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Using DNA to Enhance Your Genealogy By Kathy Reed

By now I'm sure you've heard the "hype" about using DNA to enhance your genealogy. However, is it all it's cracked up to be? How does a Y-DNA test compare/contrast with a mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) test or an autosomal DNA test? Several companies provide these tests. Is there a difference -- an advantage to using one company over the other? What can I realistically hope to learn? I've heard some of them give you information on what your DNA could say about your health. Is the information reliable? Is your DNA your destiny?

These are questions I've tried to answer for myself since I first convinced a brother to give me a sample for FamilyTree DNA several years ago. (I needed a male to identify my paternal haplogroup). Confused yet?

In an attempt to answer these and other questions you may have, the Technology Program Committee of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society will be offering a half-day seminar on January 25th from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Main Library. Kathy Reed, Program Director, will conduct two of the three one-hour sessions scheduled for the seminar. Her daughter, a Certified Genetic Counselor, will present the third session and discuss how to interpret the health results that are a part of the 23andme service.

If you've been considering having your DNA analyzed through one of the three companies mentioned, you may want to submit a sample so that you can have a better understanding of your results. Each service has its advantages, but 23andme is the only service that also includes health results. As it takes a couple of months to get results, it may be something you want to consider doing soon should you want to have results by January.

Please note that neither Kathy nor her daughter or HCGS have a financial interest in 23andme. However, much of what will be

discussed will apply to the autosomal test available through 23andme. This test takes into account ALL of your ancestry (not just maternal or paternal direct lines), as well as health results. Mark your calendar and get your questions answered in January.

Links to companies that use DNA for Genealogy:

Ancestry <http://dna.ancestry.com>
Family Tree DNA <http://familytreedna.com>
23and me <http://23andme.com>

All three companies currently offer an autosomal test for \$99. 23andme will offer a second kit at 20% off ordered at the same time.

Membership Renewal By Eileen Muccino and Jenny Davis

Our new website is scheduled to go live on November 1. In October, each Member will receive information about a new login name and password in their Membership Renewal notice. In addition to the renewal mailing, we will send a reminder in email. Details will also be included on how to access the Members Area to:

- indicate your areas of interest in HCGS
- change your login name and password
- review your contact information
- choose your email preferences for notices and reminders
- access indexes to more than 300,000 marriage and death notices

Please take the time to visit the new website, at www.hcgsohio.org, beginning November 1 to experience this valuable membership benefit. And don't forget to provide any updated information, including your email address, when you send in your dues for 2014.

Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

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

Family History “Month”

October is Family History Month. On October 5, we kick off the celebration with Experts Day. In addition to tours and free consultations with over 20 local experts, this year’s Experts Day programs focus on orphan research with *The Tracer* editor Deb Cyprych and *Orphans with Parents* author Marian Crawford Stover. Throughout the month, the Library will present programs on YouTube Genealogy, Black Brigade Ancestry, introductory classes at branch libraries, and a genealogy lock-in, where registration is required.

Family History programs are not limited to October. In September, we began a four part genealogy series at the Symmes Branch. Class 2 in November will focus on web-based genealogy sources. On November 9, Curt Witcher of the Allen County Public Library presents *From Bayonets to Bombshells: Sources for Documenting the Military Service of Our Families*. This program continues a 20 year “Veterans Day” tradition where the Society and the Library co-sponsor programs to honor military ancestors. (See Calendar for all program details.)

Also in October, the Genealogy and Local History Department will launch individual Tuesday afternoon one-on-one consultations with a librarian. Register by calling 513-369-6905 or emailing history@cincinnati.library.org to schedule a ½ hour of uninterrupted assistance from one of the department’s reference librarians. As with all of the services and programs offered by the Library, these consultations are free.

Kentucky Resources

This summer we bolstered our Kentucky resources with 469 reels of microfilm covering Kenton, Campbell and Boone county marriage records, deeds, and wills. Given the number of Ohioans, particularly Cincinnatians, who married or at one time lived in Kentucky, these records are an invaluable addition to the collection.

New Copiers and Printers

All Library locations have installed new photocopiers and printers. Not only is the quality of the prints improved, but the value is now stored on cardholders accounts, instead of on the physical cards. With this function, if a card is lost or damaged, the value is not lost, but remains on the customer’s account. In fact, it is not even necessary to bring the physical card to the Library to make copies and prints. Money can be directly loaded to a Li-

brary card account at any photocopy machine station at any Library location. To immediately transfer money from an existing Library card or vendacard to a Library account, visit any Library service desk.

Surname Heat Map

Many genealogists use the research database, *Reference USA*, to locate contact information of “cousins” who may share the same ancestry. *Reference USA* has added a new feature, a surname heat map, which can help establish migration patterns and locate clusters of descendants. After clicking on the “Research and Homework-Databases” section of the Library’s website, cincinnati.library.org, click on “R” for *Reference USA*, and then select the “Standard U.S. White Pages” option. After entering the surname, click on the map option on the results page. The map offers a fascinating perspective of surname dispersal. Note the heat map is limited to names with 50,000 or less occurrences.

African American Civil War Veterans’ Grave Markers Update

One year after the Genealogy and Local History Department embarked on the search for descendants of seven African American Civil War veterans buried in unmarked graves in Cincinnati’s Wesleyan Cemetery, the veterans were honored with tombstones. Over the course of the year and based on genealogical research, the Veterans Administration amended their “next of kin” regulation. On September 28, John Yates, Taylor Bowen, George Washington, Henry Clay, Richard B. Gordon, (another) George Washington and Daniel Harris Robison received their long overdue and well deserved memorial headstones. Two descendants of the veterans were present at the installation ceremony.

Civil War and River History Exhibits

Don’t miss exhibits this fall at the Main Library that add dimension to the lives of 19th and early 20th century ancestors. From the battlefield to the home front, music played an important part in the lives of Americans during the Civil War. Sheet music from this era is on display through December featuring vibrant chromolithograph illustrations covering themes including Abraham Lincoln, African Americans, grand marches, children of the battlefield, mothers of military sons, and patriotic tunes.

Navigating the River, on exhibit in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room through November 17, captures the spirit of waterways that played a major role in the development of Cincinnati and other river cities. The rivers, which carried goods and provided jobs, also brought native born and immigrant ancestors to their new homes. Culled from the Inland Rivers Library collection, the exhibition features maps, charts and personal logs used to navigate these waters.

President's Message

BY JEFF HERBERT

As fall approaches with cooler weather, we have lots to share with you in the coming months as we conclude 2013 and celebrating our 40th anniversary as a Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. The last issue of the Tracer contained the announcement of many excellent upcoming programs and events, but I would like to remind you of a few special events to be sure to mark on your calendar.

We are having a combined Heritage Program Recognition and 40th Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday, November 2nd at Clovernook Country Club. We look forward to welcoming you and your guests - it is not necessary to be inducted to attend the lunch and the program. Our guest speaker will be Lester Horwitz, and the topic is John Hunt Morgan's Raid in honor of the 150th anniversary of the famous raid through Hamilton County during the Civil War. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this combined celebration. We are looking forward to welcome a large audience for the luncheon, program and celebration.

The following weekend, Saturday, November 9th we will welcome the nationally recognized speaker and head of the Allen County Library Genealogy Department, Curt Witcher, who will give our annual Veterans Day program, "From Bayonets to Bombshells". This is also a must for all researchers who want to use military records.

October is Family History month, and is packed full of programs on German research, beginner and introductory classes, the technology lock-in, and the family history fair. Please check the calendar for specific times and locations, and invite someone that might be interested in beginning their family history to tag along. I promise that they won't be disappointed with any of the many remaining programs and events that we have lined up to conclude our 40th anniversary celebration year.

In the next few weeks, you will receive your renewal information for 2014. Please read all the material carefully as it will have instructions to login in to our new website, which will be available on November 1st. We will still use the same URL www.hcgsohio.org, but it will have a completely new look and feel as well as much more online content and research material. You will find it to be more flexible and user friendly. You will be able to do more searching from home. This is the first phase of our new approach to include more online material for Hamilton County researchers; and there's much more to come in 2014. If you have any questions as you begin to login to the new *member's only* area, please contact the website link with questions or problems.

On August 31st our book drive of gently used genealogy books for the OGS library concluded with a research trip to the library in Bellville, Ohio to personally deliver over 150 books that were collected from various Chapter members. The library was very appreciative of the work the Hamilton County Chapter did for

the benefit of its collection. I was able to join the group of researchers that drove to Bellville, and as the first time researching there, I was very impressed with their collection and facility. I would recommend a trip there if you are researching Ohio counties or are interested in their lineage society papers from other researchers. Many thanks to all of you that donated books to this effort, one of several activities of our 40th Anniversary celebration.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors for recently meeting on a Sunday afternoon for a strategic planning session. We discussed many projects and ways to continue to improve our chapter in 2014 and beyond. Special thanks also to the Tech team for all the extra effort and energy they have spent since January to prepare for our great new website, which will go live on November 1st.

Our regular board meetings resumed in September after our summer break on the 3rd Thursday of each month. All chapter members are welcome to attend.

Cincinnati Main Library Busiest

By Jean Morrison

From *SENIOR LIFE*, October 2013 Issue.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's Main Library is the busiest central library in the United States for the second year in a row, according to the recently released 2013 Public Library Data Service statistical report, published annually by the Public Library Association, the largest division of the American Library Association. The 2013 PLDS report was based on survey responses collected from 1,400 public libraries in the United States and Canada for the fiscal year 2012.

According to the survey, the Main Library loaned more materials (nearly 6.6 million) including books, e-books, and downloadables, DVDs and audio books during 2012 than any other central library in the U.S. More than 38 percent of the materials loaned by the entire library system are checked out at the Main Library.

Probate Court Journals Update

By Jim Dempsey

Indexes for 32 Hamilton County Probate Court probate journals have been completed, with 10 volumes to go. When we started, I estimated there might be 20,000 names. Indexed already with 26,371 names on over 17,000 pages have been completed by our dedicated volunteers. I now believe there will be over 34,000 names covering 21,000 pages when completed.

Although currently busy working on the new website, I still plan to have the 26,371 names on the new website by December 2013. The volunteers have done a fantastic job helping to bring thousands of Cincinnatians from the 1800's into the light.



CELEBRATE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Day with the Experts*

Saturday, October 5

Main Library, Genealogy & Local History Department

Family History Month kick-off event features tours, classes, presentations, and free genealogy consultations with experts.

Tours—10:00 a.m. & Noon

Discover the Library's top ranked and vast family history resources through a guided tour.

Records of Children in Hamilton County Institutions—11:00 a.m.

Join Deb Cyprych, professional genealogist and editor of Hamilton County Genealogical Society's *The Ticker*, as she discusses strategies for searching elusive historic children's records.

Individual Consultation with Experts—Noon-2:00 p.m.

Need assistance getting started or finding an elusive ancestor or record? Twenty experts with specializations including African American, German, and Irish genealogy as well as land records, maps, and newspapers share their expertise.

Orphans with Parents: A True Story—2:00 p.m.

"Unwanted by our parents, my nine brothers and sisters and I grew up in the orphanage." Hear the true story behind her struggle with Orphans with Parents author, Marion Crawford Stewart.

YouTube Genealogy

Saturday, October 12—11:00 a.m.

Main Library, 3rd Floor Program Space

Genealogists can now bring their ancestors to life through video! Join Patricia Van Skalk, Manager of the Genealogy & Local History Department, to discover latest practices for discovering, capturing, creating, and sharing family histories through the online platform, YouTube.

Black Brigade Ancestry**

Saturday, October 12—2:00 p.m.

Main Library, 3rd Floor Program Space

Discover historic facts behind the Black Brigade Monument located at Cincinnati's new Smale Riverfront Park. Conducted by Dr. Charles Dillard, a direct descendant of a Black Brigade member.

Introductory Genealogy Classes at Branch Libraries

October 15: North Central Branch,
7:00 p.m.*

October 21: Mariemont Branch,
6:00 p.m.*

October 28: Forest Park Branch,
6:00 p.m.*

Genealogy Lock-In* (Registration is required.)

Saturday, October 26
6:30-11:30 p.m.

Join fellow genealogists for after-hours research and mini-computer lab. Contact the Genealogy & Local History Department or visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Programs to register.

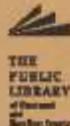
One-on-One Consultations (Registration is required.)

Tuesdays

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

30 minute sessions, Genealogy & Local History Department

Reserve a spot and bring your research notes with you for a private session with a genealogy librarian.



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IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

From Bayonets to Bombshells:

SOURCES FOR DOCUMENTING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF OUR FAMILIES



*Saturday,
November 9*

2:00 p.m.

HUENEFELD TOWER ROOM

Curt B. Witcher is the Senior Manager for Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Curt is a member of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association, a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society, and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society.

Curt's interests are in United States local history, migration history and settlement patterns, African American research, First Nations/Native American research, and preserving living history.



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**October 2013-April 2014
Program Calendar**

Saturday, October 5, 2013 10:00 am—3:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">“A Day with the Experts” Family History Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tour and Orientation to the Genealogy and Local History Department -10:00 am</i> • <i>Records of Children in Hamilton County Institutions with Deb Cyprych—11:00 am</i> • <i>Free individual consultations with regional experts pertaining to Genealogy and/or Local History-12:00-2:00 p.m.</i> • <i>Orphan’s with Parents: A True Story with author Marian Crawford Stover –2:00 pm</i> 		Third Floor Main Library, 800 Vine Street
Tuesday, October 8, 2013 6:00 pm	“Genealogy and Local History Department Resources”	Librarians	Amelia Public Library 58 Maple Avenue (513) 752-5580
Saturday, October 12, 2013 11:00 am	“YouTube Genealogy”	Patricia Van Skaik	Third Floor Program Space Main Library, 800 Vine Street
Saturday, October 12, 2013 2:00 pm	“Black Brigade Ancestry” 706 African Americans who helped defend Cincinnati in September 1862, http://goo.gl/WoMU3g	Dr. Charles Dillard	Third Floor Program Space Main Library, 800 Vine Street
Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:00 pm	“An Introduction to Genealogy”	Librarians	North Central Branch Library 11109 Hamilton Avenue (513) 369-6068
Thursday, October 17, 2013 7:00 pm	“Germans from the Tri-State in the Civil War”	Don Heinrich Tolzmann	Kenton County Public Library 502 Scott Street Covington, KY
Saturday, October 19, 2013 2:00 pm	“Civil War Hospitals”	Jack Simon	Huenefeld Tower Room Main, Library, 800 Vine Street
Monday, October 21, 2013 6:00 pm	“An Introduction to Genealogy”	Librarians	Mariemont Branch Library 3810 Pocahontas Avenue (513) 369-4467
Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:30 pm – 11:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">“Genealogy Lock-In” Research after-hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reservations required: 513-369-6905</i></p>		Second and third floors Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati

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

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**October 2013-April 2014
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Saturday, October 26, 2013 7:00 – 9:30 pm	HCGS MINI-TECH PROGRAMS <i>Offered at the Genealogy Lock-In: FamilySearch, Google Books, Dropbox, Social Media, & new HCGS Website Reservations, 513-369-6905</i>	<i>Liz Stratton, Kathy Reed, Gail Burkholz, Amy Hartman, & Jenny Davis</i>	Third floor computer lab Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati
Monday, October 28, 2013 6:00 pm	“An Introduction to Genealogy”	<i>Librarians</i>	Forest Park Branch Library 655 Waycross Road (513) 369-4478
Saturday, November 2, 2013 11:15 am	HCGS 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND HERITAGE LUNCHEON <i>Reservations Required - (See page 95 of THE TRACER).</i>	<i>Lester Horwitz: Morgan’s Raid</i>	Clovernook Country Club 2035 Galbraith Road North College Hill
Saturday, November 9, 2013 2:00 pm	HCGS PROGRAM “From Bayonets to Bombshells: Sources for Documenting the Military Service of Our Families”	<i>Curt Witcher</i>	Third floor, Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati
Saturday, November 23, 2013 2:00 pm	“The Drummer Boy of Shiloh: Illustrated Sheet Music of the Civil War.” <i>Conducted by Prof. Theresa Leininger-Miller</i>		Huenefeld Tower Room 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati
Monday, November 25, 2013 7:00 pm	“Genealogy Websites: An Introduction!” Part 2 of 4	<i>Librarians</i>	Symmes Township Branch Library 11850 Enyart Road (513) 369-6001
Saturday, January 25, 2014 10:00 am—1:00 pm	HCGS Program “Using DNA to Enhance Your Genealogy”	<i>Kathy Reed</i>	Third floor, Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati
Monday, January 27, 2014 7:00 pm	“African American/Civil War Genealogy” Part 3 of 4	<i>Librarians</i>	Symmes Township Branch Library 11850 Enyart Road (513) 369-6001
Saturday, April 12, 2014	HCGS ANNUAL SEMINAR	<i>Michael Lacopo</i>	Mill Race Banquet Center 1515 West Sharon Road

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