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Indiana State Archives Noted by National Magazine!

Family Tree Magazine lists the Best State Websites and included our Digital Archives in that list! We are one of 75 Best Websites for genealogy for 2010. They state “The fruit of 15 years of work by Friends of the Indiana State Archives vol-

unteers, this site now boasts nearly 2.5 million searchable records, with more being added. The latest addition is a database of more than 213,000 Hoosier Civil War records.”

In genealogy, as in real estate, it’s all about location, location, location. Finding where your ancestors lived is the first step in identifying records about them. Fortunately, the internet-ization of America also has swept over the nation’s state archives, historical and genealogical societies, libraries, vital-records offices and other keepers of genealogical gold. Many of the resources that once gathered dust in various statewide repositories now can be accessed without changing your own location—in front of your computer, that is.



Indiana Digitizes Civil War, National Guards Index Records

Noted recently in *Government Technology: Solutions for State and Local Government*

The Indiana State Archive and its more than 50 volunteers recently launched an online digital archive — **which contains possibly the largest Civil War soldier database in the country.**

Indiana, in concert with seven other states and funded through a Library of Congress grant — administered by the Washington State Archives, the lead partner in a Library of Congress effort known as the Multi-State Preservation Consortium — in early 2010 launched the comprehensive, work-in-progress site [Indiana Digital Archives](http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org) (www.indianadigitalarchives.org).

Researchers are now able to search historic records of thousands of Indiana National Guardsmen through the Indiana Digital Archives. The [Indiana National Guard](#) Collection indexes records of Hoosiers who served our nation from 1898 through 1940. The database includes the soldier's name, the date enlisted, and the town or county from which he or she enrolled. Soldiers who joined around the time of the Mexican Border War in 1916 or the World War I era will have additional records such as physical exams, enlistment papers, and service cards.

"The addition of this popular collection will enable users to instantly search for records online, saving them and Archives staff hours of research," said Jim Corridan, State Archivist and Director of the Indiana

Commission on Public Records. "The National Guard database coupled with existing Digital Archives resources provides a useful and comprehensive collection of Indiana soldiers' records from the Civil War up to World War II."

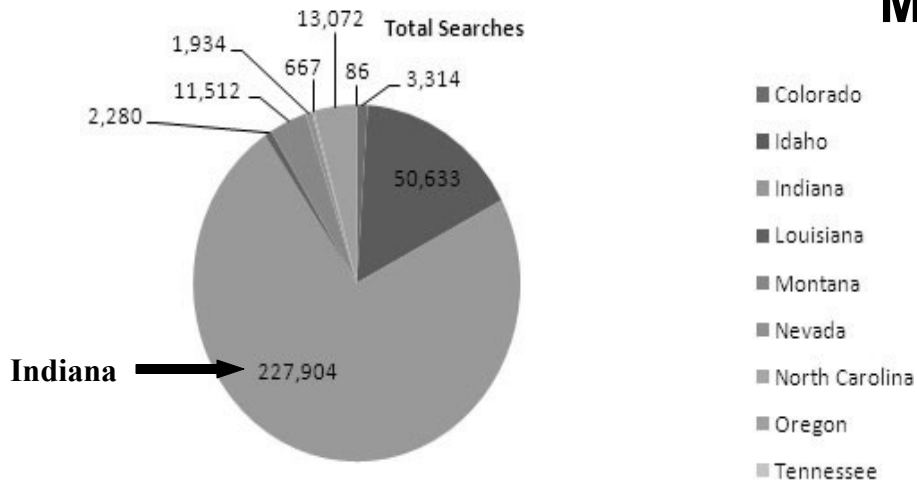
The National Guard database is the second major addition to the Indiana Digital Archives this summer. In June, the online portal introduced the [Indiana Civil War Soldiers Database](#), which includes over 213,000 individual records containing soldiers' age, muster in and out dates and location, company, regiment, and any additional available notes. Both the National Guard and Civil War databases, like all records in the Digital Archives, have several search features designed to enhance the customer's experience. The People Search feature allows patrons to enter a surname and search

through over 2 million records in 20 different collections in just seconds. More targeted research can be performed by choosing one of several variables and data limiters available through the "Detailed Search" option.

The completion of the Indiana National Guard database is due in large part to the Friends of the Indiana State Archives' volunteers who spent hours organizing the records of 66,851 soldiers. They first unfolded the enlistment papers and other records, placing them in acid free folders, then interfiled their service record cards to create actual files for each individual. Next, every individual was entered into a database, which is now available on the Indiana Digital Archives, a project made possible by a grant from the Library of Congress/NDIIPP and the Washington State Archives.



More to Brag About



The numbers are in and I know this sounds like “bragging” but it’s really true. When it comes to “Digital Archives,” our very own Indiana Digital State Archives has significantly more “hits” than nine other states participating in this digital project. Hoosiers want to know!!

Dissolved Corporation Records - News

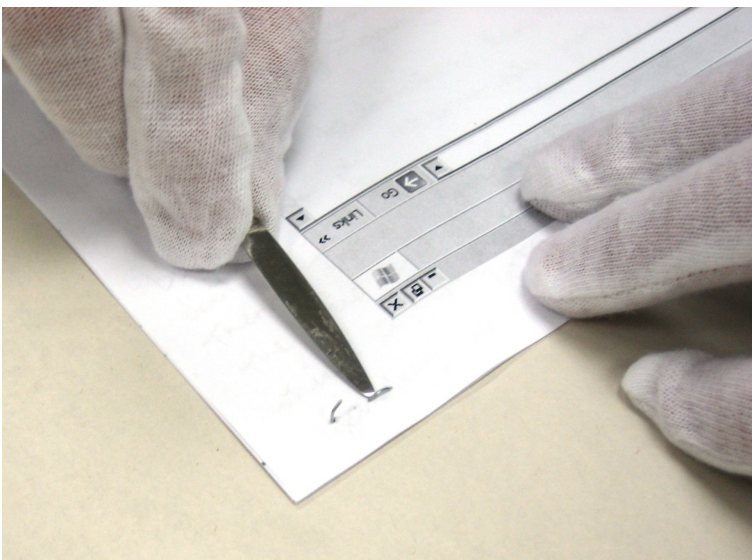
Tom York and Jim Davis, long time Archives volunteers are working with the Secretary of State’s Dissolved Corporation Records. Tom often finds interesting businesses and reports them. You’d like to ask “Where Are They Now?”

First there is *The New York Dental Parlors of Terre Haute*. They filed Articles of Incorporation in 1917. Were these dental parlors really from New York or does that East Coast name provide a better marketing advantage in 1917?

The Housewife’s Delicatessen of South Bend filed papers in 1919.

And *Kelp-O-Dine* filed Articles of Incorporation in 1923 with the object being to manufacture, popularize, distribute and sell Kelp-O-Dine. Yummm!

Tape is Evil *by Elizabeth Hague*



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Also remove rubber bands as they dry out and stain the paper. Sometimes they stick to the paper and can create a hole when released.

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