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## Indiana News - August 2022

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### Midwestern Roots Con 2022 Wrap Up

Roots Con is officially over for 2022! Thank you for attending and making this year's conference an amazing experience. We'd also like to extend a very warm, heartfelt thanks to our contributors and lecturers for their hard work. It's thanks to them that we were able to have such an informative experience, and their importance can't be overstated.

So, special thanks to Katrina Mitten, Tim Pinnick, and Curt Witcher!

Check back next month for more information on what's coming next on the events front! The year is only

half over, and there's still so much more to anticipate.

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## Jamestown: How England's First Settlement in America Faces Being Washed Away

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter brings some upsetting news in regards to Jamestown, the first English settlement in America.

As most people can imagine, historical building preservation isn't easy. The older the settlement, the more difficulties there are in maintaining what our ancestors left us, and Jamestown carries with it almost as many hardships as it did back when it was established in the 16th century. Jamestown was just named one of America's most endangered historic places by the US National Trust for Historic Preservation. In the last century the river has risen by a foot and a half. Now, the site floods five or six times a year, putting large areas underwater.

The region is at a "critical juncture" where inaction would mean it will "disappear from the cultural landscape", the US National Trust for Historic Preservation said.

Situated on a tidewater island between the James River and a swamp, the site is vulnerable to heavy rain and rising groundwater levels brought about by climate change. "You've got resources there underwater, that are staying underwater," said Katherine Malone-France of the National Trust.

Archaeologists and their colleagues attempt to manage the water around their excavations with drainage systems constructed in the 1950s, sump pumps, sand bags, and tarps because water can damage or destroy artifacts such as pieces of armor, projectile points, and human remains, and wash away layers of sediments.

Plans to reinforce the 100-year-old concrete-block seawall holding back the James River with giant granite stones will soon get underway, added Michael Lavin of Jamestown Rediscovery. A modern drainage system, a special flood berm, and raised roads are also needed to preserve the site, he said.

While these measures should help postpone the destruction of this important historical settlement, it also brings up the important work we can do from home to help preserve Jamestown's memory in our own way. Pick up a book on the history of the settlement! Learn the history and help serve as cultural guides to those around you. Logically, we won't always have the settlements to serve as living history sources, especially as the weather gets worse and flooding and time do their worst to these old areas. Visit them while you can and learn as much as you're able. Eastman's newsletter included a link to a great overview of Jamestown as a settlement. Consider starting there! To read more about Jamestown and its current situation, refer [here](#).

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## Seven centuries of Irish archives painstakingly recreated after being destroyed in civil war

War--be it civil war or external conflict--is never kind to the cities, towns, and villages in which they are fought. We've referenced the struggle in Ukraine to protect their cultural footprint amid bombings and the ongoing conflict, but like much of history's struggles, things have a way of repeating themselves. In June 1922, the opening battle of Ireland's civil war destroyed one of Europe's great archives in a historic calamity that reduced seven centuries of documents and manuscripts to ash and dust. Today, however, the Guardian reports that researchers have made great progress towards rebuilding the lost archive.

The Guardian reports, "The project mixed old-fashioned academic sleuthing, artificial intelligence and collaboration with dozens of archives in the UK, continental Europe, the US and Australia. The results -- an immersive 3D reconstruction of the destroyed building and a vast digital archive -- will be formally launched on 27 June. It will be an open-access free resource with a searchable website. The 3D reconstruction gives viewers a detailed, and eerie, tour of the Public Record Office as it looked before the fire."

One avenue of research focused on tens of thousands of "salved" documents -- about a twentieth of the archive that survived the flames and had been packed away in boxes. Computers were used to decipher centuries-old handwriting, facilitating digitisation.

Another avenue saw historians embedded in foreign archives with Irish material to trawl for duplicates and copies of lost documents. They found hundreds of thousands, thanks to the medieval dedication to copying manuscripts as well as a 19th century push by US institutions to acquire similar materials. Many organizations--US and otherwise--went on spending sprees at auctions to amass ancient manuscripts, some copied from Dublin.

"This is the great revelation – once you start asking: 'What do you have?' it can be overwhelming," said Peter Crooks, director of Beyond 2022: Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland.. In many cases material had been forgotten and undisturbed for decades, curators unaware that they possessed the only surviving copies. In some categories dubbed "gold seams" up to 80% of lost material has been retrieved. In others, such as the pre-famine census, it is zero. It is unclear how much overall has been retrieved but the Trinity historians expect the project to continue filling gaps. "There is so much more out there: we're just scratching the surface," said Ciarán Wallace, Crook's colleague at Trinity College Dublin's history department.

To learn more about the Guardian's research into the recovery of these fascinating resources, refer [here](#).

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## 14 Genealogy Tasks to Do on Your Lunch Break

I'm sure we've all realized that family history research is a time commitment unlike many others. It requires travel, tromping through graveyards, digging through archives, and hours upon hours of research--sometimes dusty, sometimes not. It's the sort of task that typically has to take place on the weekends if you're like me and unable to avoid the drudgery of a typical nine-to-five job, and after work, there's usually not much more time to be had. The house has to be cleaned, kids need fed, laundry washed, etc... Maximizing the time you DO have, though, is what the topic of this Familytreemagazine.com article is all about. The great people at the magazine compiled a really great, comprehensive list of 14 tasks you can accomplish during a typical hour-long lunch break. If you're like me and always looking for ways to squeeze a few extra minutes out of the day, this is a list you'll definitely want to check out.

Familytreemagazine.com does preface their list with a warning: "Your computer makes most of these lunch-hour genealogy projects possible, of course, so we're assuming you have access to a PC or Mac and to the internet (and, if you're researching at work, that your boss doesn't mind some Indiana land records or Jones Family Genealogy mixed in with this month's inventory reports). Not everything herein requires being plugged in, though, and if you happen to be close to a library, your options naturally expand. In fact, now might be a good time to pinpoint a Burger Doodle eatery between your office and the nearest Family History Center.

Be warned, however: Some of these suggestions might prove so distracting that your lunch goes half-eaten. Just think of it as The Genealogy Diet."

If that doesn't put you off, then let's look at a few of these tips!

1. Google your ancestors
2. Search every book ever printed
3. Check your DNA
4. Download military records
5. Request a death certificate

All of these options are easily doable via the computer and internet, and none of them should take longer than a typical hour-long lunch break--unless you find yourself distracted or engaged along the way, and if that happens, then more power to you! You now have a small project to pick up the next day, and that may just be what you need to keep you going during the workday.

There are so many other great tips on this list with explanations, information, and resources to help maximize your lunch hour productivity. I highly recommend you take a look for yourself at all of the tips that didn't make it on my abridged list here--you may just discover a fun, easy little project for tomorrow's lunch break!

Check out the full list and see what other easy ways you can plumb the depths of your family history in your spare time! The full list is located [here](#).

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## Attention: Volunteers Needed (Updated)

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!

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 needed 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? Janet recently reached out to us to let us know that courthouses have begun using their own staff, and that the counties in need of assistance have changed since we first began advertising for this volunteer opportunity. If you're still interested in helping out and eager to see if your county is in need of assistance, please, don't hesitate to reach out to Janet for more information!

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

The Society holds regular monthly programs on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August), at 7:00 PM. Registration for 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.

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.

- September 11, 2022 from noon to 2:00 PM- "Meet Your Mishpocha!" We will begin our season with our fourth annual "Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day." From noon to 2:00 p.m., this "hybrid" event will be both in-person at the Madge Rothschild Resource Center and virtual for those who prefer to attend that way. We'll offer a variety of resources for Jewish genealogical research and local Jewish history.
- November 13, 2022 at 2 PM – "Immigration and Naturalization Records" Marian served for thirty years as an historian for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and has lots of information to share about late 19th and 20th century immigration records. She'll speak about "The Increasingly Accessible US Immigration and Naturalization Correspondence Files," at 2:00 p.m. on November 13th.
- February 2023 – "The Path of Jewish Immigration" In February of 2023, we'll be doing things just a little differently. For each of the four Tuesdays in the month, Dr. Nicholas Evans, from the University of Hull in England, will present a virtual program about Jewish immigration, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Hosted in conjunction with the ACPL Genealogy Center, Dr. Evans will track the journey of Eastern European emigrants from their homes to the United States and elsewhere. Three

programs – February 7, 14 and 21 – will be open to the public, with the February 28th program reserved for NEIJGS members.

- April 16, 2023 at 2 PM – “Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands” To be held at the ACPL Genealogy Center, Michael Simonson, from the Leo Baeck Institute, will present a program in conjunction with the institute’s exhibition, “1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands.” He will also discuss some of the history of German-speaking Jews in Indiana and nearby. The exhibition will be at the ACPL Genealogy Center in the spring of 2023.
- May 7, 2023 – “Prohibition and Criminal Ancestors” We’ll conclude our public programs at the Genealogy Center with genealogist, Ron Arons. He will present two programs: “Alcohol, Prohibition and Temperance Societies in Ohio and Indiana,” and “Researching Criminal Ancestors.” Ron Arons has authored three books, two of which are related to criminal records.

#### >> Grant County

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 *submitted by Sarah Kirby, Huntington Co. ICG:*

The Keefer Center will be hosting a virtual talk on “A History of Passenger Travel on the Great Lakes” on Wednesday, July 6th at 6:30 PM. The presentation will be by Ellen Kennedy from the National Museum of the Great Lakes. An application has been made for Indiana Librarian LEUs.

The Huntington County Genealogy Society meets at 6:30 PM on the first Wednesday of most months in the Keefer Center at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, 255 West Park Drive, Huntington (no meetings July, August, December, or January). The public is invited, and new members are always welcome. Most meetings are combined live/virtual. For more information, contact the Keefer Center at 260-356-0824 or [genealogy@hctpl.info](mailto:genealogy@hctpl.info). 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 meetings. 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.

#### >> Whitley County *submitted by Charlotte Hurd Blair, Whitley Co. ICG:*

When visiting the Whitley County Educational Center one will find many of the expected reference materials - marriage and death listings, cemetery readings, family histories, land ownership plat maps, and other listings that are common resources at each of our county genealogical centers. Many of those records are also often searchable online.

Often when an ancestor was a resident from a certain county there are many unique records available on that ancestor that are only available at the county location. At the Whitley County center, there are many files identified as “family files.” Over the past sixty-plus years articles were cut from the local newspapers and placed in these files and that continues today. The files are organized by surname. Here you will find articles on vacations people took, school and local honors as well as obituaries, weddings, births, and other news items. Individual families have also placed items in the family files. Pictures, letters, and family mementos can be found. Those items often will give more information on that family than the places and dates data printed in online county and state summaries. They build the family story. Also, in our center, there is identification and information on all the early one-room schools, early churches, stores, and businesses now long gone. These were the early places that formed the foundations of our communities and places connected to the families that lived there.

I would encourage you to take the time to make a personal visit to those counties connected to your ancestors. There are treasures of information awaiting your discovery. Often, if you are unable to do an in-person visit there are volunteers who will help you in your search.

The Whitley County Historic Museum and Educational Center is located at 108 West Jefferson Street, Columbia City, IN. 260-244-6372 Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-5, and Friday 9-Noon.

>> Elkhart County

The Elkhart County Genealogical Society holds its meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Bristol Public Library, State Rd. 120 (Vistula) Bristol, IN. We do not meet in the months of January, February and August and December. Additional information on meetings and our research library can be found on our website: [elkhartcogensoc.org](http://elkhartcogensoc.org).

>> Howard County

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

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, August 6th at 9:00 AM: "Genealogy Coffee Chat" at Main Library - Community Learning Center. Meet with fellow genealogists to share success stories and brick walls. Find the group near the St. Joe Coffee Co.
- Monday, August 22nd at 6:00 PM: "Write About Your Ancestors" at Main Library - Community Learning Center - Classroom B. Turn genealogical research into engaging ancestor sketches with this writing workshop.

## 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

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 August 20, 2022, 10:00 AM: "Beginner's Guide to French-Canadian Genealogy" Presented by Judy Nimer Muhn
- Saturday, September 17th, 10:00 AM Central Time: "Mind the Gap: Filling Holes in Genealogical Research" Presented by Suz Bates

>> Pulaski County

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 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.

## East Central

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

Ancestor Hunters meet on the last Monday of the month at the Delaware County Historical Society located at 120 E Washington. Meetings begin at 6:30 PM. On June 27th, Karen Good will be discussing "Using Timelines in Genealogical Research".

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

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/>

*From the Hancock County Historical Society*

A new special exhibit is now open to the public. Here's a highlight of what you can learn about there.

Edwardian newspapers and magazines featured photographs of the rich and famous strolling in elegant dresses trimmed in layers of lace. Charles Dana Gibson's drawings of "Gibson Girls" enjoying summer holidays depicted young women with hair piled high under straw hats burdened with flowers. Actresses in hit musical comedies appeared in posters wearing these latest styles and twirling pretty parasols.

Then, as now, women were inspired by these images to adopt fashionable styles despite lacking the resources to buy their hats from French milliners and their gowns from seamstresses working in haute couture salons. Buying clothing "off the rack" was still uncommon outside the big cities, but ordinary women could order "white dresses" from catalogs such as Sears – or they could make their own.

Hancock County ladies, often from sewing clubs, made these dresses for graduations or weddings much cheaper. The Historical Society will have on display some examples from local ladies of these fine cotton fabrics and ornamented with machine made tape and ribbon lace, the dresses they made more than 100 years ago display their skill and creativity.

The dresses in the Lawn & Lace exhibit are ready to be viewed by the public and for future generations to enjoy.

Hancock County Historical Society  
Chapel in the Park Museum  
28 Apple St, Greenfield, IN 46140  
NOW OPEN for 2022!!  
Saturdays & Sundays, noon – 5 PM  
Call: 317-462-7780 to schedule private group tours.

A news article on the society can be found [here](#).

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

Indiana's oldest, continuously operating historical society is located in New Castle, Indiana. Organized in 1887, the Henry County Historical Society also includes the Clarence H. Smith Genealogy Library. Contact us with your research questions at (765) 529-4028 or [HenryCountyMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:HenryCountyMuseum@gmail.com). Our hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Check here for more information: <https://henrycountymuseum.org/>.

>> 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

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

>> Hamilton County *submitted by Nancy Massey, Hamilton Co. ICG:  
From Hamilton East Public Library*

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

- Saturday, August 6th, 2022 at 10:00 AM: "Journey to Northern Ireland: History and Records" (Virtual) 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. You must register for this virtual program to receive a ZOOM link to attend.

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

Hamilton County will be celebrating 200 years in 2023. As part of that celebration, the Bicentennial Commission is working on several projects. One is the publication of a book which is available now for pre-order at <https://www.hamcoturns200.com/our-book>. In this book, there are some brief family histories of those who settled in the county.

>> 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, August 13th at 1 PM: "History and Reminiscing about Cerealine Towne in Indianapolis Indiana" (In-person) Sharon Kennedy will be at our Library to discuss the history and tell stories about this neighborhood that was located near the Cerealine Company in Indianapolis, Indiana, called Cerealine Towne. Please come whether you are familiar with this area or would like to hear stories and learn about the past in Indianapolis. Free admission - No advance registration required for this IN-PERSON program.

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.

*From the Indianapolis Public Library*

The Center for Black Literature & Culture's 5th Annual Indy Book Fest and Juneteenth Celebration will offer a glimpse of the African American experience through arts, literature, and storytelling on June 18 at [Central Library](#). We are bringing together poets, visual artists, storytellers, musicians, and book clubs to emphasize cultural literacy!

The Center for Black Literature & Culture is also excited and honored to partner with the YMCA's Monster Meeting to welcome via video, Professor Annette Gordon-Reed, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning *The Hemingses of Monticello: an American Family and On Juneteenth*. Professor Reed has written extensively about the history of Black Americans and the impacts on current day issues. Dr. Gordon-Reed's presentation will be followed by a live discussion.

Visit <https://www.indypl.org/programs-events/cblc-book-fest> for more information.

>> From the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group

Many of you know Denise Anderson-Decina, one of the co-founders of the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group. It is with great sadness to share the news that Denise passed away on March 5th, 2022, after a short, courageous battle with a very aggressive cancer. We will greatly miss her friendship, enthusiasm for learning and teaching, and ability to connect with so many with kindness.

As it becomes safer to gather, we are looking forward to reconnecting with all of you.

On the second Saturday of every month at the Indiana State Library, the genealogy room staff is available to help with your genealogy questions. CIDIG also provides DNA experts if anyone requests an appointment to discuss DNA results. Registration is required.

If you are thinking about doing some additional DNA testing, be on the lookout for DNA sales. Often, there will be sales around April 25th [DNA day] and then again around Mother's Day and Father's Day.

To find out more about the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group activities, please visit our Facebook page, Ann Raymond's DNA Sleuth blog, or our website at [CIDIG.org](http://CIDIG.org).

## **West Central**

### >> Clay County

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 AM to 4:00 PM. Visit their website at <http://ccgsilib.org/>

### >> Montgomery County

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

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*

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

- August 8th at 6:30 PM: "DNA: What Do I Do With It Now That I Have It? Working With DNA Test Results" (Virtual) presented by Laura Street Chaplin.
- September 12th at 6:30 PM: "Treasure Awaits: the Genealogy Center's Digital Collections" (Virtual) presented by Melissa Tennant.

## **Southeast**

### >> Dearborn County

The North Dearborn Branch is open with hours Monday through Friday (11 AM to 5 PM) and first Saturday of the month (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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

- Thursday, August 4th, 6:30 PM in the Elsa Strassweg Auditorium, of the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library at 180 West Spring Street. "Location, Location, Location -- Places in Genealogical research" Geographic divisions are important in genealogy because many of the records you need are in the towns and counties where your ancestors lived. Presented by Tiare Fullmer
- Thursday, November 3rd, 6 PM in the Elsa Strassweg Auditorium, of the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library at 180 West Spring Street. "First Families Celebration"

>> Harrison County

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

>> Jackson County

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

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

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

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**

>> Knox County

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

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

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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## **Call for IGS Journal, Newsletter, and Social Media Submissions**

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 15, 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.**

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## Word of the Month:

### OEONISMUS

(n.) a figure of speech in which a wish or desire is ardently expressed.

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