



Basic Sources for  
Genealogical Research  
in  
Greene & Sullivan  
Counties



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## Histories:

**SpC**

**977.242:B**

Baber, "Uncle" Jack. The Early History of Greene County, Indiana. Worthington Times Office, 1875. Photocopy of original. Separate index.

This history is said to be compiled from "official records and from personal recollections by pioneer settlers." It covers approximately 1816 to 1851 and includes early settlers, marriages, county officials, crimes, businesses, the Mexican War, etc. The sections on the individual townships include information on the towns and villages and biographical sketches of the pioneers.

**SpC**

**282.77241:B**

Bankowski, Rev. John and Brown, Robert A. History of the Catholic Church in Sullivan County, Indiana, 1868-1978. No publisher given; no date given.

This brief history names various churches, priests, and Catholic families. Some photographs of churches are reproduced. There is no index.

**SpC**

**977.242:B**

Biographical Memoirs of Greene County, Ind., With Reminiscences of Pioneer Days. Indianapolis, IN: B.F. Bowen and Co., 1908. 2 vols.

More than half of the first volume consists of historical sketches by various authors. Some of the subjects covered include: Revolutionary soldiers and military history, pioneer life, Indians, early marriages, towns, courts and lawyers, schools, county officials, business and industry, doctors, etc. The biographical sketches are lengthy and include much genealogical information. There are many photographs. Only the subjects of the sketches are named in the index.

## **SpC**

### **977.241:B**

Booth, Louise. Waiting for the Moment. Villa Park, CA: D. R. Booth Associates, 1983.

This Civil War history of Sullivan County is based on letters Basil Jewell, Co. G, 11th Ind. Cav., wrote home to his wife. It gives a good picture of life in Sullivan County at this time as well as of the war itself. A biographical section on the men of Co. G and a genealogical section on Sullivan County families are included. There is a section of footnotes and an index, as well as many illustrations.

## **SpC**

### **977.241:C**

Carlisle, Indiana, Sesquicentennial, 1815-1965: Historical Book and Souvenir Program. Carlisle, IN: s.n., 1965. Illus.

This is a brief history of the town of Carlisle. It covers the pioneers, Shakertown, businesses, churches, schools, and veterans of various wars and includes the program of the Sesquicentennial celebration. There are many photographs but no index.

## **Microform**

### **977.241:E**

Early Sullivan County History: Scrapbook 110. Originally in Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library Scrapbook Collection. Microfilmed by Frederic Luther Co..

Newspaper clippings from historical column by Samuel Brewer in Sullivan Union. Subjects covered include historic forts on the Wabash River, Turtle Creek blockhouse, Turman blockhouse, Ledgerwood blockhouse, Indian trails, the first courthouse, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, and various cemeteries. The clippings date from 1939-40.

**SpC**

**977.241:E**

1816-1966 Merom - Sullivan County Sesquicentennial: Historical Book and Souvenir Program. s.l.: s.n., 1966. Illus.

This booklet includes a historical sketch of Sullivan County and Sullivan County facts and townships. A brief history of the town of Merom includes points of interest, the Chautauqua, Merom Institute, the Ecumenical Center of Renewal and Planning and the program of the Sesquicentennial celebration.

**SpC**

**977.24:H**

History of Greene and Sullivan Counties, State of Indiana, from the Earliest Time to the Present. Chicago: Goodspeed Bros. and Co., 1884. Reprinted Newell, IA: Bireline, 1983. Index.

Similar topics are covered for each county: Indians, county organizations, courts and lawyers, military history, and local progress. The chapters on the individual townships include towns and villages, schools, churches, industries, and early settlers. The biographical sketches give the parents, spouses, and children of the subjects and sometimes even more genealogical information.

**SpC**

**977.242:H**

History of Greene County, Indiana, 1885-1989. Bloomfield, IN: Greene County, Indiana, Historical Society, 1990. Illus. Index.

This twentieth century work gives an overview of Greene County from 1885 to 1985, including World Wars I and II, the Depression, and the Bicentennial. Histories of the various townships include information on the towns, schools, churches, and organizations. Half the book consists of family histories contributed by local residents.

## SpC

### 977.241:H

Hymera High School (Hymera, IN.) Senior English Class. History of Jackson Township, Sullivan County, Indiana. Hymera, IN: The School, 1915. Reprinted Evansville, IN: Whipporwill Publications, 1985. Illus. Index.

This booklet was compiled with the assistance of local residents in order to “preserve some of the stories and traditions of long ago and arouse interest in the collection and preservation of records that pertain to the history of our township.” It is arranged by district and includes names of veterans, biographies of old settlers, churches, and burials in various cemeteries. Some illustrations and an index.

## SpC

### 977.242:J

The Jasonville Story, 1858-1958, Jasonville Centennial Celebration, 100 Years of Progress. Jasonville, IN: Jasonville Leader, 1980 reprint.

Brief history of this Greene County town. Such topics as pioneer days, early settlers, schools and churches, and the founding of the town are covered , as well as events of the early 1900s. There are some illustrations. Many Jasonville residents are named, but there is no index.

## Microfilm

### 977.241:M

Maple, James Brian. History of Greene and Sullivan Counties. Scrapbooks.

Forty-three scrapbooks on seven rolls of film. There is an index on roll one. Dr. Maple compiled these scrapbooks of clippings and abstracts from Knox and Sullivan County newspapers throughout his long life. His interest in local history is reflected by the subjects he included - names of early settlers, obituaries, articles on local families, histories of churches, local schools, newspapers, early stores and businesses, Civil War, cemeteries, historic houses, and many others. This valuable information is not readily available elsewhere, but the index is rather difficult to use.

**SpC**

**610.9772:M**

Maple, James Brian. Medical History of Sullivan County. Sullivan, IN: Sullivan Union Press, 1936.

Information for this history was obtained from the Sullivan County newspapers, county histories, and reminiscences of local doctors. Topics covered include pioneer medicine, surgery, epidemics, home remedies, medical societies, and hospitals. There are biographical sketches of doctors, some accompanied by photos. However, there is no index.

**SpC**

**977.241:P**

Pirtle, Judy. Sullivan County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms. Indianapolis, IN: County History Indexing Project, Family History Section, Indiana Historical Society, 1981.

Index to all names of persons and firms mentioned in all the county histories. Place names and subject entries are not included. All names are spelled just as they are in the text; there are cross references to surnames similar in spelling or pronunciation. Married women are listed under maiden name as well as married name. Each entry gives symbol for county history and page number where name occurs. List of histories indexed and symbols in front of book.

**SpC**

**977.241:S**

Sullivan County, Indiana, Historical Society Newsletters, 1974-1983. Sullivan, IN: Sullivan County Historical Society, c. 1984. Illus. Index.

Reprints of the Sullivan County Historical Society newsletters from Vol. 1, No. 1, September 1974, through Vol. 10, No. 6, November 1983. It includes many hard to find facts about Sullivan County. There are some illustrations and a good index.

**SpC**

**977.241:S**

Sullivan County, Indiana: 175th Anniversary, 1816-1991. Paducah, KY: Turner Publishing Co., 1991. Illus. Index.

This twentieth century effort gives a brief overview of Sullivan County history as well as histories of various townships, churches, schools, businesses, clubs and organizations. Half the book consists of family histories contributed by local residents. Many good illustrations. Only the family history section is indexed.

**SpC**

**977.241:W**

Wolfe, Thomas J. A History of Sullivan County. New York and Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1909. 2 vols.

This history was intended to cover the first century of Sullivan County, "showing the growth of its people, institutions, industries, and wealth." Subjects covered include organization of the county, pioneers, military, education, transportation, various towns, the professions, churches, etc. Volume two consists of biographical sketches containing much genealogical information. There are many photographs. There are indexes in each volume, but these are not every-name indexes.

# Land & Vital Records:

**SpC**

**929.577242:C**

Cemeteries of Eastern Greene County, Indiana. Bloomfield, IN: Greene County Historical Society, 1982. Separate index.

These cemeteries were copied by various members of the Greene County Historical Society so formats are varied. Some names are listed as they appear in the cemetery while others are rearranged into alphabetical order. Grandview and Bloomfield cemeteries were omitted. A Greene County map and a list of the cemeteries by township aid in locating these cemeteries.

**SpC**

**929.577242:C**

Cemeteries of Western Greene County, Indiana. Decorah, IA: Annundsen Publishing Co., [1985?]. 3 Vols. Index.

The cemeteries were copied by various members of the Greene County Historical Society. Volume one covers the cemeteries of Fairplay, Grant, Jefferson, Smith, and Washington Townships while volume two covers Stafford, Stockton, and Wright Townships. Volume three is devoted to Fairview Cemetery in Linton IN. Each volume contains a Greene County map, a list of cemeteries by township, and an index.

**Microform**

**287.632: R**

**3 reels**

Comprehensive Church Record of the Methodist Episcopal Church circa 1891-1916 [Microform]: Record Book of the Pimento Pastors and Ladies Union of the M. E. Church, 1917-1922. Indianapolis, IN: Frederick Luther, 1998.

These films include the church communities of Farmersburg, Fletcher Chapel, Ebenezer, Shelburn, and Pimento. The comprehensive record book includes the pastoral and statistical record, a chronological record of official members, the probationers records, the record of members in full connection, baptismal records, and marriage records. The record book of the Pimento Pastors and Ladies

Union includes the constitution, membership and dues list, and minutes of the meetings.

**SpC**

**929.377241:F**

Franklin, Charles M. Sullivan County, Indiana, Early Marriages, 1815-1857. Indianapolis, IN: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1984.

These marriages are taken from a variety of sources, as the Sullivan County courthouse burned in 1850. The marriages are arranged in alphabetical order by surname of groom. There is a separate brides' index. Names are spelled as they appear in the original, so the researcher should check all possible spellings.

**SpC**

**929.377241:F**

Franklin, Charles M. Sullivan County, Indiana, Will Abstracts, 1844-1864. Indianapolis, IN: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1983.

Theses abstracts are taken from Will Book I in Sullivan County. Each entry includes name of deceased; date will was made; date will was recorded; names of heirs, executors, and witnesses; and page number in original book. All spellings and abbreviations are exactly as in original. There is an every name index.

**SpC**

**929.377242:F**

Franklin, Charles M. Greene County, Indiana, Early Marriage Records, 1821-1844. Indianapolis, IN: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1982.

These marriages are taken from books one and three, plus supplementary documented sources. Book two, covering 1828 to 1833 (in part), is missing. Arrangement is alphabetical order by surname of groom with a brides' index. All spellings are as in original.

**SpC**

**929.377242:F**

Franklin, Charles M. Greene County, Indiana, Early Marriage Records, 1845-1852. Indianapolis, IN: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, c 1983.

These marriages are taken from books D and E in the Greene County clerk's office. Arrangement is alphabetical order by name of groom with a brides' index. All spellings are as in original.

**SpC**

**912.77241:I**

Illustrated Standard Atlas of Sullivan County. Sullivan, IN: Sullivan County Historical Society, 1982.

This reprint of an older, undated atlas shows the names of landowners on the township maps. The maps of towns usually do not list lot owners. The patrons' directory lists county officers, attorneys, physicians, businessmen, etc. and gives brief biographical sketches. The photograph section is dark and unclear. There is an every name index.

**SpC**

**929.377241:I**

Index to Birth Record, Sullivan County, Indiana, 1921-1941 Inclusive. Evansville, IN: Whiporwill Publications, 1989.

This is an index to original records held by the Sullivan County Health Office. Arrangement is by name of child. Each entry gives name of child, name of father, maiden name of mother, sex, color, date of birth, and book and page where the birth was recorded.

**SpC**

**929.377241:I**

Index to Marriage Record, Sullivan County, Indiana, 1850-1920, Inclusive. Compiled by the Indiana Works Progress Administration, 1939. Sullivan, IN: Sullivan County Historical Society, 1990.

Facsimile reprint of the original WPA index. Entries are in alphabetical order by name of bride or groom. Each entry gives name of spouse, date of marriage, and book and page where marriage was recorded. Some entries also give the date of birth of the person in column one.

**SpC**

**929.377241:M**

Marriage Records, Sullivan County, Indiana, 1850-1902. Sullivan, IN: Sullivan County Historical Society, 1982. Index by Elise Smith.

These lists of marriages were originally printed in the Sullivan Union during 1925. Some pages are faint and difficult to read. Arrangement is chronological by date. Each entry gives date, name of groom, name of bride, and name of minister. There is a separate index by name.

**SpC**

**929.5772:M**

Meredith, Mildred. Cemetery Inscriptions Recorded by Mildred Meredith. Edited by Mrs. William F. Patton, duplicated copy, no date.

Includes Arthur, Bingham, Burch, Calvertsville, Combs, Dishmen, Dixon, Dowden, Glover, Greene County Chapel, McDonald, Philpot, Smith-Bethel, Storm, and Walnut Grove cemeteries in Greene County. Mrs. Meredith copied names in which she was interested rather than entire cemeteries. Surname index.

**SpC**

**929.377242:R**

Rollins, Wilma S. Greene County, Indiana, Abstracts of Wills, 1825-1904, Books 1-5. Owensboro, KY: Cook-McDowell Pub., 1981.

Each entry gives name of deceased; date will was made; date will was recorded; names of heirs, executors, and witnesses; original book and page numbers. Some explanatory notes concerning bequests are included. There is an every name index.

**SpC**

**287.67724:M**

Steward's Book 1821-1833, Honey Creek and Carlisle Circuits, Methodist Episcopal Church, Vigo and Sullivan Counties, Indiana. Photocopied from original in DePauw Archives.

Two pages of baptisms give names of parents or sponsors and date; many were baptized on the same day. For the most part, these are minutes of business meetings, though many church members are named. The handwriting is faint and hard to read. There is no index.

**SpC**

**929.577241:S**

Sullivan County, Indiana, Cemetery Records. Sullivan, IN: Sullivan County Historical Society, 1983. 5 vols.

The cemeteries were copied by various members of the Sullivan County Historical Society. The names are in alphabetical order for each cemetery. Some photographs of stones and township maps are included. There is a surname index in each volume.

**SpC**

**929.577242:V**

Veteran's Burial Sites in Greene County. No publisher given; no date given. Duplicated copy.

The veterans are listed by war - Revolution through Vietnam. Each entry gives name of soldier, birth and death dates (when known) and cemetery in which buried. Many of these men are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Stockton Township.

**Microform**

**929.3772:W**

**Reels 18 & 19**

Works Progress Administration (WPA). Indexes to Indiana County Vital Records [Microform]. Bountiful, UT: American Genealogical Lending Library, 1987. Gibson and Greene and Greene and Hamilton.

Indexes include Greene County birth records 1885-1920; supplemental records of births recorded outside Greene County, 1882-1920; marriage records 1821-1920; marriage supplements Jan. 1882-Dec. 1893 and April 1891-Dec. 1911; and death records from 1893-1920. Individual entries include varying amounts of information, but each gives the volume and page where the original record is filed.

**Microform**

**929.3772:W**

**Reels 54 & 55**

Works Progress Administration (WPA). Indexes to Indiana County Vital Records [Microform]. Bountiful, UT: American Genealogical Lending Library, 1987. Spencer, Stark, and Sullivan and Sullivan and Tippecanoe.

Indexes include Sullivan County birth records from 1882-1920; marriage records from 1850-1920; supplemental records of marriage applications from 1882-1920; and death records from 1882-1920. Individual entries include varying amounts of information, but each gives the volume and page where the original record is filed.

# Directories:

**SpC**

**977.241:A**

Art Souvenir of Leading Citizens and Farmer's Directory, Sullivan County, Indiana. Typescript copy abstracted by Mrs. Byron L. Brown, 1972.

The leading citizens are represented by brief biographical sketches. The farmers are listed in a separate alphabet, and each entry includes date and place of birth, year of arrival in Sullivan County, number of acres owned, and location of the land. Civil War service is also noted. There is an every name index.

**Microform**

**977.245:V**

Vigo County Journal's Rural Directory. Terre Haute, IN: Vigo County Journal, 1923.

Includes Vigo, Clay, Sullivan, and Vermillion Counties. Arranged by county and thereunder by township and name. Each entry gives name, ages, name of wife, owner or tenant, amount of land owned.



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