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Help Wanted! By Jenny Moorman

Are you tech-savvy? Or do you enjoy using technology? The HCGS Digital Resources Committee has an immediate need for the following volunteer roles. Training is provided.

- **Data Archivist:** Obtain HCGS data and videos from members and store in the HCGS digital vault and on the external hard drive.
- **Website Maintenance Assistant:** Assist the HCGS Webmaster in maintaining the HCGS website (www.hcgsohio.org).
- **GoToMeeting Facilitator:** Attend virtual HCGS programs and meetings as a GoToMeeting Organizer, to facilitate and record the meetings.
- **Blog contributor:** Write and post to the HCGS Blog (www.hcgsohio.blogspot.com). Posts may include HCGS events, programs, classes, and more.
- **Social Media assistant:** Tweet about HCGS events, programs, classes and more on the HCGS Twitter page (www.twitter.com/hcgsohio). Facebook assistance is also welcome (www.facebook.com/hcgsohio).
- **Miscellaneous assistance:** Various projects as needed.

If you are interested in finding out more about the roles listed above, please send an email to digitalresources@hcgsohio.org.

Advanced Genealogy Forum (AGF) Date, Time, & Place Changed! By Liz Stratton

Please note that the May AGF discussion will be held on May 12th at 12:30 pm at the North Central Branch Library Meeting Room, 11109 Hamilton Avenue. The AGF will continue to explore identity issues this month using Elizabeth Shown Mills' FAN principle. There are two readings this month:

Blog Post: Elizabeth Shown Mills, "QuickLesson 11: Identity Problems & the FAN Principle," *Evidence Explained: Historical Analysis, Citation & Source Usage* (<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-11-identity-problems-fan-principle>: accessed 31 January 2018).

Article: Jean Andrews, CG, "Using Cluster Research: A Step by Step Example," *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, 42 (October-December 2016): 51-55.

If you have difficulty obtaining a copy of the article, please contact Liz Stratton, Education@hcgsohio.org. Article discussion questions are posted on the website, <https://goo.gl/G4NQ3t>.

Please save the date for upcoming discussions:

- 10:30 am, September 15, Room 3A, Main Library, Cluster Analysis—Mills Article TBD
- 10:30 am, November 17, Room 3A, Main Library, Topic TBD

President's Message

BY KENNY BURCK
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The election of Hamilton County Chapter officers and directors will take place at the May 2018 program and meeting. Our nominating committees has been busy asking members to fill all the open positions. Of course nominations will be taken from the floor in addition to the proposed slate of candidates. We are a very stable Board with some holding their positions for a long time. It is not unusual though for some to switch Board positions as their interests change. In this upcoming election as many as seven Board members may be changing positions. If you have any questions about the nominating or election process, do not hesitate to phone or email me.

HAMILTON COUNTY CATHOLIC RECORDS

Many new and exciting announcements will be forthcoming about accessing Cincinnati and Hamilton County Catholic records in the near future. Stand by for information regarding these records.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Awards will be presented to several people at the Annual Spring Seminar which takes place at the Mill Race Lodge in Winton Woods April 7th. Those awardees not attending this event will receive their awards soon afterwards. An article listing award winners will appear in a future article. We are always happy to present awards for those doing exceptional things in the field of genealogy, so tell any Board member of future worthy candidates.

ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR

A big thank you to the spring seminar committee who work for many months preparing for this event. In April of most years we bring in a national speaker to Hamilton County for a day of learning, networking and food. The Education Chair, Liz Stratton, and her several volunteers make it a great and fun day. In April 2019 the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference will be in southwest Ohio (at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH) we will skip that

year for holding our Hamilton County Spring Seminar. The committee is already looking for a seminar speaker for 2020.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL

Our Chapter has been "in business" now for 45 years in May. At the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference in Columbus, OH this month I will be accepting our award for being a member of OGS for that achieving that milestone. If I can "toot our own horn" just a bit, I believe we have continually progressed in our journey to publish books, locate and index records, educate our members, stay abreast of the latest technologies, publish a great newsletter and journal, provide research services, assist members into our lineage societies and have a pretty smooth running organization with many qualified Board and committee members all these years. We are the largest Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and have also worked together with OGS and other Ohio Chapter members to help run OGS conferences, national conferences and in so many ways accomplished many things to promote the genealogical community. So a VERY BIG THANK YOU to all those past and present who have contributed to these efforts. I say it has been a great 45-year run. I look forward to continued success for our organization.

Sunny Morton-Incorporating History with Genealogy

By Liz Stratton



On Saturday May 12th at 10:30 am at the North Central Library, 11109 Hamilton Avenue, Sunny Morton will demonstrate how to incorporate history into genealogy with this incredible tale.

“They Survived the Johnstown Flood?! How to Reconstruct Your Ancestors’ Amazing Stories” by Sunny Morton

A heroic rescue, a love story and a 30-foot wall of water. That’s just part of my ancestors’ experience in the Great Johnstown Flood of 1889. Come learn how to reconstruct fascinating experiences from your own family history by combining clues from your family’s knowledge, documents from genealogy websites, good historical research and Googling to fill in the gaps. All while learning the riveting story of one of the worst disasters in U.S. history.

Sunny Morton is an internationally-known, award-winning genealogy writer, editor, and speaker. Her voice is heard on the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, which has more than 2 million downloads worldwide. She is a Contributing Editor at *Family Tree Magazine* and Co-Editor of *Ohio Genealogy News*, the quarterly news magazine of the Ohio Genealogical Society. She is a popular speaker at events across the country, including the world’s largest genealogy conference, RootsTech. Sunny is especially known for her expertise in tracing U.S. ancestors; her unique comparisons of the industry’s largest websites; and her inspiring presentations on how to reconstruct and tell meaningful stories from the past.

Sunny will be presenting the lecture live from a remote location. There will be an opportunity to ask questions following her presentation.

The slate of officers for HCGS for 2018-2020 will be presented for member approval following the lecture.

What’s new in German Genealogy

By Kathy Reed



On March 3rd, Jeff Herbert, HCGS Treasurer and Author, presented a talk on *"What's New in German Genealogy."* Eighty people attended this event held at the Kolping Society. In

addition, he also did a presentation discussing how to research ancestors who may have arrived in Hamilton County before 1850.

The presentation on German Genealogy has now been produced in a video with some modifications. The video format enables viewers to look at the material at a comfortable pace and review the wealth of information and websites provided.

You can view the video by clicking on this [link](#). In the future, we hope to provide you with a link to the talk about researching Hamilton County residents pre-1850.

Due to the popularity of this event, Jeff has graciously agreed to repeat these talks at the October *"Ask the Experts"* Day held in conjunction with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Genealogy Foundation Classes

By Liz Stratton

This multi-class series will lay the foundation for effective family research. Work on your own family history in these hands-on sessions. A few key resources for genealogical research in the 19th and 20th centuries will be covered. Learn how to ensure you have found your ancestor amongst the many who had the same name. Strategies for finding your ancestor in online and print sources will be included. Get the most from census records, vital records and their substitutes, and newspaper accounts. Evaluate and choose a software program and begin planning and recording the results of your research.

All sessions will be held at the main branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (PLCH) in

(Genealogy Foundation Classes Cont'd)

the third-floor computer lab. Space is limited, and preregistration is required. A registration form can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/mYbq7M4O8zTrBr7v2>. For best results, plan on attending all sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Stratton, Education@hcgsohio.org.

Session 1, May 19, 1 PM to 4 PM, “What’s in a Name?”

Get started with your genealogical research or refocus your efforts. Learn the many ways ancestral names may be garbled and effect strategies for finding your ancestor in records. Learn to distinguish your ancestor from others who may had the same name.

Session 2, June 2, 1 PM to 4 PM, “Making Sense of the Census”

Find ancestors in all census years using a variety of search strategies. Expand your search skills by creating customized search terms using the alternate name list developed in Session 1. Learn to maximize your effectiveness by identifying all clues. Use census records as a stepping-stone to further research. Refine estimates of dates and places of your ancestor’s major live events using information from the census.

Participants are encouraged to attend the 10 AM tour of the Genealogy and Local History Department, PLCH. The tour will be led by PLCH librarians. No preregistration is required for the tour.

Session 3, June 9, 1 PM to 4 PM, “Extra! Extra! Read all about your Ancestors in the News”

Identify newspapers available where your ancestors lived. Learn how to locate online and in print historic newspapers. Find obituaries and other news items whether they are online, on microfilm or in print. Search for your ancestors using a variety of search strategies including the alternate name list developed in Session 1.

Session 4, June 23, 1 PM to 4 PM, “It’s Vital to Find Births, Marriages and Deaths”

Learn about vital registrations of deaths, marriages and births. Find out when registrations were available, what you can learn from them, and how to obtain them. Discover alternate sources to use when vital records are not available. Work with information learned about your ancestor to write a focused research question and identify sources most likely to answer that question. Learn how research

logs can help you avoid retracing your steps.

Session 5, June 30, 1 PM to 4 PM, “Published Genealogies and Histories, and Cousin Connections”

Learn about pedigree analysis to estimate dates and evaluate online trees. Discover digitized genealogies and local histories available for free online. Discover the value of connecting with cousins – they may have clues you do not. Additional research organization strategies will also be discussed.

Documents Found/Donated By Kenny Burck

COMPTON, McCLELLAN, PROBASCO, BOYD RECORDS LOCATED

A box full of family history records, family letters, bible records, 100s of photographs, written genealogies and other items was found and donated to the Hamilton County Genealogical Society to find the proper home for this information. It was located in an upscale apartment building called Adams' Landing near the Ohio riverfront. just east of downtown Cincinnati. The main names are Compton, Probasco, Boyd, McClellan and many other surnames. The records are from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Cincinnati and Hamilton County and Butler and Warren Counties. Contact Kenny Burck at kburck@juno.com for further information.

J. C. MITCHELL & SARAH ANN MITCHELL BIBLE LOCATED

I just received a large file of attachments for records pertaining to the MITCHELL family. They start out in Bucks County, PA and are in Cincinnati, other Ohio towns and other places in the U.S.A. Contact Kenny Burck at kburck@juno.com for further information. My goal would be to index the records and published them in The Gazette or The Tracer and also send them to the Ohio Genealogical Society for their bible record database.

Kroger Renewal 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
- 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, type in 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.

Deed Indexes at Recorder's Office By Jim Dempsey

The recent completion of deed index 1, with indexes to over 115,000 deeds and other records from 1794 to 1869 are now available on our website at <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=147>.

Deed Index 1 for deed books A to W2 (1794 to 1823), with buyer and seller surnames that begin with A through Z are partially complete. My goal is to have *all* buyer and seller first names and surnames in index 1 since the first 30 years of the county are so important for research. The original deed index 1 did not have deed books A, M1, R2 and S, so those have been added by the volunteer transcribers. First names, record dates and the correction of name spelling and page numbers shown by ? will be added as time permits.

This is the time to thank and acknowledge four years of dedicated assistance I have received from our volunteer transcribers: Marilyn Armstrong, Bob Brodbeck, Dave Bossart, Glen Cornish, Irma David, Nancy Dawley, Jeff Herbert, Sara Jones, Chip Lehman, Bill Menne, Debbie Moser, Ann Peterson, Julie Ross, Kay Ryan, Fred Schroeder, Jerry Volker, Laura Vogel and Patty Wagurak.

Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group By Kathy Reed

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2018, 7:00-8:45 pm at the MidPointe Library. We will discuss DNAGedcom.com. This is NOT to be confused with a gedcom, which is a file that allows for the exchange of genealogical data from that was saved in different programs.

Their website defines the program as follows:

DNAGedcom was founded by Rob Warthen and went online in February 2013. It has become the state of the art website to gather your DNA data. In addition Rob and others have produced tools and programs to help you sort out your information and better understand it. Our team developed this project because we noticed a need for documents and tools to interpret the results of DNA tests.

The program is actually 7 or 8 programs in one. It does cost \$5.00 per month to use it. You can register in advance and explore some of the features. Go to www.dnagedcom.com.

Think spring and we will see you then.

Email: dna.interest@hcgsohio.org



WELCOME TO THE DNAGEDCOM TOOLS SITE

To use this site, you must [Register](#). Registering simply gives an ability to associate your information with your login. In the future additional features will be added to this site and this will allow me to quickly make these features and data available to you without additional work.

We have a robust User group where you can ask questions and find out the latest. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DNAGedcomUsersGroup>

If this is your first time here, please see our document [What can you do on DNAGedcom?](#)

Ancestry, 23andMe and FTDNA downloads are now available as part of the [DNAGedcom Client](#) for Windows. Mac version is in Beta.

If you want help with the GWorks system, please check out the documentation at [Kitty Rlog Post](#) or http://www.dnagedcom.com/docs/GWorks_Howto_Updated.pdf

If you are an adoptee looking for help, please visit at <http://www.DNAAdoption.com>

If you have any issues, please send an e-mail to support@dnagedcom.com. Please include your DNAGedcom User Name. Thanks for your support. Please remember we are volunteers.

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**April-May 2018
Program Calendar**

Saturday April 7, 2018	HCGS Annual Seminar featuring Michael A. Strauss <i>Registration form can be found on pages 130-131 in The Tracer or online. See website for more details on topics.</i>	Michael A. Strauss	Mill Race Banquet Center 1515 West Sharon Rd. Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, April 10 7:00-8:45 pm	DNAGedcom Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group	Kathy Reed	MidPointe Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. West Chester, OH
Wednesday--Saturday April 11-14	Ohio Genealogical Society Conference "Blazing New Trails" http://www.ogs.org/ for more information	Keynote Speaker: J. Mark Lowe, CC Ohio Genealogical Society	Hyatt Regency Columbus, OH
Saturday, April 17 & June 2 10:00 am	Tour & Orientation of the G&LH Dept. <i>No reservation required</i>		Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, April 28 8:00 am	Family History Jamboree-22nd Annual. See the website for a list of classes and details. Www.fhj1.org	Dayton and Dayton East Stakes of the LDS Church	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 901 E. Whipp Rd. Centerville, OH
Saturday, May 5 & July 7 10:00 am	Genealogy websites: An Introduction! <i>No reservation required</i>		Main Library 800 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH
Monday, May 7 6:00 pm	"Discovering Your Genealogical Roots" http://cincinnati.library.evanced.info/signup <i>No reservations required</i>	HCGS and PLCH	Greenhills Branch Library 8 Enfield St. Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, May 10 6:00 pm	"Discovering Your Genealogical Roots" http://cincinnati.library.evanced.info/signup <i>No reservations required</i>	HCGS and PLCH	Monfort Heights Library 3825 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati, OH
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Monday, May 14 6:00 pm	"Discovering Your Genealogical Roots" http://cincinnati.library.evanced.info/signup <i>No reservations required</i>	HCGS and PLCH	Saint Bernard Library 10 McClellan Ave. Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, May 19 1-4	Genealogy Foundation-Session 1: "What's In a Name" <i>Pre-registration required</i> https://goo.gl/forms/mYbq7M4O8zTrBr7v2	Liz Stratton	Main Library Computer Lab 3rd Fl. 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH

**May-November 2018
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

May 20-25	<i>National Genealogical Society Conference "Paths to the Past"</i> http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/	<i>National Genealogical Society</i>	Grand Rapids, MI
Saturday, June 2 1-4	<i>Genealogy Foundation-Session 2: "Making Sense of the Census"</i> <i>Pre-registration required</i> https://goo.gl/forms/mYbq7M4O8zTrBr7v2	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Main Library Computer Lab 3rd Fl. 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
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SAVE THE DATE! August 22-25	<i>Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)</i> https://www.fgs.org/		Ft. Wayne, IN
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