

Hendricks County, Indiana Coroner Inquests

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Inquest Victim	Inquest Verdict/Cause of Death	Date of Death
Jesse Adair	suicide by hanging	Aug. 27, 1876
William Alred	suicide—gunshot wound	March 3, 1881
Charles Altum	killed while inside a runaway train car	Oct. 5, 1905
William Ayers	gunshot wound in head (shot by Gardner Ayers)	July 26, 1878
George Ballard	apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhage	Oct. 13, 1903
Samuel Barker	natural causes	March 17, 1873
Horace M. Barlow	age 13, accidentally shot by brother Verner R. Barlow	April 18, 1905
William Bolen	heart disease	June 4, 1878
Albert Bolton	age 12, accidental gunshot while hunting	June 4, 1904
Abram Buford	suicide—gunshot wound	June 9, 1884
Blunk, Henry Clay Crowe	young boy, accidental drowning in White Lick Creek stabbed by man named Coyner	June 15, 1902 ?
William Cummings	age 6, brain injury due to playground accident	March 17, 1906
Milo Denick	apoplexy	May 27, 1906
James Dickson	died after jumping off a freight train going full speed	Sept. 8, 1876
John T. Doyal	alcohol poisoning	Feb. 1, 1900
James Doyl	killed by train	April 5, 1879
Mary S. Ellis	suicide—hanging	May 30, 1873
Nelson Faught	suicide—gunshot wound	Sept. 28, 1904
William Faulkner	aortic insufficiency	Nov. 8, 1905
Samuel Fletcher	stabbed with knife by Pete Davis (self-defense)	July 16, 1902
Harold A. Flinn	infant, cause of death unknown	Sept. 17, 1906
James E. Frazee	buggy accident	Dec. 9, 1904
Joseph Fry	suicide—drowning	Sept. 8, 1890
John Gallagher	fell off moving train	June 21, 1880
Patterson Giles	fell off moving train	Feb. 21, 1879
Harry J. Givens	killed by train	Aug. 20, 1906
Daniel S. Gorham	heart attack/angina pectoris	Jan. 22, 1902
James A. Griggs	killed by train	May 3, 1906
James T. Hadley	killed by train	Feb. 28, 1871
Obie L. Hampton	killed by train	March 7, 1903
William Hawkins	run over by wagon	Aug. 21, 1905
Henry Hodson	suicide by hanging	March 13, 1859
Jacob Horner	suicide by hanging	Jan. 7, 1883

Morris L. Jackson	paralysis of the heart	April 7, 1905
Caroline E. Johnson	drowned in a rain barrel during a fit of insanity	June 16, 1880
Minnie M. Jones	age 5, arsenic poison given by mother Mary Jones	Nov. 13, 1879
Hamilton Kearney	suicide—gunshot wound	Dec. 26, 1880
Jonathan H. Lindley	apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhage	March 2, 1905
Thomas Lisby	wagon accident, crushed by logs	Jan 7, 1906
Charles Ed. Lockhart	infant, accidental asphyxia	June 12, 1904
John Martin	killed by falling log off a wagon	June 11, 1884
John Matthis	suicide—gunshot wound	Aug. 7, 1876
David McCrary	suicide—gunshot wound	March 27, 1875
Charles G. McCurdy	aortic insufficiency	Sept. 26, 1905
Whitson Mendenhall	killed by falling tree	Jan. 13, 1873
Frank Miles	lightening strike	June 17, 1902
Katherine E. Miller	epilepsy attack	April 7, 1905
James Moore	shot while escaping during his arrest	Sept. 4, 1900
John Moore	epileptic fit	Aug. 15, 1877
Infant Newlin	abandoned in field	July 8, 1876
John Milton Orme	choked to death	April 26, 1876
Nicholas Osborn	natural causes	Jan. 9, 1856
William B. Owen	suicide by hanging	June 12, 1874
Daniel Paragen	gunshot wound (shot by Salatial B. Dale)	March 13, 1883
James Paris	accidental drowning due to epileptic fit	May 16, 1879
Gustava Peterson	old age	Oct. 23, 1906
B. H. Pierce	killed by train	Feb. 16, 1876
George D. Pierson	heart failure	April 28, 1903
Helen E. Raidabaugh	opium narcosis	Oct. 17, 1906
Andrew J. Ricker	struck by train	Jan 22, 1906
William L. Robbins	heart failure	March 4, 1902
Uriah G. Ross	natural causes	January 1875
Oren Scotten	suicide—struck by train	May 3, 1901
Virginia Selch	suicide by hanging	March 15, 1876
G. P. Smith	killed by train	Jan. 6, 1876
Orlando Smith	pistol shot (shot by Thomas Johnson)	March 1876
William Thomas Snodgrass	killed by falling tree	March 25, 1881
William Spaulding	killed by train on railroad track near Cartersburg	January 30, 1878
Edwin Swangger	stabbed with knife (by John Morgan)	Dec. 22, 1876
Theodore Symms	killed by a falling tree	Aug. 31, 1871
Racheal J. Tinder	enlarged heart	Sept. 1, 1906
Charles Veatch	killed trying to hop a freight train	May 24, 1878
Lucy Ann Walker	infant accidentally smothered	Feb. 11, 1878
Silas Walker	killed by train jack falling off a trestle	Nov. 28, 1905
Lulu Westerfield	killed by train—undetermined if suicide	Aug. 4, 1905
Cynthia E. White	heart disease	March 20, 1900
Miriam Wilson	killed by train	Sept. 5, 1906
Warren Wilson	age 16, killed by baseball hit to head, Ind. Boys Sch.	June 16, 1893
Logan York	shot during an attempted robbery	Oct. 13, 1888
Mary York	suicide—hanging	Apr. 27, 1873
Ephriam Young	suicide (pistol shot)	Aug. 28, 1898
Unknown	black male, decomposed body, no cause determined	May 17, 1906

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William R. Alley	accidental gunshot	April 18, 1850
William Barnes	suicide--gunshot to forehead	October 24, 1891
Michael Barrett	buggy hit by train at a railroad crossing	December 18, 1896
Josephus Baughman	accidental gunshot wound to chest	May 20, 1855
John Berry (orphan)	mischance and accidental gunshot	March 17, 1854
James Blanvelt	suicide--ingesting of carbolic acid	July 12, 1899
James Bourne, Jr.	suicide--shot by a revolver	September 24, 1897
Thomas F. Brady	fell from train--was run over by 31 train cars	June 27, 1885
F. Booker	unknown	January 3, 1887
Elmer E. Bunten	apoplexy	March 14, 1901
John Burns	valvular heart disease	September 8, 1899
John Campbell	heart failure	December 7, 1904
Missouri Campbell	arsenic poisoning administered by husband (she was 7 months pregnant)	December 18, 1873
Robert S. Campbell	suicide by hanging	January 2, 1898
Milton Cassady	heart failure	April 17, 1902
Herman Cantley	age 16; smothered in a wheat grain bin	August 16, 1889
Michael Corliss	suicide by hanging	August 15, 1890
Charles Cates	run over by a master wheel of a steam engine	December 15, 1900
James Chapman	railroad accident	May 9, 1898
Margaret Constable	suicide by drowning	April 8, 1854
George W. Cline	heart failure	August 11, 1890
Nathan Cook	explosion of a boiler at a saw mill	October 12, 1899
John W. Cord	gunshot by unknown person	April 3, 1855
Millie Cunningham	unknown source of violence	July 22, 1899
George Curtis	railroad accident	March 11, 1891
Oscar Darnall	suicide by gunshot	October 4, 1893
John A. Davis	died in a well that had dams in it	September 2, 1895
Joseph S. Dewey	suicide by gunshot	August 4, 1890
George Dodson	killed by blows from a large iron bar	March 29, 1904
Hattie Dodson	died after having an abortion	September 19, 1886

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Charles Doolittle	heart failure	September 21, 1895
Thadeus Dupee	suicide by hanging	May 30, 1898
John R. Elmore	suicide by drowning	December 24, 1885
Mell C. Emsminger	railroad accident	November 11, 1901
William Farley	accidental shooting	December 24, 1902
Patsy Ferguson	suicide by cutting throat with razor	September 21, 1850
Patrick Ford	natural causes	May 14, 1891
Leonard Fox	suicide by hanging	July 3, 1896
Samuel Foster	railroad accident	October 23, 1895
Harry Fringer	railroad accident	June 29, 1888
Theador Gibbs	killed (gun shot) by Enos Scott	October 10, 1883
George R. Givens	enlargement of the heart	July 30, 1895
Sarah M. Greenlee	struck by train while walking on the track	June 2, 1896
Rodney Grinsted	tree fell on him while plowing a field	May 21, 1857
Horace Hadley	committed suicide--drank carbolic acid	June 9, 1902
Zeno Hadley	committed suicide by hanging himself	February 17, 1881
H. L. Harding	committed suicide by shooting himself	December 1, 1896
Rachel Harrison	natural causes	September 4, 1891
James Hawkins	drowned	July 7, 1889
Michael Herdrich	committed suicide by hanging himself	May 2, 1901
John Herrod	over exertion/heart disease	April 13, 1883
Balser K. Higginbotham	natural causes	October 19, 1891
Benjamin W. Hitchcock	accidentally shot by Glyndon Hitchcock	July 11, 1905
Frank Holey	falling under a moving train (accident)	April 6, 1903
Martha Humbarger	natural causes (heart disease)	March 1, 1893
Rachel Jester	committed suicide by hanging	February 18, 1866
George E. Jordan	committed suicide by overdose of morphine	November 2, 1903
Sarah Jordan	committed suicide by hanging	June 6, 1884
William Kennedy	committed suicide by shooting himself	May 21, 1888
Curtis King	apoplexy	November 16, 1888
Frederick Kress	committed suicide by hanging himself	July 20, 1898
Johnathan Larsh	committed suicide by cutting throat	June 2, 1854
Eathen Leak	committed suicide by shooting himself	November 17, 1887
James Long	fell into fire and burned to death (accident)	March 23, 1892
Rebecca McCloud	heart failure	January 17, 1901
William McCloud	accidental shot of gun by his hand	May 22, 1883
John McGowen	struck by a train	October 1, 1870
John McIntosh	struck by a train	August 29, 1882
George Merritt	committed suicide by hanging himself	July 5, 1853
John Miksel	accident while working at woolen factory	January 27, 1869
Benjamin C. Money	accidental shot of gun in his own hand	February 19, 1891
Edgar Moore	killed while trying to climb on a train	March 29, 1896
John W. Norton	killed in train wreck (Coatesville)	January 28, 1895
infant Orr	killed by drowning by mother Nancy Orr	April 11, 1855
John Overfield	boom pole broke, fell and crushed head	December 17, 1905
David Phillips	unknown cause	November 9, 1896
Philip Raideken	heart failure	February 7, 1903
Alexander Ramsey	committed suicide by hanging himself	January 21, 1891
Milton Roberts	explosion of the boiler at the sawmill	October 12, 1899

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Albert Robertson	accidentally run over by a train car	December 1, 1883
Joseph D. Russell	thrown off of and run over by train car	May 9, 1882
Quartus E. Rust	buggy accident while intoxicated	August 20, 1894
James Scott	fell from his horse	October 1, 1845
Priscilla Scott	hit by a train car while crossing track	October 24, 1898
Forest Dane Shoemaker	run over by passenger train	February 24, 1896
Allen Sidenstriker	hit by engine of train	September 11, 1884
David Small	natural causes	December 6, 1883
Elijah Smith	hit by engine of train	March 23, 1894
James L. Smith	hit by train while walking on track	January 4, 1888
Thomas Smith	suffocated in a wheat grain elevator	August 17, 1891
Charles Stockdell	committed suicide by overdose (opium)	December 15, 1891
Claude Stutesman	killed by train while walking on bridge	November 5, 1898
David Surber	committed suicide by gunshot	September 4, 1892
Conrad Sutherland	accidentally shot by Chester Cunningham	March 12, 1899
Edward Swangger	killed by knife in fight with House of Refuge inmates	December 22, 1876
Mahala J. Talbott	heart disease	January 8, 1885
Margaret Taylor	committed suicide by slitting throat	March 4, 1859
Oscar Tharp	accidentally shot himself	January 1, 1894
Bedford M. Tomlinson	struck by a railroad locomotive	January 23, 1897
William Toney	hit by train while walking on track	October 13, 1893
Sarah Tower	killed in train wreck (Coatesville)	January 28, 1895
Thomas Veach	tree fell on him	January 29, 1866
John Waren	fell while stepping from coal car to flat car while train was moving	December 19, 1887
D. W. Watson	accidentally falling from a train	May 29, 1889
Samuel Wesner	shot/murdered by J. Coley Brown	May 22, 1893
Sidney West	committed suicide by hanging himself	November 27, 1881
Xury West	committed suicide by hanging himself	April 16, 1894
A. L. White	committed suicide by hanging himself	September 26, 1895
Sarah Jane Wilcox	hit by train while on trestle bridge	June 24, 1885
John Williams	committed suicide by hanging himself	July 17, 1870
Levi Williams	natural causes	July 13, 1848
Samuel Winestock	heart failure	November 8, 1899
Henry Weisman	committed suicide by shooting himself	May 10, 1889
Joseph Wood	committed suicide by shooting himself	April 23, 1901
Mary Margaret Wood	committed suicide by hanging herself	August 4, 1870
Enoch Worrell	accident at sawmill	November 5, 1850
infant Worrells	mother Sarah Worrells left child under log in inclimate weather and hungry	September 19, 1850
Vorhees Young	accidentally shot himself	August 5, 1889
unknown male	killed by gunshot by unknown person	April 24, 1898
unknown male	run over by train	June 20, 1903
unknown male	run over train while sitting on tracks	May 16, 1892
unknown man	hit by train	December 3, 1899
unknown female infant	unknown causes	June 4, 1899
unknown female infant	came to death by violence	May 29, 1864