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NEW! *Hamilton County, Ohio, Burial Records, Volume 19, Old St. Joseph German Cemetery, 1845-1879*, by Jeffrey G. Herbert for the HCCOGS. Established in 1843 as a burial ground for Roman Catholics in Cincinnati, Ohio, Record books are still in existence beginning in the year 1845. Names of more than 13,000 burials that took place before 1880 in this cemetery are included in this publication. Paper; xxiii, 263 pp; 8.5 x 11; alphabetical; cemetery maps. \$28.00.

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REPRINT! *Index of Death Notices and Marriage Notices Appearing in the Cincinnati Volksfreund*, by Jeffrey G. Herbert for HCCOGS. This German-language newspaper was published in the 1800s and early 1900s. This index includes name of deceased, date of notice, date of death, age of deceased and maiden names when provided. The maiden names are also provided in alphabetical order in the back of the book. Originally printed by the Chapter in 1991. Quantities limited at this time.

Please add \$3.00 for 1st book and \$1.00 each for each additional book ordered. Ohio residents add 6.5 per cent Sales Tax to total. Send orders to HCCOGS, PO Box 15865, Cincinnati OH 45215-0865.

LIBRARY FUNDING UPDATE

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

November 3, Election Day, is a critical date for those who care about our top quality library system and our nationally ranked genealogy collection. Without local tax support, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County faces cutting services (and locations) by as much as 50%. Many people are unaware that the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, unlike all other urban library systems in the Ohio, currently receives no funding from any city or county taxes. Fortunately, the proposed tax is a modest one, one mill, or \$2.50 per month for a \$100,000 home. The Hamilton County Genealogical Society has always been a strong partner and supporter of the Library. I urge Chapter members in Hamilton County to make sure your voices are heard on Election Day. For more information about library funding and the many valuable services we offer, view "Library News" in the center of the Library's homepage, www.cincinnati.library.org.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Top Honors:

- Ranks in the top 10 of Hennen's America's Public Library Ratings
- Busiest Main Library in the country
- Recognized by Family Tree Magazine as one of nine public libraries to "visit before you die."

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President's Message

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I would like to start off with a reminder to be vigilant and protect your genealogical materials when you visit a library or other public place while you research. A few months ago on a research trip away from Cincinnati, a member of a group had her purse stolen in the genealogy section of a public library. It was a disrupting circumstance to say the least and placed a cloud over the normally fun-filled event. But it is a reminder of how tragic it could be if some of your hard to replace or impossible to replace research materials were stolen as the thief takes your bag or briefcase as you are deeply entrenched in your research endeavors. I know I get sidetracked by my surroundings and my guard is down as I think I am in a relatively safe place when I am hot on the trail to locating a new ancestor, so let's remember a few precautions.

When you arrive at your research destination, empty your bag or briefcase of your genealogical-related materials and place them on the table. No thief is interested in them. Let them take your empty bag. Another idea is to tie your empty bag, briefcase, purse or other items to a chair with a



short rope or similar item to make it more difficult to quickly grab. Also, do not take unneeded or valuable items with you at all. When going downtown to the Public Library of Cincinnati &

Hamilton County or a similar facility, your materials could be particularly susceptible to a theft due to the openness of the area with non-genealogists who sometimes frequent the area or are passing through the department. Please don't be a victim, and if you see me violating my own good advice, please remind me to secure my items. Let's remind each other.

The Board of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society has honored our member Ellen Imhulse of Finneytown (a suburb of Cincinnati) with the Chapter Award of Merit. Ellen has been the indexer to the *Tracer* for 20 years. We send this index to each member each year. Ellen lived in

Finneytown for many years and then moved to South Carolina for a few years but continued her efforts to help the Chapter in this way. She recently moved back to Finneytown. She has now "retired" from this duty. Ellen also actively served the Chapter with the Computer Interest Group, when many of us were struggling with these new-fangled devices years ago when personal computers, the internet and other computer software and resources were all so new to many of us. Ellen was also actively involved with the Irish Interest Group. We thank Ellen for her many years of service to the Chapter.

By the time you read this, another successful Annual First Families of Hamilton County and Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County Luncheon will be history. We had several applicants for both lineage societies for 2009. Now you have NO EXCUSE not to start your application for either group as you now have about one whole year to complete your documentation and send it in to the Chapter. I was one who also put it off for years and promised I would do it some day and I finally did. It is rewarding to have the chance to preserve some of my research for future generations and to honor some of my ancestors in this way. Make 2010 the year for you to join either group.

The Ohio Genealogical Society just began a new lineage society called "Century Families of Ohio" which recognizes the many immigrant families who traveled to and settled in Ohio from 1861 to one hundred years prior to application into the society. For example, this year is 2009, minus 100 years is 1909. For 2009, this would mean that your ancestors resided in Ohio between 1861 and 1909. This will provide a new opportunity to honor more generations of ancestors into a lineage society. The information is on the OGS website at www.ogs.org. The deadline for submitting an application to any OGS lineage group is December 31. Someday we may have a "Century Families of Hamilton County" group.

The Chapter renewal memberships will be mailed out in late October. Our membership remains strong but short of where we were a few years ago when we were over 1200 members. There are more choices for next year for membership. You may choose to have an e-membership where your *Tracer* and *Gazette* are on line so we have no cost of paper nor postage but you have the same member benefits at a greatly reduced price. See all of the details that are forthcoming. We thank Board Member Jim Dempsey for his efforts to bring this technology to fruition.

Library News from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

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

DOING BETTER, EVEN WITH LESS

Library Website and Catalog Upgrade

Despite facing serious funding challenges, we haven't given up. We have demonstrated excellent stewardship and have even improved services. In September, we launched an improved website. It is cleaner and easier to navigate. The catalog search now links from the left side of the page and has new features of interest to genealogists.

PERMALISTS

One of the most valuable new features is the ability to create "Permalists." For years genealogists have asked for a way to construct bibliographies from our catalog. Many researchers have resorted to copying and pasting catalog records into text documents or arriving at the Library with little strips of paper cut from catalog printouts. Now lists can be created with ease through the online catalog. Use of the



"Permalist" feature requires a Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County library card. Because we have reciprocity with surrounding counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, residents from Hamilton County and neighboring counties can get a PLCH library card for free. Once you log in, follow the steps below to construct your own lists.

CONDUCT SEARCH

When you see a result you want to add to your list, click on blue box labeled "+My List." That will send the information to your holding area.

At any time before you log off, go to "Permalists" in the green bar at the bottom of the screen. That will direct you to the catalog information that you stored.

Check the boxes of the titles that you want to stay in "Permalists" and send them to your preferred folder. You

can create and name the folders anything you want. Many genealogists have already created personal surname folders.

Once the record is in your Permalist, you can get to it anytime by logging on and going to the green bar at the bottom of the screen. You can rearrange files, delete records, copy and print the information to a file on your computer where you can add notes, and even email the list.

If you need additional assistance with this feature, visit the Genealogy and Local History Department or call us at 369-6905.

DISCOUNT PRICES ON MICROFILM

Proquest announced that they would soon discontinue offering Heritage Quest microfiche and microfilm for sale. While we were disappointed to hear this news, Colleen Phillips jumped on the opportunity to order 1940 era city directories and state census records, all at deep discounts. These materials are not comprehensively covered online and will be a welcome addition to our collection.

PROPERTY RECORDS "UNEARTHED"

When we reorganized two years ago and brought local history resources scattered throughout the Library into our department, we expected to have a more cohesive collection for local historians to search. We also recognized that given the overlap between history and genealogy, that genealogists would also benefit. As we search through the millions of books in the stacks, we continue to uncover resources of value to historians and genealogists. Doug Magee recently discovered and transferred to our collection Hamilton County real estate guidebooks from 1901, 1917 and 1922, identifying owner, address and monetary value of the property. Because the books are arranged by wards, we recommended first using a city directory or ward maps to identify the ward.

PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

As this issue goes to press, the Genealogy and Local History Department is about to celebrate Family History Month. This year's theme is "Celebrate Family History with the Experts" and offers twice as many programs as previous years. As always, thanks to our partner, the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, for co-sponsoring "Experts Day" and for providing some of the experts. In November, we team up again to sponsor a Veterans program on Civil War genealogy. Speaking of teams, for a little something different visit the upcoming Cincinnati Room exhibit that opens October 24, "Rivalries, Championships and Legends: 100 Years of Cincinnati High School Football."



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OCTOBER 17 SATURDAY, 6:30 - 11:30 PM	GENEALOGY LOCK-IN RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 513-369-6905	AFTER HOURS RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES	GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPT. MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPER DEPTS. MAIN LIBRARY 800 VINE STREET
OCTOBER 19 MONDAY, 6 PM	CHAPTER PROGRAM: <i>TIPS AND TECHNIQUES IN GENEALOGY</i>	KAREN EVERETT AND LIBRARIAN	COVEDALE BRANCH LIBRARY 4980 GLENWAY AVE (513-369-4460)
OCTOBER 29 THURSDAY, 7 PM	CHAPTER PROGRAM: <i>DECIPHERING OLD GERMAN SCRIPT IN GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTS</i>	KENNY BURCK	MARY ANN MONGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY 502 SCOTT STREET COVINGTON, KY (859-962-4060)
NOVEMBER 15 SUNDAY AFTERNOON	VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION 2 PM - <i>Civil War Genealogy</i> 3:30 PM - <i>THE CIVIL WAR AND TRANSPORTATION</i>	ALBERT HALLENBERG GEORGE MCLVEEN	HUENEFELD TOWER ROOM MAIN LIBRARY 800 VINE STREET