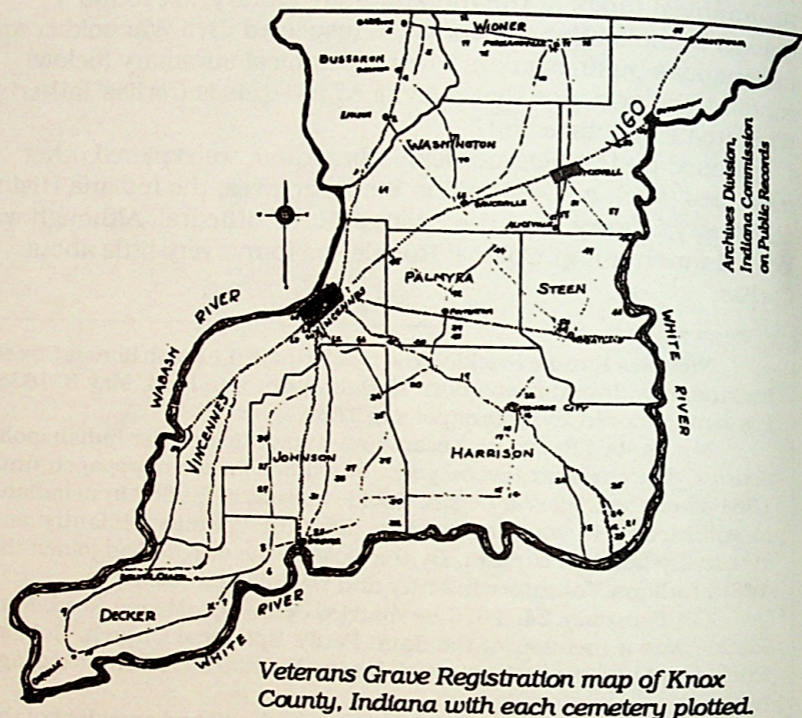


What Do We Know about Indiana Cemeteries?

- Resources that will help you find local cemeteries include,
- the cemetery locator file in the Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library with cemeteries listed by county and by name;
 - the 1940s Veterans Grave Registration project of 51 counties in the Archives Division of the Commission on Public Records, with each cemetery containing a veteran's grave platted and then plotted on a county map; an alphabetical card file of each veteran's name;
 - county histories and atlases;
 - local public library;
 - Indiana Genealogical Society project, in progress, to locate all Indiana cemeteries ever in existence;
 - local or state historical society;
 - township trustee; and
 - county maps sold by county auditors or recorders.



Veterans Grave Registration list of all Knox County cemeteries.

BUSSEY TWP 1 CHARLEY 2 BRIDGES - COLBERS 3 OAKTOWN 4 DONALDSON 5 STANLEY			PALMYRA TWP 38 ALTON CHURCH 39 BELMONT 40 BIRCHDALE 41 BIRCHDALE 42 LAMAR - FOOT 43 PALMYRA 44 ROYAL OAK 45 UPPER INDIANA			WASHINGTON TWP 1 WEST SALEM 2 WHITE HALL 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100		
DECKER TWP 6 DORRIS HILL 7 FLORENCE LEVERSON 8 HALLISTON 9 HILLING 10 ORVILLE 11 WHART			STEEN TWP 46 DECHES 47 GILMORE 48 HINLEY 49 WINDYLAND I.O.O.F 50 WINDYLAND OLD PART 51 WHEATLAND OLD PART			WIDNER TWP 11 BETHEL EVANGELICAL 12 CHAMBERS 13 FREELANDVILLE CHRISTIAN 14 MARIAM CREEK CHRISTIAN 15 MORRIS CHAPEL 16 LIGHT 17 UNITED BROTHERS FREELANDVILLE		
HARRISON TWP 12 BROWN CHURCH 13 FREELAND 14 HAWKLINE CHAPEL NEW PART 15 OLD HAWKLINE CEMETERY 16 MELDERMAN 17 HERBON 18 HICKEY 19 HILLING 20 OAK LEAF 21 BELL'S CHAPEL 22 BETHEL - COLBERS 23 STEEN 24 SCOTT 25 WALKER BRIDGE 26 WILSON CREEK			VIGO TWP 61 DICKSON I.O.O.F 62 DELAY 63 EDWARDSPORT TOWN 64 EDWARDSPORT I.O.O.F 65 NEAL 66 SANDBOURNE 67 SWIFT 68 WESTPALLA			INDEX OF CEMETERIES KNOK COUNTY LEGEND OF SYMBOLS - BOLD IN MAPS † GOV. UPRIGHT, † PRIVATE MARKER □ GOV. FLAT, □ NO MARKER		
JOHNSON TWP 27 CHURCH PRUNE 28 DECKER TOWN 29 GIOY 30 JONA 31 OLD SACRAMENT JOHNSON PART 32 SAINT ENOCH TOWN 33 ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL 34 ST. THOMAS 35 THOMAS 36 TRINITY CHURCH			VINCENNES TWP 29 BEAL 30 BURVIEW 31 CUMBERLAND 32 JEWISH 33 MEMORIAL PARK 34 MC CALMUR 35 OLD CATHEDRAL 36 ST VINCENT					

Doing Your Cemetery Survey

How do I start?

- Check to see whether a competent survey has been done already.
- Obtain permission from the cemetery association, public official, or other owner to do a survey.
- Make arrangements to share your information with your local historical and genealogical societies and the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis.
- Check *The Indiana Historian*, October, 1993, issue for more information about cemeteries.

How do I make a map?

- When doing a cemetery survey, you need to work methodically.
- It is best to make a rough map of the cemetery, based on a walk through, before beginning the survey.
- Start at one corner of the cemetery, and work your way down the first row.
- When you have finished the first row, go back to the end where you started and begin with the first grave in the second row.

An Example:

The following example shows a map for a small cemetery with only 5 graves per row:

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		4	9	14		
		5	10	15		
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There is not a single way to map a cemetery. The key is to start in one corner and work along rows in a careful manner.

How do I do the survey?

Follow the directions on the survey sheet on the reverse.

How can I use the survey?

Cemetery survey information can be used for many purposes. For example, you can divide the sheets according to categories, such as years or decades; men, women, and children; cause of death, etc. From these categories, you can carry out studies to answer your questions. You can also investigate the people and prepare biographical sketches of them.

Are there laws about cemeteries?

Laws of the state of Indiana are published in the *Indiana Code*, which is updated after each session of the Indiana General Assembly. Cemetery laws are included in Article 14 of Title 23, Business and Other Associations. Some of the sections about cemeteries include

23-14-1 General Cemetery Act.
 23-14-8-5 Duty of the County Recorder is to keep a book called "County Cemetery Records" in which to record all cemetery deeds.

23-14-11-1 Right to set up grave markers for deceased soldiers. No cemetery shall refuse to allow such a marker.

23-14-26-1 Care of cemeteries by counties. Cemeteries that have no funds for maintenance; have suffered neglect; and may contain graves of pioneer leaders or veterans of every American war including the Revolutionary War are covered by this section of the law. The above noted cemeteries formed before 1850 may benefit from a property tax levied by a county cemetery commission.

35-43-1-2 Criminal mischief within a cemetery is a Class A misdemeanor to a Class C felony, depending on the value of the property damaged.