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2022 New York State Family History Conference - Virtual Option!

The 2022 New York State Family History Conference gathers hundreds of family historians with an interest in tracing their New York families. There is something for everyone at this year's event featuring live broadcasts, on-demand sessions, and other activities! Not yet registered? [Register here.](#)

Unusual Terms for Your Family Tree

Posted October 10, 2014, on *Geni.com*.

In many languages, what we call our family members is dependent on age and gender and can get pretty complicated to the non-native speaker. In comparison, the English words we use can seem pretty

straightforward. Typically, English uses mom and dad, brother and sister, aunt and uncle, grandma and grandpa, etc. And words such as 'cousin' are used generally and can refer to a male or female cousin from your maternal or paternal line.

Seems pretty easy right? But did you know that there were once other words used describe the folks in our family tree? While some of these words have largely fallen out of use, a couple can still be seen today.

Check out a few of them below:

1. Modrige

Your mother's sister. This Old English word for your maternal aunt can also be used to refer to a female cousin.

2. Eam or Avuncle

Both of these words refer to your mother's brother. The Old English "eam" eventually became "eme" in Middle English and took on a more general meaning of uncle or friend into the 19th century. The Latin "avuncle" is the root word for "avuncular," which means "having to do with uncles" or "uncle-like."

3. Fadu

Old English for your father's sister. Your father's brother would be called your "fœdra."

4. Niblings

These are your nieces and nephews. It's an easy and neutral means to refer to your siblings' children in a collective way. The term is similar to the use of "siblings" to refer to a group of brothers and sisters.

5. Double Cousin

This occurs when a pair of siblings marries another pair of siblings. Their children become double cousins because they share all four grandparents. By the way, double second cousins can arise in two ways: from two first cousin relationships among their parents or from one double first cousin relationship between their parents.

6. Patruel

Old English for the child of your uncle. Called first cousin today, "patruel" was a common term in royal families during the Renaissance when keeping track of succession rights.

7. Snoru

The wife of one's son or what we would call today, your daughter-in-law.

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 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? 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 freyjl@familysearch.org.

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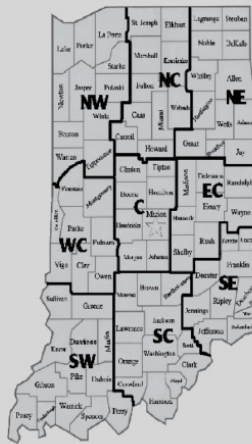
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EC = East Central

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SC = South Central
SE = Southeast

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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 Winter Journal topic is about "belonging" - fraternal organizations, beneficial societies, lodges... groups of which your Hoosier ancestors might have been members. Looking for stories about their experiences, photos of members and memorabilia, and auxiliary groups for women and children to join. Share their stories and photos with us by October 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.**

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

Phrase of the Month:

In loco parentis

In Latin, this translates to "in the place of a parent", and refers to someone who assumes parental responsibilities for a young person, but is not that person's parent.

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