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SAVE THE DATE: IGS 2022 Conference

IGS Conference 2022:

Thank you for attending our 2021 conference last month. As you know, the conference was generously sponsored by both Visit Fort Wayne, and by Vivid-Pix. I hope that you will support Visit Fort Wayne by attending our 2022 conference at the Allen County Public Library on April 2, 2022. Our main speaker will be David Lambert with the New England Historic Genealogical Society. David is an expert on New England research, and his topics for this conference will be Great Migration Immigrants to New England 1620-40, Using New England Probate Records, Discovering Land Records in New England, and Using New England Court Records in Your Family History.



Friday speakers and the possibility of virtual accessibility will be announced later, so be sure to keep checking social media and the enews for more information as it becomes available.

Most French Canadians are Descended from 800 Women Known as the Filles du Roi

The history of settlement in North America and Canada follow very similar steps no matter what portion of the continent is discussed. The general process began with sending men to settle the new land, working hard to tame the landscape, create settlements, and pave the way for trade and future colonization. A

common quandary, though, is that creating society in a new land can be difficult with only men there. Not many women were keen on traveling to foreign, untamed lands.

For those of us with French Canadian ancestry, you may or may not be aware of how prevalent this issue was during early settlement attempts in Canada. Fascinating scholarship has been done investigating the history of immigration and the important contribution made towards it by the Filles du Roi, or the Daughters of the King. These were young women, many from very well-off families, who were given dowries by the King of France in return for traveling to Canada to marry and create families there. These women ranged in age from 12 to 25, were deemed "women of good character" by the priests who provided written testimonies backing their moral uprightness, and hold a spot in the family trees for almost every person of French Canadian ancestry today.

These women were well-compensated for their service to their country. According to an article published on Eastman's, "(t)he King of France paid for transportation to New France of any eligible young woman. He also offered a dowry for each, to be awarded upon her marriage to a young Frenchman. Each woman's dowry typically consisted of 1 chest, 1 taffeta kerchief, 1 ribbon for shoes, 100 needles, 1 comb, 1 spool of white thread, 1 pair of stockings, 1 pair of gloves, 1 pair of scissors, 2 knives, about 1,000 pins, 1 bonnet, 4 laces, and 2 silver livres (French coins). Many also received chickens, pigs, and other livestock."

Definitely not a bad haul for many of these women, most of which were second, third, or fourth daughters who were not likely to receive much of a dowry (if any at all) from their families when the time came for them to seek out husbands.

To learn more about the Filles du Roi and how to learn if you are related to one, refer [here](#).

Old Disease Names Frequently Found on Death Certificates: What Would They be Called Today?

Ablepsy. Bone shave. Chlorosis. Old names for diseases can be one of the most head-scratching components to old death certificates, but thankfully, modern resources give us a leg up in making sense of what did our ancestors in. Usgen.net.org has compiled a list of common terms used on old death certificates and paired them with their modern counterparts to help take some of the guesswork and confusion out of this particular line of research.

Even if you don't handle death certificates often, this is still a super fascinating read. Describing the "feebleness due to old age" as "decrepitude" may be easy enough to understand, but "eel thing" as the antiquated parlance for Erysipelas? There's some fascinating etymology at work with some of these, and it's definitely worth a look if you're interested in the evolution of medical terminology over time!

Learn what these diseases (and many others) are in modern terminology [here](#).

Meet the Activist Archivists Saving the Internet From the Digital Dustbin

The Internet has changed the scope of our collective landscape in innumerable ways, and it can be easy to take this bounty of information for granted after becoming accustomed to having instant access at the touch of a few buttons (or a single swipe of a touch-screen). But, few consider that the information stored on the web is only there for as long as websites stay active. Countless websites, forums, and pages have come and gone in the scant few decades of the Internet's existence, and, while that may not at first blush seem to be a cause for concern, information of any sort is important.

This is where the Internet Archive steps in. This team serves as the creator of the Internet Archive, and work as digital preservationists of millions of books, videos, audio recordings, and software programs, while their Wayback Machine has saved snapshots of an estimated 544 billion webpages. As Discover Magazine describes them, the "Archive Team, a self-described "loose collective of rogue archivists, programmers, writers and loudmouths dedicated to saving our digital heritage," is a volunteer organization that monitors fading or at-risk sites before they've vanished completely. When Google announced the end of failed social network Google+, the collective saved 1.56 petabytes of its data in under four weeks."

It's not always obvious, the idea that digital and intangible content needs preservation. For anyone who has ever worked in an archive, it's usually the opposite way around! But someday, there may be a website or page you need to uncover something paramount to your own research, and the average webpage only has a life of an estimated ninety days before it either changes or is removed entirely. The work the Archive Team has done and continues to do will be essential for keeping the nebulous life of the Internet alive long after those pages are gone from our casual access.

To learn more about this important work, click [here](#).

New Free Historical Records on FamilySearch

FamilySearch.org has dropped a bevy of new historical records for all of your searching needs, many of which cover Indiana marriage records from 1811-2007. An assorted listing of new records is as follows:

"4M new digital images from Australia, Victoria Wills, Probate and Administration Files 1841–1926, expanded collections from England Middlesex Parish Registers 1539–1988, and the 2008 Census for Liberia.

Browse nearly a million added Catholic Church records from the Philippines (Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan 1615–1982 and Caceres 1615–1982), plus more from Colombia 1576-2018 , El Salvador 1655-1977, Nicaragua 1740-1960, and Mexico (Distrito Federal 1514–1970, Hidalgo 1546–1971, Jalisco 1590–1979, Puebla 1545–1977, Querétaro 1590–1970, Sinaloa 1671–1968, Tlaxcala, 1576–1994, et al.)

Look for promising leads in US New York Land Records 1630–1975, Massachusetts Boston Tax Records 1822–1918 and expanded collections for Illinois and Indiana."

Access these and other records [here](#).

COUNTY ROUNDUP OF EVENTS

>> Allen County

(submitted by 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. Visit the website for more information at <https://www.acgsi.org/>. The programs listed below are to be online, so be sure to visit the website to register. After pre-registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the program online.

- September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Curt Sylvester will present Colonial Research (part 1).
- October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Curt Sylvester will present Colonial Research (part 2).
- November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Martine Copeland will present French Migration to Allen County with Emphasis on Alsace.
- December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Kelli Bergheimer will present Family Tree Maker for Moderate Users.

From the Genealogy Center

If you're still not comfortable being out and about, that is totally understandable. Know that you can still use our virtual services. Continue to email your questions to us at: Genealogy@ACPL.info. Feel free to call us as well with a quick question or useful piece of advice at: 260-421-1225. Our virtual programs will continue. Join The Genealogy Center every Tuesday at 2:30 PM EST and Thursday at 6:30 PM EST for free virtual programs. Register in advance in the Events section on the left side of The Genealogy Center website: www.GenealogyCenter.org. Be sure to register ahead of time.

- Tuesday, June 1, from 2:30 - 3:30 PM: "Treasure Awaits: The Genealogy Center's Digital Collections" Discover the treasure trove of more than five million searchable items accessible online from The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Join us for a virtual tour of The Genealogy Center's digital collections. Register in advance [here](#).
- Thursday, June 3, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM: "The Basics of MyHeritage DNA" Have you taken the autosomal DNA test from MyHeritage testing company? Learn how to use the MyHeritage DNA website to view matches and ethnicity estimates, as well as the different tools available. Presented by Sara Allen. Register in advance for this program [here](#).
- Tuesday, June 8, from 2:30 - 3:30 PM: "The 1940 Census and Preparing for the 1950 Census" For those of us devoted to family history, "Census Release Day" is an informal but long-anticipated holiday every ten years. As genealogists, we eagerly await each new release of the Census and the treasure trove of information it will bring. Unfortunately, we must wait 72 years after each Census is compiled before it will be released to the public. Along that timeline, the 1950 Census is slated for release in April of 2022. However, each Census is unique due to changing questions from the previous versions. What can we expect from the 1950 Census? How many questions will be on it? How can we prepare for the release? This presentation will answer these questions and

more. Attendees will also learn how to use knowledge from the 1940 Census release to assist them in their 1950 research. Presented by Allison Singleton. Register in advance for this program [here](#).

- Thursday, June 10, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM: "Fireside Chat: Migration" As we travel throughout the summer, it might be refreshing and even reassuring to muse about how our ancestors traveled to new places to live. How did they decide to migrate? What was their journey like? Join our expert genealogy librarians as we discuss migration with you. This is an opportunity to ask questions on migration, and all the records that surround that process. Please feel free to send in your questions in advance to Genealogy@ACPL.Info. [Register](#) in advance for this program!
- Tuesday, June 15, from 2:30 - 3:30 PM: "Bringing History to Life" Join local history librarian Chelsea Johnson as she explores opportunities to engage with your community while sharing valuable local and family stories. Accessible for both genealogy professionals and enthusiasts, Chelsea will share her experiences organizing cemetery walks, history happy hours, local author tours, oral history projects, and online local photo collections. Come get inspired and discover the many ways you can spark community interest and collaboration around local history. Presented by: Chelsea Johnson. [Register](#) in advance for this program!
- Saturday, June 19, from 1:00 - 2:00 PM: "Researching and Understanding the Push and Pull of African American Migrations, 1864-1950" Presented by Timothy N. Pinnick. Timothy N. Pinnick is a book author, article writer, and national speaker with more than 35 years overall research experience, including all the major U.S. repositories. In 2019, Tim became the coordinator and facilitator of a landmark workshop course entitled "Building an African American Research Toolbox" for the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR). He has presented papers at large history conferences including the Association for the Study of African American Life and History conference in 2019, along with speaking at the Federation of Genealogical Society Conferences, Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conferences, and much more. Recently, Timothy worked with the New Hanover County Remembrance Project to shed light on the stories of the victims of the 1898 Wilmington Coup in North Carolina and track down the living descendants. [Register](#) in advance for this program!
- Tuesday, June 22, from 2:30 - 3:30 PM: "Anabaptist and Mennonite Materials in the Genealogy Center" Register [here](#).
- Thursday, June 24, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM: "Jamaican Genealogy: - Tracing Your Enslaved & Free People of Color Ancestors" Register [here](#).
- Tuesday, June 29: from 2:30 - 3:30 PM: "Discovering Your Ancestors in Poorhouse Records" Register [here](#).

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.

>> Grant County *(submitted by Rhonda Stoffer, Grant Co. ICG:)*

The Marion Public Library has a genealogy database of over 900,000 entries that index birth, death, and marriage records, obituaries, cemetery listings, orphan's home, funeral homes, and some court records. The Indiana Room is taking appointments for use of microfilm and other resources, emphasizing social distancing.

The Marion Public Library Virtual Genealogy Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can contact the Indiana Room at mplih@marion.lib.in.us for more information.

June 10 will be a Sharing/Question time, you can register [here](#).

June 24 will be Introduction to Genetic Genealogy with Steven Frank from the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group. You can register [here](#).

>> 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.

June: Cynthia Theusch will present "The Civilian Conservation Corps in Indiana" via Zoom.

September: Carole Hacker will share "Family History and Family Stories"

October: Jeannine Regan-Dinius will speak on cemetery rules and regulations.

>> Noble County

We meet 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.

>> Elkhart County

(submitted by Patricia Johnson:)

The Elkhart County Genealogical Society has suspended its meetings for the time being. Details on when meetings will resume and upcoming programs will be available on the society's webpage: www.elkhartcogensoc.org.

>> Howard County

(submitted by Cindy Stover, Howard Co. ICG:)

The Howard County Society isn't meeting yet. The Library is open regular hours, but masks are required. No other new information. 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>.

>> La Porte County

(submitted by Harold Henderson, La Porte Co. ICG:)

The La Porte County Genealogical Society (LPCGS) has resumed meetings. Visit the society website at <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~inlcigs/> to confirm the event is continuing as scheduled. On May 11, the La Porte County Genealogical Society met in the library meeting room, which is large enough to accommodate everyone with social distancing and masks for all (except the speaker!).

Susan Webster gave a detailed and well illustrated account of the life of Naomi Anderson (1843-1899), an African-American woman who was born in Michigan City, Indiana. She was a vigorous advocate for suffrage, temperance, civil rights, advocating equal rights for all genders and races in the 1870s.

On June 8 the society will meet informally at 6 pm central time at Pinhook Bog Cemetery for picnic and learning about Civil War heroes buried there.

As county genealogist I responded to an email from a researcher hoping to visit and research in La Porte, St. Joseph, and Porter counties, and listed likely places to visit and potential research helpers. It's easy for us locals to forget all the odd places where materials can wind up: in St. Joseph, the county archives are important, and in Porter the library holds many actual old record books deaccessioned from the courthouse, while in La Porte researchers can benefit from the work of the late lamented Fern Eddy Schultz at the county historical society.

>> Henry County

(submitted by Kaye Ford, East Central District:)

The Indiana Room at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library is open for research. You may also contact the Indiana Room genealogist, Kathie Ward, at kathie@nchcpl.org or 765-529-0362, ext. 1368. Kathie is at the Indiana Room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, between 9am and 5pm.

The Clarence H. Smith Genealogy Library is open by appointment only at the Henry County Historical Society. Please contact Henry County Genealogist, Kaye Ford, at henrycountymuseum@gmail.com or 765-529-4028 to schedule an appointment or request research. Research is \$15 per surname, payable by cash, check, or PayPal (at HenryCountyMuseum.org by clicking the 'donate' button).

Recently, Keith Buckley, co-author of *Indiana Stonecarver: The Story of Thomas R. Reding*, spoke at the historical society's 134th annual meeting. This is a truly wonderful genealogical tale and demonstrates how records continually pop up to help a story grow. Mr. Buckley will be returning to the historical society

in the fall to present about Civil War pension widows.

The historical society also welcomed Susan Idlet, the 2nd-great-granddaughter of Thaddeus Coffin who was the architect of the General William Grose home, which houses Henry County's museum, and the creator of a one-of-a-kind desk. One fascinating aspect of this desk is Coffin included his paternal lineage on the front of a drawer...in Morse code! We love to have descendants visit us.

>> 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.

>> **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>

- June 5, 2021 at 10 AM: "Searching for Elusive Ancestors" Registration begins 5/1/2021 at 8:00 AM. We all have elusive ancestors in our family trees. They are the ones who didn't leave a paper trail. Or did they? Learn how to search for resources that might shed a clue or two about your elusive ancestor. Presenter: Nancy A. Massey.
- June 8, 2021 at 2 PM: "Genealogy Roundtable: Focus on Genealogy Software" Most genealogists used some kind of genealogy software. Perhaps, you are in the process of finding genealogy software that might interest you. Please join us as we share our experiences in using genealogy software to organize our research as we go. This is an informal virtual genealogy discussion group. You must register to receive an invite to the roundtable.
- June 15, 2021 at 7 PM: "As I Recall Storytelling Guild" Everybody has a story to tell! Listen, learn, and share your family stories. It is a chance to recall a moment from your life, try out a new story with an audience, or just listen to some good family stories. All are welcome! This month's guild will meet virtually via Zoom. The meeting is limited to 15 individuals. To participate, please send an email to our host Ellen at ellen@storytellingarts.org and she will send you a Zoom invitation.
- July 13, 2021 at 2 PM: "Genealogy Roundtable: Focus on Lineage Societies" Have you joined a lineage society or want to join one? Please join us to share your experience in the process of becoming a member of a lineage society. Your experience may help others in their journey to join a lineage society. This is an informal genealogy discussion group.
- July 20, 2021 at 7 PM: "As I Recall Storytelling Guild" Everybody has a story to tell! Listen, learn, and share your family stories. It is a chance to recall a moment from your life, try out a new story with an audience, or just listen to some good family stories. All are welcome! This month's guild will meet virtually via Zoom. The meeting is limited to 15 individuals. To participate, please send an email to our host Ellen at ellen@storytellingarts.org and she will send you a Zoom invitation.
- July 31, 2021 at 10 AM: "Do You Have a Revolutionary War Veteran on Your Family Tree?" If you think there is a Revolutionary War veteran on your family tree, there are resources to explore and document that veteran. Join us to explore those online resources.

[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. It is understood that all participants in our Zoom meetings agree to the Zoom privacy policy here and that each participant will practice safe online behavior using the guidance at connectsafely.org.

>> **Hendricks County** *(submitted by Janet Mobley:)*

At the Danville Public Library:

- June 14th at 1 PM: "Heirlooms from the Kitchen" presented by Cindy Rutledge. "The heart of the home is the kitchen" is a familiar quotation. Many warm memories are associated with this room. The kitchen also contains many precious heirlooms that some may overlook. This presentation will look at kitchen heirlooms and how they may help with your genealogy research.
- July 12th at 1 PM: "How to Locate an Ancestor's Actual Place of Birth" presented by Rose Ann

Sigborn. Often the census and other historical sources do not have accurate birth information. Rose Ann will discuss how to prove where your ancestor was born using sources that are not often used by genealogists. Many of the sources are free! So join us and learn about these resources and how to use them to find out more about your ancestors.

- August 9th at 1 PM: "Publishing Your Family History" presented by Ron Darrah. Turn all that collected data into a readable family history without breaking the bank. Ron Darrah has been a genealogical researcher for over 30 years and a lecturer since 1996.

>> 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/>

- June 12, 2021 at 1 PM: "People of Faith: History and Ancestry Through the Lens of the Catholic Church in Indiana" Julie K Motyka, Archivist for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, will speak on the sacramental records (baptisms, marriages, deaths) which are of great interest to genealogists, tips on other resources and information that can be gleaned from the parish histories to aid you in your family history.
- July 10, 2021: "How to Succeed in Tracking Down Your German Ancestors" - Beginning German Research with Kent Robinson, Past President of Indiana Chapter and Research Immediate Past National President of Palatines to America - German Genealogy Society
- August 14, 2021: "Researching the Dark Side of Family History" with emphasis on Irvington families. Presented by Steve Barnett, GSMC Board Member
- September 11, 2021: "Indiana Medical History Museum" presented by Sara Halter, Executive Director, IMHM
- October 9, 2021: "Crispus Attucks Museum" with Robert Chester, Museum Curator
- November 13, 2021: "To Infamy and Beyond: Family History and World War Two" at 1:00 PM presented by Ron Darrah, GSMC Board. At 3 PM: "Civil War Records at the National Archives" with Brian Rhinehart.
- December 11, 2021: Annual Luncheon and Show and Tell or Tell A Story – Details Later

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 Public Library has a YouTube [channel](#). Upcoming topics on the Morgan County Public Library's YouTube channel:

- June – Telling Your Tell: a Step-by-Stop Guide to Writing Your Family History
- July – Preserving Photographs in a Scrapbook and More
- August – Recording More than Just Parents (Using a Family Group Sheet)
- September – Finding Your Family History at Your Local Library

The Morgan County History and Genealogy Association made a \$3000.00 donation to the Morgan County History Center and Museum. The museum will have a sneak preview opening on June 3rd from 6 to 8 PM.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will happen on June 12th starting at 11 AM with the museum being open afterwards from noon to 2 PM. Regular hours for the museum are being finalized. The museum has memorabilia, documents, tools, collectibles, telephones and many other items representing the county's history. The museum is located at 127 S Main St in Martinsville, IN.

>> Fayette County

(submitted by Patricia Summan, Fayette Co. ICG:)

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at the Fayette County Museum, 200 W. 5th Street, Connorsville, IN.

>> Brown County*(from the Brown Co. Historical Society website:)*

The Brown County Historical Society Archives collection is open and available for researchers on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:00-4:00 PM, as well as other times by appointment. Local history and genealogy volunteers are available during this time to assist you in your research. The Archives are located on the 2nd floor of the Brown County History Center, 90 E. Gould Street, Nashville, IN 47448.

>> Crawford County*(submitted by Anne Hager, Crawford Co. ICG:)*

There's not much going on in Crawford County right now. Here's the following from the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society:

In addition, the Crawford County Public Library's genealogy department is still open to patrons. The current hours for the library are: Tuesday-Wed-Thurs: 10-5:30, Friday: 10-4, Saturday 10-2.

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

Lawrenceburg Main Public Library has reopened. The North Dearborn Branch is open with hours Monday and Wednesday (Noon to 7 PM), Tuesday and Thursday (10 AM to 5 PM), and Saturday (10 AM to 2 PM).

We request patron's wear a mask but are not requiring it. We do have new ones available to borrow while you're here, if needed. There will be a time limit of 30 minutes, hopefully enough time to find materials and check out. If you need to use a computer, that must be done by appointment only by calling our main number at 812-537-2775. Please check our website at <https://www.lpld.lib.in.us/locations-hours> or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceburgPublicLibraryDistrict> for updates.

>> Floyd County*(submitted by Susan Covey, FOGS Media Chair:)*

The Falls of the Ohio Genealogical Society (FOGS) is a newly formed 501(c)3 dedicated to collecting, preserving, and making available genealogy material especially for Floyd, Clark, and Harrison Counties in southern Indiana. FOGS hosts a program of genealogy or history the first Thursday of each month, currently via Zoom. Please visit fallsgenealogy.org for information about upcoming presentations and the First Families of Floyd, Clark and Harrison Counties Legacy Project.

>> Harrison County*(submitted by Lynne Keasling, Harrison Co. ICG:)*

Just finished "Exciting Times in Old Harrison County 1906-1910." Interesting and quirky news items from the Corydon Democrat and the Corydon Republican PLUS interesting Statewide Stats trivia. Buggy accidents, robberies, Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves, snakes in the house, people lost and found, the speed limit for automobiles in Corydon in 1906 was 6 MPH and all sorts of interesting items. Fun reading and almost like peeking back into the windows of life in the early 1900's. Selling for \$22.00 each. Spiral bound, All name Indexed. Contact me for a copy.

RESEARCH CLUE: I am working on a new database of Harrison County Divorces-ca 1900-1910 for another book and in the early 1900's the State Vitals reported that there was one divorce for every 8 marriages in the STATE ! SO--if you suddenly "lose" someone, consider that they may have divorced and have left the State or are living with someone else but still might report themselves as "married" . I am astonished at the number of divorces being requested. That book is still in embryo stage but most interesting to work on!

>> Lawrence County*from the Lawrence Co. Historical & Genealogical Society website:*

We love all our visitors at the Lawrence County Museum! During this very unusual time in our country's history, we find ourselves without a regular Friday volunteer on the front desk, so if you would like to come in to tour the gallery or use the library on a Friday, please call a staff member at 812-278-8575, and we will happily come down to let you in.

The Lawrence Historical and Genealogical Society meeting is normally held the second Monday of each month in the Meeting Room, Lawrence County Museum of History, 929 15th Street, Bedford, Indiana 47421. Sadly, due to COVID these are on hold. Their website is <http://www.lawrencecountyhistory.org>

>> Monroe County*(submitted by Penny Mathiesen, South Central District:)*

The Monroe County History Center, located at 202 East Sixth Street, Bloomington, IN 47401, is at present

open to the public only by appointment. The Research Library is accepting questions and requests by email (library@monroehistory.org) or telephone (812-332-2517). Please call or check our website at www.monroehistory.org for changes in services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Research Library is still accepting inquiries and applications to our First Family Program, eligible to anyone who is a direct descendant of a Monroe County resident who settled here before 31 December 1849.

All Monroe County Court records (1818 through 1960) held in the Research Library have been indexed, and the up-to-date index is available online at: www.monroehistory.org under Library—Indexes and Resources. Updated Divorce and Probate indexes for the same time period are also available there.

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

I am excited to tell you that on October 6th, my library's genealogy volunteer and myself went live with a Facebook genealogy group. It is called "[Greene County Genealogy \(Indiana\)](#)" and has already gained 42 new members since then. The aim of the group is to help point members in the right direction, provide helpful information and build community by encouraging members to network & help each other. You must join the group (answer some questions) to see the details in the Facebook group.

>> 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

Genealogy Society meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the history center (formerly Pike County Public Library) 1008 Main St., Petersburg, Indiana. The history center is open on Monday, Thursday & Saturday from 9 AM till 4 PM. The address for the Pike County Indiana Genealogical Society, Inc., is P.O. Box 83, Petersburg, Indiana 47567.

>> Spencer County

Spencer County Historical Society has meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Spencer County Public Library, 210 Walnut St. Rockport, Indiana 47635. Membership is open to all and dues are \$20.00 per year. For more information, contact Raymond Dawson at rdawson@psci.net

>> Sullivan County

Sullivan County Historical Society & Museum, Membership dues are \$25.00 per year. Send payment and mailing address to: Sullivan County Historical Society, 10 S. Court St. Sullivan, Indiana. Publications are available for purchase from the society.

>> Vanderburgh County

Tri-State Genealogical Society

Focus on family tree research for Southwest Indiana, Southeast Illinois & Western Kentucky. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May & June. Monthly meetings are 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Bayard Room on the 2nd floor of Willard Library, 21 First Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710. Visit their website at <http://tri-stategenealogicalsociety.weebly.com/>

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The IGS has recently filled the positions of Social Media Editor and *Indiana Genealogist* Editor. We invite your contributions to all our publication outlets.

The *Indiana Genealogist* is a quarterly online journal that publishes abstracts or transcriptions of genealogical records, articles on Indiana-related resources, and historical studies of people or groups related to Indiana genealogy. For the September 2021 edition, the theme is Civil War families. 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.

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

Word of the Month:

GLAMSY

(Scots) (n.) a sky that is glitteringly bright in some areas, and dark and imposing in others —said to be a sign of stormy weather to come. Derives via Norse from the ancient Germanic word 'glanz', meaning 'gleaming' or 'sparkling'.

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