

Stewart, James. Administrator, Merchant Stewart, appointed February 14, 1814. Bond, \$500. Securities: Samuel Reynolds, George Ross (*ibid.*, 94). Appraisement of personal property (Vol. B, 138-39).

Mosley, Richard. Administrator, Andrew Fait, appointed April 29, 1814. Bond, \$300. Securities: James Lemon and [name omitted] (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 95).

INDIANA CENSUS RECORDS OF 1820 AND 1830

The indexing, on cards, of heads of families as recorded in the photostat copies of the original census records of Indiana for 1820 and 1830, which was instituted in the Genealogy Section of the Indiana State Library, has been completed and the cards are now on file in the Genealogy room.

The compilation of this index was begun in March, 1936, and finished by March, 1939. The work was done almost altogether by three persons, Miss Leona E. Tobey, assistant in the Genealogy Section, who had full direction; Mr. Louie B. O'Neel, who assisted largely with the checking and editing; and Miss Nerine Roberts, who typed the majority of the cards.

Many difficulties were encountered in the process of the work, chief among which were the variances in spelling, the deciphering of the old handwriting, and, in some cases, the almost illegibility of the records. To insure accuracy a system of checking and rechecking was followed.

Over 80,000 cards were necessary. Each card contains the name of the head of the family, the year of the census (1820 or 1830), the county under which the name is recorded, and the reference by volume and page to the photostat records. These photostat copies to which the index refers consist of six volumes for 1820, and seventeen for 1830. They are arranged by county, and each contains the name of the head of the family, the number, but not names, of members of the family with their approximate ages.

The Indiana Historical Society and the Society of Indiana Pioneers made noteworthy contributions to the purchase of cards for the project.

By means of this index, it is now possible to locate readily any head of a family in any county in Indiana in 1820 or 1830. The index will be a valuable aid not only as a means of establishing one's ancestors in the early history of Indiana, but as a guide to localities where one might expect to find information.—Anna Poucher, *Head, Genealogy Section, Indiana State Library.*