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Uncovering World War I Genealogy Resources with Patricia Van Skaik

By Kathy Reed

2014 marks the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of World War I. From its outbreak, Cincinnati's interest in the war was strong. By the war's end, over 500 Cincinnatians had given their lives, and even more registered and served. World War I records not only fill in gaps about ancestors' lives, but also form a bridge back to the 19th century.

Join Genealogy and Local History Manager, Patricia Van Skaik, as she explores military records housed at the Library sought by researchers from around the world and a wealth of resources that provide a glimpse of civilian life during the Great War.

Saturday, November 8th, 11:00-12:00 pm.

Wanted! By Jenny Davis

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers are requested to assist with recording HCGS programs and classes, for publication on our website. Training provided. Contact Jenny Davis at webmaster@hcgsohio.org for more information.

DATA WANTED!

Consider sharing historical indexes or other data with HCGS for publication on our website. Contact Jenny Davis at webmaster@hcgsohio.org for more information.

A Day With The Experts By Kathy Reed

On *Saturday, October 4th*, 9:00 am—3:00 pm, HCGS will be co-sponsoring the annual "Day with the Experts." This year's topic will feature the contributions of the Quakers to this region. In addition to the chance to tour the Genealogy and Local History Department, two speakers are scheduled during the day. At 11:00 AM, Dr. Diane Van Skiver Gagel, Past President of OGS, will be discussing "The Inner Light: Researching Our Quaker Ancestors." Dr. Robert Wimberg, a popular local historian and Adjunct Professor at Wilmington College will discuss "The Quakers of Cincinnati and Their Contributions" at 2:00 PM.

A variety of "experts" from around the area will have tables set up that you will be able to visit between 12:00 and 2:00. This has been a very popular program in year's past, and this year should be no exception. As the date gets closer, look for more information through our website and social media.

Tram Tours of Spring Grove Cemetery! By Kathy Reed

Two additional Tram Tours have been scheduled for 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 11th. We were recently informed that an additional car has been added to the tram, creating additional seating. Therefore, we have about 15 additional spaces.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Kathy Reed (khreed@cinci.rr.com). Put "Spring Grove" in the subject line.

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

This October, the Public Library joins the Hamilton County Genealogical Society to celebrate Family History Month, a tradition that goes back more than two decades. The month kicks off with Experts Day (October 4), a descendant of the Family History Fair, where experts from 20 specialties converge to offer free genealogy consultations on topics including: African American, German and Irish genealogy.

2014 Experts Day seminars focus on Quakers, one of the earliest and most influential groups to arrive in Cincinnati. Many Cincinnatians are unaware of their Quaker heritage or the important role Quakers played in the city's and nation's history. Through the Library's electronic resource, Ancestry Library Edition, and Quaker print collection, researchers can access nearly 11 million records from Cincinnati and across the nation. Join genealogy scholar and Past President of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Diane Gagel, and local history expert, Robert Wimberg, as they discuss Quaker research and the Quakers in Cincinnati. Tours and orientations to the Genealogy and Local History Department will be offered between programs.

Throughout the month, the Chapter and Library partner on a wide range of exciting programs, including two land records computer labs, genealogy introductions at three branch library locations, ending the month with one of the most popular genealogy programs of the year, the Genealogy Lock-in (October 25). Join fellow genealogists for an after-hours research event, refreshments and option to attend four mini-tech seminars at the Main Library. Entrance is at 6:30 p.m. only and registration is required. Visit the Library's [Program Calendar](#) or call 513-369-6905 to register. Up for a genealogy and history marathon? Plan to arrive early for Professor Eric Jackson's *Local Origins of the Underground Railroad* at 2 p.m., also at the Main Library. During the month of October, stop by the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library to experience *Scenic [historic] River Views: Town along the Ohio River*.

Honoring Veterans

In November, the Public Library pays tribute to those who served our nation through military service. *Serving with Honor: The Queen City's Veterans*, an exhibit displaying documents and memorabilia from the Library's collection as well as items on loan from local individuals and organizations, opens on November 7 in the Main Library's Cincinnati Room. This is the first public display of many of the items in the exhibit. *Serving with Honor* spans the Revolutionary War through the present and compliments the Smithsonian traveling exhibit *Mail Call*, featuring letters, news and packages from home, on display in the Main Library Atrium from November 8- January 18.

Veterans Day, originally Armistice Day, was proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson commemorating the end of World War I, which broke out 100 years ago. In recognition of this historic anniversary, the Genealogy and Local History Department (G&LH) and the Chapter will co-sponsor *Uncovering WWI Genealogy Resources* on November 8 at the Main Library. The presentation goes beyond Ancestry.com and explores seldom used and important resources. World War I records are significant because they often bridge the gap between 19th and 20th century ancestors and point to other resources. Curious about the war campaign at home? View a selection of the Library's War Posters on the [Virtual Library](#). On November 11, Veterans Day, the Library hosts its annual Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has video recorded over 430 veterans' interviews and is one of the nation's largest participants of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP). Our library hosts all of our interviews on our own [Veterans History Project webpage](#), which also includes photos and scanned documents. Just recently, the Library added value to this site by posting recording logs, making it possible for researchers to scan the subject content of each interview and go directly to the relevant spots on the recording. To provide additional access to memoirs donated by veterans, the Library has cataloged their books and integrated the records into the Library's online catalog, providing access to the books through both the VHP website and the Library catalog. Know a veteran who has not been interviewed by the Library's Veterans History Project? Contact Brian Powers in the Genealogy and Local History Department by [email](#) or at 513-369-6907 with questions or to schedule an interview.

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President's Message

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The Chapter Board did not meet in July and August which follows our normal routine. We began meeting in September and will meet in October and November at the Perkins Restaurant on Hamilton Avenue in Mt. Healthy on the 3rd Thursday of each month, continuing in January 2015. All members are welcome to observe and see what goes on behind the scenes. It is an excellent opportunity to volunteer for future projects or committee openings as your comfort level will go way up when you know all the details of what is involved with all activities we pursue. But DO NOT worry, you can just observe only.

Membership packets are being mailed out to current members about 1 November 2014. We hope you will continue your membership for another year so you can keep up with all the news in genealogy for Hamilton County. Our terrific new website continue to draw rave reviews from members and others. The Technology Interest Group continues to offer cutting-edge programs. Member queries are being placed on our website to receive even wider attention. Also please consider contributing to the J. Richard Abell Fund as a way to assist our Public Library in purchasing Ohio-related and other new genealogical publications. (J. Richard Abell was the Head of the Public Library Genealogy Department for over 30 years, now deceased.) We value all of you as our members.

Many activities are coming up in early 2015 and I wanted to let all members know of these opportunities. The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will have its Annual Conference in Columbus, OH from 9 thru 11 April 2015. (The OGS Conference will be at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH just north of Kings Island in late April 2016.) Of course many informative Chapter programs are also planned for 2014 and 2015. The Chapter will be holding our Annual Spring Chapter Seminar in April 2015 and we are in the process of choosing the speaker.

To those with German ancestors, I often repeat that you must learn **SOME** German and learn to read **SOME** old German handwriting. For several years in October the Chapter has offered handwriting which includes learning German words in genealogical documents. (See the list of upcoming programs.) In the Greater Cincinnati area for

many years there has been the Tri-State German-American School which one can attend on Saturday mornings from September to April for a reasonable price. It is currently held in Park Hills, KY. I attended for two years and learned so much. You choose any level of learning and can change classes if you don't like the one you are in (maybe you think it is too hard or too easy). Email or phone me for additional details.

October 25th is the Annual Heritage Luncheon at Clovernook Country Club in North College Hill. The registration form is on the last page of the most recent issue of *The Tracer*. Any person can attend. You do not have to be entering a lineage group or already be in one. It is a wonderfully moving event and a great program. I encourage you to attend. If you are not already in a lineage group, I believe this will give you the incentive to get motivated to do so.

As a reminder, some Board positions have changed as noted in the last issue of *The Tracer*. Kenny Burck is again the President, Jeff Herbert is the Treasurer, Liz Stratton is the Education Chair and Bob Brodbeck is the Publication Chair. Martha Farwick joins *The Tracer* as the Library Acquisitions Chair. Everyone else stays in place and I thank all of them for their dedicated service as we continue on for another great year.

The popular Land Records for Genealogical Gold classes returns!

If you missed the popular *Land Records for Genealogical Gold* classes earlier this year, you have a chance to attend the 4-part series of classes and pre-register for the hands-on computer lab classes. The first repeat *Land Records for Genealogical Gold* classes begins October 18th.

Space is limited for the hands-on computer classes and you must **pre-register** for all the *Land Records for Genealogical Gold* computer lab classes you would like to attend.

To pre-register for the Land Records hands-on computer lab classes or find out more information about the classes go to the Hamilton County Genealogical Society website and click on Events.

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One-on-One Service

Last October, the Genealogy and Local History Department rolled out its Tuesday afternoon one-on-one service, providing a half hour of uninterrupted genealogy assistance with a reference librarian, who also works in advance remotely with the researcher. The service has been wildly popular drawing genealogists from as far away as Chicago. Whether you are a local researcher or planning a visit from out of town, consider signing up for a session by contacting the Genealogy and Local History Department via [email](mailto:) or phone at 513-369-6905.

Collection Update

Genealogy and Local History continues to expand its collections. Since the beginning of the year, we have added nearly 250 donated high school yearbooks from Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky and are working on plans to digitize them. Last month G&LH purchased 131 books, including obituary and funeral home transcripts from the Kentucky towns of Cadiz, Middlesboro, and Pineville, as well as the latest available Kentucky Death Certificates (1961 and 1962) on microfilm.

Genealogy at the Library Podcast

Looking for an introduction or refresher on maximizing research at libraries? Check out Lisa Louise Cooke of *Genealogy Gems* re-broadcast of [Libraries and Genealogy](http://www.genealogygems.com).

Finding Your Roots Premieres on September 23rd

Joining Henry Louis Gates, Jr. in the new 2014 season of *Finding Your Roots* will be a diverse group of 29 guests, including Oscar winner **Ben Affleck**, award winning journalist **Anderson Cooper**, tennis great **Billie Jean King**, legendary author **Stephen King**, multi-platinum selling rapper **Nas**, and many more. With these guests and others, Gates continues his quest to understand our collective American identity, bringing to life the family histories of African American, Asian, Chinese, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Jewish, and Latin American guests alike.

Finding Your Roots premieres nationally **Tuesdays, September 23 – November 25 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS** (check local listings).

Kroger Community Rewards By Jeff Herbert

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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- Visit 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 article to the left of our name.
- Save changes.

Thank you for your support!

So far in 2014 we have received over \$250.00 which allows us to fund new initiatives and programs such as the Spring Grove Cemetery Tours at no charge. If you are already a member, please check with friends and neighbors to see if they would be willing to join and help out too.

**October 2014—April 2015
Program Calendar**

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
Tuesday, October 7th 7:00 pm	<i>On The Trail of Our Ancestors: A Genealogy Orientation</i>	<i>Kathy Reed Colleen Phillips</i>	Sharonville Branch Library 10980 Thornview Dr. 513-369-6049
Thursday, October 16th 6:00 pm	<i>On The Trail of Our Ancestors: A Genealogy Orientation</i>	<i>Liz Stratton Librarians</i>	Westwood Branch Library 3345 Epworth 513-369-4474
Saturday, October 18th 11:00-12:00 pm Lab—1:00-3:00 pm	<i>“Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold” (REPEAT)</i> <i>“Hands-on with Land Records: Getting Started with Land Research” Preregistration Re- quired, http://goo.gl/ZIClpP. You can arrive at 1 pm if you have already heard the 11 am lec- ture.</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Monday, October 20th 7:00 pm	<i>On The Trail of Our Ancestors: A Genealogy Orientation</i>	<i>Liz Stratton Librarians</i>	Harrison Branch Library 10398 New Haven Road 513-369-4472
Saturday, October 25th 6:30-11:00 pm	<i>Genealogy Lock-in Research after hours with other genealogists.</i>		2nd and 3rd Floors Main Library 800 Vine Street

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>)

**October 2014-April 2015
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Saturday, October 25th 11:30	<i>Heritage Luncheon</i> <i>See registration form on page 95 in the Sep- tember Tracer</i>	<i>Wendy Hart Beckman</i>	Clovernook Country Club 2035 W. Galbraith North College Hill
Saturday, November 1st 11:00-12:00 pm Lab 1:00-3:00 pm	“ <i>Prospecting for Gold: Land Records in Print, Online, on Film and in Person</i> ” (REPEAT) “ <i>Hands-on with Land Records: Finding Your Ancestor's Land Records</i> ”. Preregistration Required, http://goo.gl/PS9Y22 . You can ar- rive at 1 pm if you have already heard the 11 am lecture.	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, November 8th 11:00-12:00 pm	<i>Uncovering World War I Genealogy Re- sources</i>	<i>Pat Van Skaik</i>	Third Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, December 6th 11:00-12:00 pm Lab 1:00-3:00 pm	“ <i>Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold: Mining Indexes</i> ” (REPEAT) “ <i>Hands-on with Land Records: Identifying Subdivision Names</i> ”. Preregistration Re- quired, http://goo.gl/Swwcvh . You can arrive at 1 pm if you have already heard the 11 am lecture.	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, February 7, 2015 11:00-12:00 pm Lab 1:00-3:00 pm	“ <i>Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold: Digging into Deeds</i> ” (REPEAT) “ <i>Hands-on with Land Records: Digging into Deeds</i> ”. Preregistration Required, http:// goo.gl/rJYmdy . You can arrive at 1 pm if you have already heard the 11 am lecture	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, April 18, 2015 9:00—4:00 SAVE THE DATE!	<i>HCGS Annual Seminar</i>	<i>Speaker to be an- nounced</i>	Mill Race Banquet Center 1515 West Sharon Road Winton Woods

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