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Important Parking Information For the Annual Chapter Seminar April 17, 2010

The Chapter has purchased a group parking permit for the Seminar so attendees who do not have a park pass may enter without purchasing one.

Attendees should notify the park employee at the gate entrance that they are attending an event at the Banquet Center. There will be list for the park person to confirm.

First Families Meet Settlers and Builders for Lunch October 9

Save the date...October 9, 2010. The joint luncheon for the First Families of Hamilton County and the Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County will be held Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Clovernook Country Club. This will include the induction of new members of both lineage societies.

Please join in honoring our ancestors who helped in the development of Hamilton County. You do not have to qualify as a member of either lineage society to come to the luncheon. Hope to see you there. See the insert in the August *Tracer* for further information regarding the luncheon.

The History of Cincinnati Jewry

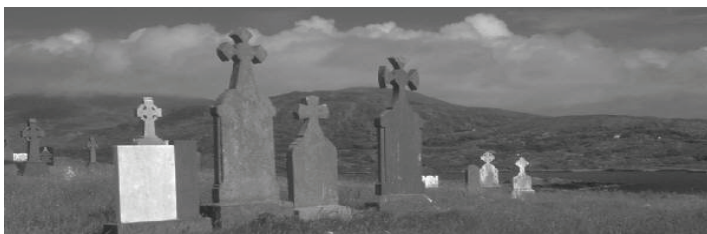
Dr. Gary Zola, executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, will present *The History of Cincinnati Jewry* as part of Jewish American Heritage Month. Dr. Zola will be at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County on May 5 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cemetery Iconology May Chapter Meeting

by Bev Breitenstein

Anyone in search of their "roots" or trying to research the history of the times, people and events of an area will spend many long hours in graveyards and cemeteries (there is a difference!) looking for graves and confirmation of ancestors or historical figures. There they will often become overwhelmed by the many monuments, statues and gravestones of every conceivable size and shape carved with all manner of flora, fauna and object. The good news is that most icons have meaning and can help unravel mysteries and questions about ancestors as well as others of historical interest.

Please join us for the May Chapter Meeting to be held Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the downtown Cincinnati Public Library, 9th and Vine Streets, in the Tower Room from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Our speaker that day will be Mr. Gaylord Cooper. Mr. Cooper's presentation is entitled *Cemetery Iconology*. Cemetery iconology is the study of old burying grounds: their customs, their history, and the many carvings seen on gravestones. Mr. Cooper will present two 45 minute lectures with a short break between sessions. There will be a Q & A session immediately following the lectures. Please call the Chapter at 513-956-7078 and leave your name to **register** by Friday, April 30, 2010.



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR
FIRST FAMILIES AND SETTLERS AND BUILDERS
OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO IS AUGUST 31, 2010.

Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

BY PATRICIA VAN SKAIK, MANAGER,
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LIBRARY WEB UPDATES

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS WEBPAGE

Genealogists come from all age groups. However, when the Library conducted focus groups with members of the over 55 crowd, genealogy ranked among the top areas of interest. By clicking on "Getting Started in Genealogy" from the Library's new 55+ website, <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/fiftyfiveplus/>, you will find genealogy resources pulled together in one location, including "sites by subject", where we recommend best sites for the beginning and advanced researchers, links to fee-based subscription databases (also called research databases) that can be accessed for free through the Library, copies of some of our latest publications, including the 2010 revision of *Greater Cincinnati Genealogical Resources*, and links to local online resources, such as the Hamilton County Probate Court's records, as discussed in detail in the most recent issue of *The Tracer*. You may even recognize pictures of fellow genealogists, some of whom are under 55, featured on the webpage.

CINCINNATI CITY DIRECTORIES

The Virtual Library (accessed through the left column on the Library's webpage, www.cincinnati.library.org) added three online Cincinnati city directories covering the years 1877, 1880 and 1887. The latter joined the 1887 *Illustrated Business Directory* already in the Virtual Library. Searchable features in the directories make possible the creation of street indexes, location searches and identification of all the appearances of a name.

PODCASTS

Take advantage of the opportunity to hear interviews with genealogy experts and summaries of Library programs by going to the Genealogy and Local History Department (G&LH) webpage, <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/main/genlocal.html>, also accessible through the 55+ page. Scroll down the left navigation bar and choose from:

- *Finding Frances: A Genealogist's Journey Discovering Frances Ellen Watkins Harper*

- *Getting Started in African American Genealogy with Thomas Jordan*
- *Lucy's Story with Larry Hamilton, Genealogist and Author*
- *Those Magnificent McNultys: Irish Genealogy 101*

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The Public Library's collection covers all 50 states and nearly 25 foreign countries. We are on a constant quest to fill in gaps. Our latest additions include hard-to-find genealogical resources from southern states, especially Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Tennessee. With these additions we now cover nearly every county in Kentucky.

Once again the Hamilton County Genealogical Society made it possible to maintain our outstanding Ohio collection by supporting the **J. Richard Abell Trust Fund**. Donations from Chapter members in 2009 equaled \$1520. THANK YOU!

BEHIND THE SCENES

The reorganization of Cincinnati's Main Library in late 2007 resulted not only in the movement of the department and staff, but a follow-up project moving more than 50,000 books in the closed stacks to the Genealogy and Local History Department and changing their accompanying catalog records. Our goal was to make it as seamless as possible with no interruption of service. We are nearly finished with this process including the move of regimental and unit histories and supporting Ohio history books to our department.

CELEBRITY GENEALOGY

It is exciting to see that genealogy has made it to the big time. Many genealogists gathered around their television sets or watched online *Faces of America* (PBS) and *Who Do You Think You Are?* (NBC) in February and March. Locally we have our own stars. Librarian Denis Daly interviewed John Bryant for WCET's webcast, <http://www.cetconnect.org/MediaPlayer.aspx?vid=4681>. WCET also webcast an introduction to genealogy research at the Cincinnati Library, <http://www.cetconnect.org/VideoPlayer.aspx?vid=4682>. We joined *Family Tree Magazine's* editor Diane Haddad for a genealogy segment on Channel 5, the local NBC affiliate, assisting reporter Alison Montoya with her genealogy.

PROGRAMS

The Genealogy and Local History Department offered its first computer lab training in March to an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. Labs will be offered the first Saturday of every other month. Pre-registration is

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President's Message

BY KENNY BÜRCK

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The April Spring Seminar will soon be here and there is still room to make a reservation. The speaker, Barbara Vines Little, is a well-known national speaker. I have heard her several times at conferences and I believe you would all like her delivery. Because we must notify the facility (Millrace Lodge in Winton Woods) by April 7, call me as soon as possible to see if we can still reserve a buffet lunch for you. My phone number is 260-0238. Otherwise, you may still attend or even be a walk-in on April 17, but you cannot be guaranteed a lunch.

Chapter awards will be announced at the Spring Seminar. Please let any Board Member know if the Chapter is missing an opportunity to acknowledge someone in the genealogical community who is extremely helpful to others or if someone should be a candidate for a future award. Our three Chapter awards are the Distinguished Service Award, the Award of Merit and a Certificate of Appreciation.

The 2010 list of Hamilton County professional researchers is now posted on the website or you may write to the Chapter for the list. Nine researchers are included.

A new type of membership option was offered for 2010. You can now choose a traditional membership and receive paper copies of *The Gazette* and *The Tracer*, or for a much discounted price, you have the choice of receiving access to our two publications on our website. A significant number of members chose this option. They save money and we all save trees and it seems to be working out just fine.

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required. For more information or to make a reservation, contact G&LH at history@cincinnati.org or 513-369-6905. G&LH will also assist with a genealogy computer lab at the Groesbeck Branch and offer three introductory classes at branches. Cemetery enthusiasts will want to attend the program and book signing by Phil Nuxhall for his new book, *Beauty in the Grove*. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the Jews in Cincinnati with Professor Gary Zola from the American Jewish Archives or you can attend the May meeting of the Chapter featuring Gaylord Cooper, speaking about Cemetery Iconology. What a great way to celebrate spring!

Remember August 31, 2010, which is the deadline for the Chapter to receive applications for our two lineage societies, First Families of Hamilton County and Settlers & Builders of Hamilton County. There is still plenty of time to complete your work and honor your ancestors this year at the October luncheon. The location for the event will be the Clovernook Country Club in North College Hill. More details will soon be forthcoming.

Since 2001, Deb Cyprych and I have been abstracting the membership records of the Cincinnati German Pioneer Society (Deutsche Pionier Verein) in *The Tracer*. There were 4,695 members from 1868 to 1950. We are working on a book listing all of these members with information including birthplaces, birthdates, immigration, and deathdates. There will also be sections on hundreds of German Pioneer Society members from branch societies in Toledo, OH and Covington and Newport, KY from 1877 to 1902. Our research indicates there were also branches in Dayton and Ripley, OH but only a few records from the Dayton branch have been located to date and will also be included. We are putting together a Chapter publication with all this information. It will be a great source for German research in the area. If you have knowledge of the location of any additional records please let me know. At present we do not have a publication date.

Spring is here and it's time to head to a cemetery or plan a spring or summer genealogy road trip. Happy Hunting!



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THURSDAY - SATURDAY APRIL 22-24	OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S CONFERENCE: <i>Guiding Your Way Through the Past</i>	50+ PROGRAMS NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS	SEAGATE CONVENTION CENTER TOLEDO
SATURDAY, APRIL 24 2 PM	<i>Beauty in the Grove: A History of Spring Grove Cemetery</i>	LOCAL AUTHOR, PHILLIP J. NUXHALL	MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET HUENEFELD TOWER ROOM
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 10 AM	GENEALOGY DATEBASE BASICS PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED 513-369-6905	LIBRARIANS	MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 6 PM	<i>The History of Cincinnati Jewry</i>	DR. GARY ZOLA	MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET
SATURDAY, MAY 8 11 AM & 1 PM	MAY CHAPTER MEETING - <i>Cemetery Iconology</i> *Registration required. Call 513-956-7078,	GAYLORD COOPER	MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET HUENEFELD TOWER ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 10 6 PM	<i>Tips and Techniques in Genealogy</i> 513-369-4449	KAREN EVERETT AND A LIBRARIAN	NORTHSIDE BRANCH LIBRARY 4219 HAMILTON AVE.
MONDAY, MAY 18 6 PM	<i>Tips and Techniques in Genealogy</i> 513-369-4472	KAREN EVERETT AND A LIBRARIAN	MONFORT HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY 3825 WEST FORK ROAD
MONDAY, MAY 24 6 PM	<i>Tips and Techniques in Genealogy</i> 513-369-6033	KAREN EVERETT AND A LIBRARIAN	MT. WASHINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY 2049 BEECHMONT AVE.
SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 10 AM	TOUR OF GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT	LIBRARIANS	MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2 PM	GENEALOGY DATEBASE BASICS PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED 513-369-4454	LIBRARIANS	GROESBECK BRANCH LIBRARY

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Tracer Deadline: June 30, 2010