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Dr. Wolfgang Grams at Kolping Center October 22



On Monday, 22 October, the Hamilton County Genealogy Society presents two programs by Dr. Wolfgang Grams of Oldenburg, Germany.

Dr. Grams was born in Vietze/Gorleben and holds a doctorate in eighteenth-century German literature. Since 1996, as founder of the institute "Routes to the Roots" in Oldenburg, he has organized and conducted heritage tours to Germany and to America. As a research consultant Dr. Grams' projects include Bremen crew lists, extensive nineteenth-century census records for Mecklenburg, and a variety of family history data for former German principalities. He is a consultant for "The Generations Network Inc," which is building up the German website *Ancestry.de*.

Dr. Grams is one of the most knowledgeable experts on the German migration experience, still teaches classes in history and cultural tourism, and has carried out many pilot projects in the field of German-American migration studies. He is a fascinating narrator and lecturer and shares his profound knowledge and talents in his travels. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Grams speak in Cincinnati.

Dr. Grams will present two programs at the Kolping Center, 10235 W. Mill Road, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm on Monday, 22 October.

Travel Patterns During the Ages of Sail and Steam

Early pioneers from the Palatinate, Württemberg, Baden, Bavaria and Switzerland sailed from Antwerp, Amsterdam, and Le Havre - via British ports - to the new colonies. These pioneer travel patterns changed with the opening of the port of Bremerhaven in 1830. The 1830s-1850s mark the shift from the age of sail to the age of steam. By the

1860s a complete network of railroads and Atlantic steamers including routes, harbors, agents and services was established. Reliable schedules, bigger ships and improved services of competing European shipping companies transformed early human cargo into paying customers. Stories of dramatic journeys and interesting characters bring these travel patterns to life.

The Pursuit of Happiness, Faith, Land and Hope

The American Declaration of Independence inspired hope in millions of people living in Germany's feudal society by offering the opportunity for the "pursuit of happiness." This lecture presents a cause analysis and a timeline of German history. It discusses living conditions and social, political and economic patterns through autobiographical studies: from Franz Daniel Pastorius and the passengers of the *Concord* (known as the German *Mayflower*) in 1683 Germantown, Pennsylvania to the land-seekers of the nineteenth century and the German delis and shops in cities like Cincinnati.

Join HCGS for this exciting and educational program presented by Dr. Wolfgang Grams. Reservations are not required. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Deed and Leases at the Recorder's Office

By Jim Dempsey

Since July, deed index 1 has been updated with over 2,000 spelling and page number corrections. The corrections will be included in the combined indexes 1, 2 and 3 that will cover the period 1794 to 1844 into one alphabetic index to be installed on our website this fall. When this is done, the current deed index webpage will be simplified. New volunteers are now working on deed books that had never been indexed. When completed, they will be merged into the 1794 to 1844 indexes and
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President's Message

BY JENNY MOORMAN
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The summer is over and so our board resumed meeting again on September 20. We have lots of educational opportunities planned for you this fall.

- Be sure to join us this Saturday, October 6, as HCGS's own Jeff Herbert, treasurer, past president, and author, speaks at the Cincinnati Library's "Day with the Experts". Also on that day, HCGS will be manning several of the many tables there as experts to answer your questions on various subjects.
- For beginner genealogists, *Discovering Your Genealogical Roots*, are offered at various branch libraries.
- [DNA seminars](#) are offered by the Southwest Ohio DNA Group (SWOHDNA). Many SWOHDNA videos are available on [our YouTube channel](#).
- The genealogy lock-in at the main library on October 20 is always fun. Our society once again is providing the funds for the snacks and drinks – we want to keep everyone's energy up for the hunt!
- And you won't want to miss [Dr. Wolfgang Grams on October 22](#). Dr. Grams is from Oldenburg, Germany, and is one of the most knowledgeable experts on the German migration experience. He will speak about "Travel Patterns during the Ages of Sail and Steam" and "The Pursuit of Happiness, Faith, Land and Hope".
- Our annual Heritage Luncheon is on October 27. Successful applicants to our lineage societies will receive their badges and certificates, and Joyce Browning will speak as "Julia Grant, Wife of Ulysses S. Grant".

- On November 17, the Advanced Genealogy Forum will discuss "Cluster Research".
- Many more events (sponsored by HCGS or other organizations) and additional details for the above listed events are available elsewhere in this issue or [on our website](#).

2019 OGS Conference

In 2019 our parent organization, *The Ohio Genealogical Society*, will host its [annual conference in Mason, Ohio, at the Great Wolf Lodge from May 1-4](#). It will be a great opportunity to learn from some national speakers and the location is close by for those of us in southwest Ohio.

Membership renewal time

Without your membership dues, we could not accomplish our goals to promote genealogy, educate genealogists, and preserve historical records. In late October, our annual membership renewals will be mailed out for 2019. We hope you will renew your membership. Or if you are not yet a member, please consider joining. Besides providing financial support, you would have access to member-only benefits such as our award-winning *Tracer* journal, certain databases and videos, and reduced prices for some of our programs.

I'd love to hear from you if you have any suggestions or feedback for our board to consider. Please feel free to contact me at president@hcgsohio.org. Enjoy your fall!

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announced in the Gazette. To learn more and use the indexes, go to our website at <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=147>.

Because of the importance of the lease indexes for ancestors living in Cincinnati, our volunteers are now transcribing the first part of lease index 1 that covers lease books 6 through 25, January 1851 through February 1867. As this covers over 10,000 leases, except for corrections that required looking at the actual lease, to save time, only lessee (person or persons acquiring the lease) surnames or organization names will be in the first version put on our website. To enhance the original index 1, volunteers are also indexing lease books 1 through 5, never before indexed, that covers April 1848 to January 1851. Thank you to David, Renae, Dianne and Geof for responding to our request for additional indexers and transcribers.

**Celebrity Genealogy Show:
Cincinnati Edition
By Deb Cyprych**



The 2018 Celebrity Genealogy show in Hyde Park on November 8 will use genealogy, history, and storytelling to guide former Cincinnati mayor and Congressman Charlie Luken as he discovers the stories of his ancestors for the first time.

A large screen will display images of documents, photographs and engravings to illustrate unusual stories with Cincinnati flavor. Deb Cyprych, former editor of *The Tracer*, will host the show and present tips and techniques for getting started on tracing genealogy.

Stories include teenage German female immigrants in the 1850s; life in Over-the-Rhine; the Hamilton County Infirmary; a family using someone else's name; the death of an Irish soldier in the Indian wars; a road laborer who hung out his shingle as an attorney; a manufacturer of

vinegar and cigars; an early law penalizing the sale of cocaine; an iron works laborer who became an independently wealthy bank director in just eight year.

This event benefits the 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 \$30 tickets to the Celebrity Genealogy Show at Hyde Park Center, from 6:30 to 9 pm on November 8, visit www.hpcenter.org/how-you-can-help or call 513-321-6816. Gourmet desserts, coffee, and tea will be served.

**German Interest Group
By Jeff Herbert**

If you are researching your German ancestors in Hamilton County, you'll want to check our website and the [new section](#) that was recently posted with many great tips and information about resources for your research.

Once you are on our website at www.hcgsohio.org look for the Interest Group section and then click on German Interest Group. You'll see information on upcoming programs, immigration, a 74-page guide to publications and websites, cemeteries that were predominantly German in the 19th century, and indexes to Hamilton County histories that were written in German for German immigrants. There is information on the German Pioneer Society, which your ancestor might have joined, German newspapers and indexes to obituaries, churches of various denominations that were predominantly German congregations, and orphanages that primarily helped German families and children. There is also a section that describes local resources and repositories that have collections relating to German culture and genealogical research.

Our German Interest Group has traditionally been our largest and most active special interest group for many years, and this collection of information and helpful tips should provide many new clues for your research. The intent is to build and enhance this site in the future, so please check back often for future hints. The direct link is <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=190>.

2018 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. 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.

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- 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.

The 2018 YTD total for the Chapter is over **\$361.14**. The support from Kroger members 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.



25TH ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

A DAY WITH GENEALOGY EXPERTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

10 A.M. - 2 P.M. | THIRD FLOOR

This year we highlight resources available to you in print and online with regard to early Hamilton County settlers and German ancestry in the Greater Cincinnati region.

10 A.M. AND NOON

Department tours are offered

11 A.M. - TALK 1

Researching Your Early Hamilton County Ancestors

Explore some of the many rich resources that are available to Hamilton County researchers for the time period before 1850. Learn more about what is available, and some recent new information and strategies that can help your research.

12-2 P.M.

Receive free consultations with regional experts representing over 20 Greater Cincinnati organizations. Come with your questions.

2 P.M. - TALK 2

What's New in German Genealogy?

Learn about several resources recently made available on the internet for researchers searching for their German ancestors.

Both talks are conducted by Jeff Herbert, prolific author, genealogist and current vice president of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society.

No registration required for any of the day's events.



Main Library - Genealogy & Local History Department
www.CincinnatiLibrary.org

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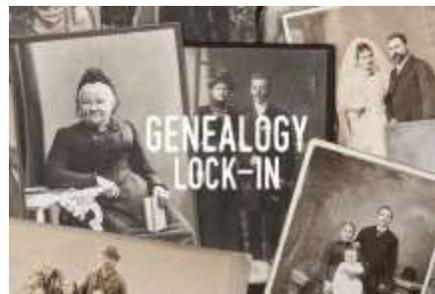
Saturday, October 20

Genealogy After-hours Lock-In

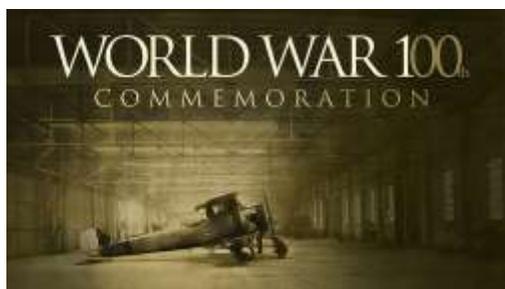
6:30-11:30 pm

Join fellow genealogists for this after-hours research event. During the Lock-In, four optional mini-tech instructional seminars will be offered. To register, go to <http://cincinnati.library.evanced.info/signup>

Pre-Registration is required for the Lock-In



Cincinnati and the Great War!



Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I.

A 3-part series of events at three different library locations

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 the Armistice was signed, ending the Great War or the War to End All Wars.

We are requesting the public to bring in flat World War I related documents somehow connected to Greater Cincinnati and the War.

We will then scan the items onto a flash drive which will be given to the customer upon leaving. Items could be newspaper articles, photographs, medals or anything else a person may have related to WWI.

If an individual has a great deal of items, appointments can be made for a future day and time to meet with Digital Services staff.

A G&LH Librarian along with Digital Services staff will be on hand with portable scanners and appropriate forms to sign on the day.

Scanned materials will be posted on the Digital Library site if patrons grant us permission to do so.

This event will take place on three consecutive Saturdays in November.

Saturday, November 3rd at Anderson Township

Saturday, November 10th at Green Township

Saturday, November 17th at Main Library

All three events - 11 am until 2 pm.

**October–November 2018
Program Calendar**

Saturday, October 6 10:00-3:00	<i>Day With The Experts Consultation with experts 12-2:00 pm See more information on pages 6</i>	<i>Jeff Herbert At 11:00 am and 2:00 pm</i>	Third Floor Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, October 11 6:00 pm	<i>Meet and Greet with Genealogy Experts – Discover the resources available to you at the library and online!</i>		Mt. Washington Branch Library 513-369-6033
Thursday, October 15 6:00 pm	<i>Meet and Greet with Genealogy Experts – Discover the resources available to you at the library and online!</i>		Price Hill Branch Library 513-369-4490
Saturday, October 20 6:30-11:30 pm	<i>Genealogy Lock-In Pre-registration required Registration begins August 1 See more information on page 7</i>		Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Monday, October 22 6:30-9:00 pm	<i>German Migration Experience</i>	<i>Dr. Wolfgang Grams Oldenburg, Germany</i>	Kolping Center 10235 W. Mill Rd. Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, October 23 6:00 pm	<i>Meet and Greet with Genealogy Experts – Discover the resources available to you at the library and online!</i>		Wyoming Branch Library 513-369-6014
Saturday, October 27 10:45 am	<i>Heritage Luncheon Joyce Browning as Julia Grant, wife of Ulysses S. Grant Register online—Deadline to register online is October 22</i>	<i>Joyce Browning</i>	Clovernook Country Club 2035 W. Galbraith Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45239
Saturday, October 27 1:00 pm	<i>Ohio's Role in Woman Suffrage: Three Reasons to Celebrate the 2020 Women's Vote Centennial</i>	<i>Katherine Durack</i>	3rd Fl Event Space Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, November 3 10:00 am	<i>Genealogy websites: An introduction! No reservation required</i>		Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, November 3 11-2	<i>Cincinnati and the Great War Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI See page 6 for more information</i>		Anderson Township Library Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, November 8 7:00-9:00 pm	<i>Celebrity Genealogy Show– Cincinnati Edition Cincinnati Mayor and Congressman Charlie Luken</i>	<i>Deb Cyprych</i>	Hyde Park Center for Older Adults 2800 Erie Avenue Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, November 10 11-2	<i>Cincinnati and the Great War Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI See page 6 for more information</i>		Green Township Cincinnati, OH

**November-May 2019
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Saturday, November 10 11:00 am	<i>In honor of Veterans Day and the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I</i> <i>The CSS Hunley's 1864 Sinking of the USS Housatonic was a Harbinger of WWI Unre- stricted Submarine Warfare</i>	<i>Featured Speaker</i> <i>Gary Johnson</i>	3rd Floor Event Space Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, November 10 7:00-8:30 pm	<i>Using DNA to Identify an Adoptee's Family</i> https://www.facebook.com/Montgomery- County-Chapter-OGS-198460980195996/ Montgomery County Genealogical Society	<i>Kathy Reed</i>	Dayton Metro Library 215 East Third Street Dayton, OH
Tuesday, November 13 7:00-8:30 pm	<i>Program TBD</i> http://www.butlercountyogs.org/	<i>Amie Bowser Tenant</i>	MidPointe Library 9363 Center Point Dr. West Chester, OH
Wednesday, November 14 6:30-8:30	<i>Genealogy for the Non-Genealogist</i> http://www.colerainehistorical-oh.org	<i>Kathy Reed</i>	Northwest Community Church 8735 Cheviot Rd. Cincinnati, OH
Wednesday, November 14 7:30 pm	<i>German Heritage</i> http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/	<i>Jeff Herbert</i>	Philippi Meeting Room Otterbein Retirement Communi- ty Lebanon, OH
SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 17 10:30 am	<i>Advanced Genealogy Forum (AGF)</i> <i>Cluster Research</i>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	Main Library Rm 3A 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, December 11 7:00-8:30 pm	<i>Southwest Ohio DNA Group</i> <i>Topic to be determined</i>		MidPointe Library 9363 Center Point Dr. West Chester, OH
SAVE THE DATE! May 1-4, 2019	<i>Ohio Genealogical Society Conference</i> https://www.ogsconference.org/		Great Wolf Lodge Mason, OH

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



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