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Every year, we like to honor our Indiana roots by noting March Madness. Only we don’t have tip-offs and jump shots. We offer tips on family research and show you how to jump into the fun! So, this year, we have a full week of family history-related events to get you into the research mood! This year, our bracket includes:

**Sunday, March 1, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center**
Searching Online Census Collections – John Beatty
Learn how to find digitized census records, both American and foreign, from a variety of websites, including Ancestry, FamilySearch, FindMyPast, and others. Attendees will come away with a better understanding, not only of the diversity of these records, but also the different ways they are presented and accessed on various websites.

**Monday, March 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center**
Finding & Using State Census Records - Delia Cothrun Bourne
Some states and territories took a census to count the number of residents or to answer other questions vital to the state’s operations. While not all of these state enumerations survived, those that did can offer substitutes for missing federal census, additional information between the federal census years, and answer questions not included on the federal census. Join us as we learn how to determine if state census is an option in your research, and how to locate these valuable records.

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center**
Native American Enumerations: First Nations in Context – Curt Witcher
This presentation will highlight the various enumerations on which one might find a Native American ancestor. More than census records are available for First Nations researchers.

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center**
Seldom Used Census … Non-Population and Slave Schedules – Cynthia Theusch
Most often researchers may not know about, or have forgotten, the non-population schedules that the federal government conducted to learn more about people living in the U.S. Learn about the various non-population and slave schedules that will help you learn more about your ancestors and other family members.

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Thursday, March 5, 2020, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Discovery Center
DNA & Family History Interest Groups – Sara Allen
Have you done a DNA test for genealogical purposes? Do you completely understand the results you received? Do you need advice in interpreting your results? Are you interested and wonder what the best test is for you? Come to the DNA & Genealogy Interest Group Meetings on March 5, 2020 to share and learn from each other! Beginners meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., more advanced gather 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center
The 1940 Census and Preparing for the 1950 Census – Allison DePrey Singleton
As genealogists, we greet each new release of the Census as a general holiday. They are released every 72 years after they were taken. The next Census to be released is the 1950 Census in April 2022. This presentation will look at the 1940 Census and how to use it to research the upcoming release of the 1950 Census.

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Piecing the Census Puzzle Together – Melissa Tennant
Census records are easily accessible to genealogists, yet many struggle to locate their ancestors in these documents or to understand all the information that can be gleaned from these records. Discover the factors that contribute to misinformation on the census and learn the key details that will help when piecing the census puzzle together.

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