

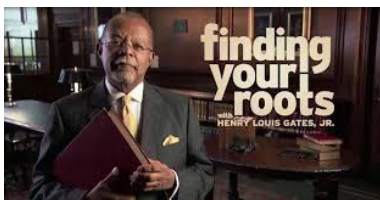


# THE GAZETTE

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## Finding Your Roots returns January 8th!



Whether you're a novice, an expert, or taking a break from genealogy research and want to start 2019 to get back into your genealogy research again, start your New Year's with the

genealogy show "*Finding Your Roots*."

The 10-week series will feature guests that include: Marisa Tomei, Felicity Huffman, Laura Linney, S. Epatha Merkerson, Andy Samberg, Chloe Sevigny, Kal Penn, George R.R. Martin, Christiane Amanpour, Ann Curry, Joe Madison, Lisa Ling, Sheryl Sandberg, Seth Meyers, Michael Strahan, Paul Ryan and more!

Season 5, *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. premieres Tuesday, January 8th, 8/7c.

## Committee Member Needed By Kenny Burck

Do not panic. This is a fun and interesting opportunity. After several years of service to our *Lineage Society Committee*, two committee members retired and we are looking for 2 or 3 new members. No experience is required. It would be helpful if you have already submitted some of your ancestors to any lineage society but it is not necessary. This would be a great learning experience and motivator for you to do so in the future. *Our First Families and Settlers & Builders and Century Families* groups meet about 4 or maybe 5 times a year to review applications sent in by members wanting to honor their ancestors in this way. We usually meet in Greenhills for meetings and have our annual luncheon in North College Hill. We also plan the annual luncheon arrangements. Currently Gail Burkholz, Karen Klaene, Mary Nyktas, John Tholking, Sandra Morgan and Kenny Burck are happily serving. Please talk to any of us

about this and I believe you will not be overburdened and find this enjoyable. Call or email Kenny Burck at 513-260-0238 or [kburck@juno.com](mailto:kburck@juno.com).

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

Additional staff at the Recorder's Office has permitted us to take on additional projects.

Our goal is to have surname A-Z indexes, buyers and sellers, from 1903 to 1988, online over the next few months.

As of December 27th, we have completed the years 1930 through 1988 (except 1952 not ready yet). Go to: [https://recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org/deed\\_indexes/index.html](https://recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org/deed_indexes/index.html)

## Professional Researchers List By Kenny Burck

The deadline each year (not an exact deadline) is February to add your name to our Hamilton County professional researchers list on our website. Do not be intimidated by the word "professional." If you would like to receive some money to do research for another genealogist and you believe you can do this effectively, you might want to give it a try. To be listed, it is \$10.00 per year with a check (or online payment) made out to HCC-OGS. Look at our website to see what others put in their listing. It is your name, etc. and NO MORE THAN 40 words to describe what you will do for someone. SAR, OGS or PAL-AM is just one word. You can discuss money IF someone contacts you. All questions (and your blurb) can be sent to Kenny Burck at 513-260-0238 or [kburck@juno.com](mailto:kburck@juno.com).

# President's Message

BY JENNY MOORMAN  
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## Board Member Changes

Our board has experienced some changes. Bob Brodbeck has agreed to be our Director of Digital Resources (DRD), in addition to being our Webmaster. Bob has served as Acting DRD since May.

Liz Stratton, who has served HCGS most recently as our Education Director, had to resign her position. We look forward to her continued efforts with the Advanced Genealogy Forum, as her schedule permits. Lisa Hollon, an experienced genealogist, corporate trainer, and our Twitter Coordinator, has agreed to be our new Education Director.

## New Director position approved

At the December board meeting, we agreed to add a new position of Marketing Director. This serves as notice that a vote will be held to approve a change to our bylaws, to allow for the addition of this role. The vote will be held at the next membership meeting which will be on February 12, 7 - 8:45 PM at MidPointe Library in West Chester. The [Southwest Ohio DNA interest group](#) will present "Exploring DNA Painter software to better identify your genetic matches."

## Wiedemann's Brewery, January 17 board meeting

Wiedemann's Brewery will be the location of our January 17 board meeting at 6:30 pm. Please join us to observe and learn -- members are always welcome and your presence is encouraged! Wiedemann's is located in St. Bernard at 4811 Vine St, Cincinnati, 45217. A lot of people will arrive early around 5:45 PM to eat dinner and chat -- join us! Future board meeting locations are to be determined.

## 2019 Ohio Genealogical Society conference, May 1-4 in Mason, OH

Usually, we hold our annual HCGS seminar in April. However, this year is one of those years we won't because our parent organization, Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS), is hosting its annual conference nearby. The OGS conference will be held May 1 - 4 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio, and will offer plenty of opportunities to network and learn. The theme is "Building a Heritage." The Conference features Wednesday work-

shops, a Vendor Hall, and over 100 class sessions.

The keynote speaker is David Rencher, AG®, CG®, FIGRS. He is the Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch and the new director of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

To see a list of all the speakers and sponsors, and to learn more about the conference and venue, visit the website at <http://www.ogsconference.org>. Follow the OGS Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ohiogenealogicalsocietyconference> and [Calendar of Genealogy Events](#) on our website.

If you have any suggestions or feedback for our board to consider, please feel free to contact us at [info@hcgsohio.org](mailto:info@hcgsohio.org) or myself at [president@hcgsohio.org](mailto:president@hcgsohio.org).

## New Videos on HCGS Website

Jeff Herbert's presentation, "Early Hamilton County Ancestors, Before 1850" is now available on the Hamilton County Genealogical Society website. 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 new information and strategies that can help your research.

Another new video, "Mitochondrial DNA and Genetic Genealogy," by Kathy Reed, SWOHDNA Chair, is also available free to the public.

The HCGS videos page can be found at <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=139>. "Early Hamilton County Ancestors, Before 1850" is available for members and non-members to view.

## New Organization # for Kroger Rewards

By Jeff Herbert

*Please note the new Organization number for the Hamilton County Genealogical Society (HCGS) Kroger Rewards.*

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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- 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 **DJ375**. 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 2018 the total for the Chapter is over **\$467**. 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 renew.

THANK YOU for your continued support! It's amazing what we can do together.

## Liz Stratton Becomes NGS Administrative Course Manager

In December the National Genealogical Society (NGS) announced the appointment of the former HCGS education director, Liz Stratton, PLCGS, as its new administrative course manager, working in conjunction with Angela Packer McGhie, CG, as education director. They succeed Julie Miller, CG, CGL, FNGS (and member of HCGS), who had served as the interim education manager since March 2018.

NGS President Ben Spratling stated that McGhie, as the new education director, will be responsible for identifying and developing overall educational programming for new online courses that take advantage of sophisticated software to deliver optimum learning experiences. "As the administrative course manager, Stratton will complement McGhie's work," said Spratling, "managing the day-to-day operation of educational courses, coordinating the workflow, and acting as liaison to our students."

Stratton holds a Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies (PLCGS) from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies and is a regular attendee of genealogical institutes and conferences. She served as a GenProof mentor (2013-2016) and ProGen coordinator (2010-2012). She is the recent past-president of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) Virtual Chapter, for which she developed monthly educational programs. During her tenure as education director of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Genealogical Society, she developed three interactive education series and started the Advanced Genealogy Forum.

Besides Liz Stratton, three other members of the HCGS board and committees are in NGS positions: Jean Andrews, NGS board member, HCGS blog editor, and *Tracer* proofreader; Deb Cyprych, *NGS Magazine* editor, and HCGS publications director; and Eileen Muccino, *NGS Magazine* reviewer, *Tracer* editor, and HCGS membership chair.

"We are deeply indebted to Julie Miller," said Terry Koch-Bostic, chair of the NGS Education Committee. "She took charge of the Society's education department at a critical time and restructured it. She reviewed all of NGS's courses, overseeing updates and revisions. Miller also helped insure the education section was ready for the launch of the new NGS website this past fall."

## Service in the African-American Community February 2019

Many African Americans in Cincinnati have answered the call to serve and to improve the conditions of the community. This February the Main Library will host a series of programs that spotlight people who used their talent and skills to help others in need.

### February 2<sup>nd</sup> - African Americans in Medicine, 2 P.M.

The story of African-American doctors has been one of both incredible achievement and deep-seated discrimination. Historically, African-American doctors have faced barriers to educational opportunities and advancement in their careers. Many have overcome such obstacles as getting specialized training in order to care for members of the black community. Join Dr. Charles Dillard, a long-time Walnut Hills resident, who followed his father into medicine and set up his practice here in the Queen City. He will discuss African Americans in medicine in the Cincinnati area, past and present.



Dr. Alvin Crawford



Lucy Oxley, M.D.  
1912 - 1991

First African-American to graduate from UCCOM

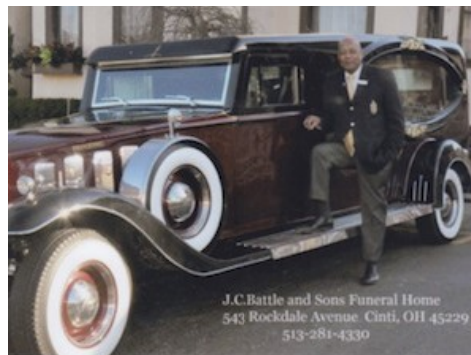
Dr. Lucy Oxley



Dr. Charles Dillard

### February 16<sup>th</sup> - African American Funeral Directors, 2 P.M.

For much of American history, funeral parlors run by white funeral directors did not usually welcome business from African Americans, thereby creating a segregated market. Independent, black-owned funeral homes became staples of black neighborhoods. Members of the black community knew they could count on these funeral directors to honor and preserve their burial traditions. Most importantly, the deceased were given a respect that was not always rendered to them in life. Join Joyce Coleman and Thomas Jordan of the African American Genealogy Group of the Miami Valley for a talk on some of these funeral directors in the Cincinnati area and their role in the community.



JC Battle Funeral Home in the West End

## Service in the African-American Community (Continued) February-March 2019

### **February 23rd Law and Order: African Americans in Law Enforcement, 2 P.M.**

There were no black policemen in the city of Cincinnati until Henry Hagerman was appointed in that position in 1884. Since that time, many African Americans have advanced into positions in law enforcement including Police Detective, Police Chief, Judge and Warden. Please attend a panel discussion on the role that African Americans have played in keeping law and order. Panelists include Judge John Andrews West (confirmed), Magistrate Judge Jack Sherman Jr., (unconfirmed) former Assistant Chief of Police Michael Cureton (confirmed) and former police officer and current council member Wendell Young (unconfirmed) who will share their experiences of serving the Cincinnati community.



### **Presentation on African-American Society Columns on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 P.M.**

With new digital tools available, more African-American history is being uncovered and made available on the Digital Library. Recently discovered in some of Cincinnati's daily newspapers from the late nineteenth-century are weekly columns dedicated to reporting on the social affairs of the city's African Americans.



Although the columns mainly contain news about the more advantaged African Americans in terms of money and education, they are still a rare glimpse into the political, social, and cultural events of a community for which there is little other information. They also serve as a remarkable record of the church, civic, fraternal organizations, and businesses of leading African Americans of the time. These reports ran from 1884 to 1896 during varying time periods in the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* (later the *Commercial Tribune*), the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and the *Cincinnati Times-Star*.

Currently, these articles are being digitized and uploaded onto the Digital Library, accessible on the Library's website. Steve Headley, librarian from the Genealogy and Local History Department, will be making a presentation on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at the Main Library on this latest discovery in our collection and its tremendous value to researchers of African-American history in the Cincinnati area.

**January– March 2019  
Program Calendar**

Saturday, January 5 10:00 am	<b><i>Genealogy Websites: An Introduction!</i></b> <i>No reservations required</i>	<b><i>PLCH</i></b>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, January 8 7:00-8:30 pm	<b><i>Butler County Genealogical Society</i></b> <b><i>“Researching in Southern Ohio”</i></b> <a href="http://www.butlercountyogs.org/">http://www.butlercountyogs.org/</a>	<b><i>Dana Palmer</i></b>	MidPointe Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. West Chester, OH
Tuesday, January 15 9-11 am	<b><i>“DAR Research Assistance”</i></b> <a href="https://www.kentonlibrary.org">https://www.kentonlibrary.org</a>	<b><i>NSDAR</i></b>	Kenton County Public Library 502 Scott Blvd. Covington, KY
Thursday, January 17 6:30 pm	<b><i>Hamilton County Genealogical Society</i></b> <b><i>Board Meeting</i></b> <b><i>(Members welcome)</i></b>	<b><i>HCGS</i></b>	Wiedemann’s Brewery 4811 Vine Street St. Bernard, OH
Saturday, February 2 10:00 am	<b><i>Tour and orientation to the G&amp;LH Dept.</i></b> <i>No reservations required</i>	<b><i>PLCH</i></b>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, February 2, 2:00 pm	<b><i>“African Americans in Medicine”</i></b>	<b><i>Dr. Charles Dillard</i></b>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, February 12, 7:00-8:30 pm	<b><i>Southwest Ohio DNA Group (SWOHDNA)</i></b> <b><i>“Using DNA Painter Software in Conjunction</i></b> <b><i>with your Genetic Medicine”</i></b>	<b><i>Kathy Reed</i></b>	MidPointe Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. West Chester, OH
Saturday, February 16 2:00 pm	<b><i>“African American Funeral Directors”</i></b> <b><i>African American Genealogy Group</i></b>	<b><i>Joyce Coleman and</i></b> <b><i>Thomas Jordan</i></b>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Wednesday, February 20 6:30-8:30 pm	<b><i>“Hidden History, Lost Cincinnati &amp;</i></b> <b><i>Cincinnati Then &amp; Now”</i></b> <a href="http://www.colerainhistorical-oh.org/">http://www.colerainhistorical-oh.org/</a>	<b><i>Jeff Seuss, Author</i></b>	Colerain Historical Society Northwest Community Church 8735 Cheviot Rd. Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, February 23 2:00 pm	<b><i>“Law and Order: African Americans in Law</i></b> <b><i>Enforcement”</i></b>	<b><i>Panel Discussion</i></b>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, March 2 10:00 am	<b><i>Genealogy Websites: An Introduction!</i></b> <i>No reservations required</i>	<b><i>PLCH</i></b>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, March 2 2:00 pm	<b><i>“African American Society Columns in the</i></b> <b><i>Cincinnati Newspapers”</i></b>	<b><i>Steve Headley,</i></b> <b><i>PLCH Librarian</i></b>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH

**March 2019-March 2020  
Program Calendar (Cont'd)**

Tuesday,, March 12 7:00-8:30	<i>"There is Something About Aunt Mary" Learn how the great migration brought together African-American and Europeans to a small midwest city.</i> <a href="http://www.butlercountyogs.org/">http://www.butlercountyogs.org/</a>	<i>Thomas Jordan</i>	MidPointe Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. West Chester, OH
Sunday, March 17 1:00 pm	<i>In celebration of St. Patrick's Day</i>	<i>Robert Wimberg</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, March 23 9:00 am	<i>Northern Kentucky Regional History Day</i> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/nkhistoryday">https://www.facebook.com/nkhistoryday</a>		Kenton County Library 401 Kenton Lands Rd. Erlanger, KY
Saturday, April 6 10:00 am	<i>Tour and orientation to the G&amp;LH Dept.</i> <i>No reservation required</i>	<i>PLCH</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
<i>Wednesday-Saturday May 1-4</i>	<i>Ohio Genealogical Society Conference</i> <a href="http://www.ogsconference.org/">http://www.ogsconference.org/</a>	<i>Ohio Genealogical Society</i>	Great Wolf Lodge Mason, OH
Saturday, May 4 10:00 am	<i>Genealogy websites: An Introduction!</i> <i>No reservation required</i>	<i>PLCH</i>	Main Library 800 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH
Tuesday, May 14 7:00-8:30	<i>"Researching Ancestral Masons"</i> <a href="http://www.butlercountyogs.org/">http://www.butlercountyogs.org/</a>	<i>Liz Stratton</i>	MidPointe Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. West Chester, OH
Tuesday, September 10 7:00-8:30	<i>"Reading German Handwriting"</i> <a href="http://www.butlercountyogs.org/">http://www.butlercountyogs.org/</a>	<i>Dana Palmer</i>	MidPointe Library 9363 Center Pointe Dr. West Chester, OH
<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b> <b>March 7, 2020</b>	<i>Hamilton County Genealogical Society Annual Seminar</i>	<i>HCGS</i>	Mill Race Banquet Center Cincinnati, OH

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



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