



# THE GAZETTE

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## Heritage Luncheon By Karen Klaene

**HOLD THE DATE!** Mark your calendar for the annual Heritage Luncheon on Saturday, October 25th at the Clovernook Country Club. The registration form will be found in the September issue of *The Tracer*.

Wendy Hart Beckman, author of the newly published, *Founders and Famous Families of Cincinnati* will be our featured speaker. Wendy is an award-winning freelance writer and storyteller; and she will make this a wonderful afternoon!

In the mean time, our committee is waiting for your application for *First Families of Hamilton County* before December 31, 1820; *Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County* - January 1, 1821 to December 31, 1860; *Century Families of Hamilton County* — January 1, 1861 to October 25, 2014. We hope to receive all applications by August 31st.

## New Videos for HCGS Members By Jenny Davis

Two new videos have been added to the members-only area of the HCGS website: 1) *Researching Your German Ancestors Using German Newspapers, part 1 & 2*, by Jeff Herbert, and 2) *DNA & Genealogy* videos. The DNA & Genealogy videos have been accessible to the public for the last few months. As a benefit of HCGS membership, you may view any HCGS video at any time. Out-of-town members will especially appreciate this benefit. To access the videos, login at [www.hcgsohio.org/members.php](http://www.hcgsohio.org/members.php) then, click on *Videos, members-only*. If you're not a current member, but are interested, you can join for as low as \$10.00/year. Click [here](#) to join or find out more information.

## Family History Day By Kathy Reed

Mark your calendars for this year's Family History Day at the Main Library. It will take place on Saturday, October 4th. This year's focus will be on the contributions of Quakers. The library has arranged for two experts to speak on this topic. More information will be published in *The Tracer* as plans are finalized. Between 12:00 and 2:00 the popular "Ask the Experts" sessions will take place with representatives of local historical and genealogical organizations available to answer questions and share their expertise on local resources.

## Who Do You Think You Are? returns in July!

The Emmy-nominated series **Who Do You Think You Are?** is back on TLC this summer with six all-new episodes. The season premieres Wednesday, July 23 at 9/8c.

This year's line-up of participants who will embark on this one-of-a-kind experience includes:

Valerie Bertinelli

Jesse Tyler Ferguson

Lauren Graham

Kelsey Grammer

Rachel McAdams and her sister, Kayleen McAdams

Cynthia Nixon

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

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

### Summer Learning at the Library

Genealogists know that learning is fun and lifelong. This summer, the Public Library is sponsoring a Summer Learning program open to all ages and all Library resources. Register online or in person at any location and get credit for time spent reading or researching, including use of the Library's many genealogy research databases. Learning is its own reward, but prizes don't hurt. This year's adult prizes range from a free used book from the Friends of the Public Library to tickets to local cultural events and \$100 Kroger gift card.

Compliment research by attending programs offered by the Genealogy and Local History Department (G&LH). Join passengers from the American Queen as they stop in Cincinnati to see the *Cincinnati Panorama of 1848* and learn about the Library's Inland Rivers collection, or hear G&LH librarian, Doug Magee, present a slice of Cincinnati history focusing on famed Mayor Boss Cox at the Clifton Branch Library. For one-on-one assistance, schedule a Tuesday afternoon session with a G&LH librarian. See "Events" on the Chapter's webpage, <http://hcgsohio.org/>, or contact the Genealogy and Local History Department at 513-369-6905 or [history@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:history@cincinnati.library.org) for details.

### Collection Update

Since the March issue of *The Gazette*, G&LH has added nearly 500 genealogy books, among them: obituaries from Wayne County, Michigan; Illinois church and cemetery records; *Index of Death, Marriage and Miscellaneous Notices Appearing in the Liberty Hall and Cincinnati Gazette, 1804-1857* and *Baltimore Pike Cemetery, Hamilton County, Ohio, Burial Records, 1853-2010*, both published by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society; and resources for Canadian genealogy. We also added forty high school yearbooks, including five Walnut Hills High School student directories and our first yearbook from Simon Kenton High School in Northern Kentucky. For a complete list of new additions, see the Library acquisition list in the upcoming issue of *The Tracer*.

### World War I Resources

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. Many genealogists have discovered the boon that World War I records provide to their ancestral search. Tops among the resources are World War I draft registration cards, available through Ancestry Library Edition at all Library locations and on microfilm in the G&LH department. Regardless of whether they eventually served, all men between the ages of 18 and 45 were required to register for World War I. When military personnel died on duty, a summary sheet, portrait of the deceased and photograph of the grave was sent to the local public library. Thankfully, early 20<sup>th</sup> century librarians in Cincinnati organized these sheets and compiled them in the 10 volume scrapbook set, *Records of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Nurses from Cincinnati and Hamilton County Who Died in the Service during the World War*. The published photograph album by Felix Koch, *Cincinnati Sees It Thru: How the World War Came to the Queen of the West*, captures nearly every aspect of World War I in Cincinnati through his camera's eye. Newspaper searches of WWI events and people are easy using the Library's newspaper index, Newsdex, and research database, *Proquest Historical Newspapers: The Cincinnati Enquirer (1841-1922)*. Visit the G&LH Department to view our complete set of World War I resources.

### 3D Printer

Technology has enhanced nearly every aspect of genealogists' ability to find and share information. A welcome impact has been the ability to put the "leaves on the tree" and broaden the context of ancestors' lives beyond names, by adding, maps, photographs and even audio and video. Thanks to 3D printing, family heirlooms may soon join the list. In May, the Public Library made this dream closer to a reality when it installed its first public 3D printer in the Tech Center at the Main Library. Watch for future programs on 3D printing and genealogy.

### Summer Vacation

Planning a summer vacation? How about cross country or even abroad? What about journeying to another time? All are possible for free by visiting the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, where genealogy materials cover all 50 states, nearly 25 foreign countries and date back to the 1600s. So pack your bags with notes, laptop or tablet and join the many traveling from near and far for an adventure in Cincinnati's Genealogy and Local History Department.

# President's Message

BY KENNY BURCK

The Chapter elections were held at the Chapter monthly meeting in May and I was re-elected President for the 2014-2016 term. Jeff Herbert became the Treasurer, Liz Stratton the Education Chair and Bob Brodbeck the Publication Chair. I want to thank those who are stepping down after years of service on the Board, Jean Morrison, Karen Everett and Barbara Gargiulo. Most are staying in the same positions. We have a GREAT Chapter Board of dedicated volunteers who serve the membership well. We just completed the June Board Meeting and we break for the summer and start all over again in September.

Our June Board meeting was attended by Hamilton County Recorder, Wayne Coates who reminded us of all the cutbacks in personnel and funds for his Office, yet all the progress they have made in getting deeds and other materials online for genealogists and others to use. He praised our At-Large Director, Jim Dempsey as a "saint" for all the work he has done to assist with his personal time and his ability to convince the necessary sources (such as volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) to microfilm many records in the Recorder's office. Jim Dempsey is currently working with many other record groups and continues to locate long hidden resources that have already or soon will go online. We should all be thankful that Jim retired from his regular job a year ago.

Many of you know our Hamilton County publication *The Tracer* won the National Genealogical Society (NGS) award in its category as the best newsletter in the USA. The comment was made by NGS that it was the "clear winner." The President of our Chapter was told we had won the award before the NGS Conference in Richmond, VA in April but we chose not to tell *The Tracer* editor, Deb Cyprych, that we had won. I got her to the second row at the opening session of the NGS Conference, where she accepted the award, and she was extremely surprised and pleased that our Chapter had won this award a second time. Several of our Chapter members were present that day to share in this honor. We also won this award in 2007 at the NGS Conference in Richmond, VA. These are the only two times we submitted *The Tracer* for this award. Perhaps we would win every year? I know many of us love when *The Tracer* arrives in our homes or our email. While it takes many Chapter members to write arti-

cles and submit other materials for each issue, there is no doubt that the quality and the content of our publication is mainly due to the great work of our editor. It takes untold hours to complete each issue. Way to go Deb!

Our new Chapter website that was released in November 2013 and continues to receive accolades from our members and other genealogists. We continue to add content. Digital Resources Director, Jenny Davis and her technology team are adding new capabilities for presenting additional Chapter programs so out-of-town members and those who cannot attend meetings will have access to more Hamilton County presentations.

Remember to get your lineage society applications for *First Families*, *Settlers & Builders* or *Century Families of Hamilton County* to the Chapter by August 31st. Plans are underway for a Heritage Day Luncheon on October 25, 2014. All the information is on our website at [www.hcgsohio.org](http://www.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. **Anyone** can attend our Annual Heritage Luncheon. It is a wonderful event to attend and I look forward to it each year.

There are no Chapter Board Meetings in July and August 2014. Our September, October, November 2014 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 Ronald Reagan/Cross County Highway. All are welcome to attend.

The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) 2015 Annual Conference will be held in Columbus, OH. OGS just signed a contract for the 2016 Conference in the Cincinnati area on April 27-30, 2016. It will be held at The Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH just north of Kings Island. If you want to volunteer to work on this conference, contact me. Many major chairs are open if you want to get involved. There is an OGS Conference Manual and all chair positions have a complete outline of what and when to do all functions. It is challenging but there is a great sense of accomplishment.

## HCGS Makes A Difference By Jean Morrison

Want to work on a fun project? In Hamilton County's cemeteries? Honoring and memorializing Civil War Veterans buried in our county? Uploading pictures on Find-A-Grave? With no time deadline?

With the period for recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War drawing to a close, we've planned a project that needs lots of volunteers, each undertaking a small amount of effort. We want to place photos of the tombstones, burial site, or memorialize on Find-A-Grave all the Civil War veterans buried in Hamilton County. These soldiers we seek to honor fought to preserve the Union – so we did not become a nation divided. Work sheets and instructions will be provided for the cemetery you choose to adopt. There are 3 parts to the project: 1) from home and on the internet, review Find-A-Grave to determine if there is or is not a memorial or photo of the veteran's grave; 2) locating the grave/tombstone and taking a photo; 3) uploading the picture under the HCGS umbrella to Find-A-Grave with available vital statistics. You can volunteer to do only one part or all three for a given cemetery.

Hope you will contact one of the Civil War project committee members to volunteer and for further information and instructions:

Amy Hartman, [echoamy@yahoo.com](mailto:echoamy@yahoo.com)  
Pam Sattari, [pami@fuse.net](mailto:pami@fuse.net)  
Jane Fitzpatrick, [jmfitz@fuse.net](mailto:jmfitz@fuse.net)  
Jean Morrison, [morrij3@cinci.rr.com](mailto:morrij3@cinci.rr.com)



**Almost Divided**, quilting fabric and blocks representing those of the Civil War period. Made by Kathleen Shannon, Miami Township, Clermont Co. hanging at the Visitors' Center at the Antietam Battlefield.

## Kroger Community Rewards By Liz Stratton

The Hamilton County Genealogical Society (HCGS) is a participant in Kroger Community Rewards. You can enroll or re-enroll anytime. Participants are asked to re-enroll every year in April. The Kroger Community Rewards Program provides grants to registered non-profit organizations based on member participation. Purchases made at participating stores earn rewards that are passed along as a donation to HCGS at no cost to you! Most Kroger stores in the Greater Cincinnati, Dayton, Miami Valley, Southeastern Indiana and Northern Kentucky areas participate in the Cincinnati-based program. After you have enrolled, qualified purchases made with your registered Kroger Plus card will generate a cash reward for HCGS. HCGS does not have any access to your purchases or private information. To become a supporter, please follow the directions below.

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ORGANIZATION #83590**

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- Visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).
- Click on Sign In/Register. If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box. Follow the on-screen directions to create an account or re-enroll.
- Register your card with the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, NPO number 83590. We can also be found by searching for the first three letters of our name, HAM.
- Select HCGS by clicking on the circle to the left of our name.
- Save changes.

*Thank you for your support!  
With only 10 participants in November 2013-January  
2014, we received \$105.98 from Kroger Community  
Rewards!*

**July-October 2014  
Program Calendar**

Saturday, July 5th 10:00 am	<i>Genealogy Websites: An Introduction!</i>	<i>Librarians</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Wednesday, July 9th 10:00 am	<i>Cincinnati Panorama of 1848 and the Inland Rivers program for passengers on the American Queen</i>	<i>Patricia Van Skaik</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Program Space Main Library 800 Vine Street
Tuesday, July 15th	<i>"The Founding of Butler County and the City of Hamilton"</i>	<i>Kathy Creighton</i>	West Chester Library 9363 Centre Point Dr. (Butler County Chapter)
Saturday, July 19 10:00 am	<i>Cincinnati's Boss Cox and his Home</i>	<i>Doug Magee</i>	Clifton Branch Library 351 Ludlow Ave. (513) 369-4447
Saturday, August 2 10:00 am	<i>Orientation to the Genealogy and Local History Department</i>	<i>Librarians</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, August 9 8:30-4:30	<i>OGS Chapter Management Seminar</i> <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>
Friday, August 15th	<i>6th Annual Cemetery Restoration &amp; Preservation Workshop</i> <a href="http://cemetery.springborohistory.org/">http://cemetery.springborohistory.org/</a>	<i>Walt &amp; Micki Walters</i>	Caesar's Creek MM Burying Ground
Monday, August 25 <sup>th</sup> 6:30	<i>"Using German Newspapers to Research your German Ancestors" Congenealogy Series</i>	<i>Jeff Herbert</i>	Covington Branch 502 Scott Covington, KY 859-962-4060
Thursday, August 28th 7:00 pm	<i>Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky during WWI</i>	<i>Patricia Van Skaik</i>	Erlanger Branch Library 401 Kenton Lands (859) 962-4000

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>)

**July-October 2014  
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Sunday, August 31st <i>Deadline</i>	<i>HCGS lineage society application Information: <a href="http://www.hcgsohio.org">www.hcgsohio.org</a> First Families, Settlers &amp; Builders, Century Families of Hamilton Cty</i>		
Saturday, September 6 10:00 am	<i>Genealogy Websites: An Introduction!</i>	<i>Librarians</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Monday, September 8 6:30 pm	<i>Genealogy Program: "Have you ever wondered what genealogy resources the library has?"</i>		Greenhills Branch Library 7 Endicott St. (513) 369-4441
Saturday, October 4th 11:00 am—3:00 pm	<i>"Day with the Experts" Family History Fair</i>		Third floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, October 4th 11:00 am	<i>"Quakers of Southwestern Ohio"</i>	<i>Diane Gagle</i>	Third floor Program Space Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, October 4th 2:00 pm	<i>"Quakers of Cincinnati, Ohio"</i>	<i>Dr. Robert Wimberg</i>	Third floor Program Space Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, October 25th	<i>Heritage Luncheon See registration form in the September Tracer</i>		Clovernook Country Club 2035 W. Galbraith North College Hill

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