

How to Use the Emery Bible Index

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About the Index

The Emery Bible Index was compiled from 171 bibles and family records, mainly from Monroe County (Indiana), as a project of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The effort was lead by a Clear Creek Township D.A.R. member, Lura (Mrs. Charles) B. Emery. Lura Emery's daughter, Eva Emery Doty, wished to see these materials made available for genealogy and local history use, and now print and web-based versions are now published.

Entries in the bible and family records (often, but not always) include birth, marriage, and death dates, plus names of parents, spouses and children. For a small number of entries there are also interesting stories about family migrations, war service, etc.

As a guide to photocopies of the Emery typescripts of bible and family records (no copies of originals exist) we have created an all-names index, consisting of 3,492 entries. The index was proof-read, and we believe few errors exist. Should you find errors please bring them to the attention of the Research Library Manager at Monroe County History Center, genealogy@monroehistory.org.

There is also an alphabetical listing of the bible and family records. This gives the "Record Number," which is the number given at the head of each family's information, numbered 1 - 177, as well as the "Page Number," which is the number of each typescript photocopy. Usually there is more than one family on each typescript page.

Print Versions

A printed version of the index is located in the Research Library of the Monroe County History Center.

Using the Index

To use the all-names index, first locate a name about which you wish birth, marriage, or death dates.

- When using the print version, simply find the corresponding page number in the section following the index.
- When using the Web version, find the name by either scrolling, or using the browser's CONTROL-F, or EDIT - FIND (On This Page) function. Then click the link to the page number. This will bring up the page.

- Viewing Pages On-Line - The images are the best possible quality given our file size limits. To view larger and more readable images, use the browser's F11, or VIEW - Full Screen, function. **Important:** The F11 function serves as a toggle back and forth between full screen and your regular browser display. Also, you might enhance readability by printing a hard copy of the page.

Name Variations

For many surnames and given names there are spelling variations in the records. We have maintained the original spellings in the index, so for many persons there are multiple entries. Therefore, scanning the index for these variations will often lead to more information.

A good example of an important Monroe County surname with variations is Nesbitt (or Nesbit). Although it seems clear that the same persons are listed with both spellings, we have retained whatever spelling occurs on a specific record, so the Nesbit and Nesbitt listings contain repeats of the same individuals.

Given names also lead to many multiple listings that can be discerned by scanning the index, or the actual page copies.

German Pages

There are two family bible or record pages written in German, and are not translated or included in this index. To view them, select either Martin Bible (p. 21) or Valentine & Catherine (Baer) Shirley Bible (P 36).

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