



# Indiana: Seeking Ancestors in the Heartland



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Known as “The Crossroads of America,” Indiana was one of the first settled regions in the Old Northwest Territory. French explorers—the first white residents of Indiana—traveled from Detroit and arrived in 1679. They established trading posts and forts in the early 1700s, and the first American settlement developed in Clarksville in 1784. Early settlers came from Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 established the Northwest Territory, and Indiana, which means “the land of Indians,” earned statehood in 1816.

The territorial government at Vincennes granted 400 acres to any American, so the land that once belonged to Illinois County, Va., grew into a state with 92 counties. Early settlers included southern Quakers opposed to slavery, African-Americans, Scotch-Irish and Germans from Pennsylvania, Easterners coming west to farm, Irish laborers and German immigrants. These early residents built an economy based primarily on agriculture, but later the state became home to glass plants, quarries and eventually steel mills. South Bend, Muncie, Gary and Indianapolis—the capital—grew into centers of Hoosier population and industry.

While many early residents stayed and made a home in Indiana, others traveled on, north to Michigan or west to unsettled lands, and so many with Michigan roots may be able to trace ancestors back to Indiana, prior to their arrival in the Great Lakes State.

This publication is a list of notable Indiana genealogical resources available at the Library of Michigan. Titles may be located by searching ANSWER, the Library’s catalog online at [www.answercat.org/](http://www.answercat.org/). The easiest way to locate Indiana resources in ANSWER is with a keyword search using the word *indiana* followed by the type of information you are looking for. Here are some additional suggestions to help maximize your search results:

- *indiana* and land
- *indiana* and marriages
- *indiana* and war
- *indiana* and cemeteries
- *indiana* and church

Adding a geographic location will allow you to narrow your search. For example, ***indiana* and genealogy and brown county** will retrieve genealogical resources that focus on Brown County, Ind. When searching ANSWER, it is not necessary to capitalize proper nouns or use punctuation.

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## Indiana Genealogical Society

[www.indgensoc.org/research.html](http://www.indgensoc.org/research.html)

## INGenWeb Project

[www.ingenweb.org/](http://www.ingenweb.org/)

## Indiana State Library Genealogy Collection

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**Genealogy Microfilm F 526 .C6 1973**

Harter, Stuart. *Indiana Genealogy and Local History Sources Index*. S.l.: S. Harter, 1985.

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Parker, Jimmy B. and Lyman D. Platt, compilers. *Indiana Biographical Index*. West Bountiful, UT: Genealogical Indexing Associates, 1983.

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