

**Indiana Extracts from the *Yakima Valley [Washington]*  
*Genealogical Society Newsletter, 1780s to 1930s***

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To widen its knowledge of genealogical information for Indiana, the Indiana Historical Society takes part in an exchange with genealogical and historical societies across the country. IHS sends out its newsletters in return for receiving the publications of other organizations. A volunteer with the IHS reads through the incoming publications to find people with Indiana connections. The following information comes from the publication of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society in Union Gap, Washington, located in the south central part of the state.

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society publishes its bulletin quarterly. The society began in 1967 to support genealogical and historical research, and its first bulletin was released two years later. Bulletins list a variety of information, including a surname file and lists from yearbooks, voter registrations, and other pieces specific to a family or a place.<sup>1</sup> The information below comes from a variety of bulletin features from issues between 2008 and 2012. The historical data spans from the 1780s to the 1930s. Most of the people listed were born in Indiana and moved to Washington. All of the information pertaining to Indiana is transcribed as it appears in the bulletins.<sup>2</sup>

**Notes**

1. "About Us," Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, 2014, <http://yvgs.net/about.php>.
2. *Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Bulletin* 40, no. 3 (2008); 41, no. 2 (2009); 42, no. 2 (2010); 43, no. 1 (2011); 44, no. 2 (2012); 44, no. 3 (2012); 44, no. 4 (2012).

**Vol. 40, no. 3 (2008)**

**Surname File**

Page 67: **Smith, Susanna Mrs.** was born in 1788 in Pennsylvania. She died in 1852 in Indiana. She was married in 1852 in Kentucky to Jacob B. Vanosdol.

Page 68: **Stevenson, Robert** was born in Scotland in 1787 and died in Indiana. He was married to Jennet Wallace in Scotland.

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**“STREET NAMES”**

*by Kathleen Weddle Sizer*

GURLEY ROAD

Arthur T. **GURLEY** b. April 1857 Indiana, d. November 1934 at Toppenish, WA and buried at Zillah Cemetery as is wife. (Census Records over several decades state his father was born in North Carolina or Ohio and mother born in Ohio); m. 10 May 1893 at Seattle, WA, Vesta A. **THOMAS** b. 10 August 1865, OR, probably Douglas Co. at Cow Creek, and she died 18 October 1939 Zillah. His obituary was published in the Toppenish Review 9 Nov. 1934. He had suffered six years from heart attacks. Drake Funeral Parlor handled the funeral. He was survived “by two brothers in Alabama and two sisters in Alabama and one in Florida.” No information on his parents or siblings could be found. His marriage license in King County could shed light on this. [page 39]

**Surname File**

Page 42: **Miller, Sarah** was born in Ohio in 1831 and died in Michigan in 1907. She was married to Albert Draggoo in Indiana in 1848.

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**“STORIES BURIED BENEATH THE STONES”**

A Tribute to Our Unsung Pioneers by Lynne Alvord

(Concept Borrowed from The Genealogical Society of Central Missouri; GSCM Reporter)

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**Sarah Rexaville Norton**

While copying Shaw and Sons funeral records I came across the form for Sarah Rexaville Norton. Intrigued by the comments at the bottom of the form, I decided to try and do some research on her.

Sarah, or Rexaville as she was often listed, was born in Grant County, Indiana on Jan 11, 1848 and died in Yakima, Washington on Nov 27, 1934. In her travels from Indiana to Washington she was a part of a much larger migration of emigrants. As a 3-year-old child, she along with her baby brother Silas and her parents James and Lydia **Scheigle Braffett**, crossed the country on the California Trail in 1851. At some point in their crossing of the plains they encountered some Indians. Shooting ensued. However, the only damage was to a kettle that was pierced by a bullet. The family then stopped in Utah for a time and it was here that Sarah Rexaville's brother James was born. The family then moved on to the Sacramento Valley in 1852.

By 1860 James **Braffett** was a farmer living in Redwood Twp, Santa Clara County, California along with his wife and the three children, Rexaville, Silas, and James. It is here that Sarah Rexaville married Charles Huntoon **Norton** on Apr 29, 1865. Both families continued living in Monterey County, California until 1882 when Rexaville and Charles Norton moved to Washington State.

Sarah Rexaville and Charles Norton had three children. Their daughter Frances L. was born in 1866, a son Charles was born in 1869 and another son Luke was born in Oct 1874. The Norton family settled in Whatcom County, Washington and it was there that their daughter Frances married Matthew Calvin **Wynkoop** in 1884. In 1885 Frances's son Charles Calvin Wynkoop was born and the following year in 1886 Frances died.

In the 1900 census the Charles **Norton** family is living in Excelsior Precinct, Whatcom County, Washington. Charles is now 58, Sarah 52 and their son Luke 25. Apparently their son Charles died before 1900, as Sarah Rexaville says she has had 3 children with only 1 living. Luke was married the following year in Oct 1901 to Eva Belle **Barbree**.

And, sometime between 1900 and 1920 the family moved to the Yakima Valley. In 1910 Luke and his family is living with his parents as shown by the 1910 Moxee Precinct, Yakima County Census. Enumerated are Charles 68, born in Maine; Rexaville 62, born in Indiana; Luke W., son, 35, born in California; Belle B., daughter-in-law, 32, born in California; Frances, granddaughter, 7, born in Washington and Lorraine, granddaughter, 5, born in Washington. Luke and his father Charles are farming. In 1920 the two families have moved to Riverside, Yakima County. Charles and Sarah R. **Norton** are in a separate household from their son, but living next door to him. By 1920 Luke and his wife had another daughter named Rose.

In 1926 Charles **Norton** died. His widow Sarah Rexaville lived until 1934 when she died in Yakima at age 86 and was buried in Tahoma Cemetery.

Sources:       Shaw and Sons funeral record for Sarah Rexaville Norton  
                  1860 Census, Redwood Twp, Santa Clara County, California  
                  1870 Census, Alisa Township, Monterey County, California

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**“The Washington Agricultural College and School of Science Seniors”**

Pullman, Washington (Transcribed from the 1903 Chinook Yearbook 979.739 A)

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HARLEY E. FRENCH was born December 7, 1873, at Delphi, Ind. At the age of 7 years went to Nebraska and two years later came to Washington. Attended Palouse public schools. A student of Spokane College, 1890-01. Began teaching at the age of 17. Was Principal of Johnson Public School from the fall of 1897 to the spring of 1900. Attended University of Idaho parts of three years from 1893 to 1896. Entered Washington Agricultural College fall of 1900 as a Junior.

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**REGISTER OF VOTERS AND OATH BOOK FOR THE YEARS 1932, 1933, 1934 AND 1935**

County of the Yakima, State of Washington; Precinct #35

[Pages 42–47]

DATE	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	TIME OF RESIDENCE			TAX PAYER	ADDRESS	PLACE OF BIRTH
				STATE; CO;	PRECINCT				
				<i>Years</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Day</i>			
Aug 23 1932	Ordia Baker	55	Engineer	32	17	5	yes	R 3 Box 380	Indiana
Aug 19 1932	John Case	60	Laborer	23	15	2 mos	yes	R 3 Box 396a	Indiana
Jan 13 1932	Leta E Dexter	36	Housewife	5	5 yrs	4 yrs	yes	911 N 4 <sup>th</sup> st R D 3	Indiana

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County of Yakima, State of Washington; Precinct #35 (Cascade)

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DATE	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	TIME OF RESIDENCE STATE; CO; PRECINCT			TAX PAYER	ADDRESS	PLACE OF BIRTH
				Years	Day	Day			
Oct 17 1932	Garnett Dellinger	33	Millman	21	13	13	yes	4 3 Box 424	Indiana
Oct 17 1932	Elza Dellinger	33	Millman	21	13	13	no	R 3 Box 424	Indiana
Oct 16 1932	LeRoy Dellinger	29	Box factor	15	13	13	yes	1108 N Naches ave	Indiana
Aug 22 1932	John R Ehret	72	Rancher	30	15	3	yes	R 3 Box 338	Indiana
Oct 18 1932	Marie Evens	37	Housewife	24	17	5	yes	1102 N 1 <sup>st</sup> st ext	Indiana
Jul 12 1932	Hugh Fish	71	Rancher	32	6	6	yes	1022 N 1 <sup>st</sup> st	Indiana

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DATE	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	TIME OF RESIDENCE STATE; CO; PRECINCT			TAX PAYER	ADDRESS	PLACE OF BIRTH
				Years	Day	Day			
Oct 4 1934	Thelma Lindgren	26	Housewife	25	12	12	yes	1106 N Naches ave	Indiana
Oct 6 1934	Bertha Luttrell	30	Housewife	23	18	2 mos	no	N 1 <sup>st</sup> st & Sycamore	Indiana
Aug 22 1932	Charles F Mathews	54	Instructor	32	10	8	yes	290 E J st	Indiana

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