



# THE GAZETTE

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## Southwestern Ohio Regional DNA Interest Group

By Kathy Reed



For the last several years, more and more genealogists have shown an interest in learning how DNA could be used to confirm traditional genealogical research. This is referred to as Genetic Genealogy. In response to this need,

I am proposing a new DNA Interest Group that would be regional in nature and serve, not only Hamilton County, but the surrounding region. I have contacted other DNA leaders in this region and have their support.

My vision is that we would present everyone with the “basics” and move on as rapidly as possible to some of the more advanced application topics. At the initial program, the major companies that do DNA testing for genealogical purposes would be discussed, as well as the types of available tests. Participants would be strongly encouraged to purchase an autosomal test. Programs would be “stand-alone” with members choosing those that would be of interest to them. Introductory programs would consist of two parts: 1) an introductory lecture, and 2) the opportunity to work with your own data with the assistance of other participants.

Some of the proposed topics include:

1. Overview of companies and available tests
2. Autosomal tests
3. Y-DNA tests
4. MtDNA tests
5. Understanding Ethnicity Estimates

### Applying Your Results

1. Gedmatch
2. Genome Mate Pro
3. DNAGedcom.com
4. Don Worth's Visualizing Your Autosomal DNA Segment Analyzer
5. DNA Land

These are just suggestions. Topics and their order of presentation are open for discussion.

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you think may be interested. Pam White (Butler Co.) Nan Harvey (Bloomington, IN) and I (Hamilton Co.) are all attending the Advanced Genealogy Course to be held in Pittsburgh at GRIP in July. I'm sure we'll have more ideas after that. Thoughts? Please email me, Kathy Reed, at [programs@hcgsohio.org](mailto:programs@hcgsohio.org) if you would like to be on a mailing list for this Interest Group or have any questions.

**Please feel free to distribute this to others you think would be interested.**

## Did You Know?

Did you know that if you had ancestors living near American Indian territories, there is more than a 50% chance you have at least one Native American ancestor?

~Ancestry

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

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

### Showing Off

Many thanks to the Hamilton County Genealogical Sources for helping showcase the services and resources at the Public Library by sponsoring extended hours and a reception at the Library during April's Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Conference. After a full day of seminars, nearly 50 out-of-town conference attendees braved rush hour traffic and logged in another several hours conducting research at the Library. The participants were full of compliments about our collections and librarians.

### Collection Update

The Genealogy and Local History Department added several hundred genealogy books covering the states of Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan and North Carolina, in addition to a donation from the Hamilton County Genealogical Society of five copies of *Index of Death Notices Appearing in Der Christlich Apologete 1839-1899*. The index will be available at the Main Library and four branches. The Friends of the Public Library donated an 1852 copy of the *Report of Commissioners of Alien Passengers and Foreign Paupers*, complete with names.

We continue to re-catalog cemetery books for easier access and browsing, so they will reside next to like genealogy books on the shelf. All Ohio counties were completed prior to the OGS convention. Since then we have re-cataloged and re-shelved books from most of the western states, as well as Kansas and Missouri. Spread the word to those with Kansas and Missouri ancestors. Genealogy books from those two states now occupy more than 20 continuous shelves.

### Digital Library

Genealogy and local history resources continue to represent the fastest growing component of the Digital Library, <http://digital.cincinnati.org/cdm/>. Maps prove to be among the department's most popular print and digital resources. The Digital Services Department has added 19<sup>th</sup> century Cincinnati maps as well the indispensable tool, *Index to Sanborn Maps*, to the Digital Library. Many of materials

posted on the Digital Library are one-of-a-kind resources, like the Sanborn index, *List of World War Soldiers Buried in Cincinnati and Vicinity*, and steamboat Captain Jesse Hughes' diaries. Genealogists can also find out-of-print compiled family histories from the Library's collection for surnames beginning with the letters "A" through "D." The Genealogy and Local History Department plays a major role in the selection of materials for the Digital Library. Contact us at [genealogyandlocalhistory@cincinnati.org](mailto:genealogyandlocalhistory@cincinnati.org) to recommend public domain (published prior to 1922) materials from our collection to add to the Digital Library.

### Genealogy Training and Certification through Universal Class

Know someone new to genealogy, who is looking to learn the basics? Need a genealogy brush up at your own pace? The Library offers a free online genealogy class through the research database Universal Class. Click on E-Branch at the top of the Library's homepage, <http://www.cincinnati.org/>, and then E-Learning, and enter the word "Genealogy" in the search box. A certificate is available at the completion of the course.

### Upcoming Programs—see calendar for details Jewish Genealogy and DNA

On August 4, the Department presents *Lessons in Jewish DNA - One Man's Successes and What He Learned on the Journey* with international author and DNA specialist, Israel Pickholtz, from Jerusalem. Mr. Pickholtz is a DNA specialist and author of the recent work, *Endogamy, One Family, One People*.

### Digital Brew



Have memorabilia representing Cincinnati's brewing and drinking past? On August 13, the Library joins forces with the Brewing Heritage

Trail for a scanning event at Christian Moerlein Malt House Tap Room in Over-the-Rhine. Share your historic brewing and drinking treasures, including letters, and photographs taken in Greater Cincinnati neighborhoods, taverns, breweries and at home. Scans of family artifacts may appear on the Brewing Heritage Trail or in the Li-

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# President's Message

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## New Chairs

Yes, I mean chairs! A few months ago I was at the downtown Public Library in Cincinnati and I mentioned to Pat Van Skaik (Manager of the Genealogy & Local History Dept.) that my chair was digging into the carpet and needed to be repaired. It was then she told me all the chairs in the department were soon to be replaced. On my most recent trip (June 2016) the chairs were now in place on the entire floor and they are really nice and sturdy and should last many years. I think you will all like them.

## New Chapter Directors

As stated in the Chapter bylaws, elections were recently held at a Chapter meeting. All positions were reelected (no nominations were made from the floor). Jeff Herbert (Chair of the Nominations Committee) had surveyed the current office holders and most were willing to serve another term. However, Jenny Moorman has returned to the Board as the Digital Resources Director and Nancy Chouteau has become the Research & Preservation Director. Deb Cyprych has moved from *Tracer* editor to Publication Director. We are planning to start a new DNA Interest Group. There are so many questions about the benefits of being tested and then what do the results mean. We are intending to do this with a regional approach with other nearby chapters. More on this later. We thank Amy Hartman (who will continue as our Facebook Coordinator), Ann Hambrecht (who will continue as our Research Chair) and Pam Minning for their service on the Chapter Board. We are so fortunate that many of our Board members stay with us a long time, so to all of you, THANK YOU for your continued service.

## Other Open Board Positions

I have mentioned some of these opportunities before, but the Vice President's position is open. I (Kenny Burck as President) don't plan on going anywhere, but it nice to have someone waiting in the wings someday. The African-American Interest Group Chair and the Newsletter Exchange Chair positions are open. We are also in need of a new *Tracer* editor. See the article in this issue of *The Gazette*. Ask any Board member to give you more information about these jobs. We have a friendly Board that usually

meets at Perkins Restaurant in Mt. Healthy the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of January through May and September and November. The June, October and December meetings are held elsewhere and there are no Board meetings in July and August. Any member can sit in on Board meetings.

## Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Annual Conference

For those that attended the OGS Conference in Mason, OH, I am pretty sure you were pleased with the facility and the lectures offered. I have never before heard less complaints. It is likely we will return there again in 2019. In April 2017 the conference will be at the Kalahari Resort near Lake Erie and in April 2018 in Columbus, OH.

## German-American Genealogical Partnership (GAGP)

As previously mentioned, the Hamilton County Chapter German Interest Group became a member of a new umbrella group called the GAGP. This consists of mostly major German genealogy societies in the U.S.A. and several in Germany and a few other countries. There are also many individual German researchers or lecturers that are "partners". Plans are now finalized for the first international German genealogy conference on last weekend of July 2017 near Minneapolis, MN. Hotel reservations can be made about August 2016. Hopefully some of you might be able to attend. More on this later.

## Lineage Society Groups

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. 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.

## Chapter Awards

The Chapter loves to give out awards. I want to again congratulate the 2016 awards winners listed in the last issue of *The Tracer*. The 2017 Chapter awards will be presented

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## Digital Brew (Continued from page 2)

Library's Brewing Heritage collection on the Digital Library. Participants will receive free scans of their items (limit 5) and Brewing Heritage Trail pint glasses. For more details, contact the Library at 369-6905 or [genealogyandlocalhistory@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:genealogyandlocalhistory@cincinnati.library.org).

## Streetcar Genealogy and History



On September 9, the Cincinnati Streetcar opens for business. The Library stop on Walnut Street is a central part of the celebration. Join me for a genealogist's look at *Cincinnati's Early Streetcar Conductors* (September 10) and local historian and author Robert Wimberg for *Moving Cincinnati: A History of Trolleys, Cable Cars, Inclines and Streetcars* (September 11th). Contact [patricia.vanskaik@cincinnati.library.org](mailto:patricia.vanskaik@cincinnati.library.org) prior to the events if you have streetcar workers in your family history and/or stories to share.

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## Save the Date-Family History Month

The Genealogical Society and Library team up for exciting activities during this October's Family History Month, kicking off with Experts' Day on October 1. Take advantage of free one-on-one consultations provided by over 20 experts with specializations ranging from ethnic genealogy to court records (noon-2 p.m.) and join Amie Bowser Tennant, nationally acclaimed speaker and content creator for the podcast *Genealogy Gems*, as she presents *Have You Seen Me? Missing Persons and Proof of Parentage* at 11 a.m. and *Using Social Media to Break through Brick Walls* at 2 p.m.



## Chapter Awards (Continued from page 3)

at the April Annual Spring Seminar with nationally-known speaker, The Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell presenting. Any member can nominate any member (or non-member) for an award. Let any Board member know who is a deserving candidate.

## Chapter is Looking for a New *Tracer* Editor

After 15 years of exemplary service (and our *Tracer* winning two national awards), our *Tracer* editor has decided to pass the torch to another member. Deb Cyprych has accepted the position of editor for the *National Genealogical Society Magazine* and will begin that assignment immediately. Therefore, we are in search for a Chapter member to take over this great opportunity. Deb will edit the August issue of the *Tracer* and will assist the new editor with the November *Tracer* (the deadline for this issue is September 30, 2016). The new editor will take over for the January 2017 issue.

We have published four *Tracers* each year since 1979. Board members and others submit articles and upcoming program announcements to the editor, who edits them for accuracy, clarity and consistency. The editor and members of the editorial committee collect additional information of interest to Hamilton County genealogists and write articles to fill the remainder of the journal's 32 pages. After laying out the articles and making adjustments to fit the space, the editor sends the print version electronically to the printer and to the webmaster to post on the website.

The editor should have editorial and design experience, the ability to meet deadlines, and an affinity for what Hamilton County genealogists want to know. Contact Deb at [dcyprych@gmail.com](mailto:dcyprych@gmail.com) or 513-328-8672 to learn more about what this job entails. She stated she has enjoyed her time as editor tremendously and would like to continue to write some articles for *The Tracer*.

So, congratulations to Deb on her new role. We look forward to welcoming another Chapter member as *Tracer* editor.

## 3rd Quarter Kroger Rewards & Amazon Rewards

### By Jeff Herbert

The Hamilton County Genealogical Society (HCGS) is a participant in the 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, South-eastern 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.

Kroger Awards for the 2nd quarter of 2016, totaled \$101.48. So far in 2016, the Chapter has already received over **\$195** in support from Kroger members, which helps keep our annual dues very affordable. If you or any family members or friends are not already a Kroger Reward member, please consider joining.

If you are already a member, please remember to re-new.

## 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!**

## The Annual Heritage Luncheon

### By Karen Klaene

All are invited to the 28th Hamilton County Genealogical Society Heritage Luncheon held again at the Cloverbook Country Club in North College Hill on Saturday, October 22nd. Those who have proven their lineage to become members of "*First Families of Hamilton County, Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County, and Century Families of Hamilton County*" will receive their awards. Registration will be open at 10:45 am with the program beginning at 11:30 am and lunch served at noon. This will be followed by our speaker, Ed Creighton of the Friends of Whitewater Shaker Village, Inc. This religious group resided in southwestern Hamilton County for over seventy years and the property and buildings are being restored to be open to the public. Ed will tell their story and the efforts being made by this organization. The registration form will be in the next *Tracer* and on the chapter's website. Please join us!

## Civil War Veteran Burials Make a Difference Project

By Jeff Herbert

This July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend marks the completion of our Make A Difference (MAD) project that began over two and a half years ago. It was undertaken to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War and the sacrifices that our veterans made during this four year struggle.

The main goal of the project was to document the more than 11,400 Civil War veterans who are buried in Hamilton County, Ohio, create memorials for them on Find-A-Grave (if they were not already documented), and to then explore the various cemeteries within Hamilton County and photograph the grave stones of these soldiers if they still had a marker. This huge effort was completed in June 2016 by several dedicated volunteers.

The names of these Civil War veterans have been compiled in a spreadsheet along with their birth and death dates, the name of the cemetery, place of burial, the name of the company, and the regiment that they served in. This PDF file is sorted in alphabetical order by veteran's name.

To view this information please visit the Cemeteries page under Local Records on our website at:

[http://www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?  
pt=63#CivilWarVets](http://www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=63#CivilWarVets)

Also be sure to check Find-A-Grave for additional information and a possible picture of the veteran's grave. You also have the ability to include additional information about the veteran and family if known, to share with others on the Find-A-Grave website.

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

## Veterans' Day Programs

As we pay tribute to those who served, Ken Williamson, author of recently released *Saying Goodbye to Vietnam: My Personal Experience as an Army Photographer in Vietnam* will share his experiences and photographs on November 5 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library. The presentation will be followed by a book signing and discussion by librarian Brian Powers on the Library's Veterans History Project and opportunities for Vietnam veterans' participation.

On November 12, the Main Library presents two programs on Gold Star Mothers. Started during World War I, a mother who had a son serving in the war hung a flag with a blue star. That star was changed to gold if that son was lost. At 11 a.m., John Graham, author of *The Gold Star Mother Pilgrimages of the 1930s*, traces the journey and shows clips from his PBS documentary *Gold Star Mothers: Pilgrimage of Remembrance* of the women who journeyed to Europe to view their children's final resting place in foreign graves.

At 1 p.m., Rebecca Frank, President of Gold Star Mothers for Ohio, recounts the history of Gold Star Mothers from WWII to the present and their contributions to surviving veterans. She joins Brian Powers and members of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society to talk about a recent discovery of Gold Star records from World War II, their genealogical value and the efforts underway to index them.

**August-October 2016  
Program Calendar**

Thursday, Aug 4 Noon	<i>“Lessons in Jewish DNA - One Man's Successes 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
Friday, Aug 13 11:00 am-3:00 pm	<i>“Digital Brew: Sharing Our Brewing &amp; Drinking History” (see July Gazette)</i>  <i>Co-sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and the Brewing Heritage Trail</i>		Christian Moerlein Malt House Tap Room 1621 Moore Street in Over-the-Rhine
Saturday, Sept 10 1:00 pm	<i>“Streetcar Genealogy: Cincinnati’s Early Streetcar Conductors”</i>  <i>Sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County,</i>	<i>Patricia Van Skaik</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street
Sunday, Sept 11 2:00 pm	<i>“Moving Cincinnati: A History of Trolleys, Cable Cars, Inclines and Streetcars”</i>  <i>Sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County,</i>	<i>Robert Wimberg</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, October 1 11:00	<i>“Have You Seen Me? Missing Persons and Proof of Parentage”</i>  <i>Co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Amie Bowser Tennant</i>	3rd Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, October 1 11:00 am—3:00 pm	<i>“A Day with the Genealogy Experts – Personal consultations with regional experts”</i>  <i>Co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society</i>		3rd Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, October 1 2:00 pm	<i>“Using Social Media to Break through Brick Walls”</i>  <i>Co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Amie Bowser Tennant</i>	3rd Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
	<i>Intro to Genealogy at the Branch Libraries:</i>  <i>October 6—6 pm Mariemont</i> <i>October 10-6 pm Westwood</i> <i>October 24-7 pm Blue Ash</i>		
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

**October 2016–April 2017  
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Saturday, Oct 29 6:30-11:30 pm	<i>Genealogy Lock-In Pre-Registration Required</i>		3rd Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, Nov 5 11:00 am—3:00 pm	<i>11:00 am Land Research—Part 1, Section 1 1:00 pm Estate Research—Part 1, Section 1 Estate Research—Part 1, Section 2  Registration Required</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	3rd Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, Nov 5 11:00 am	<i>“Saying Goodbye to Vietnam” Book signing to follow presentation</i>	<i>Ken Williamson</i>	Genealogy & Local History Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, Nov 12 11:00 am	<i>WWI and the birth of “Gold Star Mothers” Gold Star Mothers of WWII and Today— Panel Co-sponsored by the HCGS</i>	<i>John Graham</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, Nov 19 11:00 am	<i>Cincinnati and the Civil War</i>	<i>Robert Wimberg</i>	Genealogy & Local History Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, Nov 19 10:00 am—3:00 pm	<i>10:00 am Land Research—Part 2, Section 1 1:00 pm Estate Research—Part 2, Section 1 Estate Research—Part 2, Section 2  Registration Required</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	3rd Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
Saturday, Dec 3 10:00 am—3:00 pm	<i>10:00 am Land Research—Part 3, Section 1 1:00 pm Estate Research—Part 3, Section 1 Estate Research—Part 3, Section 2  Registration Required</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	3rd Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street
SAVE THE DATE! April 8, 2017	<i>The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell will be presenting 4 programs at the HCGS Annual Seminar Registration opens October 21, 2016</i>	<i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</i>	Mill Race Banquet Center Winton Woods Cincinnati, OH

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



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