

**Indiana Extracts from the 1870 Mortality Schedules by County
in *The Saga of Southern Illinois***

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The Indiana Historical Society participates in an exchange with genealogical and historical societies in other states, receiving their newsletters and genealogical publications. The *THG* exchange volunteer peruses the genealogical data in these publications, looking for Indiana ties. Generally the publications contain census records, obituaries, military records, family tree information, burial records, and the like.

The Saga of Southern Illinois is a quarterly publication of the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois. Rick Allen, the current *Saga* editor, has transcribed and published a series of mortality schedules from the year 1870. Spread over six issues, these publications cover eleven counties in southern Illinois that connect to fifty-five people who were born in Indiana.¹ Although there are more counties in the southern part of the state, some of those records have been lost.²

The *Saga*'s transcription of the 1870 mortality schedules lists the names of the deceased along with their age, gender, race, marital status, place of birth, the month in which they died, occupation, and cause of death. With the exception of the place of birth and month in which they died, the following table includes this information.

The data is indicative of the era and affirms the agricultural landscape of southern Illinois. For all but one woman, the mortality schedule listed the occupations of married or widowed women above the age of 22 as "keeping house."³ Sixteen of the twenty-six men over the age of 16 were farmers or farm laborers, while five of the men worked elsewhere. Aluxander Woodey, 31, of Wayne County, was a merchant; Lorenzo Selby, 50, of Lawrence County, was a carpenter; and Andrew Stout, 33, of Wabash County, worked in a spoke factory. The occupations of five men remained blank.

The causes of death are somewhat intriguing despite the gloominess of the subject. Death due to disease occurred in 80 percent of the people listed—pneumonia took twenty-one lives; consumption (tuberculosis), twelve; and typhoid, puerperal, and intermittent/remittent fevers, eleven. Of these, 54 percent were male and 46 percent female. The remaining eleven causes of death included measles, chronic rheumatism, tetanus, congestive chill, worms, a broken neck, erysipelas, an accidental blow, inflammation of the brain, disease of the kidneys, and cholera infantum.

For researchers, the Indiana-born men and women listed in the following table may have slipped through the cracks. The goal of this table is to try to reveal names that may be valuable to the frustrated researcher. The compilers want to acknowledge the exchange between states in sharing genealogical information. Rick Allen has been extremely accommodating as well, and we would like to thank *The Saga of Southern Illinois* for sharing information with the Indiana Historical Society.

Notes

1. Rick Allen, ed. and trans., “1870 Mortality Schedule of Lawrence County, Illinois,” *The Saga of Southern Illinois* 35, no. 1 (Jan.–Mar. 2008): 4–6; (Hereafter each title follows the first with the only difference of the county name. To shorten the citation, only the county for the title is cited.) “Perry County” and “Pope County,” *Saga* 35, no. 2 (Apr.–June 2008): 29, 35–36; “Pulaski County” and “Richland County,” *Saga* 35, no. 3 (July–Sept. 2008): 10, 12, 23, 25; “Saint Clair County,” *Saga* 35, no. 4 (Oct.–Dec. 2008): 55; “Saline County,” “Wabash County,” and “Washington County,” *Saga* 36, no. 2 (Apr.–June 2009): 40, 42, 44, 46–47, 49; and “Wayne County” and “White County,” *Saga* 36, no. 3 (July–Sept. 2009): 16, 18, 24–29, 31–32, 34.
2. Rick Allen to Karen Wood, e-mail, February 11, 2010.
3. The only exception is Bridget Manning(?), age 33, whose occupation was left blank.

1870 Mortality Schedules for Selected Southern Illinois Counties

NAME	AGE AT DEATH	PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN ILLINOIS	SEX; RACE; MARITAL STATUS*	OCCUPATION	CAUSE OF DEATH	SAGA VOL.: ISSUE NO. (YEAR), PAGE
Baird , Mary H.	32	Wabash Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Pneumonia	36: 2 (2009), 46
Bennett , Francis M.	9	Wayne Co.	M; W		Remittent fever	36: 3 (2009), 25
Blackburn , Matilda	46	Pulaski Co.	F; W	Keeping house	Pneumonia	35: 3 (2008), 10
Bouns , Lydia A.	16	Washington Co.	F; W		Consumption ¹	36: 2 (2009), 49
Bristoe , Alfred	51	Richland Co.	M; W	Day Laborer	Pneumonia	35: 3 (2008), 23
Brokaw , Mary L.	34	Wabash Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Consumption	36: 2 (2009), 47
Brown , Danl.	24	Pulaski Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Pneumonia	35: 3 (2008), 10
Burnett , Charles F.	20	Wayne Co.	M; W		Consumption	36: 3 (2009), 18
Calvin , Joanna	27	White Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Consumption	36: 3 (2009), 32
Carter , Elizabeth	61	White Co.	F; W; W	Keeping house	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 29
Chipman , Alice	17	Wabash Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Pneumonia	36: 2 (2009), 46
Clark , Alice	8	Lawrence Co.	F; W		Remittent fever	35: 1 (2008), 6
Cleveland , Sophronia	31	White Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 31
Eaton , Greenberry	52	Wayne Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 24
Endsley , James C.	59	Wayne Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 26
Ewing , Elnathan	4	Wabash Co.	M; W		Cholera Infantum	36: 2 (2009), 44
Faviat , James ²	20	Lawrence Co.	M; W		Consumption	35: 1 (2008), 6
Floyd , Mahala J.	26	Pope Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Typhoid fever	35: 2 (2008), 36
Fobar , Peter	59	White Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 27
Galaspy , J. D.	38	Richland Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Consumption	35: 3 (2008), 23
Galy , Suson	65	Saline Co.	F; W; W	Keeping house	Dis. of kidneys	36: 2 (2009), 42
Hardin , Mary	8	Lawrence Co.	F; W		Typhoid fever	35: 1 (2008), 5
Herron , James	20	Lawrence Co.	M; W		Pneumonia	35: 1 (2008), 6
Hunsinger , Elizabeth	38	White Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Consumption	36: 3 (2009), 27
Jones , Rebecca	12	White Co.	F; W		Inflammation of the brain	36: 3 (2009), 27
King , Martin S.	20	Wayne Co.	M; W	Farm hand	Intermittent fever	36: 3 (2009), 18

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Knight , Isaac	36	White Co.	M; W; M	Farm laborer	Accidental blow	36: 3 (2009), 31
Laws , John	30	Saline Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Erysipelas	36: 2 (2009), 40
Manning(?) , Bridget	33	Lawrence Co.	F; W; M		Fever Intermittent	35: 1 (2008), 4
Marsh , George W.	5	Wayne Co.	M; W		Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 16
McDonald , Elizabeth	30	Wabash Co.	F; W; W	Keeping house	Pneumonia	36: 2 (2009), 47
Montgomery , Nelson	56	Perry Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Pneumonia	35: 2 (2008), 29
Moore , Louisa	50	White Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 28
Myers , Stanford	10	Lawrence Co.	M; W		Pneumonia	35: 1 (2008), 5
Neal , George	38	Lawrence Co.	M; W ; M		Pneumonia	35: 1 (2008), 6
Pascall , Richard	28	White Co.	M; W; M	Common laborer	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 29
Reaves , Richard A.	23	Saline Co.	M; W	Farmer	Intermittent fever ³	36: 2 (2009), 40
Reeder , Isaac	55	White Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 29
Robinson , L. L.	35	Perry Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Consumption	35: 2 (2008), 29
Selby , Lorenzo	50	Lawrence Co.	M; W; W	Carpenter	Consumption	35: 1 (2008), 5
Spencer , Laura	3	Perry Co.	F; W	At home	Worms	35: 2 (2008), 29
Spinks , Chas.	6	Pulaski Co.	M; W		Measles	35: 3 (2008), 12
Stepheson , Margareth	2	Saint Clair Co.	F; W		Typhoid fever	35: 4 (2008), 55
Stout , Andrew J.	33	Wabash Co.	M; W	Work in spoke factory	Machinery ⁴	36: 2 (2009), 46
Sweet , Eliza A.	30	Perry Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Consumption	35: 2 (2008), 29
Tendall , Samuel	54	Pope Co.	M; W	Farmer	Typhoid fever	35: 2 (2008), 35
Treece , E.	22	Richland Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Congestive chill	35: 3 (2008), 23
Wade , Joseph	16	White Co.	M; W	Farm laborer	Tetanus ⁵	36: 3 (2009), 29
Ward , Andrew J.	41	White Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Consumption	36: 3 (2009), 34
Wheeler , David	21	White Co.	M; W	Farm laborer	Pneumonia	36: 3 (2009), 31
Willyard , Daniel	27	Wabash Co.	M; W; M	Farmer	Pneumonia ⁶	36: 2 (2009), 44
Wolf , Anna Jane	41	Wayne Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Puerperal fever	36: 3 (2009), 25
Woodey , Aluxander	31	Wayne Co.	M; W; M	Merchant	Typhoid fever	36: 3 (2009), 25

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Wright, Silas	29	Richland Co.	M; W		Chronic Rheumatism	35: 3 (2008), 25
York, Mary	26	White Co.	F; W; M	Keeping house	Consumption	36: 3 (2009), 34

* M=male/F=female; W=white; M=married/W=widowed

Table Notes (as written in *Saga*)

1. Consumption is another term for Tuberculosis.
2. Probably actually James Lavellet as Susan Lavellet, age 65, born in Indiana is found in this family in census.
3. Written over “Congestive Fever” which had been crossed out.
4. Written over “Neck broke in spoke factory” crossed out here.
5. Written over “Lockjaw” here.
6. Written over “Typhoid” which had been crossed out here.