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Finding Your Roots, Season 4 Premiers, October 3rd



Finding Your Roots premieres, October 3rd, 8/7c on PBS with 28 guests, including: Carly Simon, Bryant Gumbel, Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen, Fred

Armisen, Dr. Phil, Questlove and more!

Don't miss the first episode Tuesday, October 3rd featuring Bernie Sanders and Larry David!

Veteran's Program By Kathy Reed

Veteran's Program

When: November 18th, 1:00 PM

Where: Main Library

Who: Gary Johnson

Topic Title: When Cincinnati Could Be Called a Navy Town - the Civil War River Navy

After an article in [The Gazette](#), several HCGS members sent in stories and documentations of their ancestors who served in a variety of occupations related to the boatbuilding industry in Cincinnati. Mr. Johnson has documented more than 3000 people who enlisted in the Navy out of Cincinnati during the Civil War. Although 625 miles from blue water, the US Navy was a significant presence in Cincinnati during the Civil War. Cincinnati had a long history of experienced rivermen and major steamboat infrastructure to support modifying steamboats into warships suited for fighting in the shallow water rivers of the west. Armed and armored steam boats were needed to

support Grant and Sherman as they recaptured the Mississippi River from the Confederacy. Lightly armored "tinclad" steamboats then helped keep the rivers open. Some 3300 Ohioans served in the Navy, many recruited at the Public Landing. Examples of some of the Naval genealogical documents for Cincinnati naval personnel will be included.



The USS Rattler (tinclad #1) Cincinnati built and modified.

Please put this program on your calendar and honor the many veterans who served this nation in the Navy – a little-known story.

SWOHDNA (Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group)

By Kathy Reed and Pam White

The next meeting of the Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group (SWOHDNA) will be held at the Mid-Pointe Library in West Chester at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 10th. Kelli Bergheimer will discuss X-Inheritance Patterns. For more information, including directions, click on the link.

<https://hcgsohio.blogspot.com/2017/09/understanding-x-inheritance-patterns.html>

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

CELEBRATE *Family* HISTORY MONTH

THIS OCTOBER AT THE MAIN LIBRARY | SATURDAY, OCT. 7 | 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

DAY WITH THE GENEALOGY EXPERTS KICK-OFF EVENT



FEATURING GENEALOGIST
DEBRA M. DUDEK

DISCOVERING YOUR UK/IRISH ROOTS ONLINE: WEBSITES AND RESOURCES FOR ENGLISH, WELSH, IRISH AND SCOTTISH ANCESTRY 11:00 A.M.

Internationally known Genealogist, Debra M. Dudek will lead you through the resources and search techniques for three big UK and Irish databases: FindMyPast, ScotlandsPeople and RootsIreland. Learn what's new on these databases, how you can apply them to your research, and how privacy and information rights impact your quest for records.

FREE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EXPERTS NOON - 2:00 P.M.

Take advantage of free one-on-one consultations provided by over 20 experts with specializations ranging from ethnic genealogy to court records. No appointment necessary.

CRIME, PRISON, AND PUNISHMENT: RESEARCHING UK CRIMINAL AND PRISONER RECORDS ONLINE AND AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES 2:00 P.M.

Whether by choice or circumstance, some of your ancestors may have found themselves on the wrong side of the law. Debra M. Dudek will lead you through the vast array of criminal and prison records available online and at the National Archives in Kew which offer researchers a great deal of information for their ancestors in a pre-census world.

GENEALOGY LOCK-IN SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 6:30 - 11:30 P.M.

Join fellow genealogists for this after-hours research event. During the Lock-In, four optional mini-tech instructional seminars will be offered. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit CincinnatiLibrary.evanced.info/signup.



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President's Message

BY KENNY BURCK
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After taking July and August off from having Chapter Board meetings, we just completed our September meeting at the Perkins Restaurant in Mt. Healthy on Hamilton Avenue at the Ronald Reagan Highway. It does not mean we were not active as a Board during the summer as the work and planning never stops. I want again to remind all members that Board meetings are open to all and are very friendly and interesting. If you want to know how all activities, programs, projects, etc. are determined well in advance, please feel free to attend. It is a great way to work your way into getting more involved as you see how, what and when we do things and you can visualize how you might fit into the "workings" of our Chapter. Many Board members started getting more involved originally by casually attending meetings and then seeing a need we have. It is not long before they say, "Hey, I can do that for our Chapter." OR you can attend and just observe forever and never volunteer for anything.

We meet about 5:30 p.m. and most of us eat first and then start the meeting at 6:30 which usually goes to about 8:00 p.m. or a little later. Upcoming meetings are October 19 and November 16. The December meeting is a different time and place so call to check on that one. Then we are back at Perkins the third Thursday in January through May 2018.

In my last President's Message I wrote that we were planning to issue a Chapter survey. Board member Eileen Muccino sent out that survey and we were happy with the number of responses and comments. We are already implementing some of your ideas.

Our Membership Director, Eileen Muccino also reports that we are on our way to one of our highest membership totals in years. It was noted that in 2017 almost one half of our members chose the e-member option which means they get their copy of *The Tracer* electronically rather than in print. Many of us still value *The Tracer* in hard copy and have it mailed to us. But the trend is headed in the electronic direction.

The renewal notices for our Chapter will be mailed in late October. We hope you will consider re-joining for

another year.

Just as a reminder, the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference will be in the Columbus area in April 2018. All the details are now or will be at www.ogs.org. That is only less than 1½ hours away for most local members. One of the two national conferences, the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), will be held in Ft. Wayne, IN on August 22-25, 2018 which is a mere three hours away from Cincinnati. The largest public library for genealogy is in that city and will have extended hours during the conference.

Our Annual Chapter Seminar topics were just selected and it looks like a great program to be held at Winton Woods in April 2018. Stand by for more details. At this April Seminar is the time we make our annual Chapter awards to members and others. Please let any Board member know who is deserving of an award for their service to genealogists.

As is the usual case every year, members sometimes wait and turn in their lineage applications to join one of our three societies just before the deadline. Again this year we were able to process and approve those with near the deadline or late applications. Now you have many months to work on and hopefully complete your applications to *First Families, Settlers & Builders or Century Families* and have PLENTY of time for both you and our lineage society committee. So think about getting ready to make 2018 the year to preserve some of your research and honor some of your ancestors by becoming a member. It is a great learning experience and makes you a better genealogist to have gone through this effort. We plan to hold some sessions in 2018 to help prepare you to complete this process. One effort will be on line instructions along with some in-person training.

In a few months our Chapter Nominating Committee will be asking all current Board members if they wish to continue in their present positions or make a change to a different job on the Board, or possibly retire from the Board. So there may be some open positions for 2018-2020 election years. If you have the slightest inclination that you would like to serve in some capacity for this term or in the future, let any Board member know, or call or email me.

In the last few years I believe we have had more quality and varied programs, educational opportunities, webinars, ***(Continued on Page 4)***

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etc. The list of upcoming events in each of our publications is now usually two pages in length. Our online edition on our website is even longer as we do not have the room to list all the area programs we promote. Many thanks to our Program Director Kathy Reed, our Education Director, Liz Stratton and our Research & Preservation Director, Nancy Chouteau who assembles this humongous list of educational opportunities.

There has been no miscommunication about this, but I thought I would point out that the downtown library has graciously provided several opportunities for genealogists to have research lock-ins after hours for the past several years. Many attendees have been Chapter members and some were not. However, it is our Chapter that supplies the funds for the drinks and food at this event. Chris Smith (or other library personnel) have made the arrangements to order and lay out the tasty snacks. The Chapter Board is happy to provide this benefit to the genealogical community. It is yet one more reason to attend this after-hours function. See details in the last Tracer. There is a limit to the number who can attend and the last I heard there was a waiting list.

Hamilton County of course is a larger county so it has always been more difficult to work in our Recorder's Office looking for deeds and other records. We are now getting closer to the day that through the efforts of our Chapter volunteers under the direction of our Director At-Large, Jim Dempsey and in cooperation of the good employees in the Recorder's Office we are closing in on having indexed all deeds from 1794 to 1903. Many are already indexed on the Recorder's website but what a great day it will be when we can say the job is complete. Thanks to all who are involved in this process and all will be identified at a later date.

Celebrity Genealogy Reds Hall of Fame Edition By Deb Cyprych

The 2017 Celebrity Genealogy show on October 26 will reveal the family history stories of local celebrities live on stage at the Reds Hall of Fame and Champions Club, located at 100 Joe Nuxhall Way in Cincinnati. This is the third year for this unique event, the only one of its kind.

"Mr. Perfect" Tom Browning will emcee the show featur-

ing National Radio Hall of Famer Marty Brennaman



and Reds Hall of Famer Tommy Helms. Deb Cyprych, former editor of *The Tracer* and director of the Hyde Park Center

for Older Adults, will again be the show's host. As in the popular genealogy TV programs, the guests will respond spontaneously as they discover the stories of their ancestors for the first time.

A large screen will display images of documents, photographs and engravings to illustrate unusual stories including baseball in the Civil War, Pocahontas, a friend of Thomas Jefferson, the bloody battle of Antietam, French aristocrats, a Mennonite imprisoned in Switzerland in 1659 for his beliefs, and famous relatives including three American presidents.

This event benefits Hyde Park Center for Older Adults, a senior center at 2800 Erie Avenue, where a genealogy group open to all meets the first Monday of every month at 1 pm.

To purchase tickets to the Celebrity Genealogy Reds Hall of Fame Edition, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm on October 26, visit <https://goo.gl/jH4QRM> or call 513-321-6816.

Lock-in at the Main Library By Kathy Reed

Lock-in at the Main Library, Saturday, October 21st – 6:30 – 11:30 pm.

This year, representatives of the Digital Services Department will be available with a portable scanner to digitize items brought in by our participants. This service will be available from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. All items brought in for scanning must be related to genealogy.

Tech Programs

Kathy Reed and Eddie Donlin will be offering four sessions in the Computer Lab throughout the evening. People can choose to attend as many sessions as they like. Each session will be no more than 30 minutes.

Session 1—by Kathy Reed

Genetic Communities – Learn about this new tool provided by Ancestry and discuss how it can be used to assist you in your genealogical research.

Session 2—by Kathy Reed

What is Gedmatch and Why Is It Important?

Participants will learn how autosomal DNA results can be uploaded to one site that accepts results from all of the major DNA companies. This session will include a demonstration of what you need to know to upload your results, why it is a good idea to do so, privacy issues, an overview of the tools, and a reference to an in-depth webinar for additional information.

Session 3-Eddie Donlin

Learn how to find Catholic sacramental records on the HCGS website and request the records through the Archdiocese website.

Session 4-Eddie Donlin

Q & A session: Ask any tech questions you have and we'll discuss them.

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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.

YTD total for 2017 so far is **\$311.84** due to all of our members signing up as reward 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!

**Year to Date Kroger 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:

**Michael L. Strauss, AG
April 7, 2018 Annual Seminar**



HCGS is thrilled to have Michael L. Strauss, AG as our speaker for the 2018 annual seminar. Michael has been an avid genealogist for more than 30 years. He has been an accredited genealogist since 1995 and is a qualified expert witness in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Strauss lectures and teaches throughout the United States and is on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) where he is the Course Coordinator for “Military Records I.”

Registration will open on October 30—look for a registration form in your membership renewal packet, in the December issue of *The Tracer*, and online registration on our website. Registration will be \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

The Annual Seminar will be held at the Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods Park. Admission to the park, parking, a continental breakfast, and lunch are included.

Check Out These New “Members Area” Webinars By Liz Stratton and Kathy Reed

Two new webinars are now available on our website in the ‘Members Area,’ <https://hcgsohio.org/members.php>. To view them, sign in, and choose “Videos, members-only” as pictured below. Click on the links to navigate to the webinars.

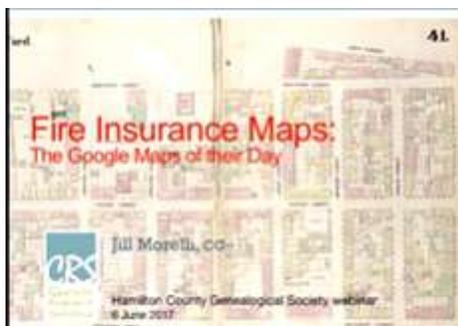
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- Wills Index 1918-1973

HCGS members-only videos

As a benefit of membership in our society, these videos are available to HCGS members only:

- [Migrations to and from the Northwest Territory](#)
- [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: The Google Maps of their Day](#)
- [Researching Your Ancestors Using Church Records](#)
- [DNA & Genealogy, part 1: Understanding DNA](#)
- [DNA & Genealogy, part 2: Discovering Your Ancestry](#)
- [Researching Your German Ancestors Using German Newspapers, part 1](#)
- [Researching Your German Ancestors Using German Newspapers, part 2](#)



Jill Morelli, CG
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Blog: <https://genealogycertification.wordpress.com/>
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Jill Morelli, CG, lit us on fire with this remotely broadcasted webinar. The webinar on Fire Insurance Maps gave great historical backgrounds and tips on finding and using this wonderful resource. These maps are particularly helpful in urban research. Jill Morelli, CG lectures about her Midwestern, northern German and Scandinavian ancestors nationwide. She blogs about her experiences researching, writing, and receiving her credential as a Certified Genealogist at <http://genealogycertification.wordpress.com>. To view the video, sign into the “Members Area” and select “Video, members-only” on our website. Select “Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: The Google Maps of their Day,” click on the triangle to begin playing the video.

Migrations To & Through the Old Northwest Territory



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Were you unable to attend our HCGS Event with Dr. David McDonald on September 16th? Fortunately, David agreed to let us share his third talk with members of our society. It is now posted on our website, <http://hcgsohio.org>. Sign into the Members Only and choose “Videos, members-only” as pictured above.

Webinar: "The DAR Genealogical Research System: A Resource for Everyone"
by Carla Cegielski, 8 November, 8 pm Eastern



Carla Cegielski will take us on a guided tour of the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS). The multi-faceted GRS is a great genealogical resource available for anyone. It offers a variety of indices, many of which cannot be found elsewhere.

Carla Cegielski is a full-time family history researcher specializing in Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia research. She has been providing professional research services to attorneys, historians, genealogists, hobbyists, and others since 2007.

Please register for "The DAR Genealogical Research System: A Resource for Everyone" on Nov 8, 2017 8:00 PM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4853803262122703875>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Deeds, Deed Indexes, Mortgages, Leases and Mechanic Liens at Recorder's Office

By Jim Dempsey

Four categories of record books from the 1800s are now online at the Recorder's Office website from the general search page. Search page use instructions have been detailed in *The Tracer*, March 2017, page 19. Links are in the bottom row of the light blue menu bar near the top of this page.

<http://recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org/hcro-pdi/index.jsp>

The links have been expanded since June 1, 2017, and now appears as follows:

Deed Books | Deeds A-W2 | Mortgage Books | Lease Books | Mech Lien Books

If you have not used any of these records before, you are urged to click on the (?), that is on each record type search page. These help files explain what the records are, time periods, indexes, where they can be found, etc. A *very* brief summary is given here.

Deed Books: since the last *Gazette*, books 341 (1867) through 400 (1872) are now online.

Deed Indexes: Transcription of Index 2 (for books 21 through 56, 1823-1835) is now 70% complete. Expected to be available by 2018.

Mortgages: As of July 1st, books 20 (1823) to 203 were made available online, now extended to book 300 (1867). There are no direct surname indexes. Mortgages are listed in the Series indexes (geographic).

Leases: As of August 1st, lease books 1 (1848) through 122 (1901) are now online. Indexes for books 4 to 122 are on our website at: <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=66>

Mechanic Liens: As of September 1st, lien books 1 through 21 are now online. From 1843 on, liens were recorded in separate Mechanic Lien books. Book # 1 covers 1843 to 1847 and there is an index in the rear of that book. Mechanic Lien books # 2 through # 21 were used from 1847 through 1903. There are no direct indexes to those books.

**October-November 2017
Program Calendar**

Monday, October 2 7:00 pm	<i>Discovering Your Genealogical Roots</i>	<i>Co-sponsored by HCGS</i>	Harrison Branch Library Harrison, OH
SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 7 10:00 am—3:00 pm	<i>A Day with the Genealogy Experts Speakers, Personal consultation and tours Co-Sponsored by HCGS Talk 1—11:00 am Internationally known Genealogist, Debra M. Dudek presents, Discovering your UK/Irish Roots online Talk 2-2:00 pm Debra M. Dudek returns with Crime, Prison, and Punishment: Researching UK Criminal and Prisoners Records Online and at the National Archives</i>	<i>Debra M. Dudek</i>	Main Library, 3rd Fl. 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, October 10 7:00 pm	<i>Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group X-inheritance Pattern www.butlercountyogs.org</i>	<i>Kelli Bergheimer</i>	MidPointe Library 9363 Centre Pointe Dr. West Chester, Ohio
Monday, October 16 6:00 pm	<i>Discovering Your Genealogical Roots Co-Sponsored by HCGS</i>		Miami Township Branch Library North Miami Ave.
SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 21 10:30 am	<i>Heritage Luncheon Cincinnati's Anti-German Hysteria in 1917 Registrations begins at 10:30 am</i>	<i>Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann</i>	Clovernook Country Club 2035 W. Galbraith Rd Cincinnati, OH 45239
Saturday October 21 6:30-11:00 pm	<i>Genealogy Lock-In Co-sponsored by HCGS Pre-registration is required Session is full. <u>Contact the library to be placed on waiting list.</u></i>		Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Monday, October 30 6:00 pm	<i>Discovering Your Genealogical Roots Co-Sponsored by HCGS</i>	<i>Kathe Edwards</i>	Reading Branch Library Reading Rd Reading, OH
Saturday, November 4 10:30 am	<i>Advanced Genealogy Forum: Discussion Leader: Mary Foote Lund</i>		Third Floor, Room 3A Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH

**November 2017-August 2018
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Wednesday, November 8 8:00 pm EDT	<i>Webinar: The DAR Genealogical Research System: A Resource for Everyone See page 6 to register</i>	<i>Carla Cegielski</i>	
Saturday, November 18 10:00 am	<i>Cincinnati Chapter of the DAR Monthly membership meeting 3rd Saturday of each month DAR public event—1:30-5:00 pm Following the event, DAR members invite the public to ask questions they may have about their Revolutionary War ancestors or about the organization itself. These personal consultations with the DAR members are open to all and require no advanced registration.</i>		Huenefeld Tower Room 3rd Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, November 18 1:00 pm	<i>In honor of Veterans Day! When Cincinnati Could be Called a Navy Town— the Civil War River Navy</i>	<i>Gary Johnson Co-sponsored by HCGS</i>	Main Library Event Space 3rd Floor 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Sunday, December 3 1:30-3:00 pm	<i>Genealogy Roundtable “Archives and Repositories”</i>	<i>Nancy Chouteau</i>	Third Floor, Room 3A 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
SAVE THE DATE! April 7, 2018	<i>HCGS Annual Seminar featuring Michael A. Strauss Registration begins October 30, 2017</i>		Mill Race Banquet Center 1515 West Sharon Rd. Cincinnati, OH
SAVE THE DATE! August 22-25	<i>Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) More details to follow</i>		Ft. Wayne, IN

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



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