



# THE GAZETTE

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## A few seats left for the Michael Lacopo Seminar!

By Kenny Burck

There are a few seats left and it's not too late to register for the April 12th Annual Seminar with Michael Lacopo. The registration form and topics of the program can be found on this issue of *The Gazette* on page 4 or on page 3 of the *March Tracer*.

The seminar is being held at the Winton Woods Golf Course on Sharon Road. If you have any questions, please call Kenny Burck on 513-851-9549.

## Surveying Land Records For Genealogical Gold added additional Practicums!

By Liz Stratton

Thank you to all who attended "Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold." The practicums filled up quickly and additional sessions have been added. If you have reserved your spot in the April 5th and April 19th practicums at 1:00 PM, please come as scheduled. If you are on a waiting list, you have automatically been placed in the newly added session at 10:00 AM.

There are still some additional spots available for the following sessions:

**Practicum 3, "Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold: Reading and Interpreting Deeds," 10:00 AM, Saturday, April 5th.**

**Practicum 4, "Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold: Introduction to Property Maps," 10:00 AM, Saturday April 19th.**

All sessions will be held in the PLCH Computer Lab, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, behind the genealogy book stacks. Space is limited please contact Kathy Reed at [khreed@cinci.rr.com](mailto:khreed@cinci.rr.com), if you have not already registered and wish to attend.

## DNA Program—May 21st

By Kathy Reed

Due to the fact that we experienced a Level II Snow Emergency in Cincinnati on January 25th, many who wanted to attend the DNA and Genealogy program were not able to. I was recently invited to do the presentation for the Warren County Genealogical Society on Wednesday, May 21st, at 7:30 PM. It will be a shortened version of the original seminar.

Warren County has graciously agreed to allow members of Hamilton and Clermont County Genealogical Societies to attend. Included in the presentation will be a discussion of the various kinds of DNA tests available as well as a comparison of the companies that provide these tests. Learn to distinguish which test would match your genealogical goals. The information and location are listed below:

7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio.

## Better Know Your HCGS Website!

By Kathy Reed and Jenny Davis

Kathy Reed and Jenny Davis will discuss the great new features available on the Hamilton County Genealogical Society website at 1:00 pm at the Main Library in Room 3A.

Members are encouraged to bring their laptops or tablets, if they want some hands-on experience.

Hamilton County Genealogical Society board elections will also be held.

**Please note that *The Tracer* deadline is early this quarter. The due date is April 15th instead of April 27th.**

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

**BY Patricia Moseley Van Skaik, Manager,  
Genealogy and Local History Department**

### Springing into Spring with a New Archives

Necessity is the mother of invention! The replacement of the Main Library roof required the removal of all fragile and archival materials stored in the Library's closed stacks to another protected area, which would become the archive's expanded new home. Over the month of March, the Genealogy & Local History Department (G&LH) with assistance from other Library departments moved over 2,500 books; over 3,000 loose prints; framed art of all sizes; more than 100 containers of photographs, film and slides; hundreds of tubes of architectural drawings and steamboat engine plans; hundreds of boxes of manuscripts; and dozens of objects and artifacts, many of which have local history and genealogical significance, to a new facility in the Main Library.

Data collection devices installed in the new archives showed an immediate improvement in environmental conditions over the old facility with regard to air quality, temperature and humidity, the secret enemies to collections. Because Genealogy and Local History staff members literally touched every item, they used the opportunity to inventory and track every item that moved from one cage area to another, place many materials in acid free containers or wrapping, label boxed materials, and identify items for future conservation treatment and appraisal. All items in the new archives are stored on shelves or cabinets, and oversized prints and objects are properly supported on customized shelves. The new behind-the-scenes facility and its arrangement will not only offer better protection for the materials, but will also facilitate a streamlined workflow and improve access to the materials. Items from all of the Library's secured storage areas, including the Archives, can be viewed in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room.

### Collection Update

The year got off to a great start. Additions to the genealogy collection covered Virginia, Massachusetts, Illinois, Kentucky and Canada, along with Native American resources (Choctaw newborn lists from the Indian Territory). For exact titles, see the Library acquisition list in the upcoming issue of *The Tracer*.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Obituaries

Twenty-first century obituaries, which contain information about 20<sup>th</sup> century ancestors and will also be of value to future generations, are often difficult to obtain. Many appeared originally online, but are no longer connected to active links or are hidden behind website paywalls. The three-year embargo on Social Secu-

rity Death Records presents another obstacle to recent death information. To address this lapse, G&LH indexes every death and funeral notice that appears in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and also maintains paper copies of the newspapers. Scans from these papers are provided free of charge through the Library's website:

"Ask a Librarian" service, <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/services/askalibrarian.asp>. In addition, G&LH actively acquires abstracts and transcriptions of 21<sup>st</sup> century obituaries. Most recent purchases include a 28 volume set of Lucas County obituaries spanning the years 2000-2013 and Cuyahoga Falls obituaries, 2007-2012.

### More Digital Microfilm Readers and Software Upgrade

In early March, the Genealogy & Local History Department replaced its last analog microfilm reader with a digital one, making all of the department's microfilm equipment digital. The Magazines and Newspapers section also added two new digital machines. At the same time that we added machines, we upgraded the software on the existing machines. In addition to all of the features previously available on the digital equipment, the new machines and upgraded ones magnify twice as high as the earlier versions and offer the options to upload screen shots to FamilySearch and combine multiple images on one page.

### Genealogy and Local History's Growing Expertise

The Genealogy & Local History Department takes pride in the experience and expertise of its staff members. This includes continuing to grow and acquire new genealogy skills. All members of G&LH took classes or attended conferences, webinars or programs to further their knowledge this past year. Examples included: attendance at the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference sessions, Irish genealogy seminars and webinars, genealogy librarians seminar, programs offered by the Chapter, "Obituaries: Clues to Look For (Family Tree Webinar)", "Getting Started with Gale Historical Archives" and "Galenet for Newspapers" (Gale Resources webinars). In addition, three G&LH members, Brian Powers, Jim Mainger and I, will be attending and presenting at the upcoming Ohio Genealogy Conference in Sandusky, OH, and I will also be attending and presenting at the Indiana Statewide Preservation Conference in April.

### Programs

The Library and Chapter co-sponsored several successful programs to enthusiastic audiences in January and February focusing on DNA and African American research. In March, we worked together to launch the first two of a four-part series of practicums (registration required) with a hands-on, case study

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# President's Message

BY JEFF HERBERT

We have successfully concluded our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and we are now looking forward to an exciting year coming up. 2014 promises to be a busy year with many new terrific programs, new content added to our website, and upcoming new publications. We've finished celebrating forty fantastic and productive years as a society, but we are not resting on our previous successes.

We had a terrific three-hour multi-part program on DNA research in January. Due to a last minute winter storm, many of you were unfortunately not able to attend. Recently we have been trying to record some of our programs, and fortunately Kathy Reed recorded this excellent session, and it is now loaded on our website for viewing. It is currently located on the main page of our website under the "What's New" section. Please be sure to check out this informative session if you are trying to use DNA research to break down some elusive brick walls.



Our recent initiative to support the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions fund has received a great response so far. The chapter will match dollar for dollar any donations made to this fund up to \$1812. We are using our chapter funds to help this larger nationwide effort to preserve and digitize these valuable and historic records. This is another example of a collaborative effort to make a big, lasting impact on future research, and also to help preserve these vital, historical records before they are lost. I hope you will consider helping with this effort. If you wish to contribute, you can donate by check, and note the "War of 1812 Pensions" on your check. Or if you prefer to use your credit card, it is even easier by using the "Donate" button on our website under the "Shop and Support" section.

Just a reminder, that our spring seminar on April 12<sup>th</sup> with Michael Lacopo is just around the corner, so please check the chapter calendar. It is a great opportunity to hear a national speaker locally, and network with some of your fellow chapter members. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the board of directors for all their support and dedication during the past two years. They make up a terrific team of dedicated volunteers and spend an extraordinary amount of their personal time to help build and keep our chapter as one of the best in the country. In the past two years, we have hosted a state and national convention, completely restructured our website to add more content and prepare for new material that will continue to

be added for researchers, and released four new publications, with more on the way, and those are just a few of the highlights. The new members of the board have brought an incredible amount of energy and new ideas. If you have ever thought about getting involved and helping out in some capacity with promoting Hamilton County research, this is the time to jump in.

My two-year term as president will be finished in May, and I will pass the baton to the next president, but will still serve on the board. It has been my privilege to be able to serve as president, and hopefully guide our chapter and your research activities on a fruitful path. I would like to thank you all for your continued support in making our chapter the largest and one of the most active in the State of Ohio.

As always, our regular board meetings continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from September through May. All chapter members are welcome to attend.

## Programs (Continued from page 3)

approach to land records. The series continues in April. To make best use of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society website, plan on attending the May program offered at the Library, presented by the Chapter's website designers. See "Events" on the Chapter's webpage, <http://hcgsohio.org/>, or call the Genealogy & Local History Department at 369-6905 for more information or to register for the practicums.

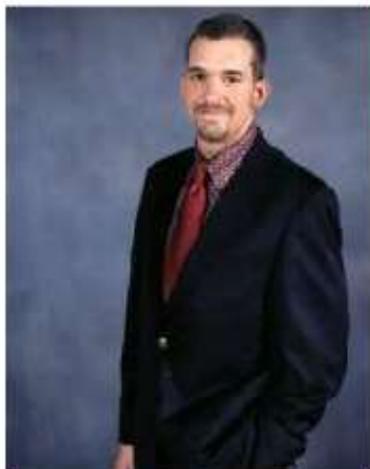
## Spring Cleaning

Ready to tie up some loose ends, downsize your genealogy collection or break through some brick walls? The Library can help. Donate your indexed family history or old high school yearbooks to the Library or take advantage of Tuesday afternoon individual research sessions. For donations or to schedule a free, individualized, half-hour consultation with a librarian, contact the Genealogy & Local History Department at 513-369-6905 or [history@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:history@cincinnati.library.org).

## The Civil War-The Untold Story By Jean Morrison

A five-part series of the "Civil War: The Untold Story" will premieres on April 27 on Cincinnati's WCET-TV. The series focuses on the western battles between the Appalachian Mountains and Mississippi River. The second episode, "A Beacon of Hope" includes John A Cockerill, a teenage drummer from Adams County, who was in the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee. Cockerill became managing editor of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

*Exact times and air dates vary from station to station. The series starts running in different cities the beginning of April, check your local PBS station for times and cable channel listings for your area.*



Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Warren  
Genealogical Societies present

## ANNUAL SEMINAR: MICHAEL LACOPO

MILL RACE BANQUET CENTER

APRIL 12, 2014

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Join us for a day of learning new techniques from Michael Lacopo, a nationally known expert who will speak on German and methodology topics.

Michael has lectured internationally and written numerous articles for periodicals and journals. A small animal veterinarian and self-described "all-American mutt," he takes a scientific approach to his research as he does to his profession. Michael spoke at the OGS Conference in 2013 and was rated by attendees with the highest marks.

Members of the Butler, Clermont and Warren County societies may pay the Hamilton County Genealogical Society member rate for this seminar.

### SEMINAR TOPICS

*Overcoming Brick Walls in German-American Research, Part 1:*

18th Century Germans in Pennsylvania

*Overcoming Brick Walls in German-American Research, Part 2:*

Later German Immigrants

Deconstructing Your Family Tree:

Re-evaluating the Evidence

Incorporating Social History into  
Your Research

**Genealogy vendors will be onsite.**

### ACCESSIBLE, AMPLE PARKING

Mill Race Banquet Center

at Mill Golf Course in Winton Woods Park

1515 West Sharon Road

(West from Winton Road)

513-825-6467

**Reservations are required by April 1, 2014.**

Pay online at <http://hcgsohio.org/forsale.php>

or mail a check with the form below.

### Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and handouts.

Price: Members: \$35 Non-members: \$38

Number of registrations: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**

The Hamilton County Chapter, OGS

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**April-August 2014  
Program Calendar**

Saturday, April 5 10:00 am and 1:00 pm	<i>HCGS Program</i> <b>“Reading and Interpreting Deeds”</b>  <b>REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!</b> <i>A few open spaces are left for the 10:00 session</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third floor computer lab Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati
Saturday, April 5 6:00—11:00 pm	<b>“Evening with the Ancestors”</b>  <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</b> <i>Please call 859-962-4070</i>		Kenton County Public Library 502 Scott Covington, KY
Saturday, April 12 8:30 am—4:00 pm	<b>HCGS Annual Seminar</b> <i>Please register using the form in this issue of the Gazette on page 4 or page 3 of the March Tracer. For questions, contact Kenny Burck on 513-851-9549</i>	<i>Michael Lacopo</i>	Mill Race Banquet Center 1515 West Sharon Road
Saturday, April 12 11:00 am	<b>“Introduction to Local Newspapers”</b> <i>Using Newsdex and ProQuest</i>	<i>Librarians</i>	Third floor computer lab Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati
Saturday, April 19 10:00 am and 1:00 pm	<i>HCGS Program</i> <b>“Introduction to Property Maps”</b>  <b>REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!</b> <i>A few open spaces are left for the 10:00 session</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third floor computer lab Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati
Monday, April 28 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>“Preserving Your Family Photographs”</b>	<i>KCPL Librarians</i>	Congenealogy, Kenton Co. Library 502 Scott Covington, KY 859-962-4070
April 30—May 3	<b>Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference</b> <a href="http://www.ogs.org">www.ogs.org</a>	<b>Choice of 85 sessions</b>	Kalahari Resorts, Sandusky, Ohio
Saturday, May 10 11:00 am	<b>“Introduction to Local Newspapers”</b> <i>Using Newsdex and ProQuest</i>	<i>Librarians</i>	Third floor computer lab Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati

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

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

**April-August 2014  
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Saturday, May 10 11:00 am	<b>“Genealogy Orientation: Tips and Techniques”</b>	<i>HCGS Librarians</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati 513-369-6905
Monday, May 12 7:00 pm	<b>“Genealogy Orientation: Tips and Techniques”</b>	<i>HCGS Librarians</i>	Anderson Library 7450 State Road 513-369-6030
Tuesday, May 13 6:00 pm	<b>“Genealogy Orientation: Tips and Techniques”</b>	<i>HCGS Librarians</i>	St. Bernard Library 4803 Tower Ave. 513-369-4462
Saturday, May 17 1:00 pm	<i>HCGC Program</i> <b>“Better Know Your Website: All About the New HCGS Site”</b>	<i>Kathy Reed Jenny Davis</i>	Main Library, Room 3A 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati 513-369-6905
Wednesday, May 21 7:30 pm	<i>“Using Church Records” Warren County Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Jeff Herbert</i>	Otterbein Retirement Campus Center State Route 741 Lebanon, OH
Monday, June 23 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>“Finding Your Ancestors in Federal Court Records”</b>	<i>Pam Schaffner</i>	Congenealogy, Kenton Co. Library 502 Scott Covington, KY 859-962-4070
June 25-28	<b>Palatines to America National Conference</b> <a href="http://www.palam.org">www.palam.org</a>	<i>Choice of 13 Sessions</i>	Ramada Plaza Columbus North Columbus, OH
Saturday, August 9 8:30-4:30	<b>OCS Chapter Management Seminar</b> <a href="mailto:kburck@juno.com">kburck@juno.com</a>	<i>Choice of 12 Sessions</i>	Lebanon United Methodist Church Lebanon, OH <a href="http://www.ogs.org">www.ogs.org</a>

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