps, record sets, and resources that help bridge the gap between the 1860s and 1870s in discovering your African American family history. Please join Melissa Tennant, Genealogy Services Manager at the Allen County Public Library, as she guides us through the search for African American ancestors.

- November 6, 2021 from 10 AM - 3 PM: "Hamilton County Bicentennial Scan-a-thon" (In-person event) Hamilton County will celebrate its 200th birthday in 2023. In preparation for this bicentennial celebration, we are creating a book! The Bicentennial Book Committee is asking for your help. HEPL is hosting a scan-a-thon to digitize the family photos of community members that highlight events, buildings, locations, people, etc. in Hamilton County's nine townships. This will be a book not only about Hamilton County, but created by Hamilton County residents like yourselves. As a participant in this project, you will be eligible for a drawing of a hardcover copy of the bicentennial book (once it is published). Register at Scan-a-thon for Bicentennial Book at Hamilton East Public Library.
- November 13, 2021: Scan-a-thon for Bicentennial Book at Carmel Monon Center 10 AM - 2 PM (make an appointment through HEPL online calendar Scan-a-thon for Bicentennial Book at Carmel Monon Center)
- November 20, 2021: Scan-a-thon for Bicentennial Book at Sheridan Public Library 10 AM- 1 PM (make an appointment through HEPL online calendar Scan-a-thon for Bicentennial Book at Sheridan Public Library)
- November 9, 2021 from 2 -3 PM: "Genealogy Roundtable: Focus on Your Favorite Genealogy Books" While many genealogy books aren't light reading, they do introduce you to new resources and research methodologies. We all have our favorite "how-to" books that we consult multiple times on various research brick walls. Attendees will share their favorite and most often used genealogy books. They can be long-time standards or newcomers reflecting changes in the genealogy world. So what genealogy books do you find to be the most useful? This is an informal genealogy discussion group. Since this is virtual, you will need to register so you can receive a ZOOM invite to the discussion.
- November 20, 2021 from 10 - 11 AM: "Church Records of Scotland 1553-1854" Church Records of Scotland are essential to the story of your Scottish ancestors. With Pat Adams as our guide, we will navigate through Old Parish Registers (Church of Scotland), Roman Catholic Parish Registers and other church registers. A lifetime curiosity of her Smoky Mountain ancestors has led Pat to a retirement hobby of research into her family tree as well as the trees of friends and family. As a volunteer, she has given classes pertaining to Irish and Scottish ancestry at Hamilton East Public Library, taking a case study type of approach. She adheres to genealogical research standards, using online and local resources. Registration for this program is required.
- December 14, 2021 from 2-3 PM: "Genealogy Roundtable: Focus on Genealogy Kindness" At some point in our research, we have experienced genealogy kindness from someone. It could be the uploading of an ancestor's headstone on Findagrave.com. It could be another researcher sending you a copy of an ancestor's letter or diary they found. Attendees will share stories of genealogy kindnesses shown to them and take this opportunity to express gratitude and perhaps pay it forward to another genealogist. This is an informal genealogy discussion group. Since it is virtual, you will need to register for this discussion to receive a ZOOM invite.
- December 11, 2021 from 10 - 11 AM: "Surname Meanings and Origins" Your last name or surname gives you a sense of identity and helps you discover who you are and from where you come. Attendees will learn how tracing your surname origin can help you discover new insights into your family history and even about yourself. After all, your name is piece of your identity. Registration is required for this virtual program so that you may receive a ZOOM invite.
- January 8, 2022 from 10 - 11 AM: "Eight Step Approach to Genealogy" Whether you are a beginner just getting started or a researcher who is coming back from a break, this session is for you. We will quickly climb eight steps to making a family history tree. Before you take step one, you need to register for this free virtual session to receive a ZOOM invite.
- January 11, 2022 from 2-3 PM: "Genealogy Roundtable: Focus on Genealogy Goals, Webinars and Conferences in 2022" January is always a good time to review your genealogy research and make a few goals for future avenues to research. Attendees will share their 2021 research successes and 2022 goals for further genealogy research. In 2022, there will be new webinars and genealogy conferences to attend. We will share information on these upcoming educational opportunities. Since this will be a virtual discussion, you will need to register to receive a ZOOM invite to attend.

[Registration](#) with email required for Zoom meeting invitation information for all virtual programs. Registration can be made online at the Hamilton East Public Library [events page](#). For discussion groups, HEPL staff will work to ensure patron safety during virtual programs.

We are working with the Carmel and Sheridan Public Libraries on a countywide scan-a-thon to collect photos for a bicentennial book celebrating Hamilton County's 200 years of change. This will occur over a three-weekend spread in November. If you have questions about this event, please let me know. Details about the event and a link to register for an appointment are included in the attached document.

At the Danville-Center Twp Public Library the genealogy support group regularly meets on the second Monday of each month:

- October 11, 2021 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: "Genealogy Nuts" This month we will have a hybrid meeting - both virtual and in person. If you wish to join us in person, we request that you sign up here on the DPL events calendar. Currently we will allow 30 people to join us in person. If you need help signing up on the event calendar, please call the Indiana Room (317.745.2604). Only the people who will be attending in person should sign up on this Event Calendar area.
- November 8, 2021 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: "Genealogy Nuts"
- December 13, 2021 from Noon to 3:30 PM: "Pitch In Luncheon & Heirloom Show & Tell" Bring an appetite and a side dish or dessert. After the lunch, share an heirloom or a research triumph.

>> Marion County *submitted by Darlene Anderson:*

The Genealogical Society of Marion County Research Library has reopened. The GSMC Library will be open on Wednesdays from 11 AM - 4 PM & 2nd Saturdays from 11 AM - 3 PM and by appointment for research & genealogical assistance. GSMC Programs on the second Saturday each month from 1 PM to 3 PM at our Library. Registration is available on their website at <http://genealogyindy.org/>

- October 9, 2021: "Crispus Attucks Museum" with Robert Chester, Museum Curator
- November 13, 2021: "To Infamy and Beyond: Family History and World War Two" at 1:00 PM presented by Ron Darrah, GSMC Board. At 3 PM: "Civil War Records at the National Archives" with Brian Rhinehart.
- December 11, 2021 from 1-3 PM: "Annual Luncheon and Show and Tell or Tell A Story"

The Genealogical Society of Marion County Research Library is located at 9370 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229. Visit their website at <http://genealogyindy.org/> for more information.

>> Morgan County *submitted by Janice Kistler, Morgan Co. ICG:*

The Morgan County Public Library at 110 S Jefferson Street in Martinsville, Indiana will be having in-person programs for Family History Month. This is subject to change due to COVID, but right now we plan to social distance in our new large meeting room and mask-wearing will be encouraged. Please visit the library's calendar and register at: <https://morgancounty.librarycalendar.com/> or call us at 765-342-3451. Registration isn't required but would be appreciated especially for the Heirloom Craft program so we can be sure to have enough materials for everyone.

The programs are as follows:

- Saturday, October 2 at 2:30 PM – Heirloom Craft: Make a bracelet from an old patterned handkerchief
- Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 PM – FamilySearch Wiki (sponsored by the Morgan County History and Genealogy Association): Learn about one of the most valuable FREE online resources you can use to further your ancestry research. Amber Oldenburg will be our guest speaker for this program.
- Saturday, October 23 at 2:30 PM – Early Morgan County Settlers: Join in the discussion with a panel of local historians about the who, where and why of our early settlers.
- Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 PM – Researching Your German Ancestors: Did Germans settle in Morgan County? How can I research my German Ancestry? Find out the answers to these questions and more!

The newly opened Morgan County History Center and Museum located at 127 S Main Street in Martinsville, IN currently has displays on telephones, radios, railroads, and more all relating to the history of the county. The Museum is open on Mondays 10 AM – 2 PM, Thursdays 4 PM – 7 PM and Saturdays 10 AM – 2 PM or by appointment. To make an appointment simply email the museum at morgancountyhistorymuseum@gmail.com.

West Central

>> Clay County *from the Clay County Genealogical Society website:*

The Society meets each month, and meetings are open to members and the public. The meetings are held at the Society Library in Center Point, Indiana. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings at the library. Meetings are held each month on the third Tuesday of the month. All meetings will be at 1:00 PM at the Library. Visit their website at <http://ccgsilib.org/>

>> Montgomery County *submitted by Dian Moore, Montgomery Co. ICG:*

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County is still not meeting. Crawfordsville Library has reopened but meeting rooms are not available. Visit the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GenClubMontCo/> to keep up with any changes.

>> Putnam County *submitted by Maggie Champion, Putnam Co. ICG:*

The Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild meets the first Wednesday night of the month, and every 4th Saturday. We also meet random Saturdays at 10 AM geared toward newbies, research tips, follow up and random acts of genealogical kindness. You can write about anything, but there will be some prompts to plan for.

Wabash Valley Genealogical Society submitted by Jennifer Cruse:

For more information on upcoming activities, visit our website: www.inwvgs.org and go into the section marked "WVGS Events and Registrations". The event listed below are "Members Only" and you must pre-register to get the Zoom link.

Monday, October 11, 2021 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM: "Was Your Ancestor Truly Gone Or Just Hidden Within the Records?" presented by Pam Vestal. Why haven't you found your ancestors in the records? Documents are often hidden from view, with information that is present but concealed, stored in a place or a manner that is unexpected, misspelled, indexed incorrectly, or separated from the other similar records. Pam Vestal will explore strategies for tracking down these elusive ancestors so that there won't be a single detail missed.

>> Dearborn County *submitted by Cassie Blankenhorn, Dearborn Co. ICG:*

Lawrenceburg Main Public Library has reopened. The North Dearborn Branch is open with hours Monday and Wednesday (Noon to 7 PM), Tuesday and Thursday (10 AM to 5 PM), and Saturday (10 AM to 2 PM). Please check our website at <https://www.lpld.lib.in.us/locations-hours> or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceburgPublicLibraryDistrict> for updates.

>> Fayette County *submitted by Patricia Summan, Fayette Co. ICG:*

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at the Fayette County Museum, 200 W. 5th Street, Connersville, IN.

>> Bartholomew County *submitted by Penny Mathiesen, South Central District:*

The Bartholomew County Historical Society is open Tues.–Thurs. 10 AM–4 PM To schedule an appointment in the historical research library, please call (812) 372-3541. The Society is located at 524 Third Street, Columbus, IN. Visit the website to learn more: <https://bartholomewhistory.org>

>> Brown County *from the Brown Co. Historical Society website:*

The Brown County Historical Society Archives collection is open and available for researchers on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:00-4:00 PM, as well as other times by appointment. Local history and genealogy volunteers are available during this time to assist you in your research. The Archives are located on the 2nd floor of the Brown County History Center, 90 E. Gould Street, Nashville, IN 47448.

>> Clark County *submitted by Penny Mathiesen, South Central District:*

The Jeffersonville Township Public Library's main library is open Mon.– Th. 9 AM– 8 PM, Fri.–Sat. 9 AM– 5 PM For information on the Indiana Room collection and the Genealogy and Local History Librarian's schedule, call (812) 285-5641 or email dstepro@jefflibrary.org. The library is located at 211 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, IN. Visit the website to learn more: <https://www.jefflibrary.org/local-history>

Add to the story of your Clark County Indiana ancestors with newly digitized resources available on Indiana Memory, including five volumes of original naturalization records from 1852-1924. Indexes for the records have long been available on FamilySearch and Ancestry. Now those seeking the original records can view and download records from the convenience of their home computers.

>> Crawford County *submitted by Anne Hager, Crawford Co. ICG:*

The headquarters of the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It is located at 310 Oak Hill Circle in English, IN.

>> Floyd County *submitted by Susan Covey, FOGS Media Chair:*

The Falls of the Ohio Genealogical Society (FOGS) is a newly formed 501(c)3 dedicated to collecting, preserving, and making available genealogy material especially for Floyd, Clark, and Harrison Counties in

southern Indiana. FOGS hosts a program of genealogy or history the first Thursday of each month, currently via Zoom. Please visit fallsgenealogy.org for information about upcoming presentations and the First Families of Floyd, Clark and Harrison Counties Legacy Project.

>> Harrison County *submitted by Lynne Keasling, Harrison Co. ICG:*

The genealogy library is scanning the early records of care of the poor from the Commissioner's receipts. These are the original handwritten notes of all sizes of paper that were available at that time. They are not yet going to be online but will be available at the genealogy library for future use.

>> Jackson County *submitted by Penny Mathiesen, South Central District:*

The Jackson County Public Library's Seymour Main Library is open Mon.–Fri. 10 AM–6 PM, Sat. 10 AM–3 PM For information on local history and genealogy, call (812) 523-4636 or email ref@myjclibrary.org. The main library is located at 303 West Second Street, Seymour, IN. Visit the website to learn more: www.myjclibrary.org

>> Lawrence County *from the Lawrence Co. Historical & Genealogical Society website:*

The Lawrence County Museum of History and Edward L. Hutton Research Library are open Tues.–Fri. 9 AM–4 PM, Sat. 9 AM–3 PM Monthly speaker programs have resumed. For more information, call (812) 278-8575. The museum and library are located at 929 15th Street, Bedford, IN. Visit the website to learn more: <http://lawrencecountyhistory.org/>

>> Monroe County *submitted by Penny Mathiesen, South Central District:*

The Monroe County History Center, located at 202 East Sixth Street in Bloomington, Indiana, is offering a one-day free genealogy conference on Saturday, 20 November 2021, from 10 AM to 4:30 PM This is an in-person event, but a virtual option will be available. Please visit our website at: www.monroehistory.org or call (812) 332-2517 for updates on the schedule and to register. To contact the library for an appointment or to place an online query, email: library@monroehistory.org

>> Scott County *submitted by Jeannie Noe Carlisle, Secretary, SCGSI:*

The Scott County Genealogical Society, Inc. has reopened its Research Rooms on Saturdays from 10 AM – 1 PM. Please call (812) 752-3388 about 10 days ahead of the time to schedule an appointment.

Marsha Miller Smith, President has stated she would like to have a SCGSI meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021, 6 PM for refreshments and 6:30 PM the meeting will begin. Location: Scott County Museum Smith Room, 1050 S Main St., Scottsburg, IN. The main part of the business meeting at this time will be presenting the slate of officers for 2022. The election will be November 4, 2021 or by Email if no meeting is planned.

Due to the county being in the Red with the high number of cases of Covid, all will be asked to wear a mask properly.

Questions or comments, call 812.752.3388 or Marsha, 812.528.4072.

>> Greene County *submitted by Diane Anderson, Greene Co. ICG:*

As the Genealogist at both the Linton Public Library & the Bloomfield Public Library, I wanted to be sure to promote Family History Month in October. On Monday, October 11th @ 5-6:30 PM at the Linton Public Library, we will be hosting a program entitled "Everyone Has a Story to Tell...Come & Share Yours". Bloomfield Public Library will be hosting the same program on Tues., Oct. 19th @ 6-7:30 PM. Share your own, or your family's story, and help the memory to live on. Bring in a photograph or heirloom to help tell your story. Grandchildren, bring your grandparent to share their story. To find out more details about each of these Family History programs, please email Diane Anderson at either Bloomfield Public Library (danderson@bloomfield.lib.in.us) or at Linton Public Library (danderson@lintonpl.lib.in.us)."

"If you don't recount your family history, it will be lost. Honor your own stories and tell them too. The tales may not seem very important, but they are what binds families and makes each of us who we are." ~ Madeleine L'Engle

>> Knox County *submitted by Brian Spangle, Knox Co. ICG:*

The Northwest Territory Genealogical Society meets on the third Monday of the month (March through December) at 7 PM at the McGrady-Brockman House in Vincennes and can be contacted through the Knox County Public Library. Visit the library website at <http://www.kcpl.lib.in.us> for more information.

>> Pike County *submitted by Sandy McBeth:*

The Pike County Genealogical Society meets the 4th Monday of each month (except December) at the Pike County History Center, 1104 Main Street in Petersburg at 6 PM. The mailing address for the Pike County Genealogical Society is 309 N Center St., Petersburg, IN 47567. The Pike County History Center is currently open weekly on Friday and Saturday 9 AM-1 PM.

>> Spencer County

Spencer County Historical Society has meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Spencer County Public Library, 210 Walnut St. Rockport, Indiana 47635. Membership is open to all and dues are \$20.00 per year. For more information, contact Raymond Dawson at rdawson@psci.net

>> Sullivan County *submitted by Donna Adams, Sullivan Co. ICG:*

The Sullivan County Public Library Genealogy/Local History Dept. will do research in response to personal and written inquiries. Only a limited amount of time may be devoted to each request. Letter, email & phone requests will be answered as soon as time allows depending on other staff demands and the number of inquiries received.

Staff will do research in indexed, printed sources and will only search materials dealing with Sullivan and surrounding counties. If a request includes sources beyond this geographic area, staff may recommend other libraries to contact.

Requests should be in the form of one or two briefly stated questions and should include specific names and dates to search, or a range of dates within a ten-year period (example 1850 - 1860) Your full name & mailing address must be included with your query.

The Genealogy/Local History Dept. charges \$3.00 plus postage per query. This includes up to 12 copies of material. After the 12 copies the charges are per page .15 for microfilm and .10 for Xerox copies. Checks & or money orders should be made out to Sullivan County Public Library/Genealogy/Local History Department. For further assistance please contact:

Donna K. Adams dadams@sullivan.lib.in.us
Sullivan County Genealogist & Historian
Sullivan County Public Library
Genealogy/Local History Dept.
100 S. Crowder St.
Sullivan, Indiana 47882
www.sullivan.lib.in.us

>> Vanderburgh County
Tri-State Genealogical Society

Focus on family tree research for Southwest Indiana, Southeast Illinois & Western Kentucky. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May & June. Monthly meetings are 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Bayard Room on the 2nd floor of Willard Library, 21 First Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710. Visit their website at <http://tri-stategenealogicalsociety.weebly.com/>

ONLINE CONFERENCE CALENDAR

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Call for IGS Journal, Newsletter, and Social Media Submissions

The IGS has recently filled the positions of Social Media Editor and *Indiana Genealogist* Editor. We invite your contributions to all our publication outlets.

The *Indiana Genealogist* is a quarterly online journal that publishes abstracts or transcriptions of genealogical records, articles on Indiana-related resources, and historical studies of people or groups related to Indiana genealogy. For the September 2021 edition, the theme is Civil War families and will be available on the Members Only page on the website on September 15. The December 2021 edition theme is about Historic Hoosier Newspapers. If you have an article or something interesting to share, please contact the **Editor: Joy Neighbors.**

The *IGS Newsletter* is a bimonthly online publication that includes upcoming events, forthcoming publications, research tips, resources of interest to Indiana genealogists, and queries.
Editor: Jennifer Alford.

The IGS has several social media outlets that publish announcements, time-sensitive information, and other items of genealogical interest. **Social Media Director: Jon-Marie Pearson.**

Submission guidelines and more information on all these publications can be found on the IGS web site under "Publications."

Word of the Month:

PHILARCHAIST

(n.) someone who prefers older versions of things to their modern equivalents.

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