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## E-MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS ANNOUNCED

JIM DEMPSEY, HCGS WEBMASTER

Our website will have a members only area where copies of our publications in PDF format can be downloaded on demand. All who are current with their dues will have this capability after August 2009.

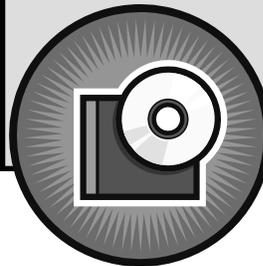
For those members who only want the PDF issues, rather than the printed copies, a \$10 discount on the membership fee will be available for 2010.

To streamline membership renewal this October, you will be offered a regular membership for \$18 if renewed by January 15, 2010 or \$20 after January 15.

More details will be given in the August *Tracer*.

## NEW CHAPTER PUBLICATION

Jeffrey G. Herbert has just completed the next book in the cemetery series, *Hamilton County, Ohio, Burial Records, Volume 19, Old St. Joseph Cemetery, 1845-1879*. This book will be available in August for \$28.00. Prepublication orders are currently being accepted by the Chapter. Questions? Contact Barbara Gargiulo at [barbara@littlemiamibooks.com](mailto:barbara@littlemiamibooks.com) or 513-576-9369.



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For detailed contents, see *The Tracer* article index at [www.hcgsohio.org](http://www.hcgsohio.org) under RESEARCH AIDS.

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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR  
FIRST FAMILIES AND  
SETTLERS AND BUILDERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO  
IS AUGUST 31, 2009.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON  
OCTOBER 17 WITH GUEST SPEAKER, TED GANTZ. TED'S  
TOPIC WILL BE *CINCINNATI AND THE ARTS IN THE 1820'S*.

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# President's Message

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The Chapter Board met on June 25 for its last meeting before the summer break. It is time for summer vacations and hopefully many members will have a chance to visit cemeteries, libraries or areas where their ancestors lived. The Board will begin meeting again in September, usually on the third Thursday at the Pleasant Ridge Public Library at 6:30 p.m. All Board meetings are open to all members; however, usually they are attended by officers, directors, committee chairs or committee members of the Chapter. The Board keeps our Chapter moving ahead and I wish to thank all Board members, chairs and others who are contributing and working to make us a great Chapter.

This brings me to my next point. We have had some resignations (I might add after many years of service by several of these dedicated folks) and need to fill some positions. Mary Remler is stepping down as the Cemetery Committee chair after 250 years of service (or it seems that long). She is still involved in completing a few of the books that are in progress like Symmes Township, Baltimore Pike and various smaller cemeteries in the City of Cincinnati. She has turned over most of her files to the Chapter and we are looking for a member to step forward to collect newspaper stories about Cincinnati area cemeteries that appear from time to time locally and to continue to gather new information about cemeteries that create websites or other information that can be passed on to our members. You can talk to me about additional details to see if this could be the best way for you to volunteer your time to the Chapter.

Ellen Imhulse has stepped down from her position of over 20 years of indexing *The Tracer*. Ellen has also held other important positions with the Chapter, but right now we need an indexer. This position can be completed by any member living anywhere who has a computer. To judge the scope of the job you can review *The Tracer* index that you receive every year. We have four *Tracers* per year and they would be indexed each time you receive your copy, with your file sent to our printer after you indexed the fourth issue. We would have it printed and sent to our members. We are going to "tweak" the format a little bit, but it will be a very similar process. Again, phone or email me to get a better idea of the job and the time commitment.

Jean Morrison has stepped down as Program Chair after fulfilling her commitment to complete our Chapter's

35th Anniversary series of four special programs with well-known speakers.

I would like to thank Director-at-Large Bev Breitenstein for assisting with some recent programs and working on future programs. We also welcome Mary Ann Faloon as our new Irish Interest Group Chair. Mary Ann lives near Wilmington, Ohio but works in Cincinnati. She just attended her first Board Meeting and is getting some ideas on how to move forward with some Irish-specific programs and accumulating some interesting tips to assist those with Irish ancestors.

I know several of you in the past may have already notified the Chapter that you have an interest in helping in some way. You will get your chance very soon as we are going to announce a project where each member can abstract some information in small batches and return them to the Chapter. This will be very similar to the recent project where several members completed batches to produce the book about the New St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. An announcement will be made soon.

Here is another reminder that the deadline for getting your applications submitted for First Families and Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County, Ohio is August 31, 2009. There COULD be more time IF the committees can complete the process before our October 17 luncheon. Please try to submit the applications before the deadline if possible. Also consider attending the luncheon even if you are already a member of either group or even if you cannot qualify for membership in either group. We are anticipating a great program at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel downtown which is a unique setting for a program. The parking will be free. Details will be the *Tracer*.

The fifth edition of *A Guide to Genealogical Resources in Cincinnati & Hamilton County, Ohio* was published in June 2006. Connie Terheiden and I, with the assistance of others, are nearing completion of a sixth edition with a color change on the cover. There are several new pages and many changes that have occurred in the last three years which will be included. Stand by for an announcement about when you may purchase a new issue of *The Guide*.

Some new books are in the works. Old St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 1843 to 1879 (not the exact title) by Jeff Herbert will be available in August. We are nearing completion of a Symmes Township Cemeteries book and a St. John Catholic Cemetery book. I can hardly wait.

October is German Heritage Month and also Family History Month in America so preparations are under way for some programming for these events.

# Library News from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

BY PATRICIA MOSELEY VAN SKAIK, MANAGER,  
GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY

## LIBRARY FUNDING UPDATE

In response to declining funding, the Trustees of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton have voted to place a one mill levy on the Hamilton County ballot in November. Currently, the Library receives no local tax support. The Library's primary source of funding, which has dropped more than \$9 million since 2000, comes from state taxes. This year, funding has declined at a more rapid rate due to the economy. Without a steady source of funding, the Library, including its nationally ranked genealogy department, is in jeopardy. To find out the latest status of library funding and how you can help, visit your local library or log onto [www.cincinnati.library.org/info/funding.html](http://www.cincinnati.library.org/info/funding.html).

## LIBRARY COMPUTERS

We have enhanced computer resources in the Genealogy and Local History Department. Laptops are now available for "checkout" in the Cincinnati Room. While they must stay in the Cincinnati Room, researchers are invited to bring their own data to upload, as well as download information from the laptops to a flash drive, CD, DVD or email to another device. The laptops are loaded with Microsoft Office software and have access to all of the library's research databases. In addition, materials from the genealogy collection are now allowed in the Cincinnati Room, the quietest workspace in the library.

Customers that bring their own laptops to the library have been able to access the library's free Wi-Fi and research databases since late 2008. After a 10-minute lapse time of laptop inactivity the Wi-Fi system previously required logging back on to the network. That did not present a problem for most users, but it did for genealogists, who often move back and forth between print, microfilm and online sources. In order to more effectively accommodate researchers, we have extended the lapse time to two hours before requiring a new log on.

Many genealogists need access to library computers for the exclusive purpose of using the online catalog. In response to customer requests, the Library has selected a few branches and the Genealogy and Local History Department for a pilot program that has placed catalog only terminals in those locations. In Genealogy and Local History, the terminal is clearly marked and closest to the Reference Desk.

To provide improved access to genealogy research databases, the Library's Computer Services Department installed Adobe Flash Viewer Version 10 to all G&LH computers. In addition, the upgrades make viewing and printing the documents much easier.

## MANY REASONS TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

With so much emphasis on online resources, some genealogists forget or may be unaware of the many family history resources and services available at public libraries. In a podcast interview with Lisa Louise Cooke, host of *Genealogy Made Easy*, <http://personallifemedia.com/podcasts/415-family-history>, I discuss the wide array of often-unexpected materials and programs offered by public libraries (episodes 34 and 35). For a virtual tour of our department visit youtube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCFIu3CUFKY>, produced by *Family Tree Magazine*.

## CEMETERY RECORDS - BALTIMORE PIKE

Now available only on microfilm are the long awaited Baltimore Pike Cemetery records. Baltimore Pike Cemetery, also known as German Protestant Evangelical and Raschig Cemetery was established in 1853. It was one of the few local private cemeteries for which we had no records. Thanks to the Chapter's efforts and donation, the Library is now the home of microfilmed Baltimore Pike cemetery records and finding aid. Early records (1854-1900) are in German. Entries are arranged by lot and section rather than date and give the name of the deceased, date of burial, age and cause of death.

## PROGRAMS

Planning is underway for our most expansive programming yet in celebration of Family History Month this October. This year's theme is "Celebrate Family History with the Experts." We will kick off the month-long celebration on October 3 with programs by computer specialist Dave Vickers, co-sponsored by the Chapter. Look for upcoming information on a lock-in and other specialized classes and courses.

## THANK YOU

Despite the downturn in the economy, members of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society made their largest donation to the Library's Abell Fund since the fund's inception 20 years ago by contributing \$1585. This fund is used for the purchase of Ohio genealogy materials and memorializes the former head of this department. Speaking personally and on behalf the Library, I wish to express enormous gratitude for such generosity. Hanging proudly in my office is the Award of Merit from the Society bestowed this spring for "outstanding service to the members of the Hamilton County Chapter...and the genealogical community."



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FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER AT 10 AM	ORIENTATION AND TOUR OF GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT	LIBRARIANS	GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPT. MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 10 AM AND 2 PM	<i>THE GOOGLE PHENOMONON - A GENEALOGICAL GOLD MINE PUTTING "FOUND" IN YOUR SEARCH: USING SEARCH ENGINES IN SEARCHING FOR YOUR ROOTS.</i>	DAVE VICKERS	TOWER ROOM MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 11 AM UNTIL 4 PM	ASK THE EXPERTS DAY	"EXPERTS"	GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPT. MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 10 AM AND 2 PM	<i>WHO'S PRISCILLA: AND WHY IS HER NAME IN MY MOTHER'S WEDDING BAND? HIDDEN GENEALOGY IN LOCAL HISTORY SOURCES</i>	REFERENCE LIBRARIANS: SARA CURTIS (10 AM) CHRISTOPHER SMITH (2 PM)	TOWER ROOM MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET
Saturday, October 17 11:15 AM	<b>FIRST FAMILIES AND SETTLERS AND BUILDERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY AWARDS LUNCHEON</b> <i>CINCINNATI AND THE ARTS IN THE 1820'S</i>	TED GANTZ	HILTON CINCINNATI NETHERLAND PLAZA HOTEL 35 W. 5TH STREET, RUE REOLON BANQUET ROOM – GROUND FLOOR - FREE PARKING IN TOWER GARAGE (VOUCHER AT REGISTRATION TABLE) VALET AVAILABLE