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Webinar for Irish Research

October 19, 2011

By Mary Ann Faloon

Legacy Family Tree is hosting a free webinar on Irish Research on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 2:00 pm EDT. The webinar titled, "Ah hold your whist and tell me the true story": Uncovering your Irish Family History. It is presented by Jennifer Geraghty-Forman. Pre-registration is **required** at www.LegacyFamilyTree.com/webinars.asp. For those who are unable to attend live, the webinar will be posted on the website for a short period of time at no cost.

Online Irish Family History Forum

By Mary Ann Faloon

Find My Past, an Irish research website, has recently launched a series of online Forums dedicated solely to Irish research. Find My Past is a pay site; however, the Forums are open to anyone, regardless of experience level, who is registered at Find My Past. There is no cost to use the Forums, and no charge to register. Six different message boards are available. They are: *General Discussion*, *Using the Records*, *Tracing Specific Ancestors*, *Places and Geography in Ireland*, *Your finds and Success Stories*, and finally, *What does it mean to be Irish?* Simply post your message on one of the boards. Hopefully you will soon have responses and suggestions from Irish researchers around the world. Find the Forums in the blue bar across the top of the home page at <http://www.findmypast.ie>.

Probate Court Project Update

By Jim Dempsey

As of September 1st, the Probate Court digital imaging staff completed creating digital images for all 22 pre-1884 probate account books and all 13 pre-1884 probate inventory books. The volunteer transcribers have completed typing the indexes from 18 of the account books. I am in the process of sending out the remaining index images for typing. Because of many omissions and poor spelling, the time to verify the indexes is taking longer than expected. A more complete and detailed project status will be available in the January 2012 Gazette.

Access to Website Member Pages

by Jim Dempsey

As more members only material is added to our web site, many of our members have sent emails to me about Login problems. Non E-members may not have noticed that instructions are included each year in the member renewal package. This may be especially true of Life members who may not have noticed the instructions on the rear of the President's message. The renewal package will be going out soon. Be sure to look for the Login instructions and put them next to your computer for reference.

Volunteers needed for Facebook and Twitter

By Liz Stratton

If you love Facebook or Twitter, we have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. We are looking for someone who is an avid user of Facebook and/or Twitter to be the public face of the HCGS on these media. The time commitment is minimal. Ideally, we would like someone who will post upcoming events and local genealogical news of note. If you are interested, please contact Liz Stratton at Cliftongorge@gmail.com.

FamilySearch Wiki

By Liz Stratton

FamilySearch Wiki is growing. The Research Outlines that used to be found on the LDS website have been incorporated into FamilySearch Wiki. The Hamilton County Genealogical Society has adopted the Hamilton County, Ohio (<http://bit.ly/prHx5Z>) and Cincinnati Wiki pages (<http://bit.ly/rgjktu>). Some content has been added to the Wiki. But, like all good Wikis, the Hamilton County and Cincinnati pages are a work in progress. Content is built by individual contributors. We welcome your participation both as a contributor and as a reader!

Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

BY PATRICIA VAN SKAIK, MANAGER,
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Family History Month

Celebrate *Family History Month* this October at the Library by selecting from ten programs that provide opportunities to expand research skills and collaborate with fellow genealogists. Learn strategies for searching the un-indexed 1940 census, scheduled for release in 2012, at *Ready, Set, Go: Preparing for the 1940 Census Release* on October 15. Then use one of the nation's largest collections of city directories and begin the first step of the search. Encourage budding genealogists to attend *Those Before Us: Discover Your Family Roots*, presented at three branch locations across Hamilton County. No need to go to a graveyard for Halloween. Come to the Library a few days early and search cemeteries, as well as churches, newspapers, vital records and other extensive family history resources at the Genealogy and Local History **Lock-In** on Saturday, October 29, 6:30-11:30. Space is limited and registration is required. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/4xwmzgv> or call 369-6905 to make a reservation. (See calendar for program details.)

Collection Update

October marks the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the Genealogy & Local History Department. At its inception we expanded the browsing genealogy collection by 7,000 books and allowed room for growth. By this summer, all open stack genealogy shelves were filled. In order to accommodate our growing collection, we shifted our open stack genealogy periodicals to the wall that previously housed local yearbooks, which are now located in the closed stacks and can be requested at the Reference Desk. The shift allows room for another 1,000 books in the browsing area. Among the new titles moved into the vacant shelves are those covering Athens, Belmont, Clermont, Clinton, Gallia, Ottawa, and Ross counties, as well as resources from across the U.S.

Cincinnati's Baltimore Pike Cemetery records are now available on the Genealogy and Local History Department's microfilm wall, courtesy of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society. Dating back to 1854, it is

rumored that some of Baltimore Pike burials were re-interred from Washington Park. The set is a perfect compliment to *Find A Graves'* database of Baltimore Pike records, <http://tinyurl.com/3rjztcl>, which lists vital information and occasionally provides photographs of headstones, but rarely locations (section and lot) in the cemetery.

NEWSDEX

Newspaper articles, obituaries and death notices provide key information for genealogists. In August, the Library assigned responsibility for Cincinnati's local newspaper index, NEWSDEX, to the Genealogy and Local History (G&LH) Department. Steve Headley, former Manager of the Magazines and Newspapers Department, joins G&LH as the departmental indexer. In addition to maintaining current indexing, the department will place priority on retrospective indexing of death notices.

Cincinnati Panorama of 1848

Web access to the Cincinnati Panorama is now available on the Virtual Library, <http://1848.cincinnati.org>. Zoom and investigate Cincinnati's riverfront from your own device. Click on Points of Interest identified by markers to view a short history of selected locations complete with historical images and documents. G&LH librarians are hard at work developing additional Points of Interest. To share information about ancestors connected to Cincinnati's mid-19th century riverfront, contact Jim Mainger at: james.mainger@cincinnati.org or 369-6909. For an overview of the Panorama and its navigation, view <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIfyZ8uVYbM>.

Honoring Veterans

2011 commemorates the beginning of the Civil War Bicentennial. The Library will host Civil War programs through December, including a veteran's program with Amy Crow, co-sponsored by the Chapter. On Veterans Day 2011, the Library will dedicate a sequel to the *Homage to Those Who Gave Their Lives to Keep Us Free*, honoring Hamilton County residents that died in service to our country from the Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Volume I, dedicated in 1955, recorded and honored the Hamilton County lives lost in World War I, World War II and Korea.

President's Message

BY KENNY BÜRCK

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Membership packets are being mailed out to current members about November 1, 2011. We hope you will continue your membership for another year so you can keep up with all the news in genealogy for Hamilton County. We have re-activated the old Computer Interest Group, now called the Technology Interest Group, that will continue regular Chapter meetings about blogs and other new ways to use technology to assist you in locating new ancestors. There are several local or regional upcoming genealogical conferences in the next few years and many new local programs will soon be announced. Also please consider contributing to the J. Richard Abell Fund as a way to assist our Public Library in purchasing Ohio-related and other new genealogical publications. (J. Richard Abell was the Head of the Public Library Genealogy Department for over 30 years, now deceased.) We value all of you as our members.

Many activities are coming up in early 2012 and I wanted to let all members know of these opportunities. The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will have its Annual Conference in Cleveland, OH from April 12-14, 2012. (It will be at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati in April of 2013.) Then the National Genealogical Society will hold its annual conference at the Duke Energy Convention Center, May 9-12, 2012. We still need local volunteers so if you are not on the list and want to help, email me at kburck@juno.com to get on the volunteer list. For those with German ancestry, from June 11-13, the National Conference of the Palatines to America (a group researching German-speaking ancestors) will be in nearby Indianapolis, IN. Of course many informative Chapter programs are also planned for 2011 and 2012. With all the activity in early 2012, the Chapter will **NOT** be holding our Annual Spring Chapter Seminar which is normally the case when another major event is occurring in the spring locally.

Linda Dietrich was recently considered by the Board as a candidate for our new Chapter Program Director. The Board will vote on this at our next meeting. We thank Bev Breitenstein for her tenure as Program Director. She has moved a number of months ago to chair the Century Families Committee. Linda has been involved with many

organizations both professionally and as a volunteer. She is a member of Settlers & Builders (along with her mother, Marion, who is also an avid genealogist) and recently both were approved into Century Families of Hamilton County. Other Board changes are that Kathy Reed assumed the position of Recording Secretary, replacing Mark Schmidt who has assumed the duties of African-American Interest Group Chair. Kathy Reed is also on the First Families and Century Families committees and very active with our new and motivated Technology Interest Group.

Jeff Herbert, our Vice-President, moved to Texas two years ago for a work assignment and has now moved back to Cincinnati and we welcome him home. Liz Stratton not only became the Chair of our newly-named Technology Interest Group but in the near future will assume the duties of the Treasurer. Margie Mohr has been our Treasurer for many years and we also thank her for her years of service. Margie sometimes had to struggle through the maze of regulations and legal requirements with little support (as most of the Board also were not experts on these issues) but she always learned what was needed to be done and came through to get the job done. I want to again thank all the Chapter officers, board members, chairs and other volunteers for the hours of work they do for our organization. When Liz becomes the Treasurer, the At-Large Director position will be open and Jim Dempsey, who serves in many capacities for the Chapter, will be considered for that position. Jim has served on the Board for over 20 years and for the first time would be in a voting position on Chapter issues.

For the last several months the Chapter Board meetings have been held at the Panera Bread restaurant in Finneytown on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Due to remodeling of all Paneras we will soon be meeting in a new location and several sites are under consideration. Make sure you ask any Board member where we are meeting if you choose to attend. Everyone is welcome to attend any and all Board meetings.

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Thursday, October 13, 2011	Those Before Us: Discover Your Family Roots.	<i>Karen Everett and Librarian</i> 7:00 pm	Anderson Branch Library 513-369-6030
Monday, October 17, 2011	Those Before Us: Discover Your Family Roots	<i>Karen Everett and Librarian</i> 6:00 pm	Northside Branch Library 513-369-4449
Saturday, October 29, 2011	Genealogy Lock-in Please visit the online calendar http://hcgsohio.org or call 513-369-6905 for further information	6:30-11:30 pm	Genealogy and Local History Dept Main Library Pre-Registration REQUIRED
Saturday, November 12, 2011	Cincinnati and the Civil War conducted by local author and Historian Robert Wimberg.	<i>Robert Wimberg</i> 2:00 pm	Third Floor Program Space
Saturday, November 19, 2011	In honor of Veteran's Day. After Mustering Out: Researching Civil War Veterans: Conducted by renowned Genealogist, Amy Johnson Crow	<i>Amy Johnson Crow</i> 2:00 pm	Third Floor Program Space

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

Gazette Deadline: December 27, 2011

Tracer Deadline: December 27, 2011