

**Deaths at Indiana Boys' School,
Plainfield, Indiana
(1869-1932)**

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NOTE:

This is an index of the deaths of inmates that were mentioned in the annual reports of the Indiana Boys' School for the years 1869 through 1932 (with the exception of the years 1871 and 1881). This is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of the deaths at the Indiana Boys' School in this time period—sometimes the annual reports mentioned a death but did not include a name.

ABOUT THIS INSTITUTION:

The Indiana Boys' School was a state correctional institution established in Plainfield, Indiana in 1867 to reform male juvenile offenders through education. Originally known as the "Indiana House of Refuge for Juvenile Offenders," its name was later changed to the Indiana Reform School for Boys and then the Indiana Boys' School. Judges from courts across Indiana could commit boys to the school if they had been charged with a crime or with being delinquent. In more recent times, the institution was called the Plainfield Juvenile Correctional Facility. The Indiana State Archives has the records of the Indiana Boys' School; they have an online database of its inmates which covers the years 1867-1937.

Last Name	First Name	Date of Death	Age	Cause of Death	Remarks
Adams	Roy	June 28, 1932		dragged by mule	died at Long Hospital in Indianapolis; accident occurred on June 26, 1932
Alexander	Word	November 11, 1908		pulmonary tuberculosis	entered hospital on September 8, 1908
Alexis	Albert	June 16, 1892	12 years, 4 months, 18 days		died at 8:45 pm
Allen	Joseph	November 13, 1883	12 years, 11 months, 5 days	catarrhal pneumonia after typhoid fever	
Baker	Adolph	May 7, 1900	19 years	consumption	sent to school February 14, 1900 by governor; admitted to hospital 10 days later with well-developed case of consumption
Baker	Peter A.	July 4, 1885		consumption	
Baron	Theodore	December [blank] 1923		rheumatism caused heart valve disease; died from pneumonia contracted November 23, 1923	

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Beadle	George	May 11, 1877		scarlet fever	
Bellamy	Anthony	December 30, 1887		pneumonia	sick only a few days; died very suddenly from heart clot
Bennett	Clarence J.	March 7, 1895	10 years, 5 months, 5 days	congestion of lungs	admitted to hospital on March 6; was unconscious during illness; Inmate #3935
Bowlin	John	February 2, 1874		tuberculosis	colored
Brazney	Joseph	February 2, 1913		pulmonary tuberculosis	
Brown	Eddie	January 21, 1905		dropsy	entered hospital on September 2, 1904
Burke	Michael	March 26, 1877		pneumonia	
Bush	Leroy	July 28, 1901	15 years	tuberculosis	
Calusio	John	July 10, 1924		drowned while bathing in swimming pool	

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Cashion	Walter	July 4, 1912		pulmonary tuberculosis	died at 2:15 pm; entered hospital on April 28, 1912 with measles complicated with pneumonia
Chaney	Fred	June 4, 1897	17 years	catarrhal pneumonia after measles	complicated with effects of cigarette smoking before his admission to the school
Cheatham	Orlando Edward	[blank] 1887		consumption (by heredity)	former inmate (over the age of 21) who was dying in a Cincinnati hospital; allowed to return so he could die with comforts of home around him
Cisna	Joseph	June 8, 1875		cold developed into pneumonia	had inflammatory rheumatism for 2 months; recovered and then visited home, where he got a cold
Comincavish	Martin	March 3, 1894	13 years, 22 days	pneumonia	had previous attack of pneumonia immediately prior to his admission to the school, which left him enfeebled

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Cook	Dolly	July 26, 1899		cerebro spinal meningitis	died at 11:50 pm; had entered hospital on evening of July 25 with intense headache which developed into a delirium
Cook	George	December 28, 1891	11 years, 1 month, 17 days	meningitis	died at 9:47 am; ill for 3 days; Inmate #3452
Cordell	Edward	November 9, 1900	15 years	cerebro spinal meningitis	entered hospital November 2, 1900 with intense pain in the head and extreme nausea
Daily	Patsey	April 4, 1875		inflammation of the brain	kicked in skull by a horse
Daniels	Frank	June 7, 1894	14 years, 7 days	pleuritic pneumonia	ill for 3 days; last autumn had severe attack of typhoid fever lasting 3-4 weeks, which he never fully recovered from
Decker	Paul	January 20, 1904	11 years, 7 months	entero-colitis	tubercular meningitis; Inmate #5527
Depue	Amos A.	November 10, 1883	16 years	typhoid fever	
DeWert	Russel	January 21, 1905			sick only a few days

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Dunn	George	October [blank] 1925		malnourished; had frequent corneal ulcers and tubercular inflammation of neck glands; died of pulmonary tuberculosis	colored
Edmonds	William	April 24, 1906		pneumonia	admitted to hospital on March 16, 1906; had tubercular trouble
Elkins	Edgar	May 17, 1910		typhoid fever	entered hospital on May 5
Emerson	Charles	December 17, 1878		consumption	
Flowers	Green W.	April 1, 1876		consumption	
Fouse	Spencer	January 2, 1899		consumption	colored; had a lingering illness
Goen	John	January 24, 1920		died at Robert W. Long Hospital, Indianapolis from complications from appendicitis operation	
Good	Joseph	April 22, 1913		pulmonary tuberculosis	
Graves	Henry C.	May 15, 1877		congestion	colored
Green	Clifford	April 18, 1925		catarrhal fever complicated by pneumonia	colored

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Gulliver	William	April 5, 1874		tuberculosis	colored
Guyer	Albert	October 26, 1893	15 years, 2 months, 6 days	acute meningitis	entered hospital October 24, 1893 with very high temperature and was soon delirious; Inmate #3530; was born August 20, 1878
Haggerty	William	December 26, 1913		diphtheria	
Hall	James	February 21, 1901	16 years	tuberculosis	colored
Hays	Charles	May 23, 1875		probably congestion	small colored boy; he was fine the previous day; found dead in bed the next morning
Hill	Elmer	April 28, 1891	16 years, 6 months, 12 days	basilar meningitis	died at 11:30 am; suffered for 17 days; Inmate #3166
Hill	William	August 19, 1888		entero-colitis	suffered inflammation of bowels, which resulted in perforation; died from peritonitis
Hitchcock	William	May 13, 1876		typhoid pneumonia	
Hoadley	James O.	July 25, 1888		consumption (by heredity)	died in less than 4 months from decline; no living relatives

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Howarth	Stephen	January 18, 1902		pneumonia	light attack of pneumonia was complicated with a tobacco heart and a violent nostalgia
Ilgenfritz	Fred	May 16, 1910		typhoid fever	entered hospital on April 28
Isabel	Willie	August 19, 1905		appendicitis	
Johnson	Charles	August 12, 1888		consumption (by heredity)	died in less than 4 months from decline; no living relatives
Johnson	Daniel	April 7, 1889	12 years, 7 months, 28 days	consumption	colored
Johnson	Thomas	February 11, 1901	11 years	measles and pneumonia	
Jones	Robert	March 15, 1899		consumption	colored; had a severe attack of pneumonia and consumption followed hastily
Kelley	Edward	June 1, 1883		consumption	mild attack of pneumonia developed into consumption (which was hereditary in his family)

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King	Harry	September 27, 1900		cerebro spinal meningitis	entered hospital on morning of September 26 after complaining of not feeling well; post-mortem confirmed the diagnosis
Kinley	George	August 25, 1909		pulmonary tuberculosis	entered hospital on June 7, 1909
Knorr	Ignatz	September 11, 1876		congestion or apoplexy	
Leavitt	William B.	April 14, 1876		typhoid pneumonia	
Lee	Robert E.	May 21, 1891	13 years, 3 months, 19 days	pneumonia	died at 10:30 pm; taken ill on May 17 with violent congestion of the lungs; Inmate #3331
Lee	William	June 12, 1901	19 years	typhoid fever	
Leighton	Donald	November 21, 1914			
Lockridge	John	August 14, 1894	19 years, 2 months, 6 days	bilateral pneumonia	entered hospital August 9 suffering severe congestion of lungs; had 2-3 attacks of pneumonia prior to admission to school and 3 attacks while an inmate; had symptoms of incipient phthisis

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Logan	Charles	June 6, 1896		tuberculosis	confined to hospital since March 3; had the disease when committed and was in very delicate health
Logan	John	May 5, 1899		consumption	colored; confined to hospital for 6 weeks
Lynch	William	June 7, 1897	13 years	abscess of middle ear	became sick May 12 with severe attack of measles but seemed to be recovering
Mahin	Schuyler C.	December 2, 1893	16 years, 11 months, 6 days	edema of glottis	died very suddenly from complication of tonsillitis; post-mortem performed, which confirmed diagnosis
Markle	William	April 21, 1911		acute cardiac dilation	complicated by rheumatism; entered hospital on April 12, 1911
Martin	John	August 26, 1914		re-infection from pneumonia	
Martin	John	June 11, 1884	15 years, 5 months, 10 days	skull crushed	colored; heavy timber that was being raised for loading accidentally hit him behind the ear
Maurice	Joseph	June 24, 1901	15 years	typhoid fever	

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McColley	Lyman	January 23, 1885		traumatic tetanus (lock-jaw)	stepped on rusty nail which penetrated his shoe and slightly wounded his foot
McDonald	George	December 19, 1899		tubercular meningitis	colored; confined to bed only 5 days
McEntegart	Clyde	June 16, 1894	15 years, 7 days	pneumonia	sick for 10 days; had not been at school long; when he was admitted he could barely eat with knife and fork because of extreme nervousness from cigarette smoking
McGill	Charles	February 23, 1901	15 years	measles and pneumonia	colored
McKinley	Clarence	November 1, 1910		diabetes mellitus	entered hospital October 23, 1910
McPike	Glen	February 12, 1917		rheumatism caused heart disease; died suddenly from endocarditis	

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					sent from jail at Columbus but was too old; while awaiting legal outcome, he got sick from a cold contracted in jail; death occurred in 4 days.
McRea	Robert	February 8, 1873		congestion of lungs	
Miller	Clyde	May 3, 1927		acute indigestion	
Miller	Felix	April 27, 1914		tuberculosis	
Miller	George	April 24, 1876		consumption	
Moore	Clifford	February 18, 1909		pneumonia	entered hospital that day; died that night
Myers	Harley	October 11, 1890	13 years, 11 months, 28 days	typhoid fever	had typhoid fever for 2 weeks
Neal	Russell	November 26, 1903	19 years	typhoid fever	complications from tuberculosis; Inmate #4519
Nickett	Charles	December 6, 1927		taken to Robert W. Long Hospital, Indianapolis on December 3 with a constitutional disease	

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Nickles	Roy	June 6, 1920		carbuncles on both lips became facial erysipelas and meningitis	
Orth	Michael	June 11, 1902		chorea	was a very delicate boy who had a feeble heart
Oswald	Carl	May 14, 1914		pharyngitis followed by pneumonia	
Paris	James	May [blank], 1879		drowned while fishing	
Phillips	Herman	May 20, 1904	13 years, 2 months	tuberculosis of lungs and stomach	consumption; colored; Inmate #5438
Porter	James	March 9, 1877		consumption of the lungs	colored
Powell	Albert	April 6, 1877		consumption of the lungs	colored
Rentsch	Fred	July 27, 1901	15 years	typhoid fever	
Robertson	Julius	October 7, 1879		lingering illness	
Rogers	Marion	June 4, 1931		pneumonia	complicated with follicular tonsillitis; initial symptoms were of diptheria but culture was sent and came back negative

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Sargent	[blank]	July 4, 1873			former inmate who returned on visit to celebrate with friends; hit his head against stone while bathing in creek, paralyzing his extremities; death occurred in 5 days
Schneidwald	Frank	April 2, 1885		pneumonia	
Severance	Eldo	June 27, 1901	14 years	typhoid fever	
Sexson	Walter	August 2, 1889	16 years, 6 months, 17 days	lingering illness	had lingering illness of about 8 months, with caries of pelvic and left femur bones
Shattuck	Frank	February 9, 1901	17 years	measles and pneumonia	
Simms	Otto	May 1, 1897	16 years	pleuritic pneumonia	admitted to hospital on April 26; evidence of a cigarette heart contracted before his admission to the school, which added to the suffering
Small	Arthur	June 19, 1901	15 years	typhoid fever	colored
Smith	Adam	September 4, 1876		typhoid fever	

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Smith	Benjamin	April 5, 1907		pulmonary tuberculosis	colored; entered hospital on February 15, 1907 with severe attack of pneumonia
Smith	John	March 11, 1902		bronchial pneumonia	
Stiles	John	March 21, 1885		congestion of lungs	lived only an hour and a half after attack
Stillinger	Roy	May 13, 1897	16 years	pleuritic pneumonia and heart trouble	admitted to hospital on May 9; had cigarette heart
Swallow	George	January 3, 1876		congestion of lungs	
Swineheart	Christian	August 25, 1894	13 years, 8 months, 13 days	hemorrhage of bowels	had mild case of typhoid fever for 3 weeks and perforation of the bowels occurred
Taylor	Charles	May 19, 1884	16 years	phthisis pulmonalis	had returned to school April 8, 1884 to die; had been away from school about 3 years
Teal	John	June 16, 1914		valve lesion of heart from childhood, followed by pneumonia	
Tinker	Lewis	April 23, 1877		congestion	colored
Tressler	Eldo	May 19, 1910		diphtheria	entered hospital on May 14

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Tuttle	Frank	July 11, 1888		entero-colitis	suffered inflammation of bowels, which resulted in perforation; died from peritonitis
Valentine	William	[blank] 1926		pneumonia and heart infection	annual report ending September 30, 1926
Violet	Willie	January 10, 1911		pulmonary tuberculosis	was in hospital many times, but the last time he entered was on December 27, 1910
Wagoner	George	August 31, 1872	about 15 years	fermentation of food in stomach and bowels	sent to arrange items in store room and ate enormous amount of cheese, pears, etc.
Wakefield	Ernest	March 20, 1906		bronchitis	complicated with asthma; entered hospital on March 1, 1906
Waldron	Tobe	March 26, 1885		purulent pleuritis	
Walker	Lloyd	December 15, 1904		pneumonia	ill for more than 5 weeks
Welch	Ora	March 21, 1910		appendicitis	entered hospital on March 12; operated on March 20 by Dr. E.D. Clark of Indianapolis
Williams	Walker	May 28, 1910		typhoid fever and erysipelas	entered hospital on May 5

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Wilson	Charles	March 19, 1877		consumption of the lungs	colored
Wilson	Warren	June 16, 1893	15 years, 7 months	brain meningitis	struck on back of head by baseball on June 10 and appeared fine; June 14 returned to hospital with headache that developed into brain trouble meningitis (from fracture at base of skull); Inmate #3238; born November 16, 1877
Wood	Otis V.	August 10, 1877		jaundice	