



## **Genealogy Research at the Hancock County Public Library**

The purpose of this guide is to assist in researching ancestors that may have resided in Hancock County, Indiana. While the information in this pathfinder is primarily geared for Hancock County, it lists many website links, strategies, and books that can assist in research beyond the county level. A copy of this pathfinder is available on our website.

This guide includes three key sections:

- Getting started with basic research
- How-to books located in the library
- Helpful websites

For more information or research assistance, do not hesitate to ask for assistance from library staff.

- Stop by the Information Desk or the Local History Room to speak with a librarian
- Call us at (317) 462-5141 ext 240
- Send us an email - [http://hcplibrary.org/reference/ask\\_research.aspx](http://hcplibrary.org/reference/ask_research.aspx)
- Book a Librarian for a help session - <http://hcplibrary.org/reference/bookalibrarian.aspx>

HCPL also has a program called the Genealogy Interest Group. Meetings cover a wide range of subjects from local history, research strategies, state and country research. They are also held in a variety of formats from open research to lecture to webinars. The group generally meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Check the online calendar, newsletter, or contact a staff member for more information.

## **GETTING STARTED WITH BASIC RESEARCH**

If you suspect or know that someone in your family line has a Hancock County connection, identify what you already know and construct a pedigree chart. Provide the full name of the ancestor you are researching and list known or approximate dates for vital events (birth, death, marriage, residence, etc.).

### **STEP ONE – OBTAIN DEATH RECORD**

- Begin your search by obtaining death records for your relative(s)
- Something to know, Indiana did not publicly record deaths until 1882
- For deaths prior to 1882 consult *Hancock County, Indiana Tombstone Inscriptions: One Hundred Years, 1833-1933* by Sue Baker, HANCOCK 929.5 B
- For deaths from 1882—1920 consult the online Hancock County Death Index [www.rootsquest.com/indiana/hancock/death/index.html](http://www.rootsquest.com/indiana/hancock/death/index.html) or the print version in the genealogy collection. Death records were transcribed from the 1938 WPA *Index to Death Records for Hancock Co., Indiana*.
- For deaths from 1921 – 1989 consult the print edition of *Hancock County Death Records Index 1921—1989*, GEN 929 H
- Access digitized Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 via Ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition (free access at library)
- Birth and Death records are on file and can be provided by the Vital Records Department upon written request accompanied by proper identification and payment by check and money order. The cost of death certificates is \$15.00. The cost for birth certificates is \$15.00 for a combination certificate (includes regular size and laminated wallet size). Genealogy records are recorded back to 1882; although some records were incomplete or not recorded at all. Individuals must contact the Health Department office to see if genealogy records are available.

*Hancock County Health Department*

Hancock County Annex

111 Legion Place Suite 150

Greenfield, Indiana 46140

Phone: 317-477-1125

[Website](#)

## STEP TWO – FOLLOW-UP ON DEATH RECORD CLUES

### OBITUARIES:

- HCPL has an extensive collection of newspapers available on microfilm and digitized on Newspapers.com (see “Helpful Websites - Newspapers” below for instructions). If you have pinpointed the date of death, the following papers may contain the obituary you are seeking. Newspapers are not currently indexed except for the *Hancock Democrat* 1860-1876, HANCOCK 929.377258D

*Daily Reporter* newspaper (1908-present)

*Hancock Democrat* newspaper (1864-1957)

*Hancock Republican* newspaper (1889-1973)

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

- Refer to books in the Hancock County collection to build a biography on a person.
- To expedite research, refer to the WPA *Hancock County, Indiana Index of Names of Persons and of Firms*, HANCOCK 977.258 H, to quickly locate references to individuals and firms in specified books prior to 1940. See book for titles indexed. A digital copy can be found at: <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/563907>

### CEMETERY RECORDS:

- Refer to books in the HCPL collection: *Hancock County, Indiana Tombstone Inscriptions: One Hundred Years, 1833—1933* by Sue Baker, HANCOCK 929.5 B or *the Alphabetical List of Burials, Park Cemetery, Greenfield, Indiana*, HANCOCK 929.5 A to find her burial place
- Park Cemetery Records & Gravesite Information  
Rita Padgett  
[cemetery@greenfieldin.org](mailto:cemetery@greenfieldin.org)  
Phone: 317-477-4387  
Fax: 317-477-4358
- To obtain more information on cemeteries that are maintained by a church, contact that specific church for records
- To obtain more information on abandoned cemeteries, contact the township’s trustee or the Hancock Cemetery Board  
Find current trustee: <http://hancockcoingov.org/hancock-county-indiana-township-trustees>

Hancock County Cemetery Board: <http://hancockcoingov.org/hancock-county-indiana-cemetery-board>

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX:

- Search the Social Security Death Index on Ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition (free access at library) for the person's date of death. You can request a copy of your ancestor's social security information by filling out an application form containing as much of the following information as possible:
  - Maiden name of person's mother and married name(s)
  - Father's name
  - Date and place of birth
  - SSN if possible
- This record will provide: full name at time of application, full birth name, mailing address at time of application, age, date of birth, place of birth, father's full name, mother's full name, sex, ethnicity, application for SS number or railroad retirement, current employer's name and address, date signed, applicant's signature.
- For a copy of your ancestor's SS-5 (application for social security), you must make a Freedom of Information Act request via the SSA-711 form.
  - FOIA request information: <https://www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html>
  - Online SSA-771 form: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps9/eFOIA-FEWeb/internet/main.jsp>

#### BIRTH RECORDS:

- Something to know, Indiana did not publicly record births until 1882.
- To obtain dates, the library has the *WPA Index to Birth Records*, HANCOCK 977.23 I for years 1882 to 1920. Also, *Hancock County Indiana Court Records* by Sue Baker, HANCOCK 929.377258 B, includes an index for court recorded birth from 1867-1919.
- Access digitized Indiana Birth Certificates 1907-1940 via Ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition (free access at library).
- Physical records are available at the Health Department's Vital Records Department. Not all records exist or are complete. Please contact office prior to payment or request
  - Health Department
  - Hancock County Courthouse
  - 111 American Legion Place, Suite 150
  - Greenfield, Indiana 46140
  - Phone: 317-477-1125

Fax: 317-477-1154

[Website](#)

#### MARRIAGE RECORDS:

- Something to know, Indiana publicly recorded marriages prior to statehood when the area was known as the Northwest Territory. Marriage records exist as early as around 1780. Hancock County marriages were first recorded in court records as early as 1828. Application and certificates of marriage were not recorded until 1882.
- Prior to 1877 boys seventeen years old and girls fourteen years old could get a license to marry with the consent of a parent or guardian. Cousins could also marry. About 1877 the law was changed to boys age eighteen and girls age sixteen. Marriage of cousins not allowed. Currently, the law is age eighteen without consent, seventeen with consent, and fifteen with parental and judicial consent. In 2015 court rulings allow same-sex couples to marry.
- To obtain dates, the library has various marriage indexes for years 1828 to 1920. These are located under: *WPA Marriage Index* 4 volumes, HANCOCK 929.377258 I; *Marriages Abstracted from Newspapers* HANCOCK 929.377258 M; *Early Marriage Returns and Records* HANCOCK 929.377258 R
- Access digitized Indiana Marriage Certificates 1958-2005 via Ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition (free access at library).
- Physical records are available in the Hancock County Clerk of Courts office  
Hancock County Courthouse  
9 East Main Street, Room 213  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140  
Phone: 317-477-1109  
[Website](#)

#### STEP THREE – SEARCH THE CENSUS: 1790-1940

- After you have obtained the vital statistics and obtained family information, check census records for further information. Census records are a genealogical treasure trove providing such information as ages of people in the households, names of heads of households, type of employment, geographical origination of parents, educational level reached, special physical conditions, number of live births of the mother, hired hands, etc. Records are available beginning in 1790.

1790—1840: lists names of heads of household only in every state

1850—1940: lists the name of every person in a household whether a family member or otherwise (1890 census was destroyed by fire.)

- Census records may be searched using Ancestry Library Edition (free access at library) or HeritageQuest (free access at library or at home with HCPL library card). Also available in the HCPL Local History Room are the following books to help you with this search:

*American Census Handbook*, by Thomas J. Kemp. GEN 929.3 K

For British Census: *Census: The Expert Guide*, by Peter Christian. GEN 929.1072 C

For British Census: *Making Use of the Census*, by Susan Loomis, GEN 929.1072 L

#### STEP FOUR – OTHER COURTHOUSE RECORDS

##### TAX RECORDS:

- Tax records for most Indiana counties do not exist prior to the early 1840s. Occasionally an earlier duplicate record will exist, these can be found at the county courthouse.
- Microfilm copies of tax records dating to 1840 are available in the Hancock County Treasurer's office. They can be viewed in the County Recorder's office.

Hancock County Treasure

Hancock County Annex

111 American Legion Place, Suite 205

Greenfield, Indiana 46140

Phone: 317-477-1152

Fax: 317-477-1726

[Website](#)

##### PROBATE RECORDS:

- Probate is a court procedure where a will is proven valid or invalid.
- Records generated during probate include: wills, bonds, petitions, accounts, inventories, administrations, orders, decrees, and distributions. These records provide a great wealth of information and in some instances may be the only source for dates or connections to other individuals. For early records, probate proceedings were not always recorded separately from other court events. Be sure to check all available records.
- The following courts had jurisdiction during these periods pre-statehood:

Probate Court (1790-1805)

Court of Common Pleas (1806-1813)

### Circuit Court (1814-1816)

- After statehood and the formation of Hancock County in 1828 the circuit court had jurisdiction.
- Probate Records may be researched at the Hancock County Circuit Court.  
Hancock County Courthouse  
9 East Main Street, Room 302  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140  
Phone: 317-477-1107  
[Website](#)
- Also available in the HCPL Local History Room are the following books to help you with this search:

*Hancock County, Indiana Court Records* by Sue Baker, HANCOCK 929.377258 B  
*Will Records of Hancock Co. Indiana 1828-1859 and 1876-1908* by Maurice Holmes, HANCOCK 977.258 H

### LAND RECORDS:

- Resources in the HCPL collection include: *Early Landowners of Hancock Co., Ind.* by Maurice Holmes, HANCOCK 977.258 H, indexes original purchases from the USA and early landowners from 1828-1837; various plat maps; also see the "Helpful Websites" section for researching property and land.
- For current property and tax information refer to Beacon. Beacon is a GIS application and is how Hancock County records property and tax information.  
Go to: <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/>
- Deeds to property may be researched at the Hancock County Record's office.  
111 South American Legion Place, Suite 202  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140  
Phone: 317-477-1142  
[Website](#)
- Property transfers may be researched at the Hancock County Auditor's office.  
111 South American Legion Place, Suite 217  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140  
Phone: 317-477-1105  
Fax: 317-477-1712  
[Website](#)

- You may also want to refer to *Land and Property Research in the United States* by Wade E. Hone GEN 929.1072 H or *Land Records of America and Their Genealogical Data* by E. Kay Kirkham GEN 929.1072 K in the HCPL collection.

## STEP FIVE – SEARCH AT THE STATE LEVEL & ONLINE

If you're ready to move on from a search at the local level, there is much more to be had elsewhere. There are a variety of genealogical institutions across the country and online resources that can provide new information about your ancestors. The listings below provide what are generally considered to be the most comprehensive places for researches at all levels. A much larger listing of online resources exists in the last section of this pathfinder. One is encouraged to investigate all avenues of potential research opportunities from the prolific Ancestry.com to local institutions like genealogical societies or public libraries.

### INSTITUTIONS:

- The **Indiana State Library** is an excellent, nearby place to search for statewide records. The ISL collection includes over 40,000 printed items (family histories, indexes to records, how-to-books, cemetery transcriptions, family history magazines, and more) as well as microfilmed federal census records, Indiana county records, passenger lists, and military pension information. The emphasis of the collection is on Indiana and bordering states as well as eastern and southern states. The library also provides access to numerous online databases and services.  
315 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202  
Phone: 866-683-0008  
<http://www.in.gov/library/>
- The **Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center** in Fort Wayne, Indiana is the second largest genealogy collection in the United States, just after the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. At just over 100 miles away, it is well worth the drive for Hancock County residents. The collection includes over 350,000 printed items and over half a million items on microfilm. The focus of the collection is largely North American based with additional materials on the British Isles and German region. The library also has a large amount of materials on Native American and African American research. The library also provides access to numerous online databases and services.  
900 West Washington Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802  
Phone: 260-421-1225  
Email: [genealogy@acpl.info](mailto:genealogy@acpl.info)  
<http://www.genealogycenter.org/>



## ONLINE RESOURCES:

- **Ancestry.com Library Edition** provides access to a wealth of indexed and digital records. Included but not limited to: Census, military, court, immigration, vital records, periodicals, biographies, and directories. Access is limited to in-library use only. Use the library's wifi or computer lab to access the site. Guest passes are available for non-county residents at the information desk. An at home version of the website is available via subscription at a rate of around \$200 per year. Visit the [HCPLibrary.org](http://HCPLibrary.org) reference page for access.
- **HeritageQuest Online** is an essential collection of unique material dating back to the 1700s and is geared for both hobbyists and professionals. Included resources are: the federal U.S. Census and other census rolls, family and local history books, military records, Freedman's Bank, city directories, and more. Access is available for free at the library or at home with an HCPL card. Visit the [HCPLibrary.org](http://HCPLibrary.org) reference page for access.
- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Family History Library** is the largest genealogy collection in the world. Access is provided free of charge just by signing up for a free account.  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
**FamilySearch Help Center & Research Wiki**  
[www.familysearch.org/ask/](http://www.familysearch.org/ask/)
- **National Archives & Records Administration (NARA)** offers a variety of government records and database types. NARA is well-known for their military and census records but there are many more specialized collections such as prison records, the Nazi-Era cultural property database (information on forcibly seized items by Nazi Germany), and photographs. There is also a section geared specifically towards those researching ancestors.  
[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)
- The **U.S. Genealogy Web Project** is a volunteer project that began during the infancy of the internet. The site is organized by state and county. Most resources compiled here are from local volunteers. This site is particularly beneficial for planning research or seeing what resources are available online at local and national institutions.  
[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)

**GENEALOGY HOW-TO BOOKS IN THE HCPL COLLECTION**

There are two main areas in the library that house genealogy materials. Those that circulate and those that do not. Materials located in the Local History Room do not circulate. They are designated by three shelf identifiers: INDIANA, GENEALOGY, HANCOCK. These identifiers will

appear before the call number, an example would read GENEALOGY 929.1 R (alternative GEN 929.1 R). Materials located in the circulating collection will not contain this identifier. The same example, if located in the circulating collection would read 929.1 R. Items in the circulating collection are available for checkout.

The following is a partial list of genealogy help books in the Local History Room:

*Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources.* 2004. GEN 929.1 R and [available online](#)

Baxter, Angus. *In Search of Your British & Irish Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your English, Welsh, Scottish & Irish Ancestors.* 1999. GEN 929.1072 B

Baxter, Angus, *In Search of Your German Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Areas of Europe.* 2015, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. GEN 929.1 B

Bentley, Elizabeth Patty. *The Genealogists' Address Book.* 6<sup>th</sup> ed. GEN 929.1B

Best, Laura. *Genealogy for the First Time: Research Your Family History.* 2003. 921.B

Bettinger, Blaine T. *Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy.* 2016. 929.1072 B

Breland, Claudia. *Searching for Your Ancestors in Historic Newspapers.* 2014. 929.1072 B

Byers, Paula K. *Native American Genealogical Sourcebook.* 1995. GEN 929.1 N

Colletta, John Phillip, *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record.* 2002. GEN 929.1072 C

Everton, Walter M. *The Handybook for Genealogists.* 10<sup>th</sup> ed. GEN 929.1 H

Frey, Valerie J. *Preserving Family Recipes: How to Save and Celebrate Your Food Traditions.* 2015. GEN 641.5028 F

Grenham, John. *Tracing your Irish Ancestors: The Complete Guide.* 2012. GEN 929.2 G

Halt, Michael. *African American Genealogy Research.* 2011. GEN 929.1072 H

Kavasch, E. Barrie. *A Student's Guide to Native American Genealogy.* 1996. GEN 929.1 K

Lynch, Daniel. *Google Your Family Tree: Unlock the Hidden Power of Google.* 2008. 025.06 L and 929.1072 L

Ryskamp, George R. *Finding your Hispanic Roots*. 1997. GEN 929.1 R

Szucs, Loretto Dennis. *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*. 2006 GEN 929.1072 S

## GENEALOGY ONLINE RESOURCES

### CENSUS

To search census records, use Ancestry.com (in-library only) or HeritageQuest. Both are available under the Reference & Research page at [HCPLibrary.org](http://www.hcplibrary.org). [FamilySearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) provides free access to the indexed information but no access to the digitized census worksheets.

United States Census Bureau  
<http://www.census.gov/en.html>

Census Records – National Archives and Records Administration  
<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/>

Overview of the U.S. Census – Ancestry.com  
[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview of the U.S. Census](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview_of_the_U.S._Census)

U.S. Federal Census Records – FamilySearch.org  
<https://familysearch.org/census/us>

Blank U.S. Census Forms – Family Search.org  
[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United States Census Forms](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census_Forms)

### CHURCH HISTORY

Overview of Church Records – Ancestry.com  
[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview of Church Records](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview_of_Church_Records)

United States Church Records – FamilySearch.org  
[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United States Church Records](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Church_Records)

Church History of Greenfield  
<http://www.greenfieldin.org/residents/history-of-greenfield/863-church-history-of-greenfield-october-2012>

## DEATH

Overview of Vital Records – Ancestry.com

[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview\\_of\\_Vital\\_Records](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview_of_Vital_Records)

United States Vital Records – FamilySearch.org

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Vital\\_Records](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Vital_Records)

Find A Grave

[findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)

### **Hancock County**

Abandoned Cemetery Maintenance – Hancock County Township Trustees

<http://www.hancockcoingov.org/hancock-county-indiana-township-trustees.html>

Hancock County Death Index 1882-1920

<http://www.rootsquest.com/indiana/hancock/death/index.html>

Park Cemetery Information – Hancock County, Indiana (index available at library)

<http://www.greenfieldin.org/gravesite-information>

### **Surrounding Areas**

Anderson Public Library Genealogy Special collections (Madison County)

<http://www.and.lib.in.us/special-collections/>

Hamilton East Public Library (Hamilton County)

<http://hepl.lib.in.us/indiana-room/>

The Indianapolis Commercial Newspaper Index, 1882-1930 (Marion County)

<https://www.statelib.lib.in.us/commercial/>

The Knightstown Banner Obituary Archive, 1908-2017

[http://thebanneronline.com/archive\\_obituaries.htm](http://thebanneronline.com/archive_obituaries.htm)

New Castle-Henry County Public Library

[http://genealogy.nchcpl.lib.in.us/eventsTable\\_view.php](http://genealogy.nchcpl.lib.in.us/eventsTable_view.php)

Shelby County Public Library Obituaries

<http://cdm16633.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>

### **Indiana**

Cemetery & Burial Registry – Indiana Department of Natural Resources

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3748.htm>

Cemetery Locator File – Indiana State Library

[https://www.statelib.lib.in.us/cemetery/cemetery\\_search.asp](https://www.statelib.lib.in.us/cemetery/cemetery_search.asp)

## IMAGES

Indiana Historical Society

<http://images.indianahistory.org/>

Two collections in particular:

[Mitchell Printing Co. Collection](#), circa 1865-1930

[W.H. Bass Photo Company Collection](#), circa 1897-1970 (Indianapolis area)

Indiana Memory

<https://digital.library.in.gov/>

## IMMIGRATION

Port of New York Passenger Records – Ellis Island

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

One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse – Passenger records for Ellis Island and other ports of entry into the United States.

<http://stevemorse.org>

## LOCAL HISTORY

Joseph L. Skvarenina Collections for Hancock County History – Available at HCPL

Main Records: <http://hcplibrary.org/reference/SkvareninaCollection.pdf>

Images: <http://hcplibrary.org/reference/SkvareninaImages.pdf>

Newspaper Articles: <http://hcplibrary.org/reference/SkvareninaNewspapers.pdf>

Indiana Resources - Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center

<http://www.genealogycenter.info/indiana/>

Local History Contacts – Find Genealogical & Historical Societies

<http://www.indianahistory.org/our-services/local-history-services/local-history-contacts>

Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources – Ancestry.com

[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Red_Book:_American_State,_County,_and_Town_Sources)

## MAPS

Land Records in Indiana – IN Commission on Public Records

<http://www.in.gov/icpr/2582.htm>

### **Hancock County**

Historical City Maps of Greenfield, IN

<https://www.greenfieldin.org/government/planning-and-building/land-use-plans-a-maps/935-historical-city-maps>

1906 Atlas of Hancock County – includes landowner information

<http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/ref/collection/HistAtlas/id/4290>

Plat Books of Indiana Counties, volume 3 – Hancock County begins page 15

<http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/IndianaPlat/id/3127/rec/1>

Maps available at the Indiana State Library

<http://www.in.gov/library/2597.htm>

### **Indiana**

County maps, atlases, and plat books available at the Indiana State Library

<http://www.in.gov/library/2533.htm>

Indiana Historical Aerial Photo Index, Overview – Indiana Geological Survey

<http://igs.indiana.edu/IHAPI/>

Indiana Historical Aerial Photo Index, Map – Indiana Geological Survey

<http://igs.indiana.edu/IHAPI/Map/>

Maps Collections - Indiana State Library

<http://www.in.gov/library/3551.htm>

Map Collections – Indiana University

<http://libraries.iub.edu/map-collections-0>

Plat Books of Indiana Counties – All counties, 6 volumes

<http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalscholarship/collections/indianaplat>

## **MILITARY RECORDS**

Veterans History Project – Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/vets/>

Overview of Military Records – Ancestry.com

[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview\\_of\\_Military\\_Records](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Overview_of_Military_Records)

National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) Access to Archival Databases (AAD)  
<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) Military Records  
<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/index.html>

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System Database – National Park Service  
<http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>

## NEWSPAPERS

Indiana State Library - Indiana Newspapers available to Indiana Residents for free on Newspapers.com through INSPIRE. There will be a link to Newspapers.com on the main page.

[inspire.in.gov](http://inspire.in.gov)

Hancock Democrat (1860-1957)  
Greenfield Daily Reporter (1908-1963)

AIM Media Collection – Accessible only at the Hancock County Public Library locations or with a Newspapers.com subscription.

<https://aim.newspapers.com/>

Greenfield Daily Reporter (1964 – near current)

Hoosier State Chronicles: Indiana’s Digital Historic Newspaper Program – Accessible for free at any location.

<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>

Greenfield Republican (Mar. 1889 – Dec. 1895 & Jan. 1910 – Jun. 1915)  
The Evening Republican (Nov. 1894 – Jun. 1896)  
Evening Star (Apr. 1905 – Dec. 1906)

Indiana State Library’s Indiana Newspaper Holdings guide

<http://www.in.gov/library/newspaperholdings.htm>

Indianapolis Newspapers Database, 1848-1991

[https://www.statelib.lib.in.us/IndyNews/1848\\_1991\\_search.asp](https://www.statelib.lib.in.us/IndyNews/1848_1991_search.asp)

Library of Congress Chronicling America – Historic American Newspapers

[http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/#tab=tab\\_advanced\\_search](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/#tab=tab_advanced_search)

Library of Congress U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present

[http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/#tab=tab\\_advanced\\_search](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/#tab=tab_advanced_search)

New York Historical Newspapers – Old Fulton NY (this is a legitimate website)

<http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

## PROPERTY AND LAND RECORDS

Land Records in Indiana – IN Commission on Public Records

<http://www.in.gov/icpr/2582.htm>

U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>

### **Hancock County**

Beacon – Local Government GIS for property information and taxation

<https://beaconbeta.schneidercorp.com/?site=HancockCountyIN>

Greenfield Historic District Design Review Guidelines

[http://hcplibrary.org/reference/HistoricDistrictGuidelines\\_2011.pdf](http://hcplibrary.org/reference/HistoricDistrictGuidelines_2011.pdf)

Greenfield Historic Landmarks

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHistoricLandmarks>

Hancock County Interim Report, 1983 – IN Historic Sites & Structures Inventory

<http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/ref/collection/IHSSI/id/18376>

Historic Board of Review

<http://www.greenfieldin.org/government/planning-and-building/historic-board-of-review>

National Register of Historic Places – Hancock County

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/IN/Hancock/state.html>

### **Indiana**

Historic Preservation & Archaeology - Indiana Department of Natural Resources

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/>

Indiana Landmarks

<http://www.indianalandmarks.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Indiana State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD)

<https://secure.in.gov/apps/dnr/shaard/welcome.html>