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Introduction

Register of residents of the Allen County Home, 1853-1973, is on two rolls of microfilm, #81 and #82, found in the Allen County Public Library. The Allen County Poor Asylum became the Allen County Home about 1958. It is currently (1989 on) known as the Byron Health Care Center. The records contain a chronological register (some volumes being alphabetical) of inmates, showing name, race, age, sex, marital status, occupation, place of birth, date and reason for admittance, date of birth, health & fitness to labor, length of time in asylum, date and reason of discharge, date of death, name of undertaker, and a remarks column. Not all names have all information.

Film roll 81 contains four registers, each being an item number on the film. Item one contains records from 1853 to 1905. "Lists of Inmates of Allen County Asylum from 20th day of December 1853 to present. Alphabetically arranged by John Wilkinson, Superintendent County Asylum, October 12, 1882." This list is not in perfect alphabetical order. Surnames are arranged by A's, B's, C's, etc., therefore you will have to read all surnames of a letter. The pages are not numbered.

Don Weber has indexed roll 81, items 2, 3, and 4, for the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana. Item 2 contains information from 1853-1893. The first page of the register says "relief furnished to August 12, 1893." The film gives dates of 1853-1920. Item 3 contains information from 1893-1932 while the film shows dates of 1912-1905. Item 4 contains information from 1933-1939.

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