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HCGS is now on Facebook and Blogger

By Liz Stratton

Follow HCGS on Blogger (<http://hcgsohio.blogspot.com>) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/HCGSOhio>) The HCGS Blog and Facebook Page give us another way to provide you with breaking news. Announcements of the availability of the *Gazette* and *Tracer* online will be made on both the Blog and Facebook. The HCGS Blog includes a Calendar of Events – a handy reference should you misplace your *Gazette* or *Tracer*. Our Facebook page will include reminders of upcoming events, announcements of new blog posts and other short items of interest.

The blog contains articles about current events and research in Hamilton Co., Ohio. If you don't typically read blogs, you can sign up to receive an email version. The email will include the text but no pictures. Please visit the blog to see the pictures. To sign up, look for the sign-up entry box on the navigation panel of the Blog (<http://hcgsohio.blogspot.com>), enter your email address and click 'submit.'

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Hamilton County (Ohio) Genealogical Society



Thanks to Liz Stratton, Kathy Reed, Jenny Davis, and Gail Burkholtz for administrating the Blog, Facebook and Calendar of Events!

Probate Court Project Update

By Jim Dempsey

All surviving Hamilton County probate accounts and inventories dated before March 28, 1884 have been converted to digital images. Thanks to the rapid work of all those who volunteered, all of those indexes have been typed. I am in the process of resolving the names where the spelling is in question and incorrect page numbers. As of mid December, 27% of the accounts and 0% of the inventory pages have been verified correct.

The accounts are in 23 books (7,246 names) and inventories in 13 books (3,050 names). Since I will be adding the names of all minor children plus any omissions, I estimate at least 300-400 names will be added before I am finished. I will provide more detail in the March 2012 *Tracer*.

I can't thank enough the volunteers who participated, the speed they accomplished a difficult task and willingness to do two and even three of the indexes. Those who contributed their time are: Marilyn Armstrong, Bob Brodbeck, Glenn Cornish, Irma David, Peg Fay-Feder, Jeff Herbert, Dan Jungclas, Dick Okenfuss, Kay Ryan, Fred Schroeder, Jerry Volker and Barbara Wegley.

Next *Tracer* in March, Not February

By Deb Cyprych

For the past five years *The Tracer*, the Chapter's journal, has been published in February, May, August and November due to its editor's commitment to another quarterly periodical, *Ohio Genealogy News* published by the Ohio Genealogical Society. The *Tracer* editor has ended her co-editorship of OGN and *The Tracer* will now resume its previous publication schedule in March, June, September and December. Members of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society received the last *Tracer* in November 2011, and the next issue will appear in March 2012. With *The Gazette's* publication schedule in January, April, July and October, Chapter members continue to receive the latest news about Hamilton County genealogy eight times a year. **Deadline to turn in articles for the March *Tracer* is January 27, 2012.**

President's Message

BY KENNY BÜRCK

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Most of you have sent in your renewal information for 2012. We hope you continue your membership for another year.

One of our members, Jenny Davis has joined our Board as our new Facebook coordinator. Jenny is also serving on the Technology Interest Group committee. Additionally we are looking into having a Twitter account. I want to again thank all of our Board and committee members for their volunteer service to our genealogical community.

Each year the Chapter pays for a compliance review of our financial records by a Certified Public Accountant to ensure we are following the best practices and everything is as it should be. We also have a Finance Committee to assist our Treasurer with other monetary decisions to make us wise stewards of our Chapter funds. Our 2012 budget has accepted at the November 19th Chapter meeting. Liz Stratton has assumed the duties as our new Chapter Treasurer as of January 2012.

We want to thank the many members who contributed to the J. Richard Abell Fund in 2011. This money goes to the downtown Public Library for the purchase of mostly Ohio-related books. We always contribute \$1,000.00 and in most years well over \$1,000.00 due to the generosity of our members.

Well it is time for New Year's resolutions. One for you could be to fill out your application and send in your documentation to join one of our three lineage societies, *First Families*, *Settlers & Builders* or *Century Families of Hamilton County*. Plans are already underway for a Heritage Day Luncheon in October 2012. All the information is on our website at hcgsohio.org or you may write the Chapter for application forms. Applications are also at

the downtown Public Library in a wooden rack in the Genealogy & Local History Dept. along with other genealogical information. It is a great accomplishment to honor our ancestors in this way and to preserve the information we have collected on our families.

On Sunday, January 22nd, the Chapter Board and committee chairs will be holding a special long-range planning meeting. While we always talk about what we want to do in the future at our Board meetings, this will be an opportunity to look at our by-laws and procedures and suggest any changes, to look at our Chapter benefits and program needs, and any other ideas that may come up. If you think you have some ideas to make us a better genealogical society, please let me know (Kenny at 513-260-0238 or kburck@juno.com) or you may also join us for the meeting.

Our January through May 2012 Chapter Board meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Perkins Restaurant on Hamilton Avenue at the Cross County Highway. All are welcome to attend.

The Chapter Board has approved the reprinting of a limited number of copies of *Volume 16, Walnut Hills German Protestant Cemetery 1843-1993*. This monster-sized volume has been out-of-print and we have had some asking for it so you can put your name on a list to reserve a copy. We don't have the exact price yet but it will be over \$100.00. We are also looking into producing some CDs of this volume that may be less expensive.



The program for the **National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference that will be held in Cincinnati May 9-12, 2012** is now online with all the registration details at the NGS website, www.ngsgenealogy.org. Don't miss this opportunity to attend a national genealogy conference without leaving home!

Irish Church Update

By Mary Ann Faloon

Two websites provide searchable databases for Irish Church Records. Both sites added additional records earlier this fall.

Irish Genealogy is run by the Dept. of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and as a government agency provides all information at no cost. In October, IrishGenealogy.ie added data for seven Roman Catholic parishes in Dublin. Fifteen Roman Catholic parishes in Cork have also been added. These are in addition to the existing records available for Kerry (Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland), Carlow (Church of Ireland), and previous

records for Dublin (Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, and Presbyterian.) Records at Irish Genealogy include all names associated with the event, including the participants and sponsors or witnesses.

Roots Ireland provides free searches of their databases, including an advanced search option. There is a fee to view all information in the record. In November, the first records for County Monaghan were added. These include three Roman Catholic parishes and three Church of Ireland parishes. County Waterford records were added in October. Records for County Wicklow were added last June. County Wexford is the next County on the schedule.

Check each website to find the specific records available in their databases.

Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

BY Patricia Van Skaik, Manager,
GENEALOGY and Local History Department

2012 Off to a Great Start

Generosity

We start the New Year recognizing the generosity of genealogists towards the Library. For more than 20 years, the Hamilton County Genealogical Society has raised money from its members for the J. Richard Abell Trust Fund, which the Society established to support purchases for Ohio related genealogy materials. We started the year off with a donation from the Chapter of \$1,300. This money was augmented by other donations: a bequest from the Warren Joy estate for \$1,000; donations from individuals directly to the Library; and honoraria from genealogy conferences in appreciation of presentations by Genealogy and Local History librarians.

Book donations boost our collection and add to its exceptional status. We received over 100 genealogy related books in 2011, including compiled family histories, Civil War regimental histories, transcribed records from nearby Ohio counties and further away locales like Alabama and Canada. Many of the books were unique items, such as bank account ledgers, or copies with few remaining originals, such as yearbooks and alumni directories. Others were the latest published works, some with small print runs. None of the donations were available online.

1937 Flood

Few events in Cincinnati's history evoke so much interest as the 1937 Flood, our city's worst natural disaster. The flood is a great source of family stories. In recognition of the 75th anniversary of The Flood, the Library will present an exhibit, *River Still Rising: The 1937 Flood* in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room, opening on January 14. On Flood Remembrance Day, January 28, the Library will host a series of flood related programs (see calendar for details). During the entire month, we will record video interviews of first hand accounts of the 1937 Flood. To participate, contact Brian Powers at 369-6907 to schedule an appointment.

Programs

Genealogists know that knowledge of an ancestor's home adds great depth to family histories. Many genealogists harbor a fascination for historic houses and some have even conducted

house histories. This month we begin a series entitled *My Cincinnati House*. The series opens with Jim Creech's house built in the heart of Over-the-Rhine in 1847. Jim tells us that when he bought the 140 year old house he didn't know he would "be moving in with the many people who preceded (him) and whose lives left their imprint on the property." See calendar for more details.

This year's Black History Month lecture series focuses exclusively on genealogy as we present *Who Do You Know You Are?* Genealogy and Local History librarian Brian Powers has worked with local politician William Mallory, educator John Bryant, and musician Bootsy Collins, tracing their family histories. Join us for this fascinating exploration of their genealogies and formative years in Cincinnati. See calendar for details.

Library Services Tailored to You

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County continues to develop services tailored to its customers. In 2011, we recognized that a "one size fits all card" does not work for all our customers. While we encourage our users to obtain a full service card, some of researchers who only use reference books and computer access may find that an Internet-only card best fits their needs. Paper guest passes now only allow one hour of Library computer access/day, but Internet-only cards can be used all day. These cards can be obtained at the Genealogy and Local History reference desk and require proof of identification. Out of town visitors can request a temporary library card with all day computer access privileges and all can use the Library's wifi on their personal devices for the catalog, Internet, and free access to subscription databases, such as Ancestry.com.

Boopsie

Tech minded genealogist will be excited to hear about an app offered by the Library early this year for smart phones and tablets. The free Boopsie app will allow customers to check out books using their phones. A feature that's sure to be popular with genealogists on the road is the ability to use a phone or tablet to scan the barcode of a book at another library or from a book vendor and determine whether our Library owns the book. If we don't, use Boopsie to send a request for purchase on the spot.

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Saturday, February 4, 2012	We Know Who We Are, African American History Month Series	<i>William Mallory</i> (Politics) 2:00 pm	Genealogy and Local History Dept. Main Library
Saturday, February 11, 2012	We Know Who We Are, African American History Month Series	<i>Dr. John Bryant</i> (Education) 2:00 pm	Genealogy and Local History Dept. Main Library
Saturday, February 25, 2012	We Know Who We Are, African American History Month Series	<i>Bootsy Collins</i> (Music) 2:00 pm	Genealogy and Local History Dept. Main Library
Saturday, March 10, 2012	The Cincinnati Irish 1850-1860 Prejudice, Problems and Prospects	<i>Mary Ann Faloon & Eileen Muccino</i> 11:00 am	Huenefeld Tower Room Main Library
Wednesday-Saturday May 9-12, 2012	National Genealogical Convention <i>Check out website below for times, details, and events</i> www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info		Duke Energy Convention Center Cincinnati, OH

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