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### [IUCAT](#)

The Indiana University Kokomo Library owns numerous sources that provide information on Indiana History and life in the midwest. This handout is intended as a starting point for locating materials. To see a more complete listing of the Library's holdings, please consult the online catalog, **IUCAT**. You will find many electronic resources in **IUCAT** which provide an active URL hyperlink which will link you to the resource. Below is a sampling of some of the official Library of Congress (LC) subject headings that could be used in **IUCAT** to find resources for Indiana History materials. To search by the subject headings do an advanced keyword search and use a subject search. To browse the Indiana local history collection see call numbers F 521 – F 535.

African American Families – Indiana  
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Kokomo (Ind.) - Directories  
Labor Unions – Middle West  
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Tipton County (Ind.) – History  
Tipton County (Ind.) – Biography

### Reference

***Encyclopedia of Indiana*** Ref F 526 .E53 1999  
***History of Howard County, Indiana*** Ref F 532 .H8 M7  
***Howard County: A Pictorial History*** Ref F 532.H6 B66 1994  
***Howard County, Indiana Family History, 1844-1994*** Ref F 532 .H83 1995  
***Indiana: A New Historical Guide*** Ref F 527 .I54 1989  
***Indiana Biographical Dictionary: People of all Times and Places Who Have Been Important to the History and Life of the State*** Ref CT 233 .I53 1999  
***Indiana from Frontier to Industrial Commonwealth*** Ref & Stacks F 526 .B23 1954  
Family and personal history information is included in volumes 3 and 4.  
***Kokomo: A Pictorial History*** Ref F 534 .K7 B66 1990  
***The Governors of Indiana*** Ref F 525 .G69 2006

## Atlases/Gazetteers/Maps/Plat Books

- Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Indiana*** Ref G 1201 .F7 A8 1993 Ind.  
***Combination Atlas Map of Howard County, Indiana*** (1877)  
Atlas Stand F 532 .H8 C6 1976  
Compiled, drawn, and published from personal examinations and surveys.  
Contains detailed information on early towns, history of region, and biographical sketches of prominent citizens.
- Howard County, Indiana: Plat Book & Index of Owners*** Stacks G 4093 .H7  
***Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Indiana*** Atlas Stand G 1400 .B322  
Also available as an electronic resource -link available through IUCAT.
- Map of Carroll County, Indiana*** (1863) Atlas Stand G 1403 .C2 S5 1974  
***Maps of Indiana Counties in 1876: Together with the Plat of Indianapolis and a Sampling of Illustrations*** Atlas Stand G 1400 .A5 1876A  
Plans of towns, county maps, biographies, patron directory, business directory, and statistics.
- The National Gazetteer of the United States of America—Indiana, 1988***  
Ref F 524 .N37 1988  
Prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

## Guides

- Broadsides: Indiana, the Early Years: Resource Guide*** Stacks F 525.5 .B76 1987  
***Guide to Indiana University Oral History Research Project and Related Studies***  
(Oral History Research Project) Stacks Z 1281 .G8  
***Guide to Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library*** Stacks Z 1281 .P85 1986

## Biographies

See also the [Guide to Biographies](#) for additional reference sources and databases where you can find biographical information.

- American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made Men of the State of Indiana*** (1880) Ref F 525 .B67  
***Biography of James Boyce, Pioneer Builder of Muncie, Indiana; with a Record of Events Leading to the Location of the Ball Brothers and a Review of a Few of Their Many Achievements and Philanthropies*** Stacks CT 275 .B5859 B6  
***Carole Lombard: The Hoosier Tornado*** Stacks PN 2287 .L625 G44 2003  
***First Ladies of Indiana and the Governors*** Stacks F 525 .P67 1984  
***From Ben-Hur to Sister Carrie: Remembering the Lives and Works of Five Indiana Authors*** Stacks PS 129 .M67 1995  
***Gene Stratton-Porter, Novelist and Naturalist*** Stacks PS 3531 .O7345 Z59 1990  
***Grand Dragon: D.C. Stephenson and the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana***  
Stacks HS 2330 .K63 L87 1991  
***Gus Grissom: The Lost Astronaut*** Stacks TL 789.85 .G7 B66 2004  
***Hoosiers in Hollywood*** Stacks PN 1993.5 .U7415 S65 2006  
***Indiana Authors and Their Books*** Ref Z 1281 .T46  
Three volumes cover periods, 1816-1916, 1917-1966, and 1967-1980

- Indiana Legends: Famous Hoosiers from Johnny Appleseed to David Letterman**  
Stacks CT 233 .P75 1997
- Indiana Lives: A Reference Edition Recording the Biographies of Contemporary Leaders in Indiana, with Special Emphasis on Their Achievements in Making it one of America's Greatest States** Stacks F 525 .H3
- Isaac Blackford: The Indiana Blackstone** Stacks KF 373 .B53 T56 2005
- James Dean: Rebel with a Cause** Stacks PN 2287 .D33 G35 2005
- James Whitcomb Riley: a Life** Stacks PS 2706 .V36 1999
- Jonathan Jennings: Indiana's First Governor** Stacks F 526 .J46 M55 2005
- Indiana Scientists: a Biographical Directory and an Analysis** Stacks Q 127.U6 V5
- Skirting the Issue: Stories of Indiana's Historical Women Artists**  
Stacks N 6530 .I6 N48 2004
- Who's Who in Indiana: Library of American Lives. A reference edition recording the biographies of contemporary leaders in Indiana with special emphasis on their achievements in making the Hoosier State one of America's greatest.** Stacks F 525 .H4

## Histories

- 1883 History of Tipton County, Indiana: Historical and Biographical, with 7,300 Name Index** Stacks F 532.T63 B56 1985
- Biographical and Historical Sketches of Early Indiana** Stacks F 525 .W9 1975 or  
Microfilm F 526 .C847 no. 260
- Creating a Hoosier Self-Portrait: The Federal Writers' Project in Indiana, 1935-1942**  
Stacks F 525.2 .B57 2005
- History of Ervin Township, Howard County: Churches, Schools, Cemeteries, Trails & Roads, Landowners with Legends and Facts, 135 years, 1836-1971**  
Stacks F 532 .H83 F7
- History of Howard County in the World War** Stacks F 532 .H8 H8
- Hoosier Schools: Past and Present** Stacks LA 283 .H67 1998
- Indiana, 1816-1850: The Pioneer Era** Stacks F 526 .I38 v.2
- Indiana, One Hundred and Fifty Years of American Development** Stacks F 526 .R75  
Vols. 3-5 contain biographical material.
- Indiana Sesquicentennial: 1816-1966** Stacks F 532 .H8 R5 1966
- Kokomo: City of Firsts** Stacks F 534 .K7 K7 1982
- Looking Back: Howard County, the Early Years: A Pictorial History**  
Stacks F532 .H8 L667 2004
- The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies** Stacks E 464 .U6 1971 (Four series and index volume.)  
or online <http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/browse.monographs/waro.html>

## County Histories on Microfilm

All of the Indiana County Histories are available on microfilm. Use the index to locate a particular county in the **Reel Index to the Microform Collection of County Histories of the "Old Northwest," Series III, Indiana**. Ref or Stacks F 526 .C84712

### Howard County Histories

- Biographical and Genealogical History of Cass, Miami, Howard and Tipton Counties, Indiana** Microfilm F 526 .C847 no.35

***Counties of Howard and Tipton, Indiana: Historical and Biographical***

Microfilm F 526 .C847 no.57

***Combination Atlas Map of Howard County, Indiana*** Microfilm F 526 .C847 no.175

***History of Howard County, Indiana*** Microfilm F 526 .C847 no.200

**Social Life and Customs**

***At Home in the Hoosier Hills: Agriculture, Politics, and Religion in Southern Indiana, 1810-1870*** Stacks F 526 .N38 2005

***The Dragon and the Cross: the Rise and Fall of the Ku Klux Klan in Middle America*** Stacks HS 2330 .K63 T84 1991

***Farm and Factory: Workers in the Midwest, 1888-1990***

Stacks HD 8083 .M53 N45 1995

***Hired Hands and Plowboys: Farm Labor in the Midwest 1815-60***

Stacks HD 1527 .A14 S3

***Home Again: Essays and Memoirs from Indiana*** Stacks F 526.6 .H66 2006

***A Home in the Woods: Pioneer Life in Indiana: Oliver Johnson's Reminiscences of Early Marion County*** Stacks F 532 .M4 J6 1991

***Midwestern Women: Work, Community, and Leadership at the Crossroads***

Stacks HQ 1438 .M53 M53 1997

***Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience*** Stacks F 535 .A1 P46 1996

***Recollections of the Early Settlement of the Wabash Valley***

Stacks F 532 .W2 C8 1970A or Microfilm F 526 .C847 no. 75

***The Schramm Letters*** Stacks F 526 .S35 1975

Written by Jacob Schramm and members of his family from Indiana to Germany in the year 1836.

***Southern Seed, Northern soil: African-American Farm Communities in the Midwest, 1765-1900*** Stacks E 185.93 .I4 V56 1999

***Taverns and Travelers: Inns of the Early Midwest*** Stacks TX 909 .Y6

***Travel Accounts of Indiana, 1679-1961; A Collection of Observations by Wayfaring Foreigners, Itinerants, and Peripatetic Hoosiers*** Stacks F 521 .I38 v.47

***The Underground Railroad and the Antislavery Movement in Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana*** Stacks E 450 .Q55 2001

**Facts and Statistics**

***Awesome Almanac: Indiana*** Stacks F 526.5 .J33 1993

***Chronology and Documentary Handbook of the State of Indiana*** Stacks F 526 .C47

***The Indiana Book of Records, Firsts, and Fascinating Facts***

Stacks F 526.5 .C38 1985

***The Indiana Book of Trivia*** Stacks F 526.6 .C378 2007

***Indiana Factbook*** (1985, 1989, 1992, 1994-95) Ref HA 365 .I52

***Indiana Historical Society 1860 Indiana Census*** Microfiche F 525 .I53 1987

## Series

To search for series names do an advanced keyword search in **IUCAT** and choose the series search, searching by the series name.

**Indiana Historical Collections** Stacks F 521 .I38

**Indiana Historical Society Publications** Stacks F 521 .I41

**Midwestern History and Culture** call numbers vary

## DVDs/Videos

**Indiana: A Tribute** Videos F 526 .I355 1991

Highlights places, people and events that contributed to the history of Indiana.

**The Indiana Railroad, 1939-1941: Indiana's Great Traction System in its Final Three Years** Videos HE 2771 .I6 I546 1991

Produced by Herron Rail Services. Notes: "Original 8mm film by Richard H. George and Frank Schlegel; original 16mm film by George Meyer."

**Out of the Shadows: Portraits of Historic Women Artists**

DVDs N 6530 .I6 O88 2005

The stories of these Hoosier artists offer insight into the culture and values of the greater Midwest during this period. Includes artists: Jessie Hull Mayer, The Overbeck sisters, Olive Rush, Janet Scudder, Ruth Pratt Bobbs, Carolyn Bradley, Constance Forsyth, Marie Goth, Amalia Kussner Coudert, Ada Walter Shulz, Margaret Stark and Marie Webster.

**Well Done, Indiana: Tales of the Triumphs & Tragedies of Indiana in the Civil War**

DVDs E 506 .W455 2006

## Periodicals

Below is a partial listing of periodicals available in the library that relate to Indiana history. Periodicals can be found in four different formats (current, bound, microform and Web-based). The [Indiana University Kokomo Periodical Holdings List](#), must be consulted for complete information.

All journal titles are listed in **IUCAT**. If a journal is available online, **IUCAT** will provide an active URL hyperlink. All links labeled "Kokomo" are accessible. Other links not labeled "Kokomo" may also be available.

*Indiana Folklore* GR 1 .I52

*Indiana Folklore and Oral History* GR 1 .I52

*Indiana History Bulletin* F 521 .I367

*Indiana Magazine of History* F 521 .I52

Online index URL: <http://www.lettrs.indiana.edu/inmh/>

*Indiana Military History Journal* F526 .I46

*Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History* F 521 .T72

## Databases

Below is a select list of databases where you might find Indiana history information. Additional databases can be located by using the [Databases by Subject](#) link and choosing *history* or related subjects.

### [Academic Search Premier](#)

Multi-disciplinary database that indexes and includes full-text to scholarly publications covering academic areas of study including social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies.

### [ACLS Humanities E-Book](#)

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) *Humanities E-Book* collection contains over 1,500 electronic books in the Humanities. Records for each of these titles are available in *IUCAT*.

### [Alexander Street Press databases](#)

This collection of individual databases includes several which provide diaries, letters, and oral histories. Of particular interest might be the [North American Immigrant Letters, Diaries, and Oral Histories](#) which is a collection of personal narratives including letters, diaries, pamphlets, autobiographies, and oral histories, including some previously unpublished materials and Ellis Island Oral History interviews.

### [American: History and Life](#)

A complete bibliographic reference to the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. This index links to full-text articles in [Project MUSE](#), a collection of scholarly academic electronic journals which covers the fields of literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender studies, economics, and many others in the humanities and social sciences.

### [Digital Sanborn Maps](#)

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. The *Digital Sanborn Maps* provide house by house or business by business details for cities and towns throughout Indiana and allow researchers to view and download the maps, and integrate them in various GIS applications.

### [NewsBank NewsFile Collection](#)

Contains full-text news articles covering social, economic, environmental, government, sports, the arts, people, health and science issues and events from more than 500 U.S. regional and national newspapers, wire services, and broadcasts. It currently indexes newspapers from 1992-present, nineteen Indiana newspapers have coverage.

### [ProQuest Historical Newspapers The New York Times](#)

The *New York Times* (1851-2002) offers full page and article images with searchable full-text back to the first issue. The collection includes digital reproductions providing access to every page from every available issue.

## Useful Reference Links/Web Resources

Go to the [Useful Reference Links](#) on the Indiana University Kokomo Library Web page. Look under *Indiana* or related categories (folklore, genealogy, or history).

### Federal Government

National Archives & Records Administration <http://www.archives.gov/>

- Great Lakes Region (Chicago, IL) <http://www.archives.gov/great-lakes/chicago/index.html>

### Historical Organizations

Howard County Genealogical Society <http://www.rootsweb.com/~inhoward/hcgs/>

Howard County Historical Society <http://www.howardcountymuseum.org/>

Indiana Historical Bureau <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/ihb.html>

Indiana Historical Society <http://www.indianahistory.org/>

Indiana State Archives <http://www.ai.org/icpr/archives/>

### Libraries

Allen County Public Library <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>

Indiana State Library <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/>

- Databases and Indexes  
<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/whatwehave/dbindex.html>

Library of Congress <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

- American Folklife Center <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/>
  - Indiana Local Legacies <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/legacies/IN/index.html>
- American Memory <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>
  - American Life Histories Manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1940 <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/wpahome.html>

Many libraries and organizations are currently working on digital projects to make archive and special collection materials available via the Internet. Below is a list of just a few of the Indiana digital collections.

**Center for Middletown Studies** <http://www.bsu.edu/middletown/>

**Digital Collections of IUPUI University Libraries**

<http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/collections.html>

**Indiana Plat Books Collection** <http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/IndianaPlat/>

**Indiana: State and Local Documents: Born Digital Documents From the State of Indiana and Its Localities** <http://www.archive-it.org/collections/221>

**Middletown Digital Oral History Collections**

<http://libx.bsu.edu/MidOrHist/midorhist.php>

**VINE** (Vital Information Exchange) [http://208.119.135.17/db/vine/vine\\_home.asp](http://208.119.135.17/db/vine/vine_home.asp)

Indiana local history and vital records – the site is under development and all features are not fully functioning.

**Wabash Valley Visions & Voices: A Digital Memory Project**

<http://visions.indstate.edu/index.html>