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## APPLICATION FOR A BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Our office has no records before 1882.  
Some birth records are missing from the early 1900's.

**WARNING:** False application, altering, mutilating, or counterfeiting Indiana birth certificates is a criminal offense under I.C. 16-37-1-12.

**Include with application:** \$5.00 for each birth certificate requested. Please answer each question below and attach a clear copy of a current/valid identification (ID) for yourself. Acceptable ID includes: drivers license, state ID, passport, US passport card, military or school (with current date on it, or if no date on ID, school ID with current semester schedule/enrollment papers with dates).

Last	_____
MI	_____
First	_____
Date Issued	_____
ID	_____

Number of copies requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

- Name of Individual: First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Place of Birth: City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ \*COUNTY: Brown \*STATE: Indiana  
\*(Must have been in Brown County, IN)
- Full Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_
- Full Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_
- Purpose for which record is to be used (i.e. estate, social security, genealogy): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Your relationship to this person (i.e., mother, father, sibling, spouse): \_\_\_\_\_
- PRINT YOUR FULL NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_
- ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your telephone numbers: DAY \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

Section 12, Indiana Code I.C. 16-37-1-12, "A local health officer shall provide a certificate of birth or stillbirth upon request by any person only if the officer is *SATISFIED* that the applicant has a *DIRECT INTEREST* in the matter requested and after the health officer determines that the certificate is necessary for the determination of personal property rights for compliance with State and Federal laws. However, the local health officer *MUST* issue a certificate of an applicant's own birth registration."

Indiana Code 16-37-1-12 is amended to read in part as follows: "The local health officer shall maintain a permanent record, accompanying the birth records, which contains for each request for a certified copy of a birth certificate".

Sincerely,  
Vital Records Staff