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Midwestern Roots 2010 - Migration Then and Now



The Midwestern Roots 2010 Family History and Genealogy Conference, *Migration Then and Now*, will be held in Indianapolis, on August 6 and 7, 2010, with pre-conference activities on Thursday, August 5. Vicki Casteel, Indiana State Archives, visual collections ar-

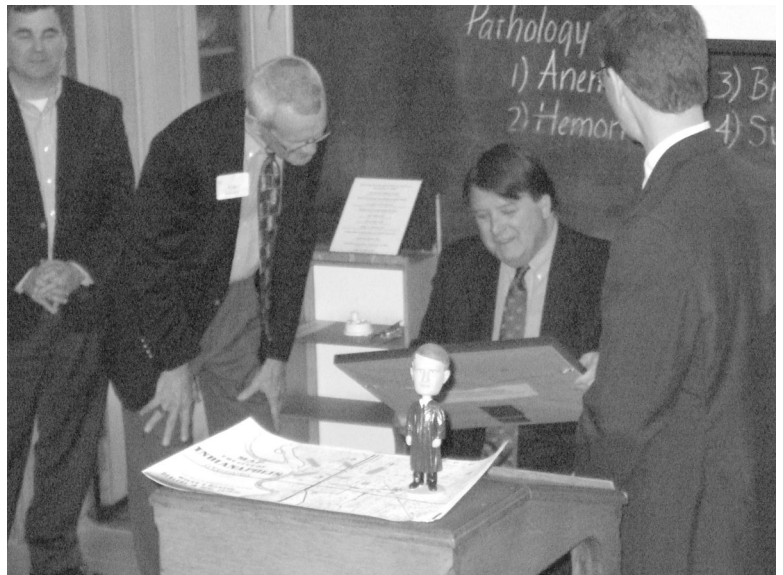
chivist and Andrew Frohberg, graduate student working with the Archives, will present a session entitled “Three Million Names and Counting: The Indiana Digital Archives.”

Conference sessions based on the theme of “Migration Then and Now” will help you locate records that will lead you on the path of your ancestors. Learn about the many types of resources that can answer the questions about your family’s history and find out how those records have migrated to new technology.

Come and expand your research base with the help of a number of national and regional experts including John Phillip Colletta, Kandie Adkinson, Roberta Estes, Thomas D. Hamm, Shamele Jordon, George G. Morgan, David E. Rencher, Loretto “Lou” Szucs and others.

Plan to join us for this exciting regional family history and genealogy conference presented by the Indiana Historical Society at the Indianapolis Marriott East. For registration information, call (317) 232-1882.

Jim Corridan, Director of the Commission on Public Records (far left), Alan January, Director of Patron Services, Indiana State Archives (left), and Steve Towne, President, Friends of the Indiana State Archives (right) view the framed reproduction of the original 1817 plan of the town of Evansville presented to Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall Shepard at the Friends of the Indiana State Archives Annual Meeting.



Find Your Family with the Indiana Digital Archives

(www.indianadigitalarchives.org)

Updates have just been sent to Washington that contains corrected Civil War records, so those individuals with last names that begin with H, Q, and S will be available online in the near future. The Board of State Charities' Foster Home records from 1890-1910 will be available as well as naturalization records from Parke, Union, Rush, and Kosciusko counties. Expect to see these

changes by mid to late June.

Tamara McCoige-Miller, from Columbus, planned a trip to the State Archives to find family history. She had seen a link to the Archives Digital Collection from the Marshall County Historical Society newsletter. Her trip was valuable and she is already thinking about the next research visit. She was able to find photographs of her

ancestors which the staff was able to scan (the Archives' offers scanning for a fee). She searched institutional records and gained family details. She indicated that red hair runs in her family and she found documents that stated that! She found the staff to be "friendly and helpful. They bent over backward to be accommodating, unlike some agencies." We like to hear that!

Is there a pharmacist in the family?

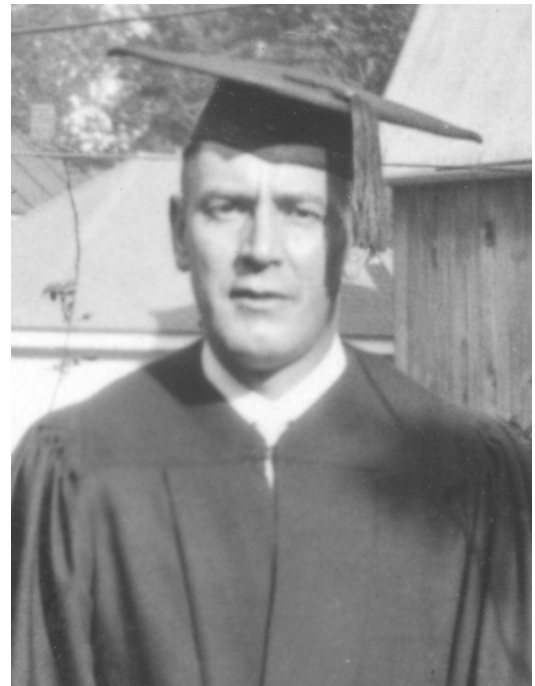
If so, there is a wealth of family history information available at the Archives. Barbara Gibson is a long time volunteer with the Indiana State Archives and is currently processing the inactive registration files from the Indiana Board of Pharmacy.

Beginning in 1889, all pharmacists had to register and be tested in order to obtain a pharmacy license. The original applications included date of birth, current address, dates and place of employment as an assistant pharmacist, graduation information from a pharmacy school, and the earliest applications had to include a testament of good moral character. Later applications also had to include a head and shoulders photograph. Interesting to note, there was an Indianapolis College of Pharmacy before Butler and Purdue offered

that curriculum. The exam included pharmacy, chemistry, medicine, mathematics and a laboratory and oral exam.

The Archives has over 5,000 original applications on file and also has the applications of those who failed the exam. Lots of interesting reading here and I am enjoying my work.

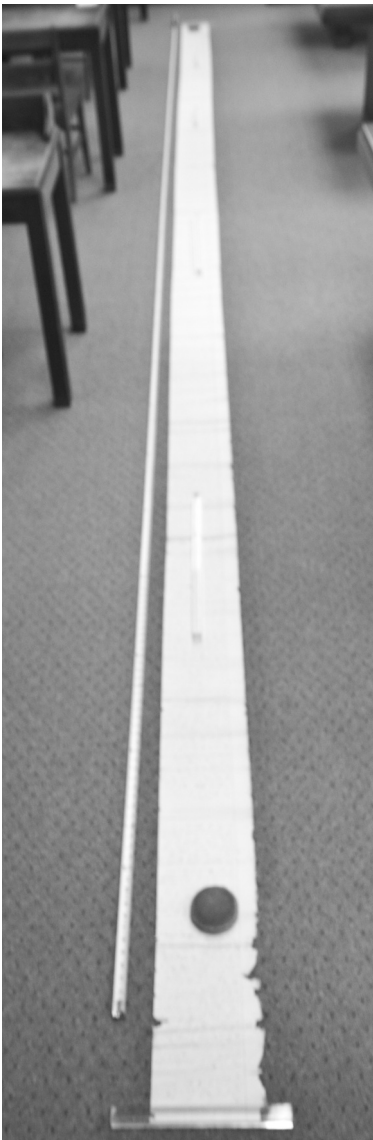
This is the fourth collection Barb has worked on since starting as a volunteer at the Archives. She began with the State Soldiers Home in Lafayette, IN, then began a longer project with Michigan City prison records, next, the history of public libraries collection and now the pharmacists. She learns something each time and is constantly amazed at all the records in storage at the Archives. "I think there is a lot of job security there for me," states Gibson.



Phae N. Fryer was born in Avilla, Indiana, on April 11, 1888. He graduated from the Poneto, Indiana common school in 1903 and attended the University of Bordeaux in France in 1919. This information was gathered from his application for a reciprocal registration certificate through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

The Longest. . .

On July 1, 1896, the Carlisle Building, Savings and Loan Association filed incorporation papers with the Indiana Secretary of State. There was nothing unusual about that **BUT** the document was 26 feet long! It is the longest document in the Indiana State Archives collection! The document is glued together and not a continuous roll of paper. The late Glenn Mather, MD, Archives volunteer, stood on a ladder to get this photo.



Events

Until July 31, Resurrectionists: Body Snatching in Indiana is an Indiana State Archives exhibit at the Indiana Medical History Museum.

August 6 & 7, Midwestern Roots 2010, Family History & Genealogy Conference, Indianapolis, 317-232-1882; www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots.

August 12, Hoosier Heritage Day at the Indiana State Fair.

September 15, First Aid for Family History. Call 846-7117 for information and reservations.

Tape is Evil

by Elizabeth Hague

Early paper was made from rag which could include fibers of flax (linen), hemp, cotton, or a blend of these. This made the paper relatively durable and flexible. A cheaper way to make paper was developed later in the 19th century using wood pulp. Wood pulp contains lignin and is acidic. This development ushered in the “Era of Bad Paper” from around 1880 onward. It’s possible (even probable) a document from the 1920s will be in worse condition than a document from the 1820s.

Over time any paper can become brittle and yellowed if exposed to heat and light (UV). Newspaper, in particu-

lar, is cheap paper made of wood pulp and not intended to be kept for a long period of time. It is highly susceptible to the chemical reactions that weaken paper. It will darken with age and will stain adjacent paper. Newspaper clippings should be separated from other papers by a sheet or two of acid-free paper. A sheet of acid-free paper should be interleaved between the front of the clipping and the adjacent page of a scrapbook.

Elizabeth will present “First Aid for Family History,” a conservation workshop, with the Carmel Clay Historical Society in September.

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See us at the Fair!

Hoosier Heritage Day is scheduled for August 12 at the Indiana State Fair. Fair visitors to the state Archives booth can see an exhibit with photographs from early state fairs and receive information about the resources at the State Archives.

Board election

At the Annual Meeting, April 20, 2010, the following were elected to a three year term to the Board: Lloyd Hosman, James W. Merritt, Jr., Matt Pierce, and Elizabeth Osborn.