



# THE GAZETTE

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## Fee Change for IFHF By Mary Ann Faloon

The Irish Family History Foundation (RootsIreland.ie) has been providing access to genealogical sources for many years. Many of these sources are church records that are not available elsewhere online. While access to individual records have always been fee based (€5.00 per record), index searches were available at no charge. That has changed as of March 22, 2012.

Searches are now included, at a nominal cost, in a credit system. The cost of the credits is progressively dependent on the number of credits purchased. The "fee" for an index search, with up to ten search results, is one credit. The "fee" to download a record is 25 credits. Thirty-Five credits cost €5.00 or about \$6.60 at the current exchange rate. The cost for 750 credits is €60.00 or about \$79.60. So, while we now need to pay for the searches, the actual cost to view the record is less - €3.57 when only 35 credits are purchased down to €2.00 when 750 credits are purchased.

To ease the burden, new subscribers, those registered after March 18, 2012, will receive ten free searches. I have been a user for a number of years, and when I tried searching after the fee change, I also received ten free searches.

Researchers will have more success, and less cost, by providing as much information as possible in the search criteria. You do have the option of changing your search criteria without a fee before purchasing a record.

Please note that purchased records are transcriptions of the data, not actual copies of the record. You can view samples of each type of record at <http://www.rootsireland.ie/index.php?>

## Gazette Change By Liz Stratton

The *Gazette* will be changing its publication dates to better serve our members. The *Gazette* will now be published in August, November and February. The new timing was chosen to provide advance notice of upcoming Chapter programs. Please submit any articles to the *Gazette* editor, Jane Edgar, [jhedgar2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jhedgar2002@yahoo.com) by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

## Nat'l Genealogical Conference in Cincinnati By Kenny Burck

### It Is NOT Too Late to Register and Attend!

This could be your genealogical chance of a lifetime. The National Genealogical Society Conference will be at the Duke Energy Convention Center **May 9-12** (just a little more than one month away). The early bird discount deadline has passed **BUT** you can still sign up for the Conference and meals on the NGS website or by U.S mail by April 24, **OR** you can attend as a walk-in on any single day or for the entire conference if you miss the April 24 deadline. No meals can be ordered after April 24th. See the NGS website, [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info), for all details.

Another option is to just come down and volunteer. While you are there you **CAN** visit the more than 150 exhibitors and see an amazing array of supplies relating to genealogy. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Jean Nathan at [ngsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:ngsvolunteers@gmail.com) if you choose to volunteer. The local sponsors (the Ohio Genealogical Society and the Hamilton County Genealogical Society) hope to make a little money from the Conference so your efforts will promote a great conference and help all three non-profit groups obtain additional funds that eventually assist all genealogists.

Contact Kenny Burck with any questions at [kburck@juno.com](mailto:kburck@juno.com) or 513-260-0238. Hope to see you at the Conference!



# President's Message

BY KENNY BÜRCK

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Don't miss this chance to attend a National Genealogy Conference on May 9-12, 2012 right here in Cincinnati. The program is online with all the registration details at the National Genealogical Society (NGS) website, [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org). You can pay to attend, or let me know if you'd just like to volunteer. If you register for the conference by email or U.S. Mail they must receive it by April 21<sup>st</sup> or you must register in person at the Convention Center. The Chapter is sponsoring a Tuesday afternoon Cincinnati bus tour and a Wednesday night event at the Museum Center during the Conference. Remember it is free to come to the Duke Energy Convention Center and see all the 150 plus genealogy vendors. Our Chapter is also having a booth.

I hope this is the year that you 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 on November 3<sup>rd</sup> when the certificates and medals will be presented. All the information is on our website at [hcgsohio.org](http://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.

The Chapter Nominating Committee has asked all the current Chapter officers and director about their intention to continue to serve in some capacity, we checked around to fill open positions and came up with a slate for the 2012-2014 election cycle. The election will take place at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter meeting. Of course nominations can be made by members at the meeting.

Because we are not having our Annual Spring Seminar due to the heavy time commitment of our members for the NGS Conference, we will presenting awards to some of our members at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter meeting. This is an opportunity to thank someone for doing a great job of volunteering for our Chapter. Any member can nominate someone for a Chapter award. The process is to let me know or any Board member and the Awards Committee

will take it under consideration.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> the Chapter Board and committee chairs held a long-range planning meeting. While we always talk about what we want to do in the future at our Board meetings, this was an opportunity to look at our by-laws and procedures, Chapter benefits and program needs and any other ideas. After about three hours of brainstorming all kinds of hopes, wishes and dreams of what we can do as a Chapter, we consolidated the ideas into groups and then those present volunteered to join a committee to look into what could be done to implement any of the workable long range plans. The groups consist of bylaws, education, programs, financial planning, etc.

The Chapter bylaws have not been revised since 2001. A committee of Margie Mohr, Kathy Reed, Jean Morrison & Kenny Burck have already met a few times to make changes and then the entire board had their input into the suggested changes. The plan was to make the bylaws reflect how we currently operate our Chapter and bring them up-to-date to meet 501c(3) federal regulations. The plan is to publish the bylaws (or the changes) and then ask for a vote at a future Chapter meeting.

The Chapter now has available a limited number of copies of two of our out-of-print books on a CD. They are *Volume 3, Vine Street Hill Cemetery 1852-1977* and *Volume 16, Walnut Hills German Protestant Cemetery 1843-1993*.

Our April & May 2012 Chapter Board meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Perkins Restaurant on Hamilton Avenue at the Cross County Highway. All members are welcome to attend.



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

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

### 1940 Census

On April 2, the National Archives electronically released the long-awaited 1940 census, displayed for free through five database providers: the *National Archives and Records Administration*, *FamilySearch International*, *Ancestry.com*, *findmypast.com* and *Archives.com*. Librarians in the Genealogy and Local History Department (G&LH) are standing by to assist with 1940 census research, including: navigation of the individual databases, the logistics of census searches, troubleshooting, and recommending alternate approaches or database providers.

Initially, the major obstacle to 1940 census research is the lack of a surname index. Currently access to the 1940 census requires a geographic approach through an exact street address or a census enumeration district. City directories provide the most direct method for establishing street addresses. Unfortunately, comprehensive online city directory coverage is limited. To facilitate the geographic search, the Genealogy and Local History Department has acquired microfilm copies of 1940/1941 city directories from over 3,000 cities, villages and small towns across the United States. Contact G&LH at 513-369-6905 or send an email to [history@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:history@cincinnati.library.org) to find out city directory coverage for a city of interest. In addition, online city directories for Cincinnati from 1819 through 1941 are available on the Library's Virtual Library, <http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.library.org/>

While the database providers have promised improved browsing functionality for the 1940 census, browsing through an entire district can be more efficient with microfilm copies instead of individually loading each electronic page. To provide alternate options to view the records, the Public Library placed orders for microfilm copies of Ohio 1940 census schedules on April 2. Watch for updates about their arrival.

### New Microfilm Machines

City directory and census searches, as well as viewing other microfilm records, will be greatly enhanced with the arrival of new microfilm machines. Scheduled for installation mid-April, the new machines come with easy to load features; and the ability to copy, cut and paste relevant sections; and options for emailing content or saving to USB drives. These machines blend the best features of the microfilm and digital worlds.

### Panorama Points of Interest

This May marks the first anniversary of installation of the Cincinnati Panorama of 1848 in the Main Library and its electronic counterpart, <http://1848.cincinnati.library.org/>, with zoom capability, and drill down options, linking to historical narratives and descriptions, original documents and further reading for 30 selected Points of Interest in the historic photograph. Librarians from G&LH have added six more Points of Interest, scheduled to go live in May. Three of the new Points of Interest join the "Fred Schierberg" Point of Interest with a specifically defined genealogical focus. The new Points illustrate the lives of Jewish immigrants, free African Americans, and Irish immigrants and their families.

### National Genealogical Society Conference

On May 9-12, residents of Greater Cincinnati will have the rare opportunity to attend a National Genealogy Conference without leaving town, as the National Genealogical Society Conference comes to Cincinnati. Genealogists from across the country will travel to Cincinnati to attend presentations and also research at our top ranked genealogy collection. Organizers were impressed not only with the Library's strong local collection but also with its scope covering all 50 states, noting that many of the materials here are not available online. Cincinnati librarians will play an active role in the conference, making presentations, giving tours and assisting conference attendees. I encourage you to attend the conference and also make year round use of the valuable resource that draws so many genealogists to town, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

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Saturday April 21, 2012 10:00 am—1:30 pm	Life Stories behind the Facts—process and results on an Irish Family	<b>Dr. Frank “Mike” Davis</b>	Main Library, 800 Vine St. Genealogical & Local History Dept Third Floor
Saturday April 21, 2012 7:30 pm	Genealogical Computing	<b>Dave Vickers</b>	Otterbein Retirement Community 585 N. State Rt. 741 (north of Rt. 63) Lebanon, OH
Monday May 7, 2012 6:00 pm	How Do You Find Out Who You Are?	<b>Karen Everett</b>	Mariemont Branch Library 3810 Pocahontas Ave.
Wednesday-Saturday May 9-12, 2012	National Genealogical Convention <i>Check out website below for times, details, and events</i> <a href="http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info">www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info</a>		Duke Energy Convention Center Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday May 15, 2012 6:00 pm	How Do You Find Out Who You Are?	<b>Karen Everett</b>	Pleasant Ridge Library 6233 Montgomery Rd.

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

Also follow us on **Facebook** (<http://www.facebook.com/HCGSOhio>) and **Blogger** (<http://hcgsohio.blogspot.com>)

**Gazette Deadline: July 27, 2012**

**Tracer Deadline: April 27, 2012**