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By Jeff Herbert

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- 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.

Last year the Chapter received over **\$420** in benefits due to all of our members signing up as reward members.

This allows us to keep our member dues low, and also allows us to fund initiatives to benefit local research.

If you are already a member, please remember to renew.

Thank you for your support!

Who Do You Think You Are? & Genealogy Roadshow Spring Premieres!

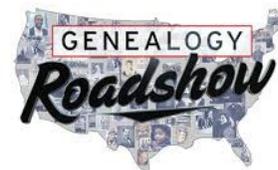


More genealogy shows are in store beginning with Season 8, *Who Do You Think You Are?* starting, Sunday, April 3rd, 9/8c on TLC. This season the casts includes: Scott Foley, Lea Michele, Chris Norton, Molly Ringwald,

Katey Sagal, and Aisha Tyler.

Then, starting Tuesday, May 17th tune into Season 3 PBS's *Genealogy Roadshow!* **Times to be determined.**

Genealogists, Kenyatta D. Berry, Joshua Taylor, and Mary Tedesco are back to continue work with anecdotal clues, documents, and family heirlooms to unite participants on the show with their histories and families they never knew!



Participants featured will be from cities around the country, including: Boston, Miami, Houston, Los Angeles and more!

Want to find out about your family history and be on the show? Now is your chance! *Genealogy Roadshow* is now accepting Casting Applications for Season 4.

<http://genealogyroadshow.org/casting-application-2016/>

Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

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

OGS Is Coming to Town

In late April, the Ohio Genealogical Society's annual conference comes to the Greater Cincinnati area. The Genealogy and Local History Department (G&LH) is partnering with the conference to make the Public Library's extensive family history resources and services available to conference attendees.

On Thursday, April 28, Genealogy and Local History hosts extended library hours for genealogists. Co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society (HCGS), this event will be open to all OGS conference attendees and HCGS members. Unlike "lock-ins" with restricted arrival times, this evening of research offers full in and out privileges from 6:30 until 11:30 p.m. There is no pre-registration. For those wishing to carpool, sign-up options will be available at the HCGS table at the conference. Don't miss this opportunity to put seminar theory into practice and research alongside fellow genealogists from across the state and nation.

In order to make research materials more accessible, the Library has re-cataloged all Ohio cemetery books, interfilming them with genealogy books from their corresponding counties. It is no longer necessary to look two places to locate all county information. In the process of integrating the two sets of materials, materials from most counties are now on their own shelf (or shelves). Additionally, shelves are labeled with county names to make materials easier to find.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to receive the latest updates on the Library's collections and services from G&LH librarian Jim Manger at the conference session "Genealogy Resources at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County" on Saturday at 1:30. Also look for the latest brochure, *Genealogy Resources at the Public Library*, available at the conference and at the Main Library. To request an electronic version, contact the G&LH Eref Desk at genealogyandlocalhistory@cincinnati.org.

Collection Update

Librarians and genealogists know that without the ability to identify and access materials, acquiring items for a collection is meaningless. In that spirit, the Library will continue to re-catalog and integrate cemetery books from the rest of the U.S. In doing so, the browsable collection will expand by nearly 20%. Look for completion of this project by the end of the year.

Genealogy and Local History's collections benefit tremendously from donations from individuals and organizations, especially HCGS. In the first quarter of the year, the Library received donations of *Hamilton County Ohio Church Burial Records, 1890-1899* (HCGS publication); and *George Wiedeman, Northern Kentucky's Beer Baron, The Man and His Brewery*, and *The Men of K-2 in the Forgotten War* (Little Miami Publishing). Pennsylvania genealogy books donated by the Chapter in 2015 were also cataloged and made available. Importantly, HCGS and its member made a generous donation of \$2,800 to the J. Richard Abell Fund, whose interest is used to purchase Ohio genealogy books. In addition, 132 books were purchased by the Library for the states of Ohio, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Digital Library

The Library continues to load genealogy and local history materials on the Digital Library (DL), <http://digital.cincinnati.org>. In early 2016, G&LH began to play a major role in the selection of materials to be scanned and added to the DL. Additions to the DL since then have included: yearbooks from Our Lady of Angels in St. Bernard and Woodward High Schools; architectural drawings by Samuel Hannaford; and *Street Map of Cincinnati, Covington and Newport* (1840), *Gray's New Map of Cincinnati* (1867) and *Memorial Map of Ireland* (1901). Each month we will add local histories, maps, surname books, special collections and indexes to the list. This collection is designed to serve you. We encourage you to make suggestions for any pre-1922 publications, including items of interest for your specific family research, by contacting us as 513-369-6905 or genealogyandlocalhistory@cincinnati.org.

Changes to the Genealogy and Local History Team

In late March, Genealogy and Local History bid farewell to veteran librarian Doug Magee, retiring after 35 years. Doug was the recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation

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President's Message

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The Hamilton County Chapter German Interest Group recently signed up as a member of a new umbrella group called the German-American Partnership. This consists of most major German genealogy societies in the U.S.A. and several in Germany and a few other countries. It has been in existence for about one year and the group has had several conference calls to discuss the potential benefits to all German researchers. The group has been assembling a list of German genealogy publications, names of German translators, people who lecture on German research topics, and to hold an International German-American genealogy conference. Plans are not in concrete yet but it is likely to be the last weekend of July 2017 near Minneapolis, MN with many interesting opportunities to hear both German and American speakers (in English). Hopefully some of you might be able to attend. More on this later.

By the time you get this it will be a very short time before the Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference in Mason, OH (about 25 miles northeast of Cincinnati). All the information is on their website at ogs.org. Don't miss this opportunity to attend a state genealogy conference close to where many of you live.

The Chapter has an election every two years for officers and directors with a vote at a Chapter meeting usually in May. This year the election will be held at the June Chapter meeting. If you are interested in running for any position you may contact the nominating committee chair, Jeff Herbert to discuss any details. You may also contact any Board member if you have an interest. Many Board members expressed an interest in running again in the same position as our Chapter has had a very stable group who work well together. Open positions are for a Vice-President and two more positions no one has committed as yet. We do have a committee chair position open that is appointed and that is for an African-American Interest Group Chair. Contact Kenny Burck if you are interested.

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 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. The speaker this year will discuss the Shaker Community that was once a part of Crosby Township in Hamilton County. Efforts are underway to attempt to recreate much of this historical site.

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. Because we are not having an Annual Seminar in 2016 due to the OGS Conference being in Mason, OH, awards will be given out at Chapter meetings when the awardees are present.

So how many Facebook Fans does the Chapter have? The answer is 2021 to date. We continue to update and publish our Facebook page and Twitter by Amy Hartmann, our Chapter blog by Kathy Reed, our website by Bob Brodbeck, *The Tracer* by Deb Cyprych and *The Gazette* by Jane Edgar, along with other contributors, in an attempt to reach our members with the latest news and genealogical information. We have a great team working for you.

We have a Civil War Cemetery Project committee that is continuing to provide every known Civil War veteran who is buried in Hamilton County with an image of their tombstone on the Find-A-Grave website. While the winter months has slowed this progress, the group is nearing completion of this task. The committee will write about their project as it nears completion.

Changes to the Genealogy and Local History Team *(Continued from page 2)*

from the Hamilton County Genealogical Society for his depth of knowledge and customer service, especially in the field of maps.

While Doug's "shoes will be hard to fill," in early April, Amanda Lacher will join the Genealogy and Local History team. Amanda is not new to the department. She served as a Veterans History Project intern during Library school. Last month, Amanda arrived for her interview for the G&LH reference librarian position with Nook in hand, displaying her family history. She linked the online chart, which she had researched and loaded, to original documents, complete with their proper citations. In addition, Amanda has extensive experience with reference work and processing special collections. Please join me in welcoming her.

Upcoming Programs

In May, G&LH collaborates with the Society to present *Cultivating Your Genealogical Roots* at branch libraries. These free classes are a great introduction to genealogical methodology and assist researchers who have found information about potential ancestors online, but are searching for the next steps. (See calendar for details) Save the date --Israel Pickholtz from Jerusalem speaks at the Main Library on August 4 at noon. Mr. Pickholtz is a DNA specialist and author of the recent work, *Endogamy, One Family, One People*.

Genealogy 101 Presentation By Rick Cauthen

Have you ever wanted to research your family tree but didn't know how to get started? Hamilton County Genealogical Society members, Rick & Paul Cauthen, will be presenting "*Genealogy 101*" at the Deer Park branch of the Public Library for Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The library is located at 3970 East Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45236. The presentation will be on the evening of April 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM. This program will be suitable for all new beginners to the hobby genealogists..

The presentation will cover:

- The use of the pedigree chart to begin with yourself and work your way back in time.
- The use of a family group sheet to document fami-

ly units.

- The importance of documenting your sources.
- Use of Vital Records and Federal US census records.
- Major online genealogical resources.
- Brief discussion on the use of desktop genealogy software packages as well as online sites for organizing your research.
- Putting it all together with a case study.

Please join us for what promises to be an informative evening. **Registration is required.** Please visit our website at www.hcgsOhio.org and go to the events section for information on online registration. If you have any specific questions, you can reach Mr. Rick Cauthen at jewish.interest@hcgsOhio.org.

Annual Heritage Awards Luncheon By Karen Klaene

Mark the calendar for the Heritage Awards Luncheon, Saturday, October 22nd at the Clovernook Country Club on Gabraith Road in North College Hill. Awards will be presented to new members of *First Families, Settlers and Builders, or Century Families of Hamilton County*. Speaker Ed Creighton will present a program on the Whitewater Shakers of Hamilton County. Ed is a member of the Butler County Historical Society and a board member of *Friends of Whitewater Shaker Village, Inc.* This year marks the 100th anniversary of the closing of this fascinating society. Registration will be made available in the Tracer and on our website later this year.

The Ohio History Fund

By Jim Dempsey

What is the Ohio History Fund and how is it used?



The Ohio History Fund is a way for Ohioans to contribute to state and local history projects by making a tax deductible donation on the state personal income tax form. Donations are used throughout Ohio through a competitive grant program. The Ohio History

Connection administers the program. On May 24, 2014, the Ohio Historical Society changed its name to the Ohio History Connection.

When was the Fund created and how has it been used?

The Fund was created to support the preservation and sharing of Ohio's heritage by funding projects, programs and events related to the broad sweep of the state's history. The Fund was signed into law by Gov. John R. Kasich on June 30, 2011. Since then, it has awarded \$348,000 in grant funds to 33 organizations in 22 of the state's 88 counties. Grant recipients have matched granted amounts to the tune of \$658,000.

How do I donate?

Look for "Ohio History Fund" on page 2 of your Ohio tax return and designate a dollar amount. That's it! Your tax-deductible donation goes to support history projects. For just \$9, you can help repair a roof, preserve rare color film footage or digitize historic documents.

If you are not receiving a refund, you can still donate by giving directly to the Ohio History Connection and designate your gift to the "Ohio History Fund." Visit <https://connect.ohiohistory.org/support/history-fund> for more information.

Filing your state income taxes electronically? Keep in mind the following:

I-file (State of Ohio): Look for line "026B - Ohio Historical Society Donation" You donation here is for the Ohio History Fund grant program. I-File didn't change

the name of the check-off from Ohio Historical Society to Ohio History Fund this year, and we will work to see that this is addressed next year.

Tax Act software: will ask you if you want to donate a portion of your refund to the "Ohio History Fund" – please do!

Turbo Tax software: click "Other Deductions" before you submit your return. Turbo Tax calls tax check-offs "deductions." Look for the "Ohio History Fund" tax check-off.

We'd love to hear from you and answer any questions. Please contact the Local History Services at averhoff@ohiohistory.org or (614) 297-2341.

What original and digital documents are available through the Ohio History Connection?

- Archives and Library, see: <https://ohiohistory.org/learn/archives-library>
- Government Records, see <https://ohiohistory.org/learn/archives-library/state-archives/local-government-records-program>
- Electronic Records, see: <https://ohiohistory.org/learn/archives-library/state-archives/local-government-records-program/electronic-records-resources>
- Ohio Newspapers, see: Ohio's *Chronicling America* collection now includes over 318,000 pages published from 1832 to 1922 from over 65 titles representing 58 counties around the state at the Library of Congress. To see them, visit <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/ohio>.

The Archives/Library at the Ohio History Center in Columbus contains the largest collection of Ohio newspapers in existence from 1793 to present, 4,500 titles, 20,000 volumes, and over 50,000 rolls of microfilm of Ohio titles.

Source: <https://ohiohistory.org/ohfund>

Past Recipients

2015 Recipients

Mahoning Valley Historical Society (Youngstown)
Wyandot County Historical Society (Upper Sandusky)
Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, Kent State University (Cleveland)
The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum (Cleveland)

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2015 Recipients, Continued

Junior League of Columbus / Kelton House Museum & Garden (Columbus)
 Southington Township Board of Trustees (Southington)
 Massillon Heritage Foundation (Massillon)
 Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education (Cincinnati)
 The City of Olmsted Falls
 Fayette County Historical Society (Washington Court House)
 Dairy Barn Arts Center (Athens)
 Belpre Historical Society

2014 Recipients

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (Cleveland)
 Dayton History
 Dayton Society of Natural History
 Historic New Richmond
 McKinley Presidential Library & Museum (Canton)
 Ross County Historical Society (Chillicothe)
 Slavic Village Development (Cleveland)
 Summit County Historical Society (Akron)
 Williams County Records Center (Bryan)
 Worthington Historical Society -century central Ohio.

2013 Recipients

Clark County Historical Society (Springfield)
 Cleveland Museum of Natural History
 Cleveland Restoration Society
 Dennison Railroad Depot
 Eden Valley Enterprises (Elyria)
 Friends of Whitewater Shaker Village (Cincinnati)
 John & Annie Glenn Museum Foundation (New Concord)
 MidPointe Library System (Middletown)
 Pioneer Historical Society of Muskingum County (Zanesville)
 Union County Historical Society (Marysville)

For more details about Past recipients listed above go to:

<https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-services/history-fund/recipients>

**Irish Genealogy Day!
 By Kathy Reed**

**Irish Genealogy Day at the Irish Heritage Center
 June 5, 2016
 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 Irish Heritage Center, 3905 Eastern Ave.,
 Cincinnati, OH 45226**

On Sunday, June 5th from 2:00 – 4:30, the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, in conjunction with the Irish Heritage Center, will hold a celebration of Irish-American genealogy and culture. The afternoon will include speakers Jim Mc Kiernan and Diane Kenyon Runyan, as well as a full bar and Irish desserts available for purchase. Jim Mc Kiernan will discuss how you can take advantage of the resources of the Irish Heritage Center to help trace your Irish ancestors, and Diane Kenyon Runyan will discuss “Unknown Tales of Irish Immigration.”

Reservations are required. The cost is \$5.00 for members of HCGS and \$10 for non-members. There are two ways to make a reservation:

- Click on this [link](#) and submit your payment electronically by Paypal (preferred), **OR** Complete the [reservation form](#) and mail a check to: HCGS, P.O. Box 15865, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215-0865.
- You can [download the flyer](#) for this event. Location of Event: Irish Heritage Center 3905 Eastern Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45225
<http://www.irishcenterofcincinnati.com/>
 Map and directions are on the website under the “Facility” tab 513-533-0100

**April–May 2016
Program Calendar**

Saturday, April 2 1:00-2:45	<i>Hands On: Estate Settlement Records, Part 3 of 4 (Both sessions are full)</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Third Floor Computer Lab PLCH Main 800 Vine Street
Saturday, April 9 8:00 am	<i>“Family History Jamboree” (preregister at http://www.fhjl.org)</i>	<i>Choice of 20 sessions</i>	901 East Whipp Road Centerville, OH
Saturday, April 16 9:00 am—3:30 pm	<i>“Where, Oh Where, Are My Ancestors From?” (oh-palam.org)</i>	<i>Teresa S. McMillin</i>	Der Dutchman Restaurant 445 Jefferson Ave. Plain City, OH
Monday, April 25 6:30 pm	<i>“History of Cincinnati’s Freemasons”</i>	<i>Donald Crews</i>	Congenealogy, Kenton Cty Li- brary 5th & Scott Covington, KY
Tuesday, April 26 6:30 pm	<i>Genealogy 101 (preregistration required)</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
Tuesday, May 10 7:00 pm	<i>“Working with Autosomal DNA” (Butler County Chapter)</i>	<i>Pam White</i>	Midpointe Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. West Chester, OH
Thursday, May 12 6:00 pm	<i>“Cultivating Your Roots” Co-Sponsored by HCGS</i>	<i>Jim Mainger and Liz Stratton</i>	Monfort Heights Library 513-369-4472
Saturday, May 14 9:30-11:30 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

**May-October 2016
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Tuesday, May 17 6:00 pm	<i>“Cultivating Your Roots” Co-Sponsored by HCGS</i>	<i>Brian Powers and Nancy Chouteau</i>	Madisonville Library 513-369-6029
Tuesday, May 24 7:00 pm	<i>“Cultivating Your Roots” Co-Sponsored by HCGS</i>	<i>Colleen Philips and Kathe Edwards</i>	North Central Branch Library 513-369-6068
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! Visit the Irish Heritage Center Website: http://www.irishcenterofcincinnati.com/</i>		Irish Heritage Center 3905 Eastern Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45226
Wed-Sat June 22-25	<i>Palatines to America National Conference www.palam.org</i>	<i>Choice of 13 sessions</i>	Hilton at Grand Wayne Conf. Center Fort Wayne, IN
Monday, June 27 6:00 pm	<i>“Cultivating Your Roots” Co-Sponsored by HCGS (Part of Summer Education)</i>	<i>Colleen Phillips</i>	Norwood Library 513-369-6037
Thursday, Aug 4 Noon	<i>“Lessons in Jewish DNA - One Man's Suc- cesses and What He Learned On the Journey”</i>	<i>Conducted by Israeli genealogist, Israel Pickholtz</i>	Genealogy and Local History program space Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, Oct 22 10:45 am SAVE THE DATE!	<i>HCGS Heritage Awards Luncheon</i>	<i>Ed Creighton</i>	Clovernook Country Club 2035 West Galbraith Rd. Cincinnati, OH

Please see our complete calendar listing on <http://hcgsohio.org>. Also, follow us on:



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