

Warren County, John Gregory's Newspaper Ledger, 1868–1874

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The *Warren Republican* was a weekly newspaper published in Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana, just southwest of Lafayette. The newspaper was published weekly on Thursdays and ran from 1854 to 1914.¹ Its first owner and editor was A. S. Foster. Over the years, it passed through many hands, including those of John Gregory in 1870. Sometime after 1914, the *Republican* merged with the *Warren Review*, creating the *Review–Republican*.²

In 1868 a new business ledger was started. A ledger is a way for individuals, businesses, and organizations to track and organize their financial transactions. It may record each customer, the size of each payment or transaction, such as trading farm goods or labor for products and services, and when each service was paid for.³ This ledger records transactions from 1868 to 1874. Its index is extensive, so even though it does not indicate that many of the transactions are for subscriptions, it is a safe guess. Other transactions appear to be for advertising and publishing notices. For example, Gregory recorded paid advertisements for sheriff sales, column ads, and social notices.

Below is a list of names transcribed from the ledger's handwritten index. The numbers by each name correspond to the pages in the ledger where a person's or business's accounts can be found. Readers may be able to find ancestors in these lists, connecting them to various businesses and locations in the Williamsport area. Further information may also be found in the digitized copies of the *Warren Republican* in NewspaperArchive, <https://newspaperarchive.com/>. A look at ads and other articles may give insight into the social, political, and economic world an ancestor experienced.

Notes

1. "About the *Warren Republican*. [volume] (Williamsport, Ind.) 1854–1914," Library of Congress, <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84038252/>, accessed June 16, 2021.
2. *Ibid.*, *Counties of Warren, Benton, Jasper, and Newton, Indiana. Historical and Biographical* (Chicago: F. A. Battey and Co., 1880), 96–97.

3. John Gregory Ledger, 1868–1874, BV 3529, Indiana Historical Society; Mark Kappel, “How’s Your Small Business General Ledger Lookin’?” *Patriot* (blog), October 15, 2019, <https://www.patriotsoftware.com/blog/>.

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