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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 resources 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.

Why Users Should Consider Where DNA Testing Data Ends Up

We've all heard the stories about DNA testing leading to successful cold case conclusions. From the Golden State Killer to the culprit behind the April Tinsley murder, DNA test kits have brought about a new era in crime solving technology. The sheer popularity of these kits as gifts and curiosity purchases truly has revolutionized the field of online family history research, but in doing so has opened up a new privacy concern for the many individuals whose DNA data is now in the hands of various companies.

In what has been describes as "required reading" for anyone considering a DNA testing kit, govtech.com has gone into detail on why we should be careful when it comes to sharing our results publicly.

"Ancestry.com, 23andMe and My Heritage DNA bar law enforcement from use," CeCe Moore of Paragon NanoLabs reports, "(h)owever, users of those services often upload the results to public DNA databases, opening up a wider field to finding family members... (G)enetic genealogy isn't held to the same laws as familial DNA testing because it's done with DNA that was voluntarily uploaded into public databases and not DNA taken by law enforcement."

Moore goes on to suggest that those who are concerned about maintaining their privacy should "work only with databases that allow people to opt-in or opt-out of having their DNA used by law enforcement."

"If you do this, if you put your DNA in the two databases, we can use it for law enforcement," Moore said. "So if you're not comfortable with that, you shouldn't put it in those databases or you should opt-out of law enforcement matching options."

To learn more about the risks you face by participating in DNA testing, and how to better protect yourself and your information online, refer [here](#).

Something's Rotten in the State of the Internet, and Archivists are Worried

We've all had it happen before. A bright, out-of-date webpage looks back at us from our screen. We hover the cursor over a link, click it, and find a 404 ERROR page in place of the information we so hoped to find instead. Broken, dead links are a prevalent find in the course of accessing older databases and websites. It's an epidemic of a digital sort, and one that doesn't have a solution—at least, not an easy one.

"We found that 25% of all links that were used on the New York Times were completely inaccessible," explained Clare Stanton who is part of a team at Harvard University's Library Innovation Lab. She co-authored a new report called "The Paper of Record Meets an Ephemeral Web," which examined more than two million web links in the New York Times, dating back to 1996. It gets worse over time, she added, meaning that links from 1996 are more likely to have rotten links in them than more recent articles.

Surprisingly, Stanton also found that government and university websites were among the least reliable, something she chalks up to frequent change-ups in information locations. The more a website changes its structure, the more links break in the process.

"Oftentimes, the entire website structure will be redone. There are different sections of Joe Biden's White

House website than there were for Donald Trump's White House website," she said. In private pages, link rot and content drift are also an issue, likely because most web page creators aren't thinking about archives when they decide what to keep on their site, Stanton added.

"They're thinking about, 'what's the best way for someone to navigate my website', and if people are constantly improving how they have their homepage put together so that you can find the latest COVID-19 statistics, for example, and there's going to inevitably be updates. And that's a good thing for the internet. But it's not necessarily a good thing for an article that wants to point to something particular."

There aren't many solutions to problems like these, not when they occur for a myriad of reasons. Domain masters may stop paying for the hosting fees. Small, overburdened groups may simply not have the time, money, or resources required for backing up old data and maintaining content from years ago. Groups like the Internet Archive are of utmost value in situations like this though, and it's thanks to their hard work that old links may live again.

To learn more about this issue and how to work around it, refer [here](#).

New Indiana Archives Building Proposed at Former Prison Site

A new Indiana archives building has been proposed at the site of a former prison in Indianapolis. This development occurs after a years-long search for a new site to house the state's vast collection of historical record. Indiana officials have proposed building a \$35 million state archives facility on Indianapolis' near-east side in what was formerly home to the Indiana Women's Prison and until 2016 was used by the Indiana Department of Corrections as a reentry facility.

"The 50,000-square-foot (4,645-square meter) building would be constructed in a largely residential neighborhood about 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) east of downtown Indianapolis, according to a request for proposals issued by the state's Department of Administration."

Indianapolis-based Ratio Architects has been selected to design the facility and the state is seeking a construction manager to oversee the building project, with construction starting as early as fall 2022. According to Indiana Archives and Records Administration executive director Chandler Lighty, the new facility will have improved archival capabilities for materials needing "rigorous preservation." U.S. News goes on to say: "The state archives collection has executive, legislative and judicial records dating back to Indiana's territorial government of the 1790s, including the 1816 and 1851 state constitutions. That collection has been stored in a warehouse on the east side of Indianapolis that lacks museum-quality climate controls since being moved from the basement of the state library building during a 2001 renovation.

The move was meant to be temporary, given that the location is not equipped for long-term preservation of some of the state's most important documents. Inadequate storage conditions have likely taken 100 years off the life of the documents, archives officials said."

To learn more about this development and the projected completion plans, refer [here](#).

Accident or Murder? The Death of William Shoults

Every family historian worth their salt has encountered a mystery or two in the hunt for records. Whether it's from an unexpected wedding, birth, or unknown branch of a previously never-heard-about family tree, mysteries go hand in hand with the discipline. It's easy to feel like a detective, can even be fun to research like one, and if mysteries are your jam, then look no further than the latest from [Auntjenstrees.com](#) exploring the mysterious deaths of two young men.

In a phenomenal show of first person sources, Aunt Jen has reconstructed the criminal investigation into the deaths of William Shoults and Bill Douthat. The young men had ventured away from home with the goal of visiting Douthat's father. As Jen describes it, "Bill Douthat's mom had died last year so he was to stay behind in Shannon County with his grandfather and siblings to care for the farm while his father, Robert Douthat, went to Smithton to go into the Cafe Business. No doubt to make some extra money for the family. So when Bill asked his old chum William if he would go with him up to see his father, he wouldn't have hesitated. Little did he know, that this trip would be his last."

The two young men were found by the side of a set of railroad tracks, dead, six miles out of the way and with seemingly no logical explanation as to what had happened to them or, more importantly, why.

Prevailing theories circled around the boys falling asleep too close to the tracks and falling victim to an unexpected train. The investigation, however, leaves plenty for the imagination to grab onto.

I'd hate to spoil a fantastic read--or a mystery as thoroughly articulated as this. Take some time to look over Jen's masterfully outlined timeline of the investigation and the conclusions she comes to at the end of it all [here](#).

COUNTY ROUNDUP OF EVENTS

>> Allen County *submitted my 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.

- 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 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.

- 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 co-author of Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy (Avotaynu, 1999).

>> 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

>> 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.

>> 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.

>> 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>.

- 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>.

>> 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, 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>.

>> 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>

- 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:

- 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/>

- 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 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.

>> 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.

Questions or comments, call 812.752.3388 or Marsha, 812.528.4072.

>> 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:

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Sullivan County Public Library
Genealogy/Local History Dept.
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>> 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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IGS has 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. 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:

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(n) The human tendency to see and draw meaningful connections between things that are in fact unrelated.

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