

Correspondence Report: Tracey Morris

1. **Michiana Genealogy Fair** on **March 17** will be in Mishawaka at the Penn Harris Public Library.
2. **IHS** will sponsor “**Finding Indiana Ancestors Live!**” on **March 24** at the History Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for \$30; \$24 IHS members. “How to Use a Research Library” (Feb 17) and “Treasured Collections: Melodies and Memories (Apr 28) are other Adult Education programs sponsored by IHS.
3. **IGS 2007 Annual Meeting and Conference** on **April 28** will be at the ACPL in Fort Wayne, as announced last month. The GLHS staff will be attending.
4. **NGS Conference in the States & Family History Fair** will be in Richmond VA, **May 16-19**, with added emphasis on Rediscovering Jamestown, 1607-2007.
5. **GenFest 2007** on **Jun 8-9** will be at the Marion Public Library, and we will participate as a vendor, per last month’s minutes.
6. **2007 FGS/ACPL Conference** will be in Fort Wayne on **Aug 15-18**. The GLHS staff will be attending one of these days.
7. **IGS** and the **Gen. Soc. of Utah** will be creating a statewide Indiana marriage index up to 1957 to go online and is seeking volunteers to work from home for 30-45 minutes for each batch of records.
8. Turner Publishing is offering extra copies of our 1994 *Family History, Howard County, Indiana* at a reduced price. We still have a few for sale in the GLHS Department.
9. Spring issue of *Century Photo* has a catalogue of materials for albuming, safeguarding and archiving old photographs.

Library Report: Ron Tetrick, substituting for Marcia Ford

Traffic	332	Donations to Library	0
Queries	37	Donations to Archives	0
Transfers	30	Purchases	25
Total Acquisitions	55	Heritage Quest OnLine	5225
		(over 2000 more than each of the last three months)	

Janet Winrotte has been hired for the newly-created Digitization Project Coordinator position, working 16 hours, overseeing scanning and data entry of genealogical information in the Library’s databases.

Genealogy on the Internet Workshop will be **Thursday, Feb 8**, 7-9 pm in the Main Library Computer Lab, where interested patrons can register.

Genealogy Basics Workshop for first time researchers will be **Saturday, Feb 10**, 9 am – 12:30 pm in the Community Room, Main Library. This is limited to the first 10 participants to register in GLHS.

Climbing Your Family Tree classes will be on **Tuesdays, Mar 6 – May 8** in the Main Library Community Room. The course fee, which includes a textbook and materials, is \$45 for an individual or \$75 for any two related persons. Registration in GLHS is limited to 20 participants, beginning Feb 5.

Display cases outside the Department: **February** – African-Americans of Kokomo
March – Wales (first few days –Kathy Pethoud); Ireland (Jo Thompson)

Old Business:

A vendor table costs \$10 for the **Michiana Genealogy Fair**. Over 300 attendees are expected. Cindy Stover made a motion to approve our participation, and Patty Lundberg seconded. This was approved. Janice Blanchard was instructed to send the registration form and check. Carpooling for those wishing to go will leave from the Library parking lot on March 17.

Because the **IGS Annual Meeting and Conference** at Fort Wayne is April 28, we will not purchase a vendor table this year. The registration cost is \$20, and forms will be available in GLHS.

There is no vendor fee for **GenFest 2007** in Marion, so we will participate, with notice to be sent before Feb 28. Wireless access is in the Marion Public Library. Patty Lundberg made the motion, seconded by Kathy Coppola, and was passed.

Fred Odiet has agreed to be the Howard County Genealogist.

The Auditing Committee met with the Treasurer and the books were found in good order.

New Business:

\$75 will cover the advertisement of our Society in the Kokomo Park Band programs for 2007, and volunteers will be called later to help pass them out in July. Patty Lundberg made the motion and Margaret Cardwell seconded. This motion passed.

Meeting Adjournment:

Kathy Coppola moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Dallas Lunsford. Patty Lundberg's ticket was drawn as winner of the door prize, a heart-shaped keepsake box.

Program:

Beth Oljace, Director of the Indiana Room in the Anderson Public Library, presented a most interesting talk on "Women Soldiers in the Civil War." There were an estimated 600-1200 women who disguised themselves as men and served for various lengths of service in Union and Confederate armies, trained as sharpshooters, color bearers, spies, teamsters, liaisons and clerks. Particular favorites of Ms. Oljace were Rhode Island "Katie," Emma Sarah Edwards, Loretta Janetta Valesquez, Sarah Rosetta Wakeman, and Jennie Hodgers, who all used male alias names. *Patriots in Disguise*, by Richard Hall, was one of the resource books Beth used for her presentation.