



# THE GAZETTE

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## Wiki Launch

Probate Court Indexing project will launch on October 2, 2010. A Wiki (website) has been created to coordinate the indexing of the Hamilton County, Ohio Probate Court records. The goal of the Wiki is to make the Hamilton County, Ohio Probate Court records more accessible by creating master indices. To help with the project, you will need a computer with access to the internet and be willing to set up a Google account to use the Wiki. Google accounts are *free*. Complete instructions on how to do the transcription is on the Wiki. Any contributions are welcome! If you are interested in participating, please contact Liz Stratton at HCOGSIndexing@gmail.com.

## Discovering your Irish Roots

The Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati will host an Irish genealogy program, *Discovering your Irish Roots*, in their Irish Heritage Library at 3905 Eastern Avenue on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The program is open to the public, but reservations are required. Please call (513) 533-0100 to reserve your spot.

## Christmas gifts

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas. Genealogy books make great Christmas gifts for yourself or the genealogist in your life. See gift ideas below.



## New Publications

The new publication of the *Hamilton County, Ohio, Burial Records, Volume 20, St John German Cemetery, 1849-1879* edited by Jeffrey G. Herbert for the Hamilton County Chapter, OGS is now available for \$55.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and sales tax if OH resident.

*Forthcoming Publication—Index to Cincinnati, Ohio, Death Records, 1878-1881* will be \$46.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and sales tax if OH resident. Available late October. Pre-publication orders are currently being accepted. This is the ninth book in the Death Records series. This book series covers the years prior to the last courthouse fire. Send checks & book orders to: HCCOGS PO Box 15865 Cincinnati, OH 45215-0865

## Join us in Researching War of 1812 Veteran's Information - November 6th

Have you come to a brick wall when researching War of 1812 Veterans' information? Many researchers are frustrated that they cannot find their ancestors' military papers for this time period. It is not that the records don't exist; it is because their ancestors did not qualify for certain benefits. Our speaker for the November Chapter meeting, **Mr. Eric E. Johnson**, will help you determine which type of benefits your ancestor was entitled to receive and where you can find them.



Eric E. Johnson is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, an OGS trustee in charge of publications, a member of the General Society of the War of 1812 and the editor of the society's newsletter, *"The 1812 War Cry"*. He has presented a program entitled, *"The Battle of Marblehead Peninsula"*, at the Eighth National War of 1812 Symposium in Baltimore, MD and to the OGS Fall Seminar in Sidney, OH as well as at the OGS 2010 Annual Conference this past April.

Please join us at the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library, 800 Vine Street on Saturday, November 6, 2010 for an enjoyable morning of honoring some of our earliest Veterans. Our program will be presented in the Genealogy and History Department on the 3rd Floor at 11:00 a.m. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear this nationally renowned and respected speaker!

## Annual Spring Seminar - 2011

Mark your calendar for the *Annual Spring Seminar*, Saturday, April 16, 2011. Mill Race Banquet Center, 1515 West Sharon Road (at Mill Golf Course in Winton Woods Park). 8:30 am-4:00 p.m. Speaker: **CRAIG R. SCOTT**, CG is President and CEO of *Heritage Books*. He has been lecturing nationally for over 20 years. Craig received the *Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award* in 2008 from APG. Topics to include: *military research* including the Civil War to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. More information will come in the Tracer and a mailing in January 2011.

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

BY PATRICIA VAN SKAIK, MANAGER,  
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## Break New Ground: Celebrate Family History Month

As this issue arrives, the Library has launched **Family History Month** (October). This year's theme, "*Break New Ground*" offers programs for genealogists at all levels of experience. Classes will uncover seldom-used resources and also reveal new techniques for optimal online research results. (See calendar for details.)

We end the month with a lock-in, an opportunity to conduct research after hours at the Library, on October 30. During the lock-in, I will present a program on the 1850-1880 special census records. Feel free to continue research uninterrupted or join the program. Space for the lock-in is limited with reservations required. Contact the Genealogy and Local History Department at 513-369-6905 or [history@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:history@cincinnati.library.org)

## Break Old Ground: Celebrate Archaeology Month

October is also Archaeology month and a time to break old ground. This year we bring Family History and Archaeology together through a partnership with the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the archaeological firm, Gray and Pape with an exhibit of artifacts from 19<sup>th</sup> century Cincinnati. This exhibit, located on the Cincinnati Room connector, is the first display of objects left behind generations ago and discovered during The Banks excavation. For a view of Cincinnati's historic riverfront from another perspective, step inside the Cincinnati Room, where steamboat photographs, scrapbooks and memorabilia are on exhibit. Postcards from the exhibit are available online at <http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.library.org/VirtualLibrary/>. Accompanying the exhibits, Karen Niemel-Garrard, Project Manager for The Banks dig will present a program, *On the Banks, Investigating Cincinnati's Changing Riverfront* on October 16.

## New to the Collection

October is also Geography Month. Maybe October should be renamed "Everything of Interest to Genealogists." Maps are essential tools for genealogists, some of the best of which are *Family Maps of Counties* by Gary Boyd. These books feature historic land patents and the current locations of historic cities, towns, roads, cemeteries and rivers. Of special note, *Family Maps* contain the genealogist's dream, a surname index to ancestral land parcels and the date issued. The Library has ordered all available counties, rounding out our collection with

*Family Maps* from Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington.

## Collection Access-Hamilton County Marriage Records

Today's definition of Library collections extends beyond physical items to electronic resources and beyond library walls to the world at large. The role of the genealogy librarian is not just to add items to the collection, but also to improve access to resources. Earlier this year, the Hamilton County Probate Court posted many of their records online, [http://www.probatect.org/case\\_search/casesearch.asp](http://www.probatect.org/case_search/casesearch.asp). (See Deb Cyprych's informative article about these records in the February 2010 issue of *The Tracer*). Viewing the records is a multi-step process. From the website above click "**Archives Search**" (not "marriage licenses" or "court records"). Next, click "**Marriages**". Accessing the records requires entering volume and page numbers at the bottom of this screen. Many genealogists encounter difficulty at this step as few know volume numbers and pages without first consulting an index. To assist researchers, the Genealogy & Local History Department has developed a guide to the Probate Court marriage records matching volume numbers to years. After consulting the guide, enter the volume number and "0" for page number on the Probate Court's website. This will link to an alphabetical index for that volume. Many genealogists find that our finding aid greatly streamlines the search for marriage records. Consult the Probate Court Guide on your next visit to the Genealogy & Local History Department or request an electronic version at [history@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:history@cincinnati.library.org).

## Panorama

*Wired Magazine* featured the 1848 Cincinnati Riverfront Panorama, known to some as the oldest photograph of urban America and to others as a genealogical resource, in its August 2010 issue, [http://www.wired.com/magazine/2010/07/ff\\_daguerrotype\\_panorama/3/](http://www.wired.com/magazine/2010/07/ff_daguerrotype_panorama/3/). Currently, Genealogy and Local History librarians are researching points of interest imbed in digital images of the photograph, making it possible to drill down and connect narratives and original documents to locations in the photograph. If you have research or documents related to ancestors who lived on the Cincinnati riverfront in 1848, contact [james.mainger@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:james.mainger@cincinnati.library.org) to participate.

## Goodbye Sara

After nearly 30 years of library service, Genealogy and Local History Librarian, Sara Curtis retired. Sara came to the department in 2007 as part of the Main Library reorganization. She quickly dug into genealogy. Only one year on the job, she presented a lecture at the Ohio Genealogical Society conference on her family research. Upon her retirement, Sara commented that her career highlight was working in the Genealogy and Local History Department. Sara will be missed, but now she will have more time for her own genealogy.

# President's Message

BY KENNY BÜRCK

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**PLEASE NOTE A CORRECTION** to the dates for the October German Heritage Month and Family History Month programs on Monday nights in October. In the last *TRACER* the dates are incorrect. The four programs on Reading Old German Script in Genealogical Documents by Kenny Burck and/or Deb Cyprych are on Mondays in October but the dates are October 4<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>. (We apparently were looking at the month of September when the error occurred). Please mark your calendars and we hope that many of you will "take the bull by the horns" and begin or improve your repertoire of genealogical talents and by becoming more proficient at deciphering your German family records.

We had a request for volunteers with a proficiency in genealogy and a desire to help others. While we hope you will volunteer your services with our Chapter when needed, we had a plea from the **Family Search Center** at the **National Underground Railroad/Freedom Center** for people with knowledge of how to do family research who are willing to volunteer at least one Friday or Saturday each month from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The volunteer will be given free parking for that day. You will work with other volunteers in an enjoyable atmosphere. If there are no customers you may work on your own genealogy. Volunteers are recognized annually. You can phone Joyce at 513-242-3737. I would suspect the Norwood Family History Center is also looking for volunteers. You can phone or email me if you have questions about these opportunities.

I am starting to get emails and a few phone calls from our members who have volunteered to help out in some way for the *National Genealogical Society National Conference* that will be held in Cincinnati from May 9-12, 2012 at the Duke Energy Convention Center. Keep those emails and calls coming as we need perhaps as many as 300 volunteers.

By the time you get *The Gazette* I will have just returned from my latest trip to Germany and surrounding countries. I was

there from September 2-26 in Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and France. Much of the trip was dedicated to genealogy with sight-seeing in between. As I listen to others who have made the journey, and from my own experiences, they are one of the highlights of our lives. It used to be less expensive but it is still worth the expense so take the plunge and plan a trip if you can. I am always available to chat about my travels and offer suggestions.

We have not as yet had any volunteers come forward to work with our other *Lineage Societies for Century Families of Hamilton County*. This new society is for those with ancestors who lived in Hamilton County, OH between January 1, 1861 and 100 years ago. We have the new application form completed and we still need to order the new medals. As soon as we have a few volunteers to join our already well-in-place *First Families/Settlers & Builders Committee*, we can begin advertising for members to submit applications. The committee of about eight existing members has been working for years to successfully review FFHC & S&BHC applications and then hold our annual luncheon to honor all the ancestors and applicants. Come and join our team and we can begin a chance for applicants with later immigrants migrating to our county between 1861 and 1910 to become a part of a lineage society. Call me to volunteer. On the job training provided, no experience necessary.

A new Chapter publication, *Index to Cincinnati, Ohio Death Records 1878 to 1881*, will soon go to print. Another Chapter publication by Jeff Herbert, *St. John German Cemetery, 1849-1879*, is now available for sale from the Chapter.

Please see the information in the last *TRACER* about planned trips to the new Ohio Genealogical Society Library in Bellville, OH on November 4-5 2010 and the Chapter trip to Salt Lake City, UT to the LDS Family History Library. At this point a group of four has made plane reservations for January 5-13, 2011 and hotel reservations at the Salt Lake Plaza. Any of you can go for a longer or a shorter time period and stay at any hotel of your choosing. We chose a direct Delta flight but other flights could be a better opportunity for you. Call me for details and options if you wish to join our group.

I want to thank Jane Edgar on the completion of her first *Gazette* as our new Editor. It was flawless. Congratulations, Jane.

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## DigiGenie

Can't wait for the next issue of the *Gazette* for Library news? Want more frequent and timely updates? Follow my Twitter handle, DigiGenie. For more information on using Twitter for genealogy, see the Summer 2010 issue of *Ohio Genealogy News*, "Tweet Your Ancestors."

## Chapter Website

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9	First Family and Settlers & Builders Luncheon—11:15 am	WALTER LANGSAM	CLOVERNOOK COUNTRY CLUB NORTH COLLEGE HILL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6	RESEARCHING WAR OF 1812 VETERAN'S INFORMATION	ERIC E. JOHNSON	MAIN LIBRARY, 800 VINE STREET 3RD FL, 11:00 AM <b>NO RESERVATION REQUIRED</b>
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6	GENEALOGY DATABASE BASICS COMPUTER LAB—NO RESERVATION REQUIRED		GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPT—MAIN LIBRARY, 10:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10	MICHAEL MORGAN—TALK AND SIGNED BOOK: <b>OVER-THE-RHINE: WHEN BEER WAS KING</b>	MICHAEL MORGAN	GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPT—MAIN LIBRARY, 6:00 PM <b>NO RESERVATION REQUIRED</b>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4	TOUR & ORIENTATION OF THE GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPT.		GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY DEPT—MAIN LIBRARY, 10:00 AM <b>NO RESERVATION REQUIRED</b>
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2011	LECTURES—COST-EFFECTIVE RESEARCH: ACCESSING IRISH RECORDS FROM NORTH AMERICA & IRISH ORAL TRADITION. SEEKING, ANALYZING & PROVING. DICK IS A WELL KNOWN IRISH EXPERT & HAS LED 29 RESEARCH TRIPS TO IRELAND.	RICHARD M. DOHERTY	HUENENFELD TOWER ROOM AT THE MAIN LIBRARY. 9:30 AM— 12:00 PM.

**Please see our complete calendar listing at:**

**<http://hcgsohio.org/calendar2008.shtml>**