

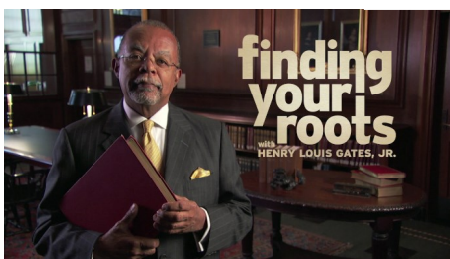


# THE GAZETTE

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## Finding your Roots Returns January 5th!



Are you having Genealogy shows with-drawals? Season 3, *Finding Your Roots*, with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. returns on Tuesdays, starting January 5, 2016 on

PBS, 8/7c, for a 10 week series with 28 notable people. Be sure to tune in to find out the stories of: broadcast journalists and commentators Bill O'Reilly, Bill Maher, and Soledad O'Brien. "Modern Family's", Ty Burrell. Political organizer, Donna Brazile. Entertainers, Neil Patrick Harris, Maya Rudolph, Shonda Rhimes and Keenen Ivory Wayans. Comedians Bill Hader, Jimmy Kimmel and Norman Lear. Gloria Steinem, Julianne Moore, Patricia Arquette, Senator John McCain, Dustin Hoffman, Mia Farrow, Sean "Puffy Combs, LL Cool J, Kara Walker, Chef Lidia Bastianich, Richard Branson, Julianna Marquiles, and more!

## Hamilton County Tax List 1883 & 1890/91

By Jim Dempsey

The earliest Hamilton County tax records I have found on microfilm are those for the years 1883 and 1890/91. Referred to as the "Tax Duplicate", the books are arranged by cities and townships. Each one is in alphabetical order by surname or business. Then, in Columns; Range, Town, Sect., Quar., No. of Lot, Feet, Square, Division etc., No. of acres, Value, Delinquent taxes and penalty of previous year, Taxes due Dec. date (this year), special taxes, Remarks & Marginal Taxes, Taxes due next June, special taxes, consolidated taxes, Remarks & Marginal Taxes.

I have been given permission by the county Treasurer's office to digitize these and make available to the public online. Although we have county directories for the 1890's, these add additional data to either assist in property search in the Recorder's Office and property value at a time when the Federal Census is missing due to fire. At this time I am still studying the records as to how best to make them available.

## Notice of Library Closure By Jeff Herbert

Beginning February 1, 2016, the Cincinnati History Library & Archives will close to the public to facilitate the renovation of historic Union Terminal. As a result, guests will be unable to visit the Cincinnati History Library but can still access the library's online catalog, digital journals and other local history resources at [library.cincymuseum.org](http://library.cincymuseum.org).

Limited service via telephone and email will resume in June 2016, but the library will remain closed to the public throughout the duration of the renovation project.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but hope that you will explore our online resources to support your research needs. We look forward to seeing you in the library again when the renovation project is completed.

Please visit the library website at [library.cincymuseum.org](http://library.cincymuseum.org) for updates and additional infor-

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

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

### New Year's Resolution-Publish Your Family History

Most genealogists aspire to publish their family history "sometime." The time has never been better. As always, the Library can assist with research, but now it can also help publish your work. Starting in early January, the Espresso Book Machine in the Main Library's MakerSpace can print and bind in soft cover, professional quality, affordable books. The books will be assigned ISBN numbers through the Library with authors retaining full rights. Personal copies of any Library book in the public domain will also be available for on-demand printing. Library staff will operate the equipment. To see the machine in action, check out this video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJUla8xJ5BM> at 1:48 minute mark. Watch for announcements on the Library's website, [www.cincinnati.org](http://www.cincinnati.org) for details.

### Where's the Desk?

If your last visit to the Genealogy and Local History (G&LH) Department was before October 27, you will notice a big change upon your next visit—no Reference Desk. This change was implemented to bring full mobile service to the department and foster more collaboration between librarians and researchers. Now G&LH librarians can escort you to the shelves to look for books and at the same time look up call numbers, locations and status of materials, or conduct in-depth research with you, while seated at your table. The area vacated by the Reference Desk has made room for a research alcove with tables and seating that is closer to computers, the Genealogy and Local History Office, and has less distraction as it is out of traffic flow.

### Re-cataloged Cemetery Books

In the spirit of improved access, the Library is re-cataloging all genealogical cemetery books so they will be shelved next to related genealogical material. Previously, with the exception of Hamilton County books, researchers had to look two places for books covering the same geographic area, 929.3 for genealogy books and 929.5 for cemetery books. Many genealogists were unaware that there was a

second place to look. Starting with Ohio, cemetery books will be reclassified as 929.3 and shelved along with genealogy books from the same county. This reorganization will allow us to devote at least one full shelf to each county in Ohio, making browsing significantly easier. As this issue goes to press, 1/4 of the Ohio counties have been re-cataloged with a goal of completing the entire state by late April in time for the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference.

### Collection Updates

During the last quarter of 2015, Genealogy and Local History purchased almost 300 new genealogy books covering: Lucas and Monroe County, Ohio; Somerset, Kentucky; Wayne County, Michigan and Claiborne County, Tennessee.

G&LH expanded its yearbook collection by 225 volumes in 2015, all through donations. These books are a great source of information about ancestors and are especially valued because they contain pictures. Yearbooks from the Library's collection are beginning to appear on the Digital Library, <http://digital.cincinnati.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16998coll3>. In order to display yearbooks online or make them available in print form, the Library must first own the volumes. It is our goal to cover the entire Greater Cincinnati region, including areas currently underrepresented, such as Amelia, Loveland and Glen Este high schools. To donate old yearbooks, contact Chris Smith at [christopher.smith2@cincinnati.org](mailto:christopher.smith2@cincinnati.org).

### New to the Digital Library

The Local History Index cards are now available on the Digital Library, <http://digital.cincinnati.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16998coll47>.

Created prior to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century by librarians, this index continues to be one of the best sources for information about 19<sup>th</sup> century Cincinnati and its people. The Digital Library allows the researcher to go beyond the subject heading at the top of the cards and search the full text of each card. As an added bonus, many of the books cited in the Local History Index are also available for distance viewing, downloading and printing through the Digital Library.

### Tip from the G&LH Reference Team

Irish specialist and G&LH librarian Colleen Phillips uses Catholic Parish registers dating back to the 1740s for her research. They are now available for free online from the

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## President's Message

BY KENNY BURCK  
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Happy New Year to all and I wish all of you a great year of successful research opportunities. As a brief overview, the Roots Tech conference will be in Salt Lake City in February, the NGS conference will be in Ft. Lauderdale, FL in May, the OGS conference will be in Mason, OH in April (you don't want to miss this one close to home), the Palatines to America conference will be in Ft. Wayne, IN in June and the FGS Conference will be in Springfield, IL in August. These are just some suggestions for conferences you may wish to attend to increase your genealogical knowledge. Remember we will NOT have our Chapter's Annual Seminar in April because many of us will be attending the OGS conference that month.

Sandra Morgan responded to our plea to join the Chapter board as our new Recording Secretary. Thank you, Sandra. We still have the African-American Interest Group position open. We just had our first Jewish Interest Group meeting which was a success and another program is scheduled for February. Thank you, Rick Cauthen. Our Irish Interest Group is hosting a get-together in March to discuss the direction that group will be taking in the future. Thank you, Kathe Edwards, for heading up this meeting.

You have until the end of August 2016 to complete an application and send in your documentation to join one or more of our three lineage societies, *First Families, Settlers & Builders, or Century Families of Hamilton County*. We have already made plans again to host our annual Heritage luncheon to honor your hard work and to honor your ancestors at the Clovernook Country Club on October 22, 2016. All the information is on our website at [hcg-sohio.org](http://hcg-sohio.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.

Usually around April 2016 we begin presenting Chapter awards to members and others for their dedication to genealogists or their volunteerism to the Chapter. If you would like to nominate someone for a Chapter award, please let any board member know who it is and why they have earned that honor in the previous 12 months or so. Our

awards are the Distinguished Service Award, the Award of Merit and the Certificate of Appreciation.

I want to thank all of you who made contributions in 2015 for the J. Richard Abell Trust Fund donations that go to the downtown library to purchase genealogy books in memory of Richard who was the Manager of the History Department for 30 years. This fund provides us with great resources to locate new ancestors.

Our January 2015 Chapter Board meeting will be held January 14 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) at 6:30 p.m., and February through May 2016 Chapter Board meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m., all at the Perkins Restaurant on Hamilton Avenue at the Cross County Highway. All members are welcome to attend. This is how you learn what and when things are occurring in the future and you can be part of the action. Anyone in attendance can contribute. We not only have our elected Chapter officers in attendance, but committee members and other members who want to see what's going on. Several folks come as early as 5:30 p.m. to eat and socialize.

We are getting closer to publishing another Jeff Herbert book entitled *Hamilton County, OH Church Burial Records 1890-1899*. This will continue our new policy to publish with on-demand books which eliminates our book inventory. Look out for an announcement on how to purchase this new book soon.

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*(Tips From G&LH Continued from page 2)*

National Library of Ireland, <http://www.nli.ie/en/parish-register.aspx>.

### Upcoming Programs

Genealogy and Local History and the Chapter join forces in 2016 to present *Genealogical Resources: Estate Records*, a computer lab, by Hamilton County Genealogical Society Education Director, Liz Stratton, on January 30 (registration required). This is the first in a four part series. February's Black History Month lectures, *Finding a Voice and Shaping an Identity: African Americans and the Media*, features Cincinnatians and their ground breaking roles in television, radio and newspaper. The February 20 program, *Genealogy and Newspapers* is presented by Thomas Jordon, genealogist and television content creator, and is co-sponsored by the Library and the Society. (See calendar for details on both programs.)

### Kenner Toy Exhibit

Two weeks remain to view one of the Library's most popular exhibits, *Just in Time for the Holidays: The History of Kenner Toys*, a family owned and operated business. The exhibit in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room features toys from the 1940s through the 1990s and runs through January 16. Complimentary mini-exhibits are on display throughout the Main Library.

## Kroger and Amazon Reward Points!

### 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.

### REGISTER ONLINE: KROGERCOMMUNITYREWARDS.COM ORGANIZATION #83590

- Have your Kroger Plus card handy. If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger store.

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 article to the left of our name. Save changes.

If you are already a member, please remember to renew your membership!

The third quarter brought in \$118.00 for the Chapter, bringing the total for 2015 to over \$415. The support from Kroger members helps keep our annual dues very affordable. If you, any family members, or friends are not already a Kroger Reward member, please consider joining.

### Amazon Smile Rewards

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, a similar arrangement is set up for non-profit organizations. Instead of [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) type in [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), select "Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society" as your charity of choice, and whatever purchases you make, the Chapter will receive a 0.5% donation of your total purchase price. Another way to help keep our costs down.

*Thank you for your support!*

**Estate Settlement Records Series  
Potential Duplicate of Session 1  
By Liz Stratton**

The first session in the Estate Settlement Records Series is full. Please sign up on the wait list at <http://goo.gl/mEXnKH> or contact Liz Stratton, [education@hcgsohio.org](mailto:education@hcgsohio.org). If there is sufficient interest, a second session will be added at 3 pm. If a second session is added, those on the wait list will automatically be assigned to the 3 pm session. More details to follow.

The Estate Settlement Records Series will provide detailed coverage of estate research. Sessions will cover the estate settlement process, genealogically rich documents created along the way and finding and interpreting records. Even when there is no will, there is a way to find your ancestors in estate records! For best results, plan on attending all the sessions. There will be hands-on exercises focused on your own ancestors in each session. The first 3 sessions are not specific to Hamilton County. The fourth session will focus on overcoming obstacles due to the Hamilton County, Ohio courthouse fires. **Preregistration is required:**

Part 1, January 30, 1-2:45 pm, currently full, wait list at <http://goo.gl/mEXnKH>. An additional session may be added at 3 pm.

Part 2, March 5, 1-2:45 pm, registration at <http://goo.gl/HJbY7R>.

Part 3, April 2, 1-2:45 pm, registration at <http://goo.gl/h8XkBL>.

Part 4, May 7, 1-2:45 pm, registration at <http://goo.gl/PDZDEy>.

All sessions will be hands-on in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor computer lab, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Main Branch, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati.

**Save the Date! Upcoming Programs**

**Saturday, February 6, 2016, 2:00 pm**

**African American's and the Media: TV, Radio and Newspapers**

**PLCH - Main Library**

**Genealogy and Local History program space**

Join us for panel discussion with local anchor men who will discuss how they got started in broadcasting, the challenges they encountered and the changes they have observed in the industry. Curtis Fuller, Clyde Gray, John Lomax

**Saturday, February 20, 2016, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Feb. 20: Using Newspapers to Enhance African-American Genealogy (Programs)**

**PLCH - Main Library**

Using Newspapers to Enhance African-American Genealogy  
11:00 AM - Thomas Jordan will discuss how newspapers can be used in African-American Genealogy. African-Americans faced special challenges as mainstream newspapers, at one time, did not accept Death Notices for African-Americans. Mr. Jordan has suggestions on how best to make use of newspapers despite these limitations.

2:00 PM – Jan Michele Lemon Kearney and Mae Najjyyah Duncan will discuss the history of Black Newspapers in this region. Ms. Lemon Kearney is an employee of WLW and the owner of the *Cincinnati Herald*. Ms. Najjyyah Duncan edited a book called *A Survey of Cincinnati's Black Press and Its Editors, 1844-2006*.

**Friday, February 26, 2016, 11:30 am**

**Behringer-Crawford Museum Special Event (Programs)  
1600 Montague Rd., Covington, KY 41011**

We have been invited to attend a brown-bag lunch event on Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington, KY. Tiffany Hoppenjans will present a few artifacts from the museum's collection and discuss what she has learned about the families who once owned them. As the date gets closer, additional details will be provided. Save the date!

For directions: <http://goo.gl/akdjFX>



## Upcoming Programs (Continued)

**Saturday, February 27**

**2 pm – WCIN Radio: A Cincinnati Icon**

**Main Library, 800 Vine Street**

Hitting the airwaves in October 1953, WCIN-AM, the oldest "Black" radio station west of the Mississippi River opened the door for other Black formatted stations to exist in the area. Gina Rufflin Moore, local historian, author, and former WCIN reporter will examine the station's important role in the community, the many changes the station went through over the decades, and its strong radio personalities like Buggs Scruggs, Eddie Castleberry and Jack "The Rapper" Gibson.

**Sunday, March 6, 2016, 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm**

**Irish Interest Group (Interest Group)**

**Clifton Branch Library, 3400 Brookline Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220**

Kathe Edwards has graciously agreed to head up the Irish Interest Group. She would like to get input from members of the society to determine those areas of Irish genealogy/history would be of most value to them. We invite you to a planning meeting to be held Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1:15 – 3:15 at the Clifton Branch Library in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room. Parking is free and the library is handicap-accessible. Some events are already in the planning stages. We'd love to hear what would make this Interest Group meet your needs.

Click on this link for a map to the Clifton Branch. <http://www.cincinnati.org/branches/clifton.html>

**Sunday, June 5, 2016, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Irish Genealogy Day at the Irish Heritage Center - Save the Date! (Programs)**

**Irish Heritage Center, 3905 Eastern Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45226**

Save the date for what is certain to be a great day for those interested in Irish genealogy. In conjunction with the Irish Heritage Center, we are in the process of planning an afternoon with two speakers and some Irish food, drink and craic (good conversation and companionship). Look for more details in early 2016.

Visit the Irish Heritage Center Website:  
<http://www.irishcenterofcincinnati.com/>

## Genealogy Roadshow Season 3



*The Genealogy Roadshow* returns to PBS and will start on May 17, 2016. This season the participants will be featured from cities around the country, including Boston, Miami, Houston, Los Angeles, Albuquerque and more!

Stay tuned for more details to follow!

**January-March 2016  
Program Calendar**

Thursday, January 14 6:30 pm	<i>Chapter Board Meeting</i>		Perkins Restaurant Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, January 19 7:00 pm	<i>Butler County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society presents "Advanced Search Strategies at Family Search"</i>  <i>Free and open to the public Send questions to: BCOGS@butlercountyog.org</i>	<i>Dana Palmer</i>	West Chester Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. 513-777-3131
Saturday, January 30 9:30-11:30 am	<i>AGF: Indirect Evidence Arguments (see 'Events' on hcgsohio.org for details)</i>	<i>Peer-led article discussion</i>	Room 3A, Third Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, January 30 1:00-2:45	<i>Hands On: Estate Settlement Records, Part 1 of 4 (preregistration required)</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab, PLCH Main, 800 Vine Street
Saturday, February 6 2:00 pm	<i>African American's and the Media: TV, Radio and Newspapers</i>	<i>Courtis Fuller, Clyde Gray, John Lomax</i>	Genealogy and Local History program space PLCH - Main Library 800 Vine Street
Thursday, Feb 18 6:30	<i>Chapter Board Meeting</i>		Perkins Restaurant Hamilton Avenue Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, February 20	<i>"Using Newspapers in African-American Genealogy" - 11:00 am</i>  <i>"History of Black Newspapers in This Region" - 2:00 pm</i>	<i>Thomas Jordan Jan Michele, Lemon Kearney and Mae Najiyah Duncan</i>	Third Floor Program Space Main Library 800 Vine Street
Friday, February 26 11:30 am	<i>Brown Bag lunch event! A few artifacts from the museum collections and what was learned from the families who once owned them! More details to follow.</i>	<i>Tiffany Hoppenjans</i>	Behringer-Crawford Museum Special Event (Programs) 1600 Montague Rd. Covington, KY 41011
Saturday, February 27 2:00 pm	<i>WCIN Radio presents will examine the station's important role in the community, the many changes the station went through over the decades</i>	<i>Gina Rufflin Moore</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, March 5 9:30-11:30	<i>"Advanced Genealogy Forum Article Discussion. (see 'Events' on hcgsohio.org for details)</i>	<i>Bruce Weir</i>	Room 3A, Third Fl. Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, March 5 1:00-2:45	<i>Hands On: Estate Settlement Records, Part 2 of 4 (preregistration required)</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab, PLCH Main, 800 Vine Street

**April-June 2016  
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Sunday, March 6 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm	<i>HCGS Irish Interest Group Planning Meeting</i>	<i>Kathe Edwards</i>	Clifton Branch Library 3400 Brookline Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45220
Thursday, March 17 6:30	<i>Chapter Board Meeting</i>		Perkins Restaurant Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, April 2 1:00-2:45	<i>Hands On: Estate Settlement Records, Part 3 of 4 (preregistration required)</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab PLCH Main 800 Vine Street
Tuesday, April 26 6:30	<i>Genealogy 101</i>	<i>Rick and Paul Cauthen</i>	Deer Park Branch 3970 East Galbraith Road
Wednesday-Saturday April 27-30, 2016	<i>Ohio Genealogical Conference (OGS)</i>	<i>Choice of 85 sessions</i>	Great Wolf Lodge Warren County, OH
Thursday, April 28 6:30-11:30 pm	<i>Genealogy After-hours Lock-In as part of the OGS Conference</i>		3rd Fl. Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, May 7 1:00-2:45 pm	<i>Hands On: Estate Settlement Records, Part 4 of 4 (preregistration required)</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab PLCH Main 800 Vine Street
Saturday, May 14 9:30-11:00 am	<i>AGF: Establishing Identities (see 'Events' on hcgsohio.org for details)</i>	<i>Jean Maxwell</i>	Room 3A, Third Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, June 4 10:00 am	<i>Tour and Orientation to the Genealogy and Local History department</i>		3rd Fl. Main Library 800 Vine Street
Sunday, June 5 2:00-4:30 pm  SAVE THE DATE!	<i>Irish Genealogy Day at the Irish Heritage Center!</i> <i>Look for more details in early 2016.</i> <i>Visit the Irish Heritage Center Website:</i> <a href="http://www.irishcenterofcincinnati.com/">http://www.irishcenterofcincinnati.com/</a>		Irish Heritage Center 3905 Eastern Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45226

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