



# THE GAZETTE

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## Find My Past

By Deb Cyprych, Julie Ross, and Bob Brodbeck

### Findmypast Announces Plans to Publish Cincinnati & Chicago Sacramental Records Online For the First Time

- *Findmypast's exclusive Catholic Heritage Archive continues to grow.*
- *In a new partnership with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, over 3 million names in original sacramental registers will be digitized, fully indexed and published online for the very first time.*
- *A further 1.9 million records covering the Archdiocese of Chicago will also be released in partnership with FamilySearch International.*

#### Archdiocese of Cincinnati Records

These records encompass 19 counties in Southwest Ohio: Hamilton, Adams, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Highland, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren. Digitization will soon be underway. Over 800,000 fully indexed images of original Cincinnati Catholic registers containing over 3 million names in baptism and marriage records from 1834 to 1920 and burial records to 1953 will be made available online for the first time, only at Findmypast, in 2018.

#### Chicago Records

An additional 1.9 million Chicago records in sacramental registers will also be posted to the site later in the year. Published in association with FamilySearch International, these records will cover 125 years of the city's history (1864 to 1989) and will add yet another important region to Findmypast's growing collection of United States Catholic records.

Use the following link to visit Findmypast and learn more about the Catholic records available there:

<https://www.findmypast.com/catholicrecords>

## Save the Date!

By Kathy Reed

Jeff Herbert, HCGS Treasurer, will help us welcome the new year with two talks:

**Date:** January 13, 2018

**Time:** 1:30 – 4:30

**Location:** Clifton Library Meeting Room

**Directions:** <https://goo.gl/NXbF1Z>

Start off your new year with Jeff Herbert discussing resources for researching your German and early Hamilton County ancestors. If you've ever considered submitting your family's lineage for inclusion in one of our [HCGS Lineage Societies](#), you may find these topics to be especially helpful.

#### Topics:

- Researching Your German Ancestors – What's New?
- Researching Early Hamilton County Ancestors

If you're not familiar with Jeff's work, you may want to watch three webinars Jeff has done on:

“Researching Your German Ancestors Using Newspapers” and “Researching Your German Ancestors Using Church Records.” They can be found in the “Members Only” section of our website. <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=140>

# President's Message

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I hope you all have a very Happy New Year and find many new and interesting resources in 2018 to aide you in your genealogical search. On May 17, 2017 your Chapter Board met on a Sunday for several hours to have a long-range planning meeting to discuss things we just don't have time for at regular board meetings. We generated many ideas to follow up on and in the last two meetings we revisited some of these ideas. We believe we need a person to be in charge of marketing and publicity to promote our programs and other Chapter accomplishments and newly discovered resources so we will soon have a publicity person. Let me know if you want to assist this soon-to-be-named person.

## OTHER IDEAS WE ARE WORKING ON

We believe we need to support the Ohio Genealogical Society in more ways so we are sponsoring two sessions to pay the speaker at their 2018 Conference in Columbus, OH in April. We want to get involved in the grand re-opening of the Cincinnati History Library & Archives when it opens after major renovations in February 2019, so we contacted them and are working on a plan to work with them for this big event. We want to host another national genealogy convention in the future and 2023 would be a great time as it will be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Chapter. We did host two FGS and one NGS Conventions to date and have now contacted FGS to throw our "hat into the ring" to do it again in 2023 or some other year.

Our Chapter has made major inroads of cooperation with the Catholic Archives and indexing Methodist church records in the last few years and are now revisiting our relationship with the Episcopal church records and other resources. It was suggested we need to hold more programs where individual members can get more answers to their specific research "brick walls" so we plan to hold more programs where you can ask direct questions to expert panels or seasoned experienced local researchers about your families or how to apply and locate the documents needed to join one our Chapter lineage societies.

We believe many of you might want to purchase an electronic version of our *Guide to Genealogical Research in Cincinnati & Hamilton County, Ohio* so you can have it

on your computer for use at all times. Updates and new information could also be readily added to this helpful and useful tool. Of course we want to expand much more information to our already terrific website. We are working on many more ideas. Please share your ideas with us.

## ANNUAL AWARDS

Each April we present awards to members and others in the genealogical community at our Annual Spring Seminar. Now is the time to share with me (Kenny Burck, the Awards Chair) or any other Board member about a person who has helped not only you but others in furthering their research with assistance at a library, a great local speaker who motivated you a number of times, someone who authored a great book of local interest to our members, or in any other way deserves some recognition for things they did in the last year or longer. Let us know of your ideas.

## RESEARCH IDEAS

As a genealogy society some of our main functions are to provide quality education programs, index Hamilton County records and make them available to you, or let you know where to go to get them. We want all of you to be proficient genealogists and to get better and better at it. However, sometimes you may need some outside assistance or someone local that has some experience or insight to get you past a specific issue that has been plaguing you. Or you may not live locally and do not "know the ropes" on possible places to look for the information you seek. We do ask members once each year that if they want to assist others with area research they can be added to our list that come out anew each February. The list of 14 local researchers (they provide this service for a fee) is on our website or you can ask for a list to be sent to you via our voice mail or Chapter email. Each researcher lists their contact information and up to 40 words to describe what services or specialties they may provide for you. Most researchers are on the list year after year but sometimes a person drops off the list because they have too many clients to handle. A new list will appear sometime in February 2018. You might want to consider it.

We also offer a Chapter research service. This is a group of Chapter volunteers that look up specific information in most or all of our Chapter publications or other local resources. The fee is \$10 for one name for one hour and more for non-members. More details are listed on our website. You can pick the specific resources you

want checked if you ask in advance. I want to thank our Chair, Ann Hambrecht and her volunteer researchers Marilyn Armstrong, Jean Widmer and Kym Pitman.

We also have a Chapter voice mail at 513-956-7078 where you can leave a question and we will get back to you usually within a week (many times sooner). We cannot do research for you on the phone but many times you just need a little direction and we are happy to assist you. This is a free service. And our website always gets bigger and better with even more information if you are a member.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL

I am one of the longest dues-paying member of our Society as I attended meetings in 1975, joined in 1976 and have served on the Board since 1987. I have seen the “tons” of volunteer hours and dedication that goes into serving our membership. I have seen our numbers grow from the low 20s to over 1300 plus. I want to express my deep-felt appreciation and thanks to the current and past Board members, committee members, volunteers and to every member who at one time or another assisted someone in searching their family history. We are a family of genealogists all working to the goal of locating and then finding out as much information on each ancestor and family member as possible. So I applaud you and thank you for your efforts.

**There's still time to renew your  
HCGS membership for 2018  
By Eileen Muccino**

The renewal packets for 2018 were mailed to members on November 1. If you have not yet renewed, you can do so by returning the enclosed card with a check or online by following the instructions on the “Join or Renew” page at <https://hcgsohio.org>.

Thank you to all the members who chose a sustaining membership (which provides additional operating funds) and those who paid for a regular or sustaining membership and opted not to receive print copies of the *Tracer* (which saves postage cost).

If your street address, telephone number, or email address have changed you can update those in the “Members Area” of the website. To access the “Members Area” enter your Login Name and Password.

Once you are logged in choose Profile in the left pane. This will take you to your personal information where you can open the tab Contact Info. There is an edit pencil in the upper right corner. Click on the edit pencil and a new page opens that allows you to change your personal information.

Remember to save your entries. There are other tabs where you can update your interest areas (Custom Data), add Surnames, and change your Login Name and Password (Member Settings). Make sure you check your entries for accuracy because this information is used for *The Tracer* delivery and to contact you about programs and the availability of the *Gazette* and *Tracer* online.

If you have forgotten your Login Name or Password, follow the prompts by clicking on the ? on the Login screen. If you have forgotten both pieces of information you must retrieve them separately, Login Name first, then enter your Login name and follow the ? prompts to reset your password.

You can also update your personal information by sending an email to [membership@hcgsohio.org](mailto:membership@hcgsohio.org). We appreciate all our members and hope to continue providing the quality programming and information you expect.

## X-Inheritance Video By Kathy Reed

If you missed the October DNA meeting, you may want to watch Kelli's presentation on X-Inheritance Patterns. This is a complex topic and the source of confusion for many genetic genealogists. You can watch it at this link: <https://vimeo.com/238154161>



## Deed Indexes at Recorder's Office By Jim Dempsey

Deed Index 2 for deed books 21 to 56 (1823 to 1836), with buyer surnames A through Z, should be ready on January 1, 2018 on our website at <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=147>.

This index contains over 15,000 entries with a considerable number of poorly spelled surnames. I decided not to hold back over 14,500 good entries while trying to resolve the questionable spelling. So, as time permits in 2018, I will be correcting the names with "?" added.

Work has begun on deed index 1, 1793-1823, deed books B to W2, with over 40% out to be transcribed.

## 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 form, directions and the list of topics are in the December 2017 issue of the *The Tracer* on pages 130-131. You can also find a registration form in your membership renewal packet and online 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.

## Kroger Community 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. 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 participate in the 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 IN or CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT on the home page. 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.

In 2017, the Chapter has received over **\$438.70** 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.

THANK YOU for your continued support! This is amazing what we can do together.

## Amazon Community Rewards By Jeff Herbert

### Attention Amazon Shoppers

If you are an Amazon shopper, a similar arrangement to the Kroger rewards is set up for non-profit organizations. When you shop online, instead of typing [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. Then whatever purchases you make in the future, the Chapter will receive a 0.5% donation of your total purchase price. Another way to help keep our costs down, and support our activities.

## DNA Update By Kathy Reed

Today it was announced that Ancestry.com sold an additional 1.7 million DNA kits over the four days of the Thanksgiving weekend. 1.7 MILLION!!! Before these latest sales, ancestry already had more than five million people in their database. In addition, 23andme, FTDNA and newer companies have significant numbers of their own.

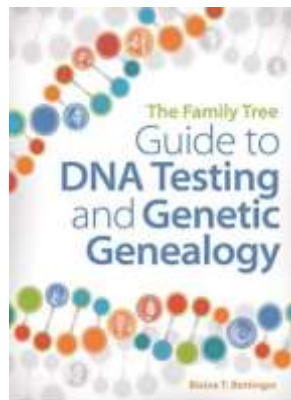
If you are one of those who is just getting on board, DNA can seem overwhelming. It seems so complicated – and it is. So how can a newbie catch up? Here are a couple of suggestions. Go to our website: <http://hcgsohio.org>

Scroll down in the menu to “Interest Groups” and “DNA Interest Group.”



Interest Groups  
DNA Interest Group

After clicking on the DNA Interest Group, you will see a list of great resources for understanding DNA. There is a list of several videos recorded at Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group meetings.



For an overview of DNA and genealogy, consider purchasing *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine Bettinger, available on Amazon. It contains a comprehensive and easy-to-understand summary of the types of DNA, available tests and how to apply your results to your genealogy research.

Finally, consider registering for DNA Day 2018 sponsored by the Franklin County Genealogical and Historical Society to be held in Columbus, Ohio on January 27<sup>th</sup>. This full day of DNA will feature speakers from many DNA Interest Groups from across Ohio. Additional information and registration materials are included on the next page.



## DNA Day 2018

Sponsored by  
**Franklin County Genealogical & Historical Society**

**When:** **Saturday, January 27, 2018**  
9 am-5 pm

**Where:** **Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch**  
96 S Grant Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Check in at the Auditorium, 1st floor The library is wheelchair accessible.

**Cost:** \$45 including boxed lunch, free coffee and donuts  
\$35 without boxed lunch, free coffee and donuts  
Parking will be about \$7 for the day.  
*Fees refunded in case of cancelation for weather (check the library website for closure information, but we will cancel if it's a Level 2 or higher in Franklin County.)*

***Registration must be postmarked by January 19, 2018, if you want a boxed lunch. Registration after January 19 will not include lunch.***

We are aiming to meet the needs of *intermediate* and *advanced* DNA participants. Beginners might find some helpful information, but please see our other workshops available for beginners in the spring and the fall each year.

**Our keynote speaker** will be Amie Tennant, presenting "Rooting Out Your Native American Ancestry".

**Other speakers will present on:**

**GEDMatch   mt-DNA   ethnicity results   get organized!   y-DNA**

**Lazarus Project   FTDNA's chromosome browser**

The full schedule will be released in early January by email.

If you have questions, email Kelli Bergheimer at [centralohiodig@gmail.com](mailto:centralohiodig@gmail.com).

## DNA Day 2018 Registration

**Return one page for each attendee to:**

*Franklin County Genealogical and Historical Society Columbus Metropolitan Library, Main Branch, 3rd Floor 96 S Grant Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43215*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

We will email a final schedule of classes and speakers.

Do you want to be added to the FCGHS email list? YES or NO

Do you want to be added to the FCGHS DNA Interest Group email list? YES or NO

Your home county: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you participate in a DNA Interest Group? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in one-on-one help for adoption? YES or NO

### **Boxed Lunch**

- NO boxed lunch  
 YES boxed lunch

### **Choose one sandwich option.**

- Turkey with cheddar cheese and lettuce  
 Roast beef with cheese and lettuce  
 Ham and Swiss cheese with lettuce  
 Veggie option

***Includes: cookie, salty snack, mustard and mayo, and bottled water***

### **Fees enclosed:**

- \* Attend with lunch option: \$45
- \* Attend without lunch option: \$35
- \* Speaker: Free registration and free lunch, so please choose your lunch option.
- \* Volunteer (approved by Kelli): Free registration and free lunch, so please choose your lunch option.

**January-February 2018  
Program Calendar**

Saturday, January 6, March 3 10:00 am	<b><i>Genealogy Websites: An Introduction</i></b> <a href="http://www.cincinnati.library.org">http://www.cincinnati.library.org</a>	<b><i>PLCH</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Sunday, January 7 1:30-4:00 pm	<b><i>Hands On With Land (HOWL) Series Land Class 1: Surveying For Gold in Land Records: An Overview of Land Research Preregistration required</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, January 13 10:00 am—12:15 pm	<b><i>Foundations 1 Visit the HCGS website for more details on all the classes and registration. Preregistration required Plan on attending all sessions</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, January 13 1:30-4:00 pm	<b><i>Researching Your German Ancestors- What's New? And Researching Early Hamil- ton County Ancestors</i></b>	<b><i>Jeff Herbert</i></b>	Clifton Branch Library 3400 Brookline Ave Cincinnati, OH
Sunday, January 14 1:30-4:30 pm	<b><i>Hands On With Land (HOWL) Series Land Class 2: Prospecting for Gold: Finding Land Records in Print, Online and in Person Preregistration required</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, January 20 1:30-4:30	<b><i>Foundations 2 Preregistration required Plan on attending all sessions</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Sunday, January 21 1:30-4:00 pm	<b><i>Hands On With Land (HOWL) Series Land Class 3: Panning for Gold: Extracting Ancestral Clues from Records Preregistration required</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, January 27 9:00 am—5:00 pm	<b><i>Keynote Topic: Rooting Out Your Native American Ancestry See pages 6 &amp; 7 for other topics and registra- tion.</i></b>	<b><i>Keynote Speaker: Amie Tennant</i></b>	Columbus Metro Library Main Branch 96 S Grant Ave., 1st Floor Columbus, OH 43215
Saturday, January 27 1:30-4:00 pm	<b><i>Foundation 3 Preregistration required Plan to attend all sessions</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Sunday January 28 1:30-4:00	<b><i>Hands On With Land (HOWL) Series Land Class 4: Snow Make-up Day or Striking It Rich: Bonus: Content Specific to the Needs of the Class Preregistration required</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, February 3 2:00 pm	<b><i>Black History Month 2018 - The Cincinnati Federation of Colored Women's Clubs</i></b>		1010 Chapel Street. Reading Garden Lounge



**February-August 2018  
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Saturday, February 10 1:30-4:00 pm	<i>Foundations 4 Preregistration required Plan to attend all sessions</i>	<i>HCGS</i>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, February 10 2:00 pm	<i>Black History Month 2018 - Marian Spencer – Keep on Fighting</i>		1010 Chapel Street. Reading Garden Lounge
Tuesday, February 12 7:00 pm	<i>Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group</i>		Midpointe Library 9363 Centre Pointe Drive West Chester, OH
Saturday, February 17 1:30-4:00 pm	<i>Foundations 5 Preregistration required Plan to attend all sessions</i>	<i>HCGS</i>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, February 23 2:00 pm	<i>Black History Month 2018 - Miss Black Cin- cinnati and Miss Black Teen Cincinnati Pag- eants</i>		1010 Chapel Street. Reading Garden Lounge
Saturday, February 24 1:30-4:00 pm	<i>Foundations 6: Snow Make-up day or Q&amp;A Preregistration required Plan to attend all sessions</i>	<i>HCGS</i>	Third Floor, Computer Lab Main Library 800 Vine Cincinnati, OH
SAVE THE DATE! April 7, 2018	<i>HCGS Annual Seminar featuring Michael A. Strauss Registration form can be found on pages 130- 131 in The Tracer or online. See website for more details on topics.</i>	<i>Michael A. Strauss</i>	Mill Race Banquet Center 1515 West Sharon Rd. Cincinnati, OH
SAVE THE DATE! August 22-25	<i>Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) <a href="https://www.fgs.org/">https://www.fgs.org/</a></i>		Ft. Wayne, IN

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



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**Tracer Deadline: January 25, 2018**