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time.  
An Odyssey  
for those  
beginning or  
experienced  
in genealogy.

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# Roots and Branches

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This issue of *Roots and Branches* is focusing on Marriage.

Join us in commending the Crawfordsville District Public Library for their recent expansion of Marriage Affidavits, Records and License images added to the online database. This is a priceless resource for those searching Montgomery County Records (see pages 4-5 for the article and examples of resources).

Members of The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County have generously submitted marriage information, pictures and stories about their families for added local, state and nationwide interest. An extra special thank you to all who have contributed to the newsletter this month.

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County is pleased to announce the Family Bible Project is now available on the Crawfordsville District Public Library web site at: <http://history.cdpl.lib.in.us/bibles.html> The Bibles have been transcribed and scanned and are searchable by family name.



Dian Moore

## Summarized Secretary's Report

By Dian Moore, Secretary

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Indiana, continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Crawfordsville District Public Library. The Club currently has 46 members, visitors and new members are welcome at all meetings.

In February Dian Moore spoke of her recent trip down the Rhine River, *On the Trail of My Mennonite Ancestors*. Dian brought in multiple brochures and shared interesting stories and discoveries from her trip.

The March and April meetings were Shannon Hudson on *Montgomery County Underground Railroad*. Shannon enthusiastically shared her research concerning the people and places in Montgomery County associated with the Underground Railroad. She is very knowledgeable on her subject and is seeking additional information to add to her extensive body of research.

Twenty three heard her speak in March and thirty were present for her April programs.



Joann Spragg and Dian Moore



Shannon Hudson

The Club After Hours Genealogy Research continues quarterly in October, January, April and July on the fourth Friday of the month. During the April After Hours Program we had twenty attendees. Three 4H members and their parents/grandparents attended to learn about the resources available at the Crawfordsville District Public Library for Genealogical Research. It is exciting to see young people who are interested in genealogy.

Shannon Hudson spoke to a packed room of interested listeners in March. She was asked to come back a second month to continue her lecture. It was also a well attended meeting in April.

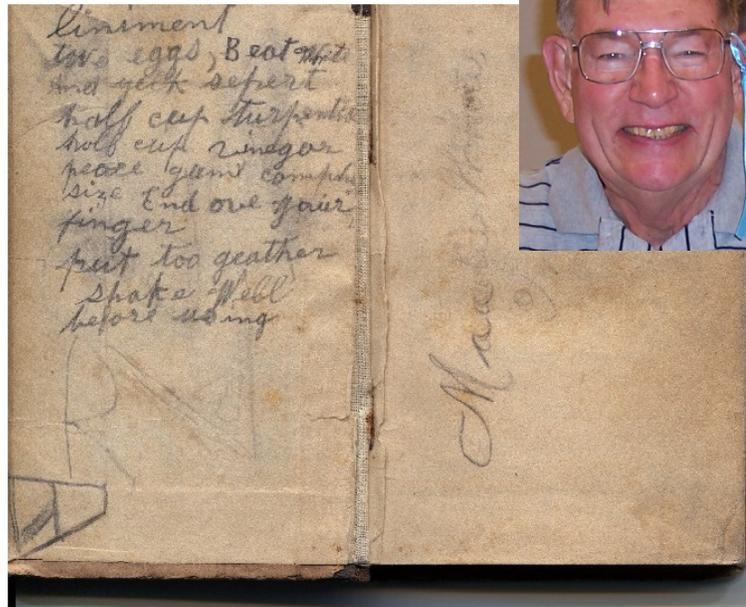


**HOW IT WAS DONE IN THE “GOOD OLD DAYS”**

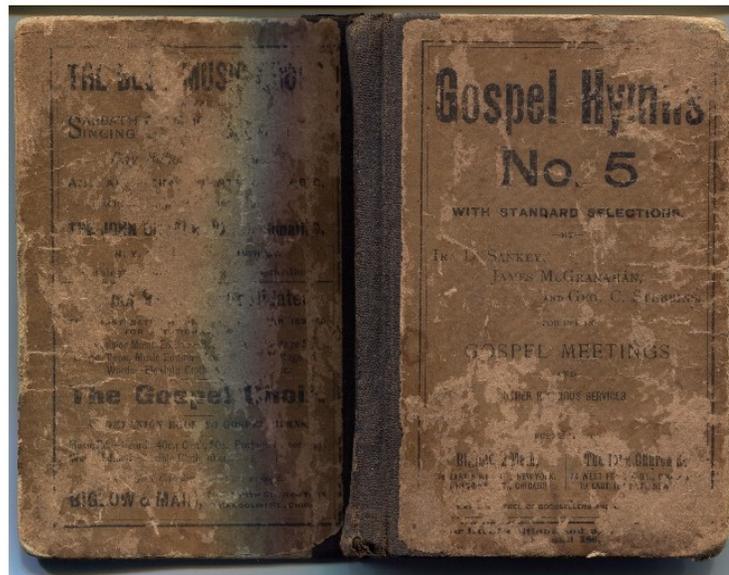
Nelson Wilson



With Spring upon us after a severe Winter, cleanup and fixup duties will most certainly bring good sales to the makers of all the analgesic pills, ointments and bath powders sold today to relieve the resulting muscle aches and pains. There was a time, however, [in the good old days, of course] when such relief relied on the home remedy to serve the purpose for man or animal. I ran across this recipe for 'liniment' scratched in the back of a hymn book which identified the owner as 'Maudie White, Traders Point, Marion County, Ind'. 'Maudie' would have been Maude White, younger sister of 'Ettie' (Etta Ann) White who was to become my Grandmother Wilson. My brother gave me the book out of a box of miscellaneous stuff he kept out of attic cleanings after our parents estate was settled in 1996.



I know you just can't wait to try this out. [at your own risk, of course!] I didn't. Couldn't find any of that gum camphor! But it must have worked without fatal consequences since Grandmother Wilson lived for over 88 years. Here's the translation of the 'recipe' : *Two eggs – beat whites and yolks separately Half a cup of turpentine Half a cup of vinegar Piece of gum camphor about the size of the end of your finger Put all ingredients together [In a bottle, I suppose, since the next instruction says] Shake well before using . That's it ! Bye, bye sore muscles !*



Note : When were these 'good old days'? The hymn book copyright was 1887, when Maude was about 10 years old.

“Suffering is also one of the ways of knowing you’re alive.”

**Jessamyn West (1902-1984)**

born near North Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana; novelist



Dellie Craig,  
Local History  
Librarian

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## Expanding our Collection

The Crawfordsville District Public Library has added over 11,000 images to our Marriage Database since September 2013. Marriage Books 1-24 from Montgomery County, Indiana have been added to our collection and are currently available online at

<http://history.cdpl.lib.in.us/marriage.html>.

The marriage database can be searched by last name or book number.

We recently re-indexed book one. There are two sets of images completed by camera, m101-xxxx and m101-xxx. The image m101-001a is the front index of book one (shown below). Note these files with an A are the index files. It is in order by date of marriage licenses issued by County Circuit Court. Image m101-039 is the original certified handwritten marriage records (shown next page).

All the marriage affidavits and marriage records have been digitized on

the overhead scanner through the years.

Marriage license books 43-62 are digitized with overhead scanner. Books 1-24 were photographed with a camera, except a portion of book 7 which was digitized with the overhead scanner.

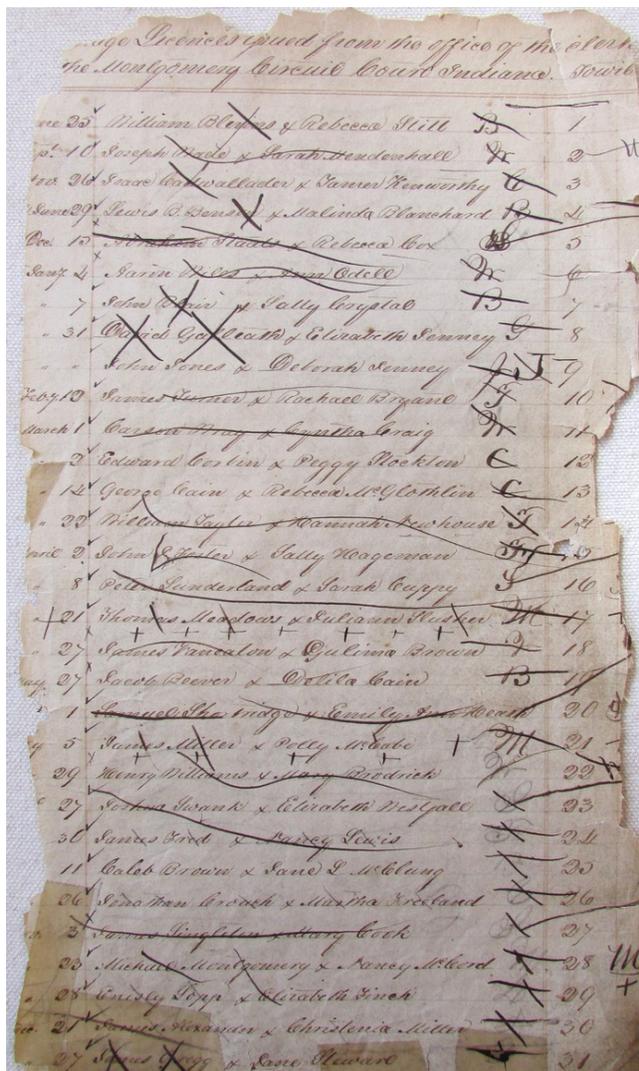
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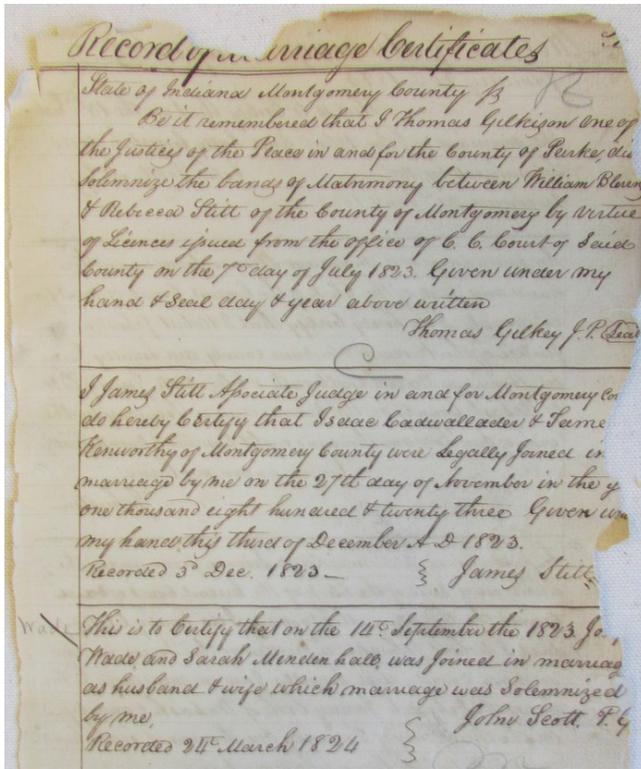
Affidavits: September 1883 - February 1905 --

A marriage affidavit is a statement where someone appears with the couple at the courthouse and swears that both parties are of legal age and that no impediment to the marriage exists. Some affidavits were filled out by the parents/guardians or by the clerk with parents/guardians present. Some of the records also contain handwritten consents for underage grooms or brides. We have nine affidavit books.

Records: December 1888 - June 1941 --

A marriage record includes full name of groom and bride (maiden name, if a widow), place of residence, age next birthday, race, occupation, place of birth, father's name, mother's maiden name, number of previous marriages, place of marriage, by whom married, date of marriage (month, day, year), record number. We have fifteen marriage books.





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Application for Marriage License

Application is hereby made for a license for the marriage of  
 Court Young M to Dorothy May Snow.

UPON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF FACT RELATIVE TO SAID PARTIES.

MALE		FEMALE	
1. The full christian and surname of the man is Court Young	1. The full christian and surname of the woman is Dorothy M. Snow		
2. Color white	2. Color white		
3. Where born. Montpelier, Vt.	3. Where born. Burke Co. Ind.		
4. When born July 15, 1816	4. When born Jan 15, 1887		
5. Present residence. Montpelier, Vt.	5. Present residence. Montpelier, Vt.		
6. Present occupation. Fruit Raiser	6. Present occupation. Fruit Raising		
7. If no occupation, what means has the male contracting party to support a family?	7. Full christian and surname of father. M. J. Snow		
8. Is the male contracting party of more blood kin to the female contracting party than second cousin?	8. His color. white		
9. Full christian and surname of father. A. R. Young	9. His habitation. Park Co. Ind.		
10. His color. white	10. His occupation. farming		
11. His birthplace. Park Co. Ind.	11. His maiden name. Mildred Chace		
12. His occupation. Farmer	12. Her color. white		
13. His mother. C. M. Young	13. Her occupation. Fruit Raising		
14. Full christian and maiden name of mother. Josephine Laplante	14. Her residence. Park Co. Ind.		
15. Her color. white	15. Her residence. Park Co. Ind.		
16. Her birthplace. Park Co. Ind.	16. Her residence. Park Co. Ind.		
17. Her occupation. Fruit Raising	17. Has the female contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? No		
18. Has the male contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? No	18. Is this her first marriage? Yes		
19. If not, how often has he been married? No	19. If not, how often has she been married? No		
20. If so, to be now able to support a family and likely to do so continue? Yes	20. Has each prior marriage, or marriages, been dissolved? No		
21. Is this his first marriage? Yes	21. If so, how and when? No		
22. If not, how often has he been married? No	22. Is the female contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal or any other contagious or transmissible disease? No		
23. Has each prior marriage, or marriages been dissolved? No	23. Is she an idiotic, feeble-minded, idiotic or insane, or is she under guardianship as a person of sound mind? No		
24. If so, how? No	24. Signature of applicant. Dorothy May Snow		
25. Is the male contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal or any other contagious or transmissible disease? No	25. STATE OF INDIANA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, SS: Court Young deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.		
26. Is he an idiotic, feeble-minded, idiotic or insane, or is he under guardianship as a person of sound mind? No	26. Signature of applicant. Court Young		

STATE OF INDIANA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, SS:  
 Court Young deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.  
 Court Young  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1887  
 Dumont Humphrey  
 Clerk Montgomery County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1887  
 Dumont Humphrey  
 Clerk Montgomery County

Be it known, that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1887 a Marriage License was duly issued to

**Licenses:** June 1823 - June 2001-- A license usually includes full first names and surnames of groom and bride, race, place of birth, place of residence, occupation, father's name, mother's maiden name, number of previous marriages, place of marriage, by whom married, date of marriage (month, day, year), record number. We have sixty seven license books (books 1-67). Books 7-15 do not have information on parents. License Books 43-62 are digitized but available only by request. The images are indexed on our database, but due to the recent years covered, they are not available on the website.

We currently have over 31,814 images on the marriage database alone. It requires over 12 GB of memory space. The total number of names entered in the marriage database site is over 134,500.

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Record of Marriages in Montgomery County, Indiana, 1823

1. Full Name of GROOM	1. Full Name of BRIDE
2. Place of Residence	2. Place of Residence
3. Age next Birthday	3. Age next Birthday
4. Color	4. Color
5. Occupation	5. Occupation
6. Place of Birth	6. Place of Birth
7. Father's Name	7. Mother's Name
8. Mother's Maiden Name	8. Mother's Maiden Name
9. No. of Previous Marriages	9. No. of Previous Marriages
10. Full Name of FATHER	10. Full Name of MOTHER
11. Place of Residence	11. Place of Residence
12. Age next Birthday	12. Age next Birthday
13. Color	13. Color
14. Place of Birth	14. Place of Birth
15. Father's Name	15. Mother's Name
16. Mother's Maiden Name	16. Mother's Maiden Name
17. No. of Previous Marriages	17. No. of Previous Marriages
18. Full Name of FATHER	18. Full Name of MOTHER
19. Place of Residence	19. Place of Residence
20. Age next Birthday	20. Age next Birthday
21. Color	21. Color
22. Occupation	22. Occupation
23. Place of Birth	23. Place of Birth
24. Father's Name	24. Mother's Name
25. Mother's Maiden Name	25. Mother's Maiden Name
26. No. of Previous Marriages	26. No. of Previous Marriages
27. Full Name of FATHER	27. Full Name of MOTHER
28. Place of Residence	28. Place of Residence
29. Age next Birthday	29. Age next Birthday
30. Color	30. Color
31. Occupation	31. Occupation
32. Place of Birth	32. Place of Birth
33. Father's Name	33. Mother's Name
34. Mother's Maiden Name	34. Mother's Maiden Name
35. No. of Previous Marriages	35. No. of Previous Marriages
36. Full Name of FATHER	36. Full Name of MOTHER
37. Place of Residence	37. Place of Residence
38. Age next Birthday	38. Age next Birthday
39. Color	39. Color
40. Occupation	40. Occupation
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43. Mother's Maiden Name	43. Mother's Maiden Name
44. No. of Previous Marriages	44. No. of Previous Marriages
45. Full Name of FATHER	45. Full Name of MOTHER
46. Place of Residence	46. Place of Residence
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88. Mother's Maiden Name	88. Mother's Maiden Name
89. No. of Previous Marriages	89. No. of Previous Marriages
90. Full Name of FATHER	90. Full Name of MOTHER
91. Place of Residence	91. Place of Residence
92. Age next Birthday	92. Age next Birthday
93. Color	93. Color
94. Occupation	94. Occupation
95. Place of Birth	95. Place of Birth
96. Father's Name	96. Mother's Name
97. Mother's Maiden Name	97. Mother's Maiden Name
98. No. of Previous Marriages	98. No. of Previous Marriages
99. Full Name of FATHER	99. Full Name of MOTHER
100. Place of Residence	100. Place of Residence



## GCMCC's SPOTLIGHT on MARRIAGES

Marriage information and stories provided by our members

### Club Members: Sam and Ruth Evans

Ruth I. Coats met Samuel D. Evans in August 1959. They were introduced by a mutual friend. Ruth had just completed her Master's degree from Indiana University and was teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Morton School in West Lafayette, IN. Sam was working on his PhD. Degree in Soil Science at Purdue University. He had attended the University of Illinois on a Naval ROTC scholarship and after graduation had spent 3 years in the U. S. Navy. After completing his tour of duty, he returned to Indiana and started working toward his advanced degree at Purdue. After dating for over a year, they were engaged in October 1960 and were married on December 30, 1960 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lafayette, IN.



**EVANS-COATS WEDDING**

“The heart that has truly loved never forgets.” Thomas More



### Rarig—Rose Wedding

#### Club Member: Judi Kleine

This is a digital copy of an old tintype photo of Elijah Abraham RARIG, age 25 and Rachel ROSE, age 17, wedding on 20 June 1875 by the Nappanee, Kosciusko Co, Indiana Justice of the Peace. They lived most of their married lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana

These are my great -great grandparents.

**Club Member: Nelson Hughes Wilson**

**Photo:** Copy of an original tintype, now about to darken to black ( upper left corner hole; your guess! ). The occasion is the 1866 wedding of **James W. Hughes** and **Eliza Jane Arnold**, who officially became my maternal great grandparents on 15 March, 1866. The photo reveals a studio setting background, the studio likely located in Danville, county seat of Hendricks County, Indiana, since **James** was a resident of south Middle Twp, and **Eliza Jane** was a resident of north Centre (today spelled 'Center') Twp, just a short hop apart, and a hop and a skip from Danville, also in 'Centre' Twp.

**The ascendent line is: Me – *mother*; **Wilma Cordas Hughes** – *grandfather*; **John Orion Hughes** – *great grandfather*; **James W. Hughes** – *great great grandfather*; **Henry Everett Hughes** ( all these from Middle Twp, Hendricks Co, IN ) - *great great great grandfather*; **William James Hughes** who settled in North Union Twp, Montgomery Co, IN in 1834.**

**Hughes - Arnold Wedding****Craig-Fox Wedding****Club Member: Dellie Craig**

Married on 3 July 1971 at 1st Baptist Church at Covington, Fountain County, IN.

**Kleine—Woliung Wedding****Club Member: Judi Kleine**

Donald Eugene KLEINE married Ruth Clara WOLIUNG on 15 May 1948 in Sunman, Ripley Co, Indiana. These are my husband's parents.



Stephen Thompson

## Montgomery County Probate Records Preservation and Digitalization Project

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The Family Search project underway in Montgomery County, Indiana includes, in part, the digitizing of the early probate file packets. Associated with this effort is the document preparation involving carefully opening each packet and carefully flattening each slip of old paper to aid in having the final results in focus.

The goal of this project is to prepare documents with genealogical significance to be digitized, making them available for free to the public, while also preparing all probate documents to be properly stored in the Montgomery County Courthouse.

### Background on Probate Records

When a person dies, a series of events take place which create a number of documents. These can include a death certificate, a cemetery record, a church burial record, a funeral home record, or an obituary or death notice, but one of the most prized from a genealogical perspective is probate records. Probate records, which have been recorded in America since the first permanent settlement, are the documents generated in the course of settling an estate.

Probate records exist in places and for time periods when few other records are available. Estates were probated for about 25 percent of the heads of households in the U.S. before 1900, whether or not a person left a will specifying how to divide their estate. Since wills often list the names of family members, much of the population either left a will or was mentioned in one.

Among the documents that are frequently found in a probate packet, you may find the deceased's death date and death place, names of family members, family relationships, residences, a description of the deceased's estate, localities where the deceased owned property, and adoptions or guardianships for minor children, dependents, or incompetent adults. The will, if there is one, will often also provide insight into the deceased and his or her opinion of individual family members. Keep in mind, however, that each probate packet will vary in content depending on when and where it was filed.

Probate records have yet another advantage in that they will often propel your ancestral search forward by leading you to land records. In many ways, probate and land records go hand in hand because land is often a central issue in probating a will. While land records don't generally include fundamental genealogical information such as birth or death dates, they will help locate or position a person or family in a time and place in history. They may also provide other clues such as proof of heirship or the maiden name of a woman when she and her husband inherited land from her father.

### How You Can Help

Do you have a few hours to spare during the day in pursuit of preparing these historical documents for preservation and scanning? Many volunteers are needed as there are nearly 200 boxes estimated to contain about 120 thousand pages of documents! This project is expected to begin May 2014 and continue through July 2014. This work will be done at the courthouse, weekdays from 9am-3pm. Even if you only have a few hours a month, your efforts will be appreciated!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Stephen Thompson by phone 362-4169 or email [stephentw9byu@gmail.com](mailto:stephentw9byu@gmail.com)




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## Upcoming events

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### May 15, 2014—6pm

Indiana Historical Society Program “How and Why the Still Image Remains Critical to How We See Yesterday and Today—Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)

### May 17, 2014—10am-noon

Indiana Historical Society Family History Program “Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the “Evidence”” This lecture shows how erroneous conclusions can sneak into your research uncontested—Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)

### June 10, 2014—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting  
Refreshments provided by Nelson Wilson

### July 8, 2014—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting  
Refreshments provided by Michael and Joann Spragg

### July 25, 2014—5-9pm

Free After Hours Program at CDPL  
Reservations required by July 23rd  
Call 765-362-2242 x118 or email [gen@cdpl.lib.in.us](mailto:gen@cdpl.lib.in.us)

### August 1-2, 2014

Midwestern Roots 2014 Conference —at the Marriott East on the southeast side of Indianapolis –register at [www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots](http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots)

There will also be several pre-conference events held around Indianapolis on Thursday, July 31.

The theme of the conference is "Exploring Frontiers: What Would Your Pioneers Have Tweeted?", with a focus on new technologies and online sources. However, there will also be other sessions on traditional sources and methodology. July 1st is the deadline for early registration.

### August 12, 2014—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting

### April 25, 2015—9am-5pm

Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Conf at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN  
Register at [www.indgensoc.org/conference](http://www.indgensoc.org/conference)

All articles and other submissions for the August newsletter must be submitted by July 25, 2014

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