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SW Ohio DNA Interest Group News

By Kathy Reed



January Work Session

On Tuesday, January 31st from 7:00 - 8:45, we will have a "work session" at the MidPointe Library in West Chester, Ohio. Bring your laptop or other device and questions about using autosomal

DNA. We will rely on the expertise of other group members to solve problems you may be experiencing.

Meeting Dates for 2017

February 14th – Using your FTDNA and 23andme results.

April 11th – Introduction to Gedmatch

June 13th

August 15th

October 10th

Videos for the first two meetings are available on the website:

<https://vimeo.com/189988112/2cfe9b9277> Introduction to DNA and Genetic Genealogy.

<https://vimeo.com/196391480> Using Autosomal DNA on Ancestry.

If you want to be placed on the mailing list, email programs@hcgsohio.org

Upcoming Programs for 2017

By Kathy Reed

Saturday, February 11, Main Library

(2 sessions) Photography and Family

Photography and Genealogy Research, 11:00 am

Behind every photo lies a story. Genealogist Thomas Jordan will explore genealogical clues just waiting to be discovered in cabinets and photo albums found at home. Co-Sponsored by the Hamilton County Society.

March 15th-16th - In conjunction with Irish Interest Group – Details TBA

Two Day Irish Genealogy Workshop & Live Streaming Webinar!

March 15, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm—Irish Genealogy Resources for Success.

March 16, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm—Famine Era Records and Emigration.

April 22nd – “Spessart Roots: On the History of the People of a German Forest”

Native Cincinnati Mary E. Wuest, will present “On the History of the People of a German Forest.” This non-fiction work gives us a vivid account of how events and circumstances played out in one location—Spessart Forest—in northwest Bavaria. Travel the road of peasant life through the centuries: through the wars, witch persecutions, famines, and heavy governance. Learn about life as a serf from the time of earliest settlements until the time of mass emigrations; and how religion, schooling, and customs affected everyday existence. Read gripping stories of individuals, including stories of the author’s own ancestors, which bring the forest’s history to life.

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Library News from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

**BY Patricia Moseley Van Skaik, Manager,
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From Your Attic to Ours

Every genealogist knows that some of the most valuable family history resources are in closets and attics *some-where*. One of the advantages of hunting down “cousins” is access to those materials. Many families are willing to share, but reluctant to permanently hand over their family treasures. Conversely, other genealogists have resources that they have spent decades collecting and want them safe guarded for posterity in libraries. Unfortunately, due to physical space and staffing limitations few libraries can accommodate these materials and provide adequate access.

All that is about to change, thanks in large part to a generous donation from the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, who paid for the Library’s purchase of a professional grade portable scanner. The descriptors, *professional grade portable*, are significant. Unlike off-the-shelf scanners, the professional grade scanner will meet all quality requirements for library websites, is more efficient and durable, and importantly, more safely scans the original items. Portability means we can come closer to the collector.

Our Cincinnati, sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, is the first major venture by the Library to build, preserve and provide access to community based collections. The first theme is *neighborhood* with its important counterpart genealogy. Bring your paper based memorabilia, such as photographs, letters, scrapbooks and diaries, to one of eight library locations in early 2017. Participants will receive their items back and a free scan of their materials on disc. Selected images will be posted on the Digital Library with accompanying metadata from catalogs to make the materials accessible. We recommend bringing items where the people and/or places and approximate dates are known. Additionally, the Library’s rare book and paper conservator will be on hand to advise how to best care for historical photographs and documents. For more information, including scanning dates and locations see the press release, http://www.cincinnati.library.org/press/2016/ourcincinnati_pressrelease.pdf.

A genealogy-focused scanning evening will take place during G&LH’s next lock-in on April 15. (See the calendar for details and reserve your spot early.) Where researchers previously could look to libraries for official records, soon they will also be able to retrieve photographs and family records related to the events.

Abell Trust Fund

Santa, AKA, the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, was very good to the Library this year. In addition to purchasing the scanner, the Chapter made its annual donation to the Abell Trust Fund, named after former History Department Head, J. Richard Abell. This year’s contribution was nearly twice that of previous years and comes at an important time. The fund helps the Genealogy and Local History Department (G&LH) maintain our top collection ranking. Special thanks go to the Chapter for having the foresight to establish this fund more than twenty-five years ago and to the many who have contributed to it.

Collection Update

Over 200 books were added this past quarter, including:

Bowling Green, KY obituaries

Cemetery records from Mobile, AL

Uncounted Irish in Canada and the United States

Franco’s Refugees: Records of the Jews Who Came through Spain and Portugal to New York City, 1940-1941. This is the first of three volumes detailing more contemporary Jewish immigration to the United States.

The Black Calhouns: From Civil War to Civil Rights with One African American Family

Celebrating Genealogical Heritages

The Chapter’s *Advanced Genealogy Forum* meets at the Main Library in January for a peer led discussion of *Ancestral Origins: Focus on England*. See the Chapter’s event page for more details, <http://www.hcgsOhio.org/eventListings.php?nm=142>.

In February, the Library joins with the Chapter to celebrate African American history and genealogy. Join genealogist Thomas Jordon, author of *Double Jordan: My Journey towards Discovering My Paternal Ancestors*, on February 11 for *Photography and Genealogy Research* followed by *Preserving Your Family Photos* in the Library’s MakerSpace. The second program showcases steps to protect and preserve family photos using latest

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President's Message

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Many of you will recall that our Editor, Deb Cyprych, of *The Tracer* has "retired" and is now editing The National Genealogical Society Newsletter. This was our loss and their gain. However, our Chapter has been transitioning by calling upon our Board members to write articles and look for news to send to our Tracer Transition Coordinators Jim Dempsey and Eileen Muccino. Several of us stepped up to the plate and assisted in getting *The Tracer* completed which you have already received by now. We have also contracted with our printer, Imprint Madeira, to do the layout of *The Tracer*, so you may have noticed a few changes in formatting with the last issue which all look great. It is with great appreciation that I announce that our current Membership Director, Eileen Muccino, has agreed to assume the duties as Editor of *The Tracer* and already has a great team assisting her as work has already begun on the next issue. Eileen has been a member of the Board for several years already and will continue with her Membership duties also. I know many of you have commented how we all look forward to each and every issue of *The Tracer*. So we thank Deb and her committee (Martha Farwick, Colleen Phillips and Barbara Wegley) for the last 10 plus years of absolute quantity and quality of genealogical information, and new Editor, Eileen and her committee (Martha Farwick Surber, Colleen Phillips, Barbara Wegley, Nancy Chouteau, Liz Stratton and Jim Dempsey) for a continuation of this effort. We continue to look for members to write articles for future issues.

I wanted to review with all of you how we go about getting members to join the Hamilton County Genealogical Society Board. Sure, sometimes we have a special need and we think we have a member that someone knows and we do some arm twisting and begging and sometimes we get the position filled. Then again we may place a blurb in *The Tracer* or *The Gazette* and occasionally we get a response. Such was the case of Sandra Morgan who last year became our Recording Secretary or Martha Farwick (who married and is now Martha Surber) answered the call to become our Library Acquisitions Editor. But this is how it usually works. Everyone is invited to all Board meetings. We ask members to come and join us at meetings as the benefits are enormous to genealogists. You get to intimately know a group of new friends and get

all the latest information in the genealogical world well in advance. Amy Hartman started coming to meetings and then assumed a new position on the Board and is currently Facebook Coordinator. Rick Cauthen starting attending and now he is the Jewish Interest Group Chair. Nancy Chouteau started attending and now is our Research & Preservation Director. Kathe Edwards started attending and now she is our Irish Interest Group Chair. There are other examples too. We have other members attending board meetings who have not yet made a decision where they may choose to serve. The point is, most of the Board officers, directors, and committee persons were clueless as to how they might serve or where their interests or abilities may take them. You may also attend board meetings and never fill a future opening. The meetings are still informative and interesting. Meetings are held most months on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Perkins on Hamilton Avenue in Mt. Healthy at the Cross-County Highway. Most come early to eat first. We are scheduled to meet at Perkins from January to May 2017.

You have until the end of August 2017 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 your ancestors at the Clovernook Country Club on October 21, 2017. All the information is on our website at hcgsohio.org or you may write the Chapter for application forms. We have one application in already.

In April 2017 we will be 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*. Contact Kenny Burck or any Board member to make a nomination.

In the last three years our Chapter has accumulated a surplus in our annual budgets. The board has decided to use some of these funds to make a donation to the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County for a project that will make additional records available online on the library's website. Stay tuned for additional information about this project.

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scanning and storage technology, available at the Library for free. While there, learn how to make your own book based on genealogy research.

On March 7, the *Ancestral Origins* series continues with *Focus on Ireland*. The Chapter and G&LH join forces again on March 15 and 16 for all-day Irish genealogy and live streaming webinars at the Main Library, *Irish Genealogy Resources for Success* and an in-depth look at *Famine Era Records and Emigration*. While at the Library, visit *Eirinn Go Brach: A Tribute to Cincinnati's Irish Heritage*, opening in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room on St. Patrick's Day. Curated by G&LH's Irish genealogy expert, Colleen Phillips, the exhibit explores the many contributions of the Irish to Cincinnati's cultural, political, religious and industrial heritage.

Library's Veterans History Project Receives National Visibility

The November online edition of *Library Journal*, <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2016/11/public-services/at-your-service/#>, featured the Public Library's Veterans History Project in the article, *At Your Service*. The Genealogy and Local History Department is very proud of our work to preserve these important stories, which often focus on local and family history. Special credit goes to G&LH's Brian Powers for his dedication, outreach and first-rate job filming, organizing and uploading interviews.

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Our Annual Spring Seminar at the Millrace Lodge in Winton Woods in April 2017 promises to be a special event. One of the most sought after national speakers, Judy Russell, will be right here in Hamilton County. Please get your payment in before this event is sold out.

Many of you longtime members and most others will know the name of Chapter member Mary Remler. She began the process of creating our Hamilton County Burial Records (Cemetery Books) in 1971 which now include 22 volumes of materials. Mary had her hand in almost every one of them. She read tombstones and recorded records in cemeteries and also help clear and restore cemeteries. Her daughter just wrote to tell me she moved to the ARTIS Senior Living & Memory Care, 6200 Snider Road, Mason, OH 45040. If you know Mary, or you don't, you may wish to drop her a card or note and tell her how grateful we are for all her dedicated work (along with her many helpers) who provided this great body of work for us and all future genealogists.

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Finally, in the last few chapters, travel with the emigrants as they transplant their roots in new lands. And, as a bonus, in the last chapter, learn what DNA can tell us about our deep ancestry, our original roots.

May 13th – 10:30 AM – A Visit to the Waldschmidt House and Civil War Museum located in Camp Dennison, OH.

DAR Member, Darlene West, will do a short presentation on the Christian Waldschmidt family and its impact on this early post-Revolutionary War community. Following lunch, we will explore both the homestead and the Civil War Museum located on the property.

September 16th – Rev. David McDonald will help us kick off our new year with an all-day seminar at the Main Library. Talks are yet to be determined.

October 1st – This year's "Ask the Experts Day" will include speaker Debra Dudek from the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook, IL. The focus of the day will be on British and Scottish ancestry.

3rd Qtr Kroger Rewards keeps growing!

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, 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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- 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.

So far in 2016, the Chapter has already received over \$428 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 renew.

Thank you for your support!

2017 Annual Seminar—Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell

By Liz Stratton



HCGS is thrilled to have Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist, as our speaker at the 2017 Annual Seminar. Judy Russell will give four lectures:

- When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records
- The Gentlemen Judges: Justices of the Peace
- Beyond X and Y: The Promise and Pitfalls of Autosomal DNA Testing
- NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives

The seminar will be on April 8 at the Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods Park. Mill Race has ample free parking. Admission to the park, a continental breakfast and buffet lunch is included with your registration. We expect this popular seminar to fill before the April 1st registration deadline. Preregister today using our online registration form, <http://www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=144>. You can also register by mail using the downloadable registration form available online at <https://goo.gl/tAmWCw>.



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Genealogy New Year's Resolutions

By Liz Stratton

Looking to add new genealogy skills to your toolkit in the new year? HCGS offers numerous programs, classes and discussion groups throughout the year. The calendar listings include not only HCGS events but also state and national educational opportunities—conferences, webinars and institutes. While most require little pre-planning, genealogy institutes often fill quickly.

Genealogy institutes offer participants the opportunity to delve deeply by offering week-long tracks that include opportunities to practice new skills. Each track has multiple classes per day over the course of a week. Tracks may cover a single topic in detail such as the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research's (IGHR) "Genetics for Genealogists: Beginning DNA." Alternatively, tracks may cover several topics and be designed to increase proficiency at a specific level. "Intermediate Genealogy: Tools for Digging Deeper" offered at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) gives participants the opportunity to fill in gaps in their knowledge before proceeding to advanced tracks.

Many of the courses are very popular and fill within minutes of the registration opening. Institutes provide a total immersion experience with onsite housing options. Both IGHR and GRIP are within a day's drive of Cincinnati with registration dates coming soon. Below is a summary of their offerings for 2017. Please see the institute's website for further details and registration information.

Institute	Courses/Tracks	Registration Opening Date
GRIP June 25-30, 2017 http://www.gripitt.org/	Confusion to Conclusion Mastering Genealogical Documentation Writing Your Family History Old Northwest Territory States Eastern European Research Research in Washington DC	February 22, noon Eastern Time
GRIP July 16-21, 2017 http://www.gripitt.org/	Practical Genetic Genealogy Advanced Genetic Genealogy New Jersey Research Irish Research Law for Genealogists Intermediate Genealogy	March 8, noon Eastern Time
IGHR July 23-28, 2017 http://ighr.gagensociety.org/	Genetics for Genealogists: Beginning DNA Virginia: Her Records & Her Laws Genealogy as a Profession Research in the South Understanding Land Records Scottish Genealogical Research Intermediate German Genealogy Writing and Publishing for Genealogists Advanced Methodology Intermediate Genealogy Methods and Sources	February 3, see their website for further details, typically registration opens at different times depending on the course

**January-March 2017
Program Calendar**

Saturday, January 7 10:00 am	<i>“Genealogy Websites: An Introduction”</i>		Third Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, January 7 10:00 am-12:00	<i>AGF: English Ancestral Origins Article Discussion, see https://goo.gl/JGBEJf</i>	<i>Steve Hoard, Discussion Leader</i>	Room 3A, Main Library, 800 Vine, Cincinnati
Tuesday, January 31 7:00 - 8:45 pm	<i>“Work Session” Bring your laptop or other device and questions about using autosomal DNA. SW DNA Interest Group</i>		MidPointe Library 9363 Centre Pointe Dr. West Chester, Ohio
Saturday, February 4 10 am	<i>Tour and Orientation to the Genealogy and Local History department</i>		Third Floor Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, February 4 1:00 pm	<i>Your Personal Photographer with C. Smith Renowned</i>	<i>C. Smith</i>	Reading Garden Lounge program space - 1st floor Main Library
Saturday, February 11 11:00 am	<i>Photography and Genealogy Research</i>	<i>Thomas Jordan</i>	MakerSpace 800 Vine Street Main Library
Saturday, February 11 1:00 pm	<i>Preserving Your Family Photos</i>	<i>Thomas Jordan</i>	MakerSpace 800 Vine Street Main Library
Tuesday, February 14 7:00 - 8:45 pm	<i>Using your FTDNA and 23andme results SW DNA Interest Group</i>		MidPointe Library 9363 Centre Pointe Dr. West Chester, Ohio
Saturday, March 4 10 am-noon	<i>AGF: Irish Ancestral Origins Article Discussion, see https://goo.gl/JGBEJf</i>	<i>Kathe Edwards, Discussion Leader</i>	Room 3A, Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, March 9, 1 pm-2 pm	<i>Researching Masonic Ancestors</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Northern Kentucky Genealogy Society, Erlanger Branch, Kenton County Library
Wednesday, March 15 9:30 am until 4:00 pm	<i>Two Day Irish Genealogy Workshop & Live Streaming Webinar – Day 1 Irish Genealogy Resources for Success Co-sponsored by G&LH and HCGS</i>		Main Library, 3 rd floor Cincinnati, OH

**March-May 2017
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Thursday, March 16 9:30 am until 4:00 pm	<i>Two Day Irish Genealogy Workshop & Live Streaming Webinar – Day 2 Famine Era Records and Emigration Co-sponsored by G&LH and HCGS</i>		Main Library, 3 rd floor Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, March 18 11 am	<i>Lineage Societies : What they are? What is their purpose? Why join one? Example societies</i>	<i>Genealogist, Leland Cole</i>	Program space, 3 rd Floor Main Library Cincinnati, OH
SAVE THE DATE! Saturday April 8, 2017 8:30 am	<i>The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell will be presenting 4 programs at the HCGS Annual Seminar See event calendar on www.hcgsohio.org for more info and register OR use registration form on last page of the December 2016 Tracer Registration is open</i>	<i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</i>	Mill Race Banquet Center Winton Woods Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, April 11 7:00-8:45	<i>Introduction to Gedmatch SW DNA Interest Group</i>		MidPointe Library 9363 Centre Pointe Dr. West Chester, Ohio
Saturday, April 15 6:30 until 11:30 pm	<i>After-Hours Genealogy Lock-In – Pre-Registration Required</i>		Main Library, 3 rd Floor Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, April 20 11:00:00 AM	<i>Using Estate Settlement Records in Genealogy</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Green Township Genealogy Club, Green Township Library, 6525 Bridgetown Rd. Cincinnati
Saturday, April 22	<i>“Spessart Roots: On the History of the People of a German Forest”</i>	<i>Mary E. Wuest</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, May 13 10:30	<i>A Visit to the Waldschmidt House and Civil War Museum located in Camp Dennison, OH.</i>	<i>DAR Member, Darlene West</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, May 20 10 am-noon	<i>AGF: Autosomal DNA Article Discussion</i>	<i>Pam White, Discussion Leader</i>	Meeting Room, Forest Park Branch Library, Waycross Road, Cincinnati

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



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