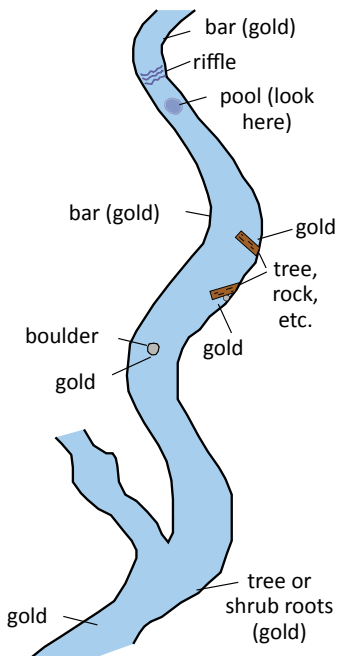


Gold and Diamonds in Indiana

During the Ice Age, vast continental glaciers brought minute quantities of gold, diamonds, and other precious minerals into Indiana from Canada. These minerals were deposited from the melting ice along with incalculable tons of rock and other materials carried by the glaciers. Meltwater streams washed and sorted the glacial drift, concentrating some of the the coarser, harder, and more durable materials in sand and gravel deposits along sluiceways and streambeds.



Since its first reprinting in 1963, Willis S. Blatchley's original 1905 manuscript "Gold and Diamonds in Indiana" has been a bestseller of the Indiana Geological Survey. Much of the appeal of Blatchley's report derives from the novelty of its topic. Most people do not think of the Midwest as an area in which either gold or diamonds are found. Indiana gold, although not plentiful, has been found as small flakes in sufficient quantities mostly along streams in Morgan and Brown Counties to keep interest in recovering the yellow metal alive for more than 135 years.