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35TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE SERIES CLOSES WITH A SALUTE TO THE IRISH

Two great programs by Steve Myers, assistant manager of The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, are scheduled for March 28, 2009, beginning at 9:30 am in the Huenefeld Tower Room at the Main Library. These programs are the culmination of four great programs the Hamilton County Genealogy Society has offered to celebrate its 35th Anniversary. The two programs, *Using Irish Manuscript Collections*, and *The Irish Rebellion of 1798 as a source of Genealogical Records* are important programs for anyone researching Irish ancestors.

WEB SITE AND E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION

JIM DEMPSEY, HCGS WEBMASTER

Last year an amazing 50% of our members responded to a member interest survey. We heard you and put effort against what changes needed to be made to make *The Tracer* and *Gazette* available in .pdf format. However, two unplanned projects came up during the year: the microfilming of Baltimore Pike cemetery records and building a database of about 20,000 burials there and the 29-year *Tracer* article index began in the November issue. Damage recovery from the "Hurricane" of September and the financial crises did not help. Additions to the web site and electronic distribution will be back at the top of my list for 2009.

REPORT FROM TREASURER REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009

BY MARGIE MOHR, TREASURER

As required by the By-Laws of the Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, the proposed budget for 2009 was presented to the membership at the Chapter meeting on November 8th, 2008.

There were questions about an item in the budget and some items that were not included. The format for the proposed budget was the same as we have been using for several years. Items that have had separate budgets: eg: the annual seminar and the luncheon for First Families of Hamilton County/and the Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County, and the J.R. Abell Fund have not been included in the budget. The income and expenditures were estimated at the time the budget was prepared. The final income and expenses for these events are in the monthly reports as the events occur.

The Treasurer has consulted with the accountant. The accountant advises that any item in which the Chapter has a commitment to finance should be included in the proposed

budget. A new format for future proposed budgets has been developed and will be used for future budget proposals. Any member wishing a copy of the new format should send a SASE to the Chapter and a copy will be sent. We file a form 990 with the IRS each year and the accountant makes sure we report our finances accurately and are in compliance for our non-profit 501 (c)(3) status.

The item listed as "Special Fund" under income refers to the reserve Money Market or contingency funds which have always been maintained in the event our actual income is less than the actual expenses. We have been able to meet expenses without using this fund, however for 2009, it was included to present a balanced budget because anticipated expenses were larger than anticipated income.

Any further questions about the proposed budget can be sent to the Treasurer through the Chapter Post Office Box.

DUES ARE DUE!

This is just a gentle reminder that dues for 2009 are due. If they aren't paid, this will be your last Hamilton County publication. Your membership supports the work we are doing in Hamilton County for you and your ancestors!

PLEASE RENEW!

Hamilton County, Ohio, Burial Records, Volume 18: New St. Joseph Irish Cemetery 1850-1894

Edited by Jeffrey G. Herbert

for the Hamilton County Chapter Genealogical Society.

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President's Message

BY KENNY BÜRCK

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I want to thank all the members of the Chapter Board, committee chairs and committee members for their continued service. Many have volunteered for several years. Our society is among the largest and strongest in America. One reason for this is our location in the Greater Cincinnati area as a gateway to the west. Many of our members' ancestors lived in this area for a short time or for many generations. Our membership has dropped (like so many other organizations) to just below 1000 members for the last three years, but I believe we are retaining more members than most groups. Among our strengths are the many talented members who continue to contribute. Our publications, *The Tracer* and *The Gazette*, are timely and terrific according to member comments on surveys we have received. The Chapter continues to provide a variety of genealogical programs although sometimes attendance is less than expected. I know that most of us are pulled in many directions.

Our monetary situation is stable and we continue to cover our expenses. Our members are generous and we usually exceed our expected contributions to the J. Richard Abell Fund that allows our Library to purchase additional genealogy books. We continue to receive many research requests and our volunteers process them as quickly as they can. Our website has expanded by leaps and bounds and more information is coming soon. If you have not checked it out lately, please do so at hcgsohio.org. Our annual spring seminar is always well attended and greatly anticipated by many of our members.

More books are forthcoming, some of them in 2009. The last two books of Cincinnati Deaths for 1878-1881 and 1897-1899 are in the works. We plan to begin a group project to index the remaining Baltimore Pike Cemetery records and make it into a book. The burial records volume for Symmes Township (our last township to be completed) is nearing completion. I know of four additional projects on Hamilton County material that are in process and will likely be formatted into books that will assist with our research.

I challenge our members (if you have not done so) to apply for First Families of Hamilton County and/or Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County. This not only sharpens your research skills to document all your resources to the satisfaction of the respective lineage

committees, but also helps to guarantee your research and the lives of your ancestors will be preserved and remain available to future researchers. The deadline for applications is 31 August 2009 and perhaps later IF the committee can still process the paperwork before the annual recognition October Luncheon. It is a wonderful experience to honor your ancestors and improve your genealogical proficiency in this way. The application forms and all the rules are on the Chapter website at hcgsohio.org or write the Chapter.

The Chapter recently donated a copy of our latest publication on St. Joseph Irish Catholic Cemetery to the LDS Family History Center in Norwood. Remember that most of our Chapter books are available at the downtown public Library and the North Central, Madeira, Green Township and Anderson Township libraries. The Cincinnati Historical Society Library also has most of the Chapter books. If any are missing at these locations, please let me know.

The Chapter Board and I wish all our members a Happy New Year and a year of fruitful genealogical discoveries.

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PROGRAMS

In the upcoming months, the Library and the Chapter again join forces to present two nationally acclaimed speakers, Tim Pinnick in February and Steve Myers in March. See the calendar for details. For further information or to make a reservation, contact the Genealogy and Local History Department at 513-369-6905 or history@cincinnati.library.org.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

My personal genealogy resolutions include purchasing genealogy software for my hand held computer, conquering some of my brick walls and continuing to interview older relatives. I recommend adding a visit to the Library in early 2009 to your list of resolutions. As with all resolutions, chances of success are multiplied when joined by a friend or partner.



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Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What an exciting year for the Genealogy and Local History Department! We celebrated our first birthday as the Main Library's department devoted to research. We won a prestigious Libby Award from *Family Tree Magazine*, which designated us as one of the "nine libraries to visit before you die." We expanded our open stacks by over 14,000 items in late 2007 and added another 2,000 books, new to our collection, to the browsing shelves in 2008. These books included purchases from every Ohio county that had material available for sale. We bolstered our Virginia collection, which was already one of the finest in the nation, and filled in gaps helping to make our library a destination for North Carolina and Arkansas genealogy.

As a 21st Century genealogy library, we continued to expand online access to resources through subscriptions to commercial databases at no charge to our customers, added digital resources, including 19th century Cincinnati city directories, and free Wifi. We offered new programs, held our first lock-in and joined the Chapter in celebrating its 35th anniversary by co-sponsoring a first-rate lecture series.

The New Year is not just a time for reflecting back, but more importantly a time for looking forward. Among our many goals for the upcoming year, we pledge to:

- Continue offering high quality resources and services
- Expand online access to resources
- Enhance our collection of German resources
- Provide public display of the 1848 Riverfront Panorama with an accompanying website and genealogical content
- Continue to partner with the Hamilton County Genealogical Society and other local repositories to support genealogical research

These are ambitious goals. Many people are not aware that we are primarily funded through state, not local taxes, and that we have received nearly 10% less since 2000. With the current Ohio budget deficit, funding is likely to continue to decrease. We want to be the best possible

stewards. That means purchasing resources of most value to you. Recommend areas to emphasize or materials to consider for purchase by contacting us at history@cincinnati.library.org or 513-369-6905.

PRIVATE TREASURERS NOW IN THE VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The Virtual Library is a place to find not only old and rare materials from the Public Library's collection, but also rare books and documents still in the hands of collectors and researchers. Online access is now available to the winners of the 2008 "Share Your Treasures" contest through the Public Library's Virtual Library. Four out of five selected resources have genealogical relevance, including a 1930s time ledger for the H.A. Carpenter Barge and Boat Company with names and pay of workers; an 1867 stock/membership certificate of the Cincinnati Schuetzen Verein, a German rifle club; a Civil War diary and portrait of William H. Knight, who served in the 5th Regiment of the Ohio Infantry; and an 1815 indenture certificate of Icahbod and Sarah Spinning to Stephen Jessup in Cincinnati. View these and other genealogical treasures by clicking on the purple Virtual Library "paint spot" on the library's homepage, www.cincinnati.library.org. From there, select "Browse the Virtual Library," followed by "Downloadable Old and Rare Books." These materials are also listed in the Library's online catalog. If the item is described as an "electronic resource," click on URL to go straight to the source. When viewing the full catalog record, the URL is also linked to the last line in the record, labeled "http."

LOCAL SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

One of the many benefits of creating a Genealogy and Local History Department (G&LH) is the advantage of merging genealogy materials with local resources like school yearbooks, alumni directories and reunion pamphlets into a single research collection. G&LH's junior high, high school and college yearbook collection dates back 150 years and provides a wealth of information for the discerning genealogist, including photographs, an understanding of social and cultural life, and clues to other sources of information. G&LH librarian Chris Smith even found a photograph of one of his ancestor's homes in the background of a school photograph! Alumni directories and reunion pamphlets may summarize 20 or more years of a person's life, albeit often in glorified terms, and list local and out-of-town addresses. Most of our school publications come to us from donations directly to the department, through the Friends of the Library, and even from yard and garage sales. Help us enhance our collection of local school publications by contacting Chris Smith at 513-665-3340 to discuss possible donations.

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Saturday, February 7 10 am & 2 pm [See insert]	10 am - <i>Some Great, Seldom-Used, Resources: A Genealogical Potpourri</i> 2 pm - <i>Finding and using African American Newspapers</i>	TIMOTHY PINNICK	HUENEFELD TOWER ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 9:30 AM & 10:45 AM	35TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES: 9:30 - <i>USING IRISH MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS</i> 10:45 - <i>THE IRISH REBELLION OF 1798 AS A SOURCE OF GENEALOGICAL RECORDS</i>	STEVE MYERS, ALLEN CO PUBLIC LIBRARY, FT. WAYNE	HUENEFELD TOWER ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI
Thursday - Saturday April 2-4	OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE: FINDING GENEALOGICAL GOLD IN THE STREAMS OF HISTORY	50 sessions	Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron Ohio, (near Lake Erie, between Toledo & Cleveland) Info: www.ogs.org
Saturday, April 18	ANNUAL CHAPTER SEMINAR	John Philip Colletta, Ph.D	Llanfair Retirement Center, 1701 Llanfair Ave., College Hill