

ISL GENEALOGY COLLECTION

Open for Exploration

The Genealogy Collection has developed over time to become one of the largest collections of family history information in the Midwest. The collection includes over 40,000 printed items (family histories, indexes to records, how-to books, cemetery transcriptions, magazines and more) as well as microfilmed federal census records, Indiana county records, passenger lists and military pension information. The collection includes hundreds of CDs with family history information. The emphasis of the collection is on Indiana and bordering states, as well as eastern and southern states. Resources for Native American and African-American family history research are also available.

Although most materials may only be used within the Indiana State Library, collection experts will help you begin your research and locate the best resources to research your family's genealogy. The printed collections, electronic resources, and Genealogy Collection reference desk are located on the first floor. The genealogy microfilm and microfiche collections and printed census indexes are located on the second floor along side Indiana newspapers on microfilm. Additionally, resources located in the History Reference Room provide family history researchers with easy access to additional resources in Indiana and American history and biography.



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Genealogy Homepage

www.IN.gov/library/genealogy.htm



Reference Assistance

www.in.gov/library/ask.htm



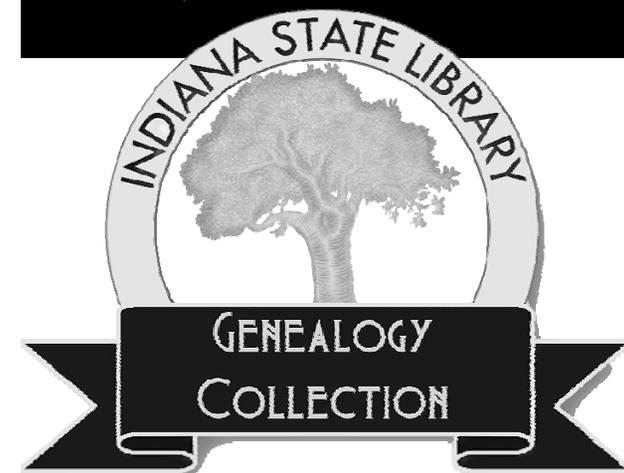
Indiana Digital Archives

www.indianadigitalarchives.org

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DISCOVER

Computer Resources

Family history researchers can access several leading online subscription databases while visiting the Indiana State Library. These databases include Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest Online, AmericanAncestors.org and ProQuest Obituaries. Family TreeMaker, Generations Archives, and hundreds more CD-ROM databases are also featured within the Genealogy Collection, including census indexes & records and the WPA Indiana Vital Records collection.

Will, Probate, and Deed Records

The Genealogy Collection has print indexes or abstracts and/or microfilm copies of will, probate, and deed records for some Indiana counties for certain years. A listing of holdings is available at the Library and online.

Catalogs and Special Files

The card catalog located in the first floor Reading Room contains books (pre-1976), microforms and pamphlets. The catalog is arranged by subject. The online catalog, which includes books cataloged after 1976, is available via the Library's homepage. Some special index files in the Genealogy Collection include Indiana DAR Bible Records, the Heraldry File and the Index to Blacks, Indians, and Mulattoes in the Indiana 1880 Census.

Federal Census Records

Federal census records on microfilm are available for all existing states from 1790 -1880 & 1930. For 1900 -1930, select states are held, including

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Indiana. States that are not available on microfilm in the Genealogy Collection are generally available through online subscription databases.

Military Records

Several sources are available on microfilm including the Index to the General Pension Files 1861-1934, Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty Land Warrants, and Indiana World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918.

Vital Records

Indiana began recording births and deaths in 1882; marriages were recorded from the formation of the county. The WPA Indexes, which index births, deaths and marriages in 67 of Indiana's 92 counties are available in print and on CD-ROM. Vital record indexes for the counties that were not done by the WPA may be in the collection.

The Genealogy Collection has the Indiana statewide marriage index from 1958-2004. Microfilm copies of many Indiana county marriage records are available, for various years. The Genealogy Collection has some vital record indexes for other states, most notably Kentucky.

Cemetery & Church Records

The Genealogy Collection has tombstone inscriptions for most Indiana cemeteries. The Indiana Cemetery Locator File, available on the Library's homepage, lists the call numbers of books and pamphlets in the collection. The Genealogy Collection also has some church histories and records in print and on microfilm.

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Passenger Lists & Naturalization Records

The Genealogy Collection has several print indexes to passenger lists including Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, Germans to America and several other books in the ...to America series. Passenger lists are available, on microfilm, for certain ports & dates. Also available is a statewide index to the final orders and microfilm copies of many Indiana counties' naturalization records.

Help Preserve Our Past for Future Generations!

Contributions of family histories, books or monetary donations are greatly appreciated, may be tax deductible, and are essential to preserving the Collection for future generations. For more information, visit www.in.gov/library/foundation.htm



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