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2022 Conference Wrap-Up and 2023 Conference Update

The IGS 2022 Conference was held virtually on April 1-2 and featured five different speakers. On Friday, April 1st, we heard from Ron Darrah, Sarah Kirby, Allison DePrey Singleton, and Curt Witcher. Friday marked the day of the 1950 U.S. Census release, so there was a lot of interest in that topic; Allison did a live demo and examination of the census. Ron discussed Indiana territorial records, Sarah covered the use of archives in research, and Curt finished the day talking about general Indiana research.

On Saturday, April 2nd, we were fortunate to hear from David Lambert with the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. David presented four seminars on New England research. For those of us whose ancestors were early migrants to North America, New England research is vital, and David is an acknowledged expert in the field. Also, the IGS held its annual business meeting, presented its financial report, inducted new officers, and also held its lineage societies induction.

The attendance on Friday was 533 unique users, and on Saturday it was 539 unique users. Again this year the conference was sponsored by Vivid-Pix, and we thank them very much for their support. Vivid-Pix's contribution made it possible to offer the conference free of charge to the attendees.

The date, location, and main speaker for the 2023 Conference has not yet been determined. Once the decision has been made by the IGS Board, it will be announced to the membership.

Digital Archivists Race to Preserve Ukrainian Heritage

I don't think I need to go into great detail about the terrible conflict over in Ukraine. The loss of life is horrible enough to contemplate, and the news coverage of constant bombings puts into perspective just

how terrible it is to witness war in real time. Human life is, naturally, the biggest concern, but culture can be a victim as well. While it can be difficult to find a way to help all the way across an ocean, digital archivists have found a way to do what they can to mitigate the loss of cultural identity and archival history.

This group, known as the [Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online or SUCHO](#), have been recording and downloading Ukrainian archival websites before they go down. In an article by marketplace.org, many members of the group explain, in their own words, the efforts they've gone to in order to preserve the fragile, intangible resources before they are potentially lost forever.

It's something best read in their own words, so I won't attempt to paraphrase here. I highly suggest reading more on the important, heartbreaking work archivists are doing to preserve Ukrainian archival resources by clicking [here](#). And, while you're at it, consider donating towards relief efforts if you're able. There's more information on supporting SUCHO and other digital archive groups working to preserve war-torn countries' cultural history located at the bottom of the article.

Historic images from Carmel's past made available by new Carmel Clay Historical Society collection

If you live in Carmel or have family roots tied to the area, you're in great luck. A partnership between the City of Carmel and the Carmel Clay Historical Society (CCHS) has resulted in hundreds of historic photos being scanned into the historic archive. They're now available to the public through the Historical Society's website.

The *Reporter* goes on to explain that "(a)ll citizens of Carmel may access the collections for free online and request both digital and physical copies of images for a nominal fee. Members of CCHS and students in Carmel get free copies of CCHS collections materials. Research requests can be made to Emily Hanawalt, Collections Manager and City Archivist, at ehanawalt@carmelclayhistory.org."

To access the archive:

1. Visit the Historical Society archive website at carmelclayhistory.catalogaccess.com.
2. Click on the Advanced Search tab at the top of the screen.
3. Click the search bar under Collections on the left side of the screen.
4. Search for the term city archive.

For more information on the archive and what all it will contain, check out the Hamilton County Reporter article [here](#).

NYC historical vital records go online!

If you've ever tried researching New York family history, you may have come across a surprising black hole of results. As *The Legal Genealogist* describes it, "From records loss on one side — can we say "New York Capitol Fire," boys and girls? — to records access limits on the other ("sure we have it but you can't see it at all or maybe if you pay a big fee..."), well... let's just say that research in the Empire State and the Big Apple isn't the easiest thing to do."

It's made it downright impossible to get anywhere with research needs... until now, that is. The New York City Municipal Archives has announced [The NYC Historical Vital Records Project](#). The page describes this project as "a mass digitization project to provide online access to 13.3 million historical birth, death, and marriage records." Some 9.3 million records are available in this initial launch, with another four million yet to come. (The site reports digitization at 70% (9,318,625 of 13.3 million records).

So, what's all included?

The Bronx

- Births: 1872 to 1873, 1876, 1888 to 1891, 1895 to 1909
- Deaths: 1898 to 1948
- Marriages: 1898 to 1937

Kings (Brooklyn)

- Births: 1866 to 1909
- Deaths: 1862 to 1948
- Marriages: 1866 to 1937

Manhattan

- Births: 1855, 1857 to 1861, 1863 to 1865, 1866 to 1909
- Deaths: 1866 to 1867, 1871 to 1875, 1920 to 1930
- Marriages: 1866 to 1937

Queens

- Births: 1866, 1876, 1883, 1886, 1888 to 1909
- Deaths: 1898 to 1948
- Marriages: 1898 to 1937

Richmond (Staten Island)

- Births: 1898 to 1909
- Deaths: 1898 to 1948
- Marriages: 1898 to 1937²

They note that "the gaps don't mean the records aren't available; in many cases it's just that they're not yet digitized (four million to come, remember). Charts on the the [Digital Vital Records](#) indicate whether records exist and may yet to be digitized."

Sounds like a really great resource for sure! To read more about these vital records and how to access them, refer [here](#).

Attention: Volunteers Needed!

We here at the IGS have received word that Janet Frey, FamilySearch.org Field Support for several states including Indiana, needs your help to complete an important digitization project! She is in dire need of document preparation help in Sullivan, Boone, Miami, Switzerland and a few other areas working with various records at county courthouses.

IGS and FamilySearch.org have partnered to digitize marriage and other courthouse records throughout the state of Indiana. FamilySearch is providing the technology and technicians to do the actual scanning of the records using contractors and missionaries. Volunteers are needed locally to prepare the documents for scanning. Included in this project are scanning of Probate Packets - the paper documents that are created in settling an estate. These documents are a treasure trove of local history - receipts from long gone businesses, lists of items owned by the deceased, beneficiaries of the estate, and even neighbors who purchased items from the estate sale.

For over 100 years, these important documents have been folded and placed in a packet envelope. In order to scan fragile documents, they must be unfolded, flattened, and placed in a folder. After scanning, they may, depending on the decisions of the local county clerk, need to be refolded and replaced in the estate packet envelope. In order to keep the project moving volunteers are need to prepare these documents and keep ahead of the contractors doing the scanning. If the contractors can not keep scanning, they will be moved from that county and the project will stall.

From Rhonda Stoffer, IGS President, Grant County Genealogist:

"I have personally been working on the Grant county digitization project for FamilySearch since October of 2021. There are 7 of us who are unfolding Probate Packets for scanning. I can honestly say that none of us have found the experience boring. We have completed 900 packets and have found some amazing gems in the documents. As the head of the Indiana Room at Marion Public Library, my staff and I are always looking for information on previously unknown people from the area. Using a line from a woman's estate paper that said she was due a payment from her husband's military pension, we were able to determine that her husband was a Black War of 1812 veteran that was previously unknown to us, and is buried in the county. In another file, a local man had died during the Civil War in Andersonville Prison Camp. Years after the war, several men who had been in the camp with him traveled to Grant county to tell the court what his final wishes were for his estate.

Without this project these events would remain lost to history. Please consider helping with this worthwhile project. The goal is to complete each of the 92 counties in Indiana. Currently, about 18

counties have committed to the project which has no cost to the county for the digitization. Please contact your local county clerk to encourage them to take advantage of this wonderful project that will preserve these important records for years to come. After scanning, all of these records will be available for everyone on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), for free!"

Doesn't that sound pretty cool? The group managing the project will be asked to pack up the cameras and return them if new help isn't found soon. Volunteers won't be digitizing the material but prepping documents for digitization by carefully unfolding them, putting them in folders, and returning them to storage once they've been successfully digitized. The work needs to be performed in a timely manner and the documents themselves need to be handled delicately, so if you've got some time and have a gentle touch, this could be a great opportunity to help out your local courthouse!

If you or anyone you know are interested in a really hands on experience with the oldest records in your state please contact Janet Frey at 615-992-5829 or frejil@familysearch.org.

COUNTY ROUNDUP OF EVENTS

Northeast

>> 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.

- April 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM (virtual). Amy Johnson Crow will present "Using Land Records Effectively."
- May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM (virtual). Judy Russell will present "Don't Forget the Ladies: A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law."
- June 8, 2022. Reservations are required for our annual banquet. Curt Witcher will present An Update on What's New in the Genealogy Center.

From the Genealogy Center

To learn more or register for the programs, visit <https://genealogycenter.org>, call 260-421-1225, or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info. For each of the below programs, you will need to pre-register:
Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 - 7:30 PM (virtual): "Origin: How Ancient DNA Informs Modern Genealogy" with Dr. Jennifer Raff. WHO were the first people to reach the Americas? When did they get there, and how? These are among the most mysterious questions in prehistory, and have long been studied using traditional archaeology: bones, artefacts and so on. In recent years, however, the field has been revolutionised by genetic data. DNA from living people and preserved remains has both enhanced and transformed our understanding of the continents' First Peoples (those who were on the continent before Europeans arrived) and how they got there.

- April 21st at 6:30 PM (virtual): "Crossing the Ocean - Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor" Many researching their families' histories want to find the location of ancestral home places. There are oceans of possibilities to assist one in uncovering the answers.
- Monday, June 6th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at Aboite Branch - Meeting Room. "Crossing the Ocean - Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor"
- Monday, July 18th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at Grabill Branch - Meeting Room. "Crossing the Ocean - Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor"
- Wednesday, July 20th from 3:00 - 4:00 PM at Monroeville Branch - Meeting Room. "Crossing the Ocean - Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor"
- Recorded Genealogy Center programs can be found on the Genealogy Center section of the [Library's YouTube channel](#).

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.

- April 3, 2022 at 2:00 PM: Ed Mitukiewicz, "Location, Location, Location: How Genealogical Research Can Benefit from Historical Maps." Identifying the places where our ancestors used to live can be a critical step in finding sources of genealogical information but locating those places can be quite a challenging task, particularly in Eastern Europe. Ed is a mathematician and computer scientist by education, researcher and technology consultant by profession, and amateur cartographer and genealogist by coincidence. He worked as editor, translator and map consultant during the production of the 2015 documentary film, "Raise the Roof."
- May 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM : Todd Knowles, "Making the Most of FamilySearch for Jewish Research." This presentation will focus on new features at FamilySearch, and techniques to use for Jewish genealogical research. Todd Knowles is an Accredited Genealogist who specializes in English and Jewish research. His quest to find more about his G-G-Grandfather, a Polish Jew, has led to the creation of the Knowles Collection, six databases that contain the records of the Jewish people. It currently (as of Jan 2020) contains the records of over 1.4 million people.

>> 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.

- April 6th from 6:30 to 8 PM: The 1950 Census: Using and Indexing. This will be a presentation by Genealogy Librarian Sarah Kirby on how to access the Census, what to look for, and indexing the Census. Call 260-356-0824 or email genealogy@hctpl.info to request virtual meeting access instructions from the Keefer Center.
- April 12th from 10:00 - 11:00 AM: "1950 Census: Using and Indexing" at the Huntington Main Library. So the 1950 Census has finally been released, what now? Join us in the Keefer Center on April 12th at 10am to learn how to access the 1950 Census, what you can look for, and how to index it!
- April 26th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: "Indexing Parties" at the Huntington Main Library. Volunteer in the Keefer Center to work alongside our Genealogy Librarians as we join into the nation-wide effort to index the 1950 Census! Released on April 1st, the 1950 Census is predicted to take several months to index. Will you take some time to contribute your part in the process?

>> 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.

North Central

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

The next meeting of the Elkhart County Genealogical Society will be April 21, 2022 beginning at 1 PM at the Bristol Public Library Community Room, 505 W. Vistula St., Bristol, Indiana. Larry App will present a montage of short videos from stories he has preserved over the last few years, including the backstory of each. The videos will feature local people and illustrate the importance of story preservation. The meeting is open to the public. Additional information on meetings and our research library can be found on our website: elkhartgensoc.org.

>> 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>.

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

The Marshall County Genealogical Society offers help and support to its members who are researching their ancestors. The April 5 meeting will be an opportunity for members to ask for help with specific problems in their family tree. Our members have lots of combined experience that they can share. The society's next meeting is at 6:00 PM. Tuesday, April 5th at the Marshall County Museum in the Community Room. The public is welcome. Membership is just \$10, but not required for attending the meetings. The museum is located at 123 N. Michigan, Plymouth. Please call 574-936-2306 with any questions.

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

The St. Joseph County Public Library at 304 S. Main St. in South Bend is now open after undergoing a major remodel over two years. The Local & Family History area has been expanded and is now ready to serve patrons. For more details, check out the website at <https://sjcpl.org/lfh/>. Upcoming programs include:

- Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 AM: "Slavery by Another Name" with Nicka Smith at the Main Library - Community Learning Center. Nicka Smith, professional genealogist, shares how to research ancestors - whether enslaved or free - as they were held in jails, prisons, hotels, and more.
- Saturday, April 23rd at 11:30 AM: "Lost to Time, Unearthed by Access" with Nicka Smith at the Main Library - Community Learning Center. Genealogist Nicka Smith follows the journey of formerly enslaved families whose origins and life during enslavement were nearly forgotten but were revealed due to expanded access to records.
- Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 PM at the Main Library, Community Learning Center in the Leighton Auditorium. "We Never Heard From Them Again" with Jane Neff Rollins, professional genealogist, will guide attendees through the process of researching relatives lost during the Holocaust. A Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony will precede the talk.

Also, the Heritage Room materials at the Mishawaka Penn Harris Public Library have been moved into Adult Services and are now accessible during all open hours. If you have research to do in the area, now is a great time to start!

Northwest

>> La Porte County

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 has a website at www.nwigs.com. 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.

The Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society will be holding the following meetings. Anyone who would like to join in can either go to the website at NWIGS.Com or contact the webmaster at webmaster@nwigs.com

- Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 AM: "How do you use DNA in your genealogy research?" Share with the NWIGS online community how you use DNA to enhance and create new discoveries in your genealogy research. What methods do you use and what have you found out? With special guest: Angel Goins
- Saturday, May 21st, 10 AM: "Laws Related to Cemeteries and Available Help" presented by Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Director of Special Initiatives, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Saturday June 18, 2022, 10:00 AM Central Time: "No Easy Button: Using Immersion Genealogy to Understand Your Ancestors" with Lisa Alzo. Family history is so much more than just names, dates, and places, or boxes, lines, and charts. For 21st century genealogists, it is easy to limit our research to the documents or other facts we find online, or to what others tell us to be true. Learn how to take your research a step further to understand your ancestors' lives through "immersion genealogy"—the process of discovering where they lived, worked, and worshiped, and

experiencing those customs and traditions they passed down through the generations. Key resources, methodology, and tips for reaching out to relatives and repositories, and how to make the most out of a trip to your ancestor's hometown (whether in North America or across the pond) will be discussed.

- Saturday July 16, 2022, 10:00 AM Central Time: "Sharing Session" Share your genealogy projects, discoveries or stories with others online.
- Saturday August 20, 2022, 10:00 AM: "Beginner's Guide to French-Canadian Genealogy" Presented by Judy Nimer Muhn

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

The Pulaski County Genealogy Society meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Historical Society Museum, 500 S. Monticello St. (US35) in Winamac at 5 PM. The society members continue to add updates to the county cemeteries and/or veteran's burials spreadsheets. Pulaski County contacts: Mary at geniehistory2021@gmail.com or Ronda at ronda.loehmer@gmail.com

At the Winamac library in the genealogy room, researchers can now use the Scan-pro 3000 to read microfilm and to access the internet. As yet, there are no public computers or a copy machine handy for researchers in the room. You are welcome to bring your own laptop, I-Pad or other electronic device. Resources having to do with Cass, White and Jasper are among the counties that have been added to the resources available in the genealogy room. Winamac library hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Sat. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

>> White County *submitted by Judy Baker from the White County Historical Society:*

We just finished a four year Civil War project. Now, if you come in and want information on your Civil War ancestor that is either buried here, lived here or served from here I should be able to quickly show you what information that we have available. Now onto the Mexican War and the War of 1812.

East Central

>> 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:*

Renovation Work to Begin at Local Cemetery (Gillium Chapel Cemetery - Fortville) to learn more, visit <https://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2022/03/01/renovation-work-to-begin-at-local-cemetery/>

Beginning in April, the Hancock County Historical Society's Chapel in the Park Museum and Jail will open to visitors on Saturday and Sundays from 12-5 PM. Group tours are available by request at alternate hours. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. For more information go to <http://hancockhistory.org/>

>> 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 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>

- Saturday, April 2nd at 10 AM: "Browsing the 1950 Federal Census" It's out for public viewing! It was just released on April 1. Although it will take time to index every name, there are ways to narrow the number of browsing pages to find your ancestor. Attendees will learn tips about finding their ancestors on the 1950 census at Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch.org.
- Tuesday, April 12th at 2 PM: "Virtual Genealogy Roundtable: Focus on Separating Fact from Fiction in Family Stories" Family stories are passed down from generation to generation. There is always the chance that the stories are embellished just a bit to make them more interesting, colorful, and memorable. However, you need to verify the facts to keep the stories as accurate as can be. So gather the family legends and lore, but measure them against the factual record and include the facts when the fiction changes them. Attendees will share some of their family stories and share how they did the research to verify the facts. This is an informal genealogy discussion group.
- Saturday, May 21st at 10 AM (virtual): "Journey to Northern Ireland: History and Records" Leaving from Belfast, Peter and Mary Ann Shannon and their nine children arrived at the port of New York on 30 October 1829. After finding a trail of US records, the hunt for this family begins in Northern Ireland. A marriage record from County Armagh, Northern Ireland, leads to a discovery of the history and records of the area. Join Pat Adams, professional genealogist, on this journey through records of Northern Ireland.
- Thursday, May 26th at 5:30-7:30 PM and Saturday, July 9th at 1-3 PM (In Person): "World War II - History Unfolded: Newspaper Detectives" Join us in the Indiana Room as we discuss the History Unfolded project run by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Designed to help researchers understand how Americans perceived World War II and the Holocaust through newspapers, this research sprint will be an opportunity to contribute to this volunteer-run project. This multifaceted learning experience is a great first step into being a history sleuth, learning about Noblesville during World War II, and being a part of a group of volunteers 5000 strong!
- Saturday, June 11th at 10 to 11:15 AM (hybrid): "The White River and its Historic Floods" Explore the flood zones of Hamilton County and the White River with county historian David Heighway. Learn about the effects they had on our ancestors, the environment, and how we have learned from the past to prevent them in the future. Bring your waterway questions!
- Tuesday, June 14th from 6:30 to 8 PM (virtual): "LGBTQ Genealogy with Stewart Traiman" Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer folk have always been a part of our history and family stories. The confirmed bachelor or spinster aunt in our trees may not have been single. Perhaps they did have partners but there is no legal documentation or family acknowledgement. This class will explore census, newspapers, obituaries, military records, photographs, phone books and archives for clues on our ancestor's sexuality. We will also explore LGBTQ History and many individual stories giving context to the available records. Discovering our LGBTQ ancestor's stories will enrich our entire family history.
- Wednesday, June 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM (virtual): "Beginning Native American/First Nations Genealogy" This lecture provides an overview for the person just getting started doing Native American family history research. Emphasis is placed on paying close attention to historical details, the major differences between Euro-American and Native American societies, and conducting research within the proper historical and geographic contexts. Major records groups are defined with an extensive bibliography provided. Some consequential first steps in engaging in any type of Native American research are enumerated and discussed. Curt Witcher, Director of Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library, is the presenter for this lecture.

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.

>> 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/>

- Saturday, April 9: Marion County Bicentennial Program and First Families Recognition from 1:00 —3:00 PM at 9370 E Washington St, Indianapolis IN 46229. Ron Darrah, GSMC Vice-President, will present a program on "Marion County 200 years old" and conduct the First Families of Marion County Recognition. In person event. Free admission.

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 History and Genealogy Association will have the following upcoming programs at the Morgan County Public Library EXCEPT the Ratts Cemetery Workday:

- Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7 PM: "Are There Ghosts In Your Home? Researching the History of Your Home"
- April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM: "A Grave Matter in Indiana" Jeannie R. Regan-Dimus, Director of Special Initiative for the Department of Natural Resources will discuss the state of cemeteries in Indiana, what is being done at various levels to protect and restore them. Find out what we can do to help by attending.
- May 14, 2022 from 9 AM to 3 PM (May 21, 2022 is the rain date): Ratts Cemetery (in Morgan County) Workday – We encourage anyone who wants to volunteer to help to come to the cemetery. Bring a stool, soft brush, bucket of water, knee pads, sunscreen, sunglasses, bug spray, etc. to help clean the stones.
- June 23, 2022 at 7 PM: "Morgan County Memories" Susan Tomlinson of the Morgan County History Partnership (MCHP) will describe what is being done for the Bicentennial. She and other members of MCHP will be recording stories about the history of Morgan County. What are your memories? Learn how to contribute to what will become a wonderful resource of our county's history.

Anyone wishing to become a dues paying member can find the form at MCHGA's facebook group page under "files." Or email a request for a MCHGA membership form to: jkistler@morgancountylibrary.info.

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.

The Clay County Genealogy Library is open to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Due to a lack of volunteers, the library will only be open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit their website at <http://ccgsilib.org/>

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

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County meets at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month in the Crawfordsville District Public Library. Visit the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GenClubMontCo/>

>> 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 events listed below are "Members Only" and you must pre-register to get the Zoom link.

- April 11th at 6:30 PM: "National Archives Resources at the Chicago Branch" presented by Jane Haldeman. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the "nation's record keeper." The National Archives in Chicago hold Federal records from agencies in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin dating from the 1800's including Territorial Papers, Farming and Agriculture, Naturalization, Military, Taxes, Postal Service, Court Cases and many more records. These can be invaluable when researching your family history. Learn what's available and how to access these rich resources.

Southeast

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

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 3:00 PM at the Fayette County Museum, 200 W. 5th Street, Connersville, IN.

South Central

>> 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 AM - 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 Diane Stepro, Clark Co. ICG:*

The Jeffersonville Township Public Library's main library is open Monday– Thursday 9 AM– 8 PM, Friday–Saturday 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.

- On April 23 at 11 AM, the Jeffersonville Township Public Library will offer a one-hour workshop for beginners in Birth, Marriage, and Death Record Genealogy. Led by Family and Local History Librarian Diane Stepro, the program will take place in the library's South Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend; no registration is required. The library is located at 211 E. Court Avenue in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Contact Diane Stepro, dstepro@jefflibrary.org or 812-285-5640 for more information.

Visit the website to learn more: <https://www.jefflibrary.org/local-history>

>> 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. The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society will have no more meetings until March.

>> 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:*

Our research room at the Griffin Genealogy Library is fully open for researchers. Masks are suggested but not required.

>> 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 Research Library has added a new resource, *Mapping Monroe County, Indiana: An Annotated Bibliography, 1815–1941* (2021), compiled by David Paul Nord, to the collection. This work is an annotated and illustrated bibliography of historic maps of the county, the city of Bloomington, and the Indiana University campus, from 1815 through 1941. It lists items in dozens of map collections around the state and country. The book is available in the library and on sale in the Museum Store for \$15.00. For more information, send email to: library@monroehistory.org or call (812) 332-2517. Please visit our website at: www.monroehistory.org

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

Our first meeting of the year is Thursday, April 7, 6:00 PM with visiting and refreshments. 6:30 PM Meeting Begins. Program will be to "Show Off" the Research Rooms. We hope the Scott County Room will be much easier to navigate, easier to return material plus all research to be much faster. We will be working to improve all of the time. We hope you can attend April 7th. Masks are welcome, whatever you choose to do.

The Research Rooms are OPEN now on Tuesday and Wednesday 10-4; Saturdays 10-1. In May, plans to open an additional day, Fridays 10-4. Daily fee \$5.00 for non-members and paid up members (\$12.00 annually), free to research. Using Digital equipment we have to charge \$5.00 per day due to our expenses of rent. We pay the Museum \$350 per month to rent the two research rooms. We could use another volunteer on Thursdays and/or someone to substitute when a regular volunteer needs to have a day off. Thank you for considering.

Southwest

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

To celebrate the release of the 1950 U.S. census, I will be teaching two genealogy classes at two of our Greene County libraries. The first one will be on Tuesday, April 26th at 6-7 PM at the Bloomfield Public Library. The second one will be Monday, May 9th at 5:30-6:30 PM at the Linton Public Library. They will be open to all Greene County residents. I also plan on having two more genealogy classes in October, during Family History Month.

Also, a helpful tip for anyone that uses social media... Genealogy pages (for family surnames, counties, towns, etc.) that you find on Facebook can be very useful. In my own research, I have found an unknown 3rd cousin by asking a question on a county (NY) genealogy page. In October of 2020, I started a FB page for Greene County. Our FB group [Greene County Genealogy (Indiana)] now has over 200 members, and I am constantly amazed at how much they help each other with their research. Also, many of the members have discovered they are related to each other!!

>> 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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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 Summer Journal topic is Hoosier Involvement with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Works Progress Administration (WPA). Did your ancestors work for government projects like the CCC and WPA in Indiana? Were they census takers, ag enumerators, construction workers, writers? Share their stories and photos with us by April 20, 2022, to be included in this issue.

Questions to consider:

- What were their lives like before and after the projects?
- How did the development of these projects help Hoosiers and the State of Indiana?
- How were men and women recruited?
- What were some of the jobs they did?
- Has anyone conducted genealogy research using information gathered by the WPA for Indiana?

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:

WANDERWORT

(n.) literally, a 'wandering word'—an ancient loanword adopted across so wide a range of languages that its precise origins are lost. Many foods, tools, animals, and metals that would have been traded historically are wanderwords, including SUGAR, LEMON, and COPPER.

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