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## Indiana News - May 2022

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### Midwestern Roots Con 2022

Join us for three days of learning, in-person networking, and fun around discovering and sharing about the past. Exploring how immigration and migration has impacted the story of the Midwest, we'll dive into how food, music, fine art, and clothing can be pathways to the movements of people across time. With different session formats and lengths, storytellers with different backgrounds and experiences, an invigorated vendor hall, and a thoughtful thematic menu – we promise you this is a conference you do not want to miss.

**Featured Storytellers**

Katrina Mitten is a citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and is an award-winning artist who has been beading for over 45 years. Katrina has practiced traditional Great Lakes embroidery style native beadwork through study of family heirlooms, museum collections and practice. The imagery she creates is inspired by the world around her. Her works have been acquired by the Miami Tribe, national museums and private collectors. Illustrating the value she places on education, Katrina has been a corporate lecturer, contributed to elementary, secondary, and university level educational programs, and featured in documentary films.

Tim Pinnick is an independent scholar, lecturer, author and entrepreneur highlighting the value of researching migrations, newspapers, church histories, and different industries and social organizations as a valuable tool in storytelling.

Curt B. Witcher is the Senior Manager for Special Collections at the world-famous Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Curt is a visionary in family history and passionate about connecting everyone to their own history and sharing those stories for the future.

For more information about featured storytellers and how to register, refer [here](#).

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## Gravestone Cleaning Tips from BillionGraves

I think that any family history researcher can admit to having a fondness for graveyards that most people may not fully share. As a child, I certainly think back fondly on the summers I spent with my mother playing among the headstones as she and her team of volunteers worked tirelessly to restore Civil War-era markers and stones that had been victim to vandalism, time, and the elements, and it's a particular delight of mine to tell people how I would often come home from Summer Drama classes to find my mother in the garage with a gravestone on a workbench, carefully working to reveal the long-hidden dates beneath their lichen layers.

Graveyards are an incredible tangible form of genealogy, and the maintenance and care we put into them as a resource can only aid future family historians down the line. So, if you've ever found yourself walking through an ill-kept graveyard with stones desperately in need of some attention, take solace in knowing that the great people at BillionGraves.com have compiled some great information for those eager to take the plunge into gravestone restoration work.

They announce that "[BillionGraves](#) has partnered with the gravestone preservation company *Save Your Stones* to provide you with the best guidelines and tools for cleaning your family headstones... You will benefit by being able to not only clean your ancestor's headstones with a BillionGraves Gravestone Cleaning Kit but also take photos with the free BillionGraves app. The gravestones will not only shine again, but they will have a GPS-linked image posted on BillionGraves.com for your family members to enjoy for generations to come."

On top of those awesome perks, they've also written up a comprehensive guide on the do's and don'ts of gravestone restoration, and all the awesome resources available for you if you find yourself with a stone in need of some TLC. The topics they focus on are thus:

- Why Should You Clean a Gravestone?
- When Should You NOT Clean a Gravestone?
- Sources of Gravestone Damage
- Understand Laws and Regulations
- Headstone Cleaning Tips
- Methods for Gravestone Cleaning

To learn more on the ins and outs of gravestone restoration, read the rest of the article [here](#).

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## You Can Now Explore All of 'The Book of Kells' Free Online

With the advent of digitization and the accessibility of the internet, it's really never been easier to experience medieval resources from the comfort of your own living room. As someone who dabbled with Medieval Studies in college (it was an easy minor to tack on during Senior year, and honestly, who doesn't want to pore over manuscripts and translate *Beowulf* from the original Old English?) the newfound availability of high-quality manuscript downloads has been a rabbit-hole of the best kind, and when I heard that The Book of Kells is now fully digitized and freely viewable...

Well, it was Christmas come early!

According to Mymodernmet.com, "The Book of Kells is a 9th-century devotional text. It contains the four Gospels of the New Testament, but it was likely meant to be displayed rather than read. The text was

copied onto calf vellum by trained scribes, probably on the Scottish island of Iona."

But this is not simply a copied manuscript: The Book of Kells contains some of the most ornate, beautiful illustrations of its kind, and if you're at all fond of Celtic imagery or Medieval manuscript illumination, this is one treasure trove you won't want to miss--especially since a trip to Ireland to see it in person isn't in the cards for everyone right now.

As for provenance, Mymodernmet.com goes on to recount the tumultuous life this manuscript has lived. "Sometime around the year 806, the manuscript was relocated due to Viking raids that threatened its monastery of origin. The book found its home in the Abbey of Kells in County Meath, Ireland. It rested there for centuries until Oliver Cromwell—English revolutionary and prolific destroyer of historic items—arrived in Ireland. The Book of Kells was sent to Dublin for safety. After the Restoration of the English monarchy (which ruled Ireland at the time), the book was donated to Trinity College Dublin, where it has stayed ever since."

So if you find yourself intrigued or merely interested in looking at something beautiful for awhile, I highly suggest you dive in and explore this beautiful piece of history [here](#).

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## How to Find and Use Naturalization Records

Familytreemagazine.com has released a very comprehensive guide on naturalization records that contains everything you could ever want to know about this particular type of resource. What are naturalization records? Well, in modernity, the naturalization process is one in which "immigrants promise to renounce foreign allegiances and support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States." In this process, "applicants must meet certain residency requirements, demonstrate they can read and write English, complete an interview, pass a civics test and file a series of forms with US Citizenship and Immigration Services."

While the naturalization process our ancestors went through wasn't quite as intensive, it still left behind a rather large paper trail that, if followed, can yield some pretty amazing tidbits and nuggets of information for further family history research. Familytreemagazine.com offers some tips on these very types of tidbits:

- Not all immigrants became citizens, and some waited until long after they first arrived in the United States. Typically, men who were birds of passage (they traveled between their homeland and America several times before settling here) didn't rush to become citizens.
- The citizenship process involved filing a declaration of intention to naturalize, also called first papers, then waiting a legally proscribed amount of time (this varied over time) before filing a petition for naturalization, or—you guessed it—second papers.
- Your ancestor could file papers at any courthouse. He could even begin the process in one court and finish it another. Aliens more often applied at county and state courts than at the federal level because the fee was usually lower and it was often closer to home. To find naturalization records before 1906, you'll need to check municipal, county, state and federal courthouses where the immigrant lived.
- After 1906, courts had to file copies of naturalizations with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (now US Citizenship and Naturalization Services, or USCIS). You can order copies of these records for your ancestor from the [USCIS Genealogy Service](#).
- Online sources of naturalization records and/or indexes to naturalization records for various parts of the country include subscription sites [Ancestry.com](#) and [Fold3.com](#), and the free [FamilySearch](#).

Learn more about what naturalization records are, the forms they come in, and how to use them in your research [here](#).

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## 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, Past 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, 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](mailto:frejil@familysearch.org).

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## 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](http://www.acgsi.org), our blog at [acgsi.wordpress.com](http://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.

- 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](mailto: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.

- 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.

- 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](mailto: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.

>> 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**

>> 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>.

>> 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/>.

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](http://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](http://NWIGS.Com) or contact the webmaster at [webmaster@nwigs.com](mailto:webmaster@nwigs.com)

- 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](mailto:geniehistory2021@gmail.com) or Ronda at [ronda.loehmer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.HenryCountyMuseum.org) by clicking the 'donate' button).

Save the date: May 25 at 7 p.m. "Who Was Jonathan Knight, the Namesake of Knightstown" at the shelter house in Sunset Park. Don't miss this upcoming presentation about the man who supervised the building of the National Road through Indiana.

>> 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 to see more detail and register for the virtual classes at <https://hepl.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>

- 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/>

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:

- 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](mailto: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](http://www.inwvgs.org) and go into the section



marked "WVGS Events and Registrations".

## 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, Connorsville, 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](mailto: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>

>> 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](http://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](mailto:ref@myjclibrary.org). The main library is located at 303 West Second Street, Seymour, IN. Visit the website to learn more: [www.myjclibrary.org](http://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](mailto:library@monroehistory.org) or call (812) 332-2517. Please visit our website at: [www.monroehistory.org](http://www.monroehistory.org)

>> Scott County            *submitted by Jeannie Noe Carlisle, Secretary, SCGS!*

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](mailto: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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IGS invites 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 Autumn Journal topic is Religions of Hoosiers. What religions were brought here, and by whom? Tell us what religions were active in the state and what faith your ancestor belonged to. Pass along any information about repositories, collections and archives where this information is held. Any info and photos on camp meetings and revivals held in the state are welcome too! Share their stories and photos with us by August 1, 2022, to be included in this issue

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."

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### Word of the Month:

#### OBLIVISCIBLE

(adj.) capable of or likely to be forgotten

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