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Webinar for Irish Research

By Mary Ann Faloon

Legacy Family Tree has just posted an announcement that they will be hosting a free webinar on Irish Research on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. The webinar titled, "*Uncovering Your Irish Family History*" will be presented by Jennifer Geraghty-Gorman. These programs are open to everyone; you don't need to have the Legacy software to attend. However, if you want to attend the live session, you will need to register at www.LegacyFamilyTree.com/webinars.asp. It's a little early for the final details, but these usually start at 2:00 pm EST. Also, for those of us not lucky enough to be able to attend the live version, they normally keep the webinar in their archives for a short period of time after the programs airs. Check their website for details!

Technology Interest Group/Blogging

By Bev Breitenstein

TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP:

BLOGGING PROGRAMS COMING THIS FALL

Blogs have taken the genealogical community by storm! On October 1, 2011 at the Main Library, Kathy Reed will give us an introduction to blogging. In her presentation, she will explain just what a blog is and how genealogists are using blogs to log or journal their own research. Even if you never plan to use a blog, Kathy will tell you which blogs you might want to read and how to find new ones. On October 1st, as part of the library's Family History Day, Kathy will repeat this program in the morning and will present a hands-on session in the afternoon. In November we will wrap up the series with a presentation on feed readers. Liz Stratton will walk you through setting up a feed reader to track changes to your favorite blogs, websites, message boards, etc. Instead of having to remember to check for changes, the changes will come to you! If you have a laptop computer, feel free to bring it. Liz will assist you in setting up a free reader immediately after the session.

Probate Court Project Update

By Jim Dempsey

The joint project to provide a more complete and master alphabetic index to pre-1884 probate Account and Inventory records is proceeding ahead, faster than expected. Tricia Eby and Vin Kaeser, Probate Court digital imaging staff, under the direction of Supervisor, Melissa Pearse, have already provided me with digital images of 64% of the account book indexes. I was surprised by the number of our readers who came forward, 12 so far, to transcribe the indexes. More than needed right now, but there will be plenty to do over the next few months. Thanks to Marilyn Armstrong, Jeff Herbert, Bob Brodbeck, Dick Okenfuss, Fred Schroeder, Peg Fay-Feder and Dan Jungclas who quickly completed 27% of the indexes.

At this point, I am verifying the indexes to the actual pages myself. The good news so far is that the 1884 indexer left out many pages and cases. There is about 30% miss-spelled names and 10% wrong or illegible page numbers. This has reinforced my belief that all of these books needed to be studied in detail and more adequately indexed.

Heritage Day Luncheon October 22, 2011

By Karen Klaene

You are invited to join us this fall for the annual lineage group awards "Heritage Luncheon" on Saturday, October 22nd. The event is open to everyone; please come! It will be held at the Clovernook County Club in North College Hill with registration open at 11:15am. Lunch will be followed by our speaker, Michael Morgan, author of "*Over-the-Rhine-When Beer was King.*" New members to First Families, Settlers & Builders, and the new Century Families of Hamilton County will receive their certificates and pins. The deadline for applications to each lineage group is August 31st, but can be extended. The luncheon registration form is in the coming issue of the Tracer or contact Karen Klaene (513) 922-3379 or John Tholking (513) 891-8152.

Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

BY PATRICIA VAN SKAIK, MANAGER,
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Trip to the Library

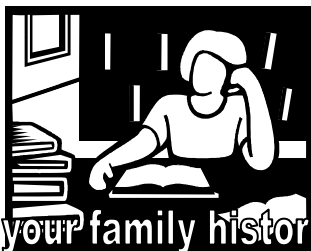
The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is the destination of many summer visitors, whether they come from the Greater Cincinnati area, across the nation or the ocean. If you are not a regular researcher at the Library, we encourage you to join the visitors that come each year and discover new resources and ancestors. Since last summer we have added thousands of resources including: Ohio materials publicized at this year's Ohio Genealogical Society Conference in Columbus, Kentucky records, and Texas and Maryland resources.

Arizona Genealogical Society Donation

We were disappointed to learn of the closing of the Arizona Genealogical Society Library, but pleased they thought of the Cincinnati Library as a repository for their materials. Because we host an international collection, we already owned many Arizona resources, but the Arizona society filled in gaps by donating military, church, marriage, cemetery and death records, pioneer records, hospital records, directory listings and deportation records.

1940 Census

With the countdown less than a year away to the release of the 1940 census, it is time to begin preparation work for those records. Initially, the census will be released without a surname index, requiring a geographical approach, which necessitates identifying an exact street address. One of the best ways to locate an address is through city directories. While commercial database producers are adding city directories, to date the Cincinnati Library surpasses online availability with one of the largest collections in the nation, covering all states. Most of the directories are on microfilm and require a trip to the library. After finding a street address, check "One Step," <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/index.html?ed2street=1>, to obtain the enumeration district. Currently, "One Step" only covers large cities, but the database is in the process of adding smaller cities. With the enumeration district and exact address, you will be ready to browse on April 2, 2012 when the census is released.



Research your family history with all your resources at your fingertips!

Cemetery Records

Baltimore Pike Cemetery Records are now available in the Genealogy and Local History Department, courtesy of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society. Dating back to 1854, it is rumored that some of the burials were re-interred from Washington Park. Refer to the microfilm boxes to navigate the records, including location of the "Large Singles" name index. The set is a perfect compliment to *Find A Graves'* database of Baltimore Pike, <http://tinyurl.com/3rjztcl>, which lists vital information and occasionally provides a photograph of headstones, but rarely location (section and lot) in the cemetery.

Make a Difference Day

Volunteers from the Hamilton County Genealogical Society met in May to index to *Columbia Township Records*, compiled by Cincinnati's reference librarians in 1934. Based on records dating back to 1809, the collection contains some of Hamilton County's earliest records, including householders in 1826, cattle earmarks (and their owners), indenture papers, ministerial lands and militia lists. For the first time the Make a Difference Day project was conducted entirely electronically as volunteers entered information into a shared Google document. An outgrowth of this project was the creation of a Technology Group for the Chapter. The Columbia Township Records Index will provide significant research value. We look forward to its completion and collaborating with the Technology Group on future projects.

Library Leadership

The Genealogy and Local History Department has been recognized nationally not only for our collections but also for the way we deliver service. I spoke at RootsTech in February on "Library Digitization: A Genealogist's Dream Come True" and conducted the Librarian's Boot Camp in June at the Southern California Genealogical Society's Jamboree. Librarians from across the country turn to Cincinnati for inspiration and as a model for services.

Save the Dates

Look for a wide variety of programs to celebrate Family History Month. Experts' Day will kick off the month on October 1 with Kathy Reed's program on genealogy blogs. Experts Day is also a great way to break through brick walls and find researchers with shared interests by meeting with family history experts and specialists in the exhibit area abutting the Genealogy and Local History Department. We will wrap up our activities on October 29 with a lock-in, where reservations are required. Call 513-369-6905 to register or for more details. For additional programs, consult the Chapter's web calendar, <http://hcgsohio.org/calendar2010.shtml>, as October approaches.

President's Message

BY KENNY BÜRCK

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One last reminder that it is not too late to get your lineage society papers in for First Families, Settlers & Builders or Century Families of Hamilton County. We have published deadlines; however, we will accept applications later IF we can process the paperwork before the October luncheon. Remember any person can attend the Heritage Day luncheon on October 22nd at the Clovernook County Club in North College Hill. Applications for each group have been received but it would be great to have some more. Please see the insert for all the details about the luncheon in *The Tracer*.

The Chapter Board held its last meeting in June for the summer and hopefully the Board members can all work on their own genealogy for a few months. We will regroup in September for another year of Board meetings. We have had some changes on the Board. After several years as Recording Secretary, Mark Schmidt is moving to chair the African-American Interest Group. Barbara Furr had chaired this effort for many years but now has retired from her job at the Walnut Hills Public Library and is pursuing other interests. We thank Barbara for her years of service.

Margie Mohr has served the Chapter for many years in several positions including Vice-President, President, Membership Director and for the last 10 years as our Treasurer. Margie was hoping a replacement could be found to relieve her from this duty and I am pleased to announce that Liz Stratton, our Director At-Large, will assume this position sometime in the near future. Liz is wrapping up some major indexing projects for the Chapter and will require a little training, then will be ready to go. We thank Margie for all her years of service to the Chapter. She will still serve on the Board as the Past-President.

With Mark Schmidt moving to his new assignment, this opens the Recording Secretary position and we were pleased that Kathy Reed agreed to fill this slot. Kathy joined the Board about a year ago to work with the lineage society committees and will assume the additional duties of the Recording Secretary. Soon we will have to fill the Director At-Large position when that is vacated. It has always amazed me how we are able to fill these Chapter vacancies with such dedicated and talented individuals.

Most of these volunteers move into these positions with little experience and become proficient in a very short time frame. Thanks to all our volunteers who make our Chapter what it is.

In my last President's Message I had two errors. I identified our Chapter awardee Jean Widmer by another first name. Jean was awarded our Certificate of Appreciation for her work on the Research Committee. I also mentioned that Joan Hughes was the first chair of our First Families Committee. I was reminded that Joan was a co-chair with Robert Reuter in 1988 when this committee was formed.

I attended the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference in Charleston, SC along with two of our local committee chairs, Jean Nathan and Sandy St. Martin, to observe how NGS was running their conference and to promote the NGS Conference when it is in Cincinnati May 9-12, 2012. We still need some more volunteers so if you think you might attend and can spare at least a little time during the conference, email me to get on the volunteer list.

Another reminder, the 26th Annual OGS Chapter Management Seminar will be held at the new OGS Library in Bellville, OH on August 13, 2011. Deb Cyprych & I are driving up early on August 12th to research in the Library which will be open that night until 8:00 p.m. The Seminar (designed to help current or future Chapter officers become more knowledgeable but anyone can attend for free) will be held on Saturday from 9:00 to 3:30 p.m. and then we make the 2½ hour ride home. We will stay at a motel one night. If you are interested I can organize car pools.

I hope you all have a great summer of research success.

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Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011	Genealogy Database Basics Computer Lab	<i>Librarian</i> 10:00 am	Genealogy and Local History Dept. Main Library Registration NOT required
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011	HCGS monthly meeting with special guest: <i>Doug Magee</i> . Mr. Magee will discuss the map holdings	<i>Doug Magee</i> 11:00 pm	Genealogy and Local History Dept. Huenefeld Tower Room, Main Library. Registration NOT required
Saturday, October 1, 2011	A Day With The Experts—Family History Fair	<i>Booths Staffed by Experts</i> 11:00—1:00	Genealogy and Local History Dept Main Library Registration NOT required
Saturday, October 1, 2011	Introduction to Family History Blogging Part 1—Getting Started	<i>Kathy Reed</i> 10:00 am	Genealogy and Local History Dept Main Library Registration NOT required (everyone is welcome)
Saturday, October 1, 2011	Tuning Up Your Blog—Computer Lab Participants MUST be computer literate and have an email account.	<i>Kathy Reed</i> 1:00 pm	Genealogy and Local History Dept Main Library Registration REQUIRED (everyone is welcome)

Please see our complete calendar listing at <http://hcgsohio.org>