Three Online Collections of Hamilton County Probate Records

DEB CYPRYCH

Hamilton County researchers have a new treasure chest of records to explore with the release of 592,384 probate, naturalization and marriage records on FamilySearch, in a collection called Hamilton County Records, 1791-1984. This article describes the probate records in the new collection as well as two other large online collections of Hamilton County probate records. The next issue will cover the rest of the records in the new collection.

History of the indexing and imaging project

Several years ago the Hamilton County Genealogical Society started an effort to index probate accounts and inventories that survived the courthouse fire of March 1884. In November 2012, HCGS Board Member Jim Dempsey added the probate journals to that indexing project. In January 2014, Jim completed arranging the indexers’ work for the probate journals, and 35,000 rows of names in Excel are now on the HCGS website as well as the accounts and inventories index. HCGS Board Member Liz Stratton is leading the volunteer project to index wills from 1918 to 1973.

One year ago, Hamilton County Probate Court Judge Cissell greatly expanded the effort by approving a joint project to digitally image all probate records FamilySearch had not already acquired to the year 1930. In April 2013, Kent and Judy Nish from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints joined the effort as LDS missionaries to do the imaging, which was completed by Labor Day 2013. This is the first onsite digitizing project for FamilySearch – Hamilton County is leading the way!

Judge Cissell generously allowed the use of Probate Court records, equipment, work space and staff to provide training and technical assistance for the project. For more information about the records and the project, see Jim Dempsey, “More Hamilton County Probate Records to Be Added to FamilySearch,” The Tracer, June 2013.

As of January 9, 2014, all of those scanned images are now available to you on FamilySearch – for free, from home, and at any time. Below is a summary of what is now available for online research in Hamilton County probate records.

FAMILYSEARCH

Currently there are two collections of Hamilton County probate records on FamilySearch. One is Ohio, Probate Records (choose Hamilton in the collection), and the other, posted recently, is Ohio, Hamilton County Records (choose Probate Records in the collection). To get to either collection, click United States on the FamilySearch search page (www.familysearch.org/search), type or click Ohio in the left pane, scroll down to the collection you want, click it, click Browse Images.

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Mission
The mission of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society is to take an active role in supporting collection and preservation of Hamilton County, Ohio records for use in genealogical research. The Tracer disseminates information to members about Hamilton County records and resources and Chapter projects.

Membership
For one or two adults at the same address:
E-membership (publications on website only) ....$10
Full membership...........................................20
Sustaining membership..............................25
Life membership........................................300

Membership includes four issues of The Tracer. Members are encouraged to submit ancestor file cards to the Research Committee for a possible match with another member.

Programs are held at various times and locations throughout Hamilton County. The Chapter has three special interest groups which have their own meetings featuring topics of their respective interests.

Membership in First Families of Hamilton County is open to Chapter members proving descent from an ancestor residing in Hamilton County on or before December 31, 1820. Membership in Settlers and Builders of Hamilton County is open to Chapter members proving descent from an ancestor residing in Hamilton County at some point between January 1, 1821 and December 31, 1860. Membership in Century Families of Hamilton County is open to Chapter members proving descent from an ancestor residing in Hamilton County at some point between January 1, 1861 and 100 years prior to the year of application.

The Hamilton County Genealogical Society is a Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society and the German-American Citizens’ League.

Research Policy
The Research Committee will search Chapter publications and the surname card file for a fee of $10.00 for members and $20.00 for non-members, limited to the name of one ancestor for one hour of research time, with a maximum of two ancestors per request. Lists of the publications that can be searched and of paid researchers are available on the Chapter’s website. The Committee will also search marriage records and death notices indexed in the Chapter’s online database. See the website for details.

Indexing
All names in The Tracer are indexed in an annual index sent to members. Article titles are indexed in The Periodical Source Index (PERSI) and on the Chapter’s website.

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March 15
Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold
LIZ STRATTON

You don’t need to be a surveyor to glean genealogical gold from property records! These documents expand family lines, establish your family’s migration, identify parents of wives, married names of daughters, and more. In this introduction to land research, you will learn to identify which ancestors owned property and how to use their records to further your genealogy.

The first session, “Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold,” will be held on March 15 at 11 am in the third floor meeting space of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. There is no need to pre-register for this lecture.

Four practicums will apply and expand on the concepts with real-world examples. The computer lab will be available after each practicum. Pre-registration was required due to limited space, and no spots are currently available.

April 12
Annual HCGS Spring Seminar Reminder
KENNY BURCK

The details of the Annual Spring Seminar with Michael Lacopo were featured in the last issue of The Tracer and the previous online edition of The Gazette. It will be held April 12, 2014 at the Mill Race Banquet Center (on the Winton Woods Golf Course), 1515 West Sharon Road. Registration opens at 8:30 am.

After a two-year hiatus due to the NGS and OGS Conferences in the spring in Cincinnati, we resume our tradition of offering a great national speaker and all-day venue of genealogical information and fun.

Michael will speak on “How to Overcome Brick Wall Problems in German-American Research, Parts 1 and 2,” “Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the ‘Evidence’” and “Incorporating Social History into Your Research.” Most of the information in the German lectures will apply to other immigrant groups.

I believe you will all enjoy Michael’s presentations very much. He received the highest praise in the evaluation forms at the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Conference in Cincinnati last year.

See the registration form on page 127 of the last Tracer with all the details, in the previous online edition of The Gazette, or on the HCGS website, www.hcgsohio.org. The deadline to register is April 1, 2014.

We only have spaces for about 120 seminar attendees so get your registrations in early. Registration includes a continental breakfast, buffet deli lunch and handouts.

This seminar is sponsored by the Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren County Chapters of OGS, and all members of these chapters get the member price. Family Tree Magazine with have a vendor table along with some of our local chapters.

You should not have to travel through Winton Woods Park to get to the Banquet Center, on the major highways of I-775 to south on Winton Road (Exit 39 - Greenhills/Forest Park to right on Sharon Road) or the Reagan Cross-County Highway (going west exit Galbraith Road to Winton Road and go left on Sharon Road, or going east exit Winton Road North and go left on Sharon Road).

BUT if you do not have a Hamilton County Park sticker on your windshield and do go through a park checkpoint, bear in mind that we have obtained a park permit for the event. You should tell anyone who asks that we have a one-day park permit in the name of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society for April 12, 2014, and you should not pay any fee on that day unless you want to purchase an annual park sticker for $10.00.

If you are lost on April 12, phone Kenny Burck at 260-0238 for directions or phone the facility at 513-825-6467. I know you will enjoy Michael Lacopo and learn a lot from him. I hope to see you in April.
### Calendar of Genealogy Events

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| March 15 Saturday           | 11 am  | **HCGS Program**  
“Surveying Land Records for Genealogical Gold”                      | Liz Stratton         | Third floor, Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati                   |
| March 19 Wednesday          | 7:30 pm| “Chronicling America”  
Warren Co. Genealogical Society                                       | Jenni Salamon, OHS  | Campus Center, Otterbein Retirement Community, St. Rte 741, Lebanon     |
| March 22 Saturday           | 8 am - 2 pm -11:15 | Northern KY Regional History Day  
[http://goo.gl/4xH0XE](http://goo.gl/4xH0XE)  
“Genealogical Research in Hamilton County” | Choice of 14 sessions - HCGS members | Northern Kentucky University Student Union, Highland Heights, KY Information, 859-491-0490 |
| March 27                    |        | Deadline—April issue of Gazette                                       |                      |                                                                          |
| March 31 Monday             | 7 pm   | **CO-SPONSORED BY HCGS**  
“Irish Genealogy—in Honor of St. Patrick’s Day” Part 4 of 4          | Colleen Phillips     | Symmes Township Branch Library 11850 Enyart Road, 369-6001             |
| April 5 Saturday            | 6-11 pm| “Evening with the Ancestors” (reservations, 859-962-4070)            |                      | Kenton County Public Library 502 Scott, Covington, 859-962-4070        |
| April 12 Saturday           | 8:30 am - 4 pm | **HCGS Annual Seminar**  
See article on page 3                                                   | Michael Lacopo       | Mill Race Banquet Center 1515 West Sharon Road                         |
| April 27                    |        | Deadline—June issue of The Tracer                                     |                      | tracer@hcgsohio.org                                                     |
| April 28 Monday             | 6:30-8:30 pm | “Preserving Your Family Photographs”                                 | KCPL Librarians     | Congenealogy, Kenton Co. Library 502 Scott, Covington, 859-962-4070    |
| April 30 - May 3            | 4 pm   | Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference, [www.ogs.org](http://www.ogs.org) | Choice of 85 sessions | Kalamari Resorts Sandusky, Ohio                                       |
| May 10 Saturday             | 11 am  | “Genealogy Orientation: Tips and Techniques”                          | HCGS, Librarians     | Main Library 800 Vine Street, 369-6905                                 |
| May 12 Monday               | 7 pm   | “Genealogy Orientation: Tips and Techniques”                          | HCGS, Librarians     | Anderson Library 7450 State Road, 369-6030                             |
| May 13 Tuesday              | 6 pm   | “Genealogy Orientation: Tips and Techniques”                          | HCGS, Librarians     | St. Bernard Library 4803 Tower Ave., 369-4462                           |
| May 17 Saturday             | 1 pm   | **HCGS Program**  
“Better Know Your Website: All About the New HCGS Site”            | Kathy Reed, Jenny Davis | Room 3A, Main Library 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati                     |
| May 21                      | 7:30 pm| “Using Church Records”  
Warren Co. Genealogical Society                                       | Jeff Herbert         | Campus Center, Otterbein Retirement Community, St. Rte 741, Lebanon     |
| June 23 Monday              | 6:30-8:30 pm | “Finding Your Ancestors in Federal Court Records”                     | Pam Schaffner        | Congenealogy, Kenton Co. Library 502 Scott, Covington, 859-962-4070    |
| June 25-28                   |        | Palatines to America National Conference, [www.palam.org](http://www.palam.org) | Choice of 13 sessions | Ramada Plaza Columbus North Columbus, Ohio                           |
| August 9 Saturday           | 8:30 - 4 pm | **OGS Chapter Management Seminar, kburck@juno.com**  
Choice of 12 sessions                                              |                      | Lebanon United Methodist Church Lebanon, Ohio—[www.ogs.org](http://www.ogs.org) |
2014-2016 Election of Chapter Officers and Directors

Our bylaws state that election of the Officers and the Board of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society takes place at the regular Chapter meeting every other May. We will elect a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and eight directors. Directors are responsible for Publications, Education, Lineage Societies, Membership, Programs, Research and Preservation, Digital Resources (our newest director position) and an At-Large Director.

Our Chapter is always open to new members interested in serving in these positions or on any of the several committees such as cemeteries, research, First Families, Settlers & Builders & Century Families, book sales, special interest groups (German, Irish, African-American), just to name a few. Other opportunities open throughout the year for special projects.

One way to learn about our organization is to attend Board meetings which are held September through June. The June and December meetings are abbreviated meetings held at various locations but the other meetings are held at the Perkins Restaurant on Hamilton Avenue at the Ronald Reagan Highway exit in Mt. Healthy at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday. Many members come early to eat and socialize. It is a great way to see the advance planning that takes place and keeps us all informed of the news in the genealogical world here in Hamilton County and elsewhere.

If you have an interest in attending, just stop by and join us. No commitment is necessary for anything. If you think you may have an interest in serving in any capacity but are not sure where, come and join us to see how we operate. I for one love to know what is going on before most of the genealogical community knows (although we try to let all members know what is going on the best we can). If you want further information about the current Board positions, ask any Board member. The current Officers and Directors and committee chairs are listed in each edition of The Tracer. Or contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Past-President Kenny Burck, at 513-851-9549 or kburck@juno.com if you have any questions.

The Board meetings are also an excellent opportunity to share any new ideas you may have with the Board, or to suggest a new or better way to increase membership, index records, preserve cemeteries, etc. We would love to welcome you in a future meeting. Contact Kenny for the exact date and place for any Board meeting.

May 17
Better Know Your HCGS Website

Kathy Reed and Jenny Davis will discuss the great new features available on the HCGS website at 1 pm at the Main Library in Room 3A. Members are encouraged to bring their tablets or laptops if they want some hands-on experience. HCGS board elections will also be held.

Get Your Gazette!

Mark your calendar now with a note to visit www.hcgsohio.org in early April, to read the Chapter’s latest Gazette!

Application Deadlines

The application deadline for the three HCGS lineage societies (First Families, Settlers and Builders, and Century Families of Hamilton County) is August 31. Forms are on the HCGS website, www.hcgsohio.org.

CHAPTER NEWS

Preserve the Pensions: $1,200!

JEFF HERBERT

So far $300 has been contributed by members toward our goal of $1812. This amount will be matched by another $300 from the Chapter and $600 by FGS.

There are over 7.2 million images in the 180,000 War of 1812 files. As these documents are digitized, they are being made available to researchers at no cost on Fold3, www.fold3.com. To date, 980,020 images have been digitized and put online, approximately 14% of the total. Pensions up to the Frost surname in Ohio are now available.

One third of the total funds needed to complete this project have already been raised. The cost to digitize and process each page is approximately 45 cents, so a $45 donation will digitize and preserve 100 pages.

However, two organizations make it possible to quadruple the value of your gift.

The Hamilton County Genealogical Society will match each dollar contributed to this effort 100% up to a limit of $1812. Your donation will be doubled, and the Chapter will forward it to Ancestry.com, which has also agreed to match dollar for dollar all contributions to this project.

Your contribution will then have four times the impact and help to ensure these records are preserved and available for you as well as future researchers. Your $45 donation will digitize and preserve 400 pages!

Please send your check to the Hamilton County Genealogical Society (for any amount you choose) and indicate that the donation is for the War of 1812 pensions, or use the Paypal option on our website, www.hcgsohio.org.

For more information on this initiative, visit the Preserve the Pensions website, www.preservethepensions.org.
HCGS Website: New Content

New content has been added to the public area of the HCGS website.

Pioneers List

The Pioneers List indexes more than 600 names of early settlers in Hamilton County. The sources for this index are the Cincinnati Commercial and Cincinnati Weekly Gazette newspapers, and the member register of the Cincinnati Pioneer Society. The time frame is the late 1790s to the early 1830s. Thanks to Jeff Herbert for compiling this index and to Bob Brodbeck for formatting it.

“Using DNA to Enhance Your Genealogy” videos

The Using DNA to Enhance Your Genealogy programs, held on January 25, are available to watch online at www.hcgsohio.org. Look for links in the “What’s new” section. Thanks to Kathy Reed and Liz Varga for allowing us to record the programs, and to John Tholking and Kathy for their technical assistance.

City and county histories

The City and County Histories web page lists many resources for histories of towns, cities and neighborhoods in Hamilton County. Thanks to John Tholking for creating this web page.

- For published histories, links are provided to online versions, if extant, and to WorldCat.org to locate the histories at a library nearest you. Call numbers for the Cincinnati library are listed for the neighborhood histories.
- The every-name index for Henry and Kate Ford’s History of Cincinnati is now online. This index was first published in 2005 by HCGS as a Make-a-Difference Day project.
- Early Hamilton County boundaries before 1803 contains details and maps about county boundary changes before Ohio became a state. Did you know that Hamilton county previously included portions of present-day Michigan and southeastern Indiana?
- General information is also provided about the Cincinnati library’s historical and newspaper collections, which are great resources for histories.

2013 Tracer surname index

Surnames in the 2013 issues of The Tracer have been indexed and are online at www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=105. The 2013 list of queries has been updated to include the entire year. Thanks to Jim Dempsey for creating this list.

2013 queries

Hamilton County-related queries submitted for the website are online at www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=105. Thanks to Allan Jones for creating this index.

Using the New Surnames List

KATHY REED

Our new website came online November 1. Four months later, I hope you have had the opportunity to check it out. The available resources are amazing. Just click through the menu at www.hcgsohio.org.

One of the benefits of your HCGS membership is the opportunity to share your surnames with others who may also have an interest in that surname. It would seem intuitive to just click on the Surnames button and start entering yours. However, as this is a members-only benefit, you must first login through the Members Area and then click on Profile. Near the center of the page, click on the Surnames tab. To add a surname, click on the “+” symbol. A form will appear where you can fill in information about the surname you want to share. Fill in as much information as you have. You have the opportunity to include what you know about the city, county, country or region. If you know the time period of interest, you can add dates. Many surnames have alternate spellings and there is a place to add those. If you choose, you can add additional notes/comments about what you know or hope to find out. Be sure to click “Save.” Repeat the process to add additional surnames. (You can always edit your surname information by clicking on the “pencil” symbol or delete your entry by clicking on the “garbage can” symbol.)

If you want others to be able to contact you through email regarding one of your surnames, click on the Member Settings tab and in the Receive Email section and make sure that the Surname Inquiries option is set to “Yes.” If it is not, click on the “pencil” symbol to change the setting. When someone wishes to contact you about your surname, the website will send an email to you. Your email address will not be visible on the Surnames list.

To use the Surnames List, click on the Surnames button in the website’s menu. The surname list will appear in alphabetical order. To search for a surname, enter it in the search box at the top of the page and then click the “magnifying glass” symbol. Also, all columns may be sorted in ascending or descending order by clicking on the column heading. Under the “Actions” heading, you have the choice to click on an “eye” or “envelope” symbol. Clicking on the “eye” will allow you to view all of the information that has been supplied for a surname. Clicking on the “envelope” will enable you to email the member who provided the information. Their email address will not be visible to you, but your email address will be visible in the email message they receive.

If you are a visual learner, note that step-by-step instructions with images can be reviewed online or printed. These instructions are listed under the titles Submitting Your Surnames and Surname Research List. Give it a try and take advantage of one of your membership benefits.
Awards for HCGS Digital Resources Committee

Jenny Davis

The process to develop a new website officially began in January 2012 with a Long-Range Planning Committee for Digital Resources. Many months passed gathering requirements and comparison shopping. By February 2013, a website service, EasyNetSites (ENS), had been selected to host our new website. The ENS system is user-friendly and requires no knowledge of HTML, which means that multiple people can easily maintain the site.

Then it was time to do the difficult work of designing and creating content for the site. The overall goal was to create an attractive website that represents HCGS, targets our audience, and allows users to find what they want quickly and efficiently. A lot of new functionality (e.g. online store, etc.) was planned to benefit HCGS members.

The committee became known as DRC (Digital Resources Committee). The nine members of this committee recently received awards for their months of hard work and dedication to the project.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following people:

The HCGS Lineage Director, Gail Burkholz, for developing the web pages for Lineage Societies, Settlers and Builders, and Century Families. Gail also assisted in mapping out the site.

Long-time First Families committee member, John Tholking, for developing the web pages for First Families and City and County histories. John assistance during the selection of a new logo was very helpful. He also provided technical support for all team meetings.

The HCGS Cemetery chair, Jane Fitzpatrick, for contributing her knowledge of and passion for Hamilton County cemeteries. In addition to the Cemeteries web page, Jane developed an index to the HCGS burial records series, identifying which cemetery is indexed in which book, and on which page. She also provided many links to online cemetery records.

The HCGS Program Director, Kathy Reed, for mastering the Surnames list and Discussions forum modules, and for developing web pages and training articles on them. Kathy trained team members on how to build web pages for the new site. She also added content to the Events web page and imported the Google webinar calendar from the blog.

The HCGS Membership Director, Eileen Muccino, for mastering the membership management function on the new website and developing content for the Members Area login web page and the Join and Renew web page. Eileen also utilized her knowledge of Hamilton County history to develop the profiles of historical figures featured in the website footer and the story on the web page, History of Hamilton County.

Director-at-Large and former HCGS Webmaster, Jim Dempsey, for contributing his knowledge of records at Hamilton County’s Probate Court and Recorder’s Office. Jim developed many web pages, including those on Wills, Probates and Estates and Recorder’s Office. Jim’s experience in serving on the HCGS board and as webmaster, proved to be very helpful in evaluating website providers.

Research Committee member, Bob Brodbeck, for contributing his knowledge of Hamilton County genealogical resources and his experience in developing websites and databases. Bob developed many web pages, including four pages in the Local Records section. He also prepared data from Jeff Herbert for the development of the ENS databases, Death Notices, 1827-1910 and Marriage Index, 1808-1884. Bob utilized his Photoshop skills to design the website banner and background, and to assist with the new HCGS logo.

The HCGS Tracer editor, Deb Cyprych, for contributing her knowledge of Hamilton County genealogical resources and her editorial expertise. Deb developed many web pages, primarily in the Local Records and Records Repositories sections in addition to The Tracer web page. Deb researched and developed a style guide, which provided standards for the web pages. These standards, among other benefits, enabled our site to be developed by multiple people and yet remain cohesive.

[Editor’s note] An Award of Merit was awarded to:

The HCGS Director of Digital Resources, Jenny Davis, for leading the committee, managing the project, and finishing on time and under budget. Jenny also developed multiple web pages, edited others, and provided support to the committee as needed.

The new website went live on November 1, 2013. Hamilton County researchers are encouraged to visit often to benefit from the vast amount of resources at www.hcgsohio.org.
A Guide to Hamilton County Census Records

DEB CYPRYCH

You’ve used population census schedules—but have you used other types of census records to fill in the details of your ancestors’ lives?

This list consolidates the types of census records available for Hamilton County, surviving years, and record locations.

Ancestry.com can be used free of charge at any branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County (PLCH). PLCH card holders can use HeritageQuest on any computer.

POPULATION CENSUS, 1820-1940

- Ancestry.com, U.S. Census Schedules: indexed images
- PLCH: microfilm and index books
- FamilySearch: index and images for 1820-1850, 1870, 1900-1940; index only for 1860, 1880
- HeritageQuest: browsable images, 1820-1940; indexed images, 1820, 1860-1920, 1940

NON-POPULATION CENSUS

Agricultural schedules, 1850, 1860, 1870

These schedules enumerate farm owners, agents, and managers, with details about acreage, crops, livestock, and machinery. Each entry is one line on two pages.

- PLCH: microfilm

Defective, dependent, and delinquent schedules, 1880

This schedule has different forms to enumerate details about these individuals: “insane, idiots, deaf-mutes, blind, paupers and indigent persons, homeless children, prisoners.”

- Ancestry.com, U.S. Census Schedules: indexed images
- PLCH: microfilm

Industry schedules, 1850, 1870, 1880

These schedules enumerate manufacturers grossing over $500 a year including those who operated on a small scale: shoemakers, tanners, etc. Information includes capital invested, raw material, power, employees, and annual products.

- PLCH: microfilm

Mortality schedules, 1850, 1860

These schedules enumerate people who died in the periods of May 31, 1849 to June 1, 1850 and May 31, 1859 to June 1, 1860. Information includes name, age, color, married or widowed, state or country of birth, month of death, occupation, cause of death, and number of days ill. Some items may be omitted.

- Ancestry.com, U.S. Census Schedules: indexed images and transcriptions (two databases)
- PLCH: microfilm

Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives, 1888-1895

Four-page questionnaires sent to deaf couples and family members of deaf individuals asked for information on three generations of the family—the couple’s parents and siblings, the married couple, and their children. This is not an official census but the information is valuable.

- Ancestry.com, U.S. Census Schedules: indexed images

Veterans’ schedules, 1890

These schedules enumerate Union Army veterans and their widows, with details including rank, military unit, enlistment and discharge dates, disabilities, residence, etc.

- Ancestry.com, U.S. Census Schedules: indexed images
- PLCH: microfilm
- HCGS book: Index to Hamilton County, Ohio, Special Census: 1890 Union Veterans & Widows of the Civil War, Mike and Margie Mohr

STATE CENSUS

Ohio does not have any state census records. Quadrennial enumerations from 1804 to 1907 recorded men 21 and older every four years to determine legislative districts, but none survive for Hamilton County.

Palatines to America National Conference

What is a Palatine? Just substitute the word German for Palatine. This conference is being held in Columbus off I-71 on June 25-28. The speakers include Roger Minert, a professor from Brigham Young University in Utah (one of Kenny Burck’s favorite German genealogy speakers) along with Cincinnati’s own Bob Rau, author Ken Smith, Pal-Am president Joseph Lieby, and two Ohio Historical Society speakers. The hotel cost is reasonable and the conference price includes all meals. See the Pal-Am website, palam.org, for all details.

Explore 1968 Cincinnati

554 photos of downtown parcels taken in 1968 and recently discovered in the Auditor’s office have been posted at www.hcauditor.org. The black and white photos are catalogued in folders by the Auditor book and page. A cheat sheet of major streets is included with each folder to help viewers find streets and see places including the Schubert and Albee theatres, Wiggins, The Wheel, Ray Lammers Music, and others. Enjoy a trip down Memory Lane.
New Law Opens Access for Adoptees

On December 19, 2013, Governor Kasich signed into law a bill giving an estimated 400,000 adult adoptees access to their original birth certificates.

The law, Senate Bill 23, will allow those adopted between January 1, 1964 and September 18, 1996 to get their adoption files from the Ohio Department of Health’s Office of Vital Statistics, as those adopted before and after those dates can.

Records will be available starting in March 2015. The one-year waiting period after the law became effective in March 2014 gives birth parents an opportunity to request that their names be redacted from the birth certificates that will be given to the adoptees who request them.

The law closes an odd gap in access. Original birth certificates in Ohio adoptions before 1964 are already available to adoptees. Since September 18, 1996, adults adopted after that date have had access to their birth certificates upon reaching 21, unless the birth parents asked not to be identified. Until now, people who were adopted between 1964 and 1996 could get their adoption files only with a court order.

Ohio adoption laws

The following information is provided by the Ohio Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics (http://www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/legalinfo/adoption.aspx), which houses birth and adoption records of people born in Ohio and adopted anywhere in the United States. The customer service number is 614-466-2531.

Adoptions prior to January 1, 1964

Adoption records open to adoptee born and adopted in Ohio, with proper identification. Also available for lineal descendants with proof of identity and genetic linkage. May receive copies of the contents of their adoption file. The file may include the final decree of adoption and/or the original birth certificate. It will not include medical history. Requires two forms of identification, $20 fee.

Adoptions between January 1, 1964 and September 18, 1996

Adoption records will be open to adoptees when age 18 years or older, effective March 18, 2015. Biological parents will be able to file a name redaction request form between March 18, 2014 and March 18, 2015. An adoption file usually contains the original birth certificate and a court order decree of the adoption.

Adoptions after September 18, 1996

Adoption records are open to adoptive parents when the adopted person is between 18-21 years of age. If the adopted person is 21 years or older, the records are open to the adoptee. Records will only be opened if the required documentation and releases are on file. Requires two forms of identification, $20 fee.

Hamilton County adoption records

Probate Court has “Restored Adoptions,” 1850s-1890s, in book form, and records starting in the 1900s in microfiche and microform, as noted on the Probate Court site (http://www.probatect.org/courtreports/index.htm#adoptions). For instructions on obtaining these records and providing proper identification, call Probate Court at 513-946-3631.

The Archives and Rare Books Library at the University of Cincinnati has “Restored Adoption Records” from about 1850 to 1884. Adoption records may also be found with the records of children in orphan asylums.

CHRONICLING AMERICA

Historic American Newspapers

Chronicling America on the Library of Congress website continues to add full-text, keyword-searchable images of Ohio newspapers. Currently the site has issues of over 40 Ohio newspapers including these Cincinnati publications:
- Cincinnati Daily Press, 1859-1862
- Labor Advocate, 1915-1917
- Tägliches Cincinnatier Volksblatt, 1914-1918
- 1875-1880 issues of Cincinnati Daily Star will be added soon.

Visit the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio Wiki, www.ohiohistory.org/newspapers, for free access and information about using the images including webinars, videos and podcasts.

In Basic Search, you can limit results to newspapers from a particular state or year range. In Advanced Search, you can select several states, an individual newspaper, a date range, and/or a specific page number, in different combinations. Be sure to put quotes around an exact phrase or name.
Ohio and Hamilton County Divorce Records

Divorce records are often comprised of case files, providing the reason for the marriage’s dissolution, court actions and additional information including names of children.

Before 1853

Divorces were granted by the Supreme Court which met annually in each county. People filed in the county where they lived, with the Court’s clerk. The Supreme Court record books in the counties are usually housed with Court of Common Pleas records.

Divorces were also granted by the General Assembly of Ohio between 1800 and 1847. A list of the 102 divorces (no counties) is in D. H. Null, “Ohio Divorces,” National Genealogical Society Quarterly 69 (1981), 109-114, which summarizes permissible grounds for divorces granted by the Supreme Court.

1853-1914

Divorces are recorded at the Court of Common Pleas for each county.

1914-present

In 1914, Domestic Relations courts were established in most counties and began to handle divorce cases. Divorces that occurred in and after 1954 are still recorded at the county courthouses, but are indexed through the Ohio Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics.

Resources

Ohio Divorces: The Early Years, by Carol Willsley Bell, provides a general introduction to divorce in Ohio including laws and alphabetically arranged case transcripts (none for Hamilton County).

Newspapers are a good source for information about divorces. Laws required public notice of the divorce in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Look for “Bed and Board” notices where one party claimed that the spouse had “left my bed and board.” That spouse was no longer responsible for the debts of the other spouse. (Information adapted from “Divorce Record Research,” Ohio Historical Society, www.ohiohistory.org)

Ohio divorce index


The data fields contain divorce type; wife’s name, birth year, number of times married; husband’s name, birth year, number of times married; county of decree; wife’s residence; grounds for divorce; husband’s residence; marriage duration; to whom granted; number of minor children; date of decree; volume number.

Hamilton County

Before 1994

Surviving divorce records start in 1840 and are quite complete from 1884 on. To get a copy of a divorce filed before 1994, go to the Hamilton County Courthouse, Room 315 (513-946-5693), or mail a request to the address below.

Jeff Herbert’s book, An Index of Death and Marriage Notices in the Cincinnati Enquirer 1818 – 1869, includes 481 divorce and abandonment notices including Common Pleas notices of divorce hearings (starting in 1850s) often with brief reasons for the divorce petition. During the 1860s and later, these notices frequently gave details. Two other books by Jeff to be published soon include divorce notices: 212 in 1804-1857 (Liberty Hall Gazette) and 686 in 1850-1869 (court record extractions).

Karen Mauer Green’s books, Pioneer Ohio Newspapers, 1793-1810 and 1802-1818, also include Hamilton County divorce and abandonment notices.

1994-present

Use the Clerk of Court’s search page, www.courtclerk.org/comp_name_search.asp, to get brief information such as names, filing date, and case number. Click on Case Documents to get a document request form (Common Pleas, Non-Criminal Cases) that can be completed online, printed, and mailed. Or go to 800 Broadway, Room 347 (513-946-9151) to request a copy of the divorce decree.

For copies by mail, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a fee of $2.00 (payable by certified check or money order only) to:

Divorces filed before 1994

Hamilton County Clerk of Courts
1000 Main St., Room 315
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Divorces filed after 1994

Hamilton County Clerk of Courts
800 Broadway, Room 347
Cincinnati, OH 45202
In 1830, a few men bought a large holding of land in this area and they named it Clifton, after Clifton Farms. In the following years these farms were divided into smaller lots, which brought many families into the village of Clifton by the middle 1830s.

By 1832 Methodists began holding services in the homes of various families, the services being conducted by a circuit minister. The hopes of a permanent church were abandoned for many years. About 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Obed J. Wilson and a group of Methodists made plans for a chapel to be built in the vicinity of Clifton and Lafayette Avenues, but these plans were never completed. Nearly 10 years later a group of members of the Trinity Methodist Church on 9th Street near Race, in Cincinnati, again discussed the possibility of a church. On March 7, 1890 at the Davis residence, plans began for purchasing a site and building a church.

At a meeting on June 12, 1891 at the Wilsons’ home, a letter from Dr. Davis was read. He presented a lot measuring 100x150 ft. to the trustees of the Clifton Methodist Episcopal Church. This lot would be given provided that a sum of not less than $20,000 be secured for building a church at the corner of Clifton Avenue and Senator Place. The committee joyfully accepted this offer.

Finally, the groundbreaking was held on November 15, 1891. The cornerstone was laid on April 14, 1892. By the middle of November the church was completed and it was dedicated November 20, 1892. The church changed names again in 1939 when it became the Clifton Methodist Church.

Membership in the church grew slowly. A few names were added each year and by 1894 there were fifty members. So many high school and university students came to the church, that in 1913 the Epworth League was activated and flourished for many years. In 1927 the university students wished to form their own group and break away from the Epworth League. From this grew the Wesley Foundation Unit in 1929 and the Epworth League was turned over to the high schoolers. The Wesley Foundation needed a meeting room, so the Foundation boys excavated the basement, laid a floor and painted the walls. The new room was called Wesley Hall.

In 1968 the Clifton Methodist Church became the Clifton United Methodist Church. On July 17, 1977 the Evangelical United Brethren Church at 241 West McMillan and Rohs Street merged with the Clifton United Methodist Church. On December 5, 1971 the first service of the Korean United Methodist Church in Cincinnati was held in the chapel of the Clifton Church. The Korean congregation kept growing and finally outgrew the Clifton Chapel. In 1979 the Clifton congregation sold to the Korean congregation the church’s building at Hughes Corner. The Clifton United Methodist church became a reconciling congregation in 1998 and is still operating today.

MINISTERS

Clifton Methodist Episcopal
Heber Dwight Ketcham 1892-1895
Charles E. Schenk 1895-1899
George V. Morris 1899-1901
Richard H. Rust 1901-1902
John F. Chenowith 1902-1905
J.W. Peters 1905-1909
J. Elbert Thomas 1909-1911
Charles W. Blodgett 1911-1918
W. E. Putt 1918-1921
Mortimer P. Griffin 1921-1922
Clarence Tucker Craig 1922-1926
Wilbur H. Fowler 1926-1931
Ross Willhide 1931-1936
J.R. Stanforth 1936-1938
Roy C. Vandegriff 1938-1939

Clifton Methodist
Roy C. Vandegriff 1939-1946
John L. White 1946-1949
Warren H. Bright 1949-1953
Norman L. Schreiber 1953-1957
Edward Peterson 1957-1959
David B. Sageser 1959-1966
Richard P. Jameson 1966-1967

Clifton United Methodist
Richard P. Jameson 1968-1972
William W. Reiley 1972-1979
Vance Summers, Jr. 1979-1983
Richard M. Royalty 1983-1988
Nat Hamlin 1988-1988
Jerry K. Hill 1991-

Sources:
Clifton United Methodist Church, 1992.
History Timeline of the Clifton United Methodist Church.
Between 1842 and 1896, the Court of Common Pleas had exclusive authority in Ohio over changing the names of individuals. In 1896 the Probate Court was given concurrent jurisdiction with the Court of Common Pleas.¹

The process required filing a petition in the county where the person had lived for at least one year. The petition gave the reason for changing the name and the new name requested. At least thirty days before the hearing, a notice of the intended change had to be published in a local newspaper of general circulation (usually Times-Star or Court Index, sometimes Enquirer or Commercial). The judge granted the order after being satisfied by proof in open court that the facts in the petition were true and that there was “reasonable and proper cause” for changing the person’s name.²

Miscellaneous Docket

The source of the name change records presented here is the Probate Court’s Miscellaneous Docket, Volume 1, which is among the new group of records digitized on FamilySearch in Hamilton County Records, http://goo.gl/qC376z. Volume 1 covers the period of 1896 to 1924, and Volume 2 (also digitized) covers 1925 to 1930.

The entries are chronologically arranged by case number. Each volume has an index at the front, in chronological order by the first letter of the surname. The index for Volume 1 includes the old names and some but not all new names. The index for Volume 2 includes new and old names.

In addition to name changes, entries include name corrections, reissues of lost stock, trust reports, insolvency discharges, commitments, releases, naturalization cancellations, and many other types. Name corrections apply to names in marriage and naturalization records. Usually only one name is given, apparently the corrected name.

Each name-change docket entry has a chronologically assigned case number, the date of filing the petition, the current name and the requested name, the date of filing and approving proof of publication of the notice, the date of the judge’s order, and the number of a Journal Entries volume and page or minute number where the order was recorded. In most entries the actions take place on one date.

More details

The Journal Entries volumes containing the name-change orders have not been digitized, but they are accessible through Probate Court as explained below. The Journal Entries for name-changes have little information beyond what appears in the docket. As shown here, Lacer Katznelson’s Journal entry adds only the information that the public notice was published in the Times-Star, with no other details.

Journal Entries 167:493, February 4, 1897

The petition would have details about the reason behind his request for a name-change, but the Miscellaneous Cases series that might have the petition is incomplete for this period. Some Probate Court judges in the past deemed it unnecessary to keep these records (449 volumes by 1937).

To get a copy of a Journal entry, email the Probate Court Deputy Clerks at sbasinger@probatect.org or ssmth@probatect.org. Include the names (new and old), the volume and page of the docket entry, and the volume and page of the Journal entry you want. The clerk will tell you how much money to send for copies, at 10 cents a page (plus $1.00 if certification is needed). You can also reach the clerks at 513-946-3551 or File/Records Room, William Howard Taft Law Center, 230 East 9th Street, 9th floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2145.

1896-1916 name changes

The following list compiled by Adele Blanton includes all entries in the Miscellaneous Docket, Volume 1, pertaining to 1896-1916 name changes. The date listed is that of the court order. The
volume and page numbers are given for the Journal Entries. The image number is given for convenience so you can go directly to the page in Volume 1 of the Miscellaneous Docket on FamilySearch.

Although the docket and journal entries don’t give the reasons for requesting these name changes, patterns emerge. Many people chose names that sounded more “American”: Hochstuhl to Hastell, Hoelz to Hills, Chalkowitz to Chickering. Some people achieved this goal by shortening their names (Kadisevitz to Kadis, Grimmelsmann to Grim, Abelowitz to Abel), while others used translation: Schmidt to Smith, Eich to Oak, Feuerzeug to Fireside. Some people got rid of odd names: Unlucky to Luckey, Bones to Bowen, Duck to Duke.

Some requests seem unexplainable: Fred Smith to Edward Kramb, John Miller to Samuel Leporis, William Mulcahy to Charles Edgerton McKay. Most women requesting name changes changed their surnames, perhaps back to maiden names after a marriage ended. Some people may have been minors taking on the names of their adoptive parents. In a few cases married couples and families changed their surnames. In other cases people changed only their first names.

Notes

1. Works Progress Administration, Inventory of the County Archives of Ohio, No. 31, Hamilton County (Columbus, OH: The Historical Records Survey, 1937), 89.

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Hamilton County Records, 1791-1994
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These are the records that were recently digitized from Probate Court records and microfilm. They are not in the FamilySearch catalog. Probate records in the collection:
- Account Records, 1844-1930
- Administration and Guardianship Appointments, 1847-1850
- Administration Applications, 1918-1930
- Administration Proceedings, 1884-1915
- Guardianship Applications, 1884-1931
- Inventory Records, 1812-1930
- Land Sales, 1854-1930, and Index, 1854-1884
- [Real Estate] Appearance Dockets, 1860-1883, and Index, 1846-1884
- Probated Will Index, 1885-1959

Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996
http://goo.gl/GZaHHx

These are the records previously microfilmed by FamilySearch (LDS), accessible through the FamilySearch catalog.
- Administration Dockets, 1852-1981
- Administration Dockets Index, 1852-1899
- Administrators and Guardianship Bonds [Appointments], 1791-1847
- Guardians Dockets, 1901-1907, 1922
- Journals, 1858-1891
- Land Sales [Appearance Dockets], 1852-1911
- Probate Minutes Index, 1790-1852
- [Will] Indexes, 1791-1900
- Wills, 1792-1918

Indexes and date ranges

None of the three collections is keyword-searchable like Ancestry.com, but don’t let that stop you from using them. All series have index volumes and/or individual indexes at the front (sometimes at the back) of each volume, arranged by the first letter of the surname. These entries usually index only the deceased person or other chief person in the record, not all parties. HCGS volunteers have produced indexes for four record groups as described below.

There are many date range gaps in these series. The date range for each set of records is not necessarily inclusive, since it is merely derived from the year of the first record in the volume and the year of the last record, rather than a comprehensive examination of all records in the volume. Many records were restored or recreated after the 1884 Hamilton County Courthouse fire which damaged and destroyed many records. In many cases the records are not in strict chronological order (some being re-recorded from up to ten years earlier), so check other volumes to be sure you see all records for the time period you need.

Viewing FamilySearch records

When you click Probate in Hamilton County Records or Hamilton in Ohio Probate Records, you’ll see a long list of record types, volume numbers and date ranges. To view records, click on the volume or set of volumes you want to see. After it opens on the first page, you can move one page at a time by clicking the arrows on either side of the box above the image, or jump forward or backward in groups of pages by entering an image number in the box and clicking Go. You may need to jump ahead several hundred pages if the volume you want is not the first one in the set.

After you find a page number in the index, you’ll have to adjust for the number of pages before the records start when you enter the image number. For example, if you want page 50 and there are 30 single pages at the front including the title pages and index, enter 80 in the image number box. If there are 30 double pages, enter 65 in the box. This seems awkward at first but you’ll soon get used to jumping around and finding the pages you want. Think of it as browsing microfilm – in the comfort of your own home.

PROBATE COURT SITE

Thanks to Probate Court Judge James Cissell, over one million Hamilton County probate record images have been online at www.probatect.org since 2010. Some of these records are also on FamilySearch, with different titles. Records on the Probate Court site related to estates:
- Estate and Guardianship Dockets, 1791-1847 (Administrator and Guardian Appointments in Ohio Probate Records)
- Estate and Trust Docket Index, 1852-1973
In many cases the records on the Probate Court site are easier to read and use than the corresponding FamilySearch records, as noted below. Try both sets to see which works best for you. The site also has other types of records, which will be explained in the next issue. Like FamilySearch, the Probate Court site does not have indexed databases linked to the image files, so searching must be done as in the original or microfilmed books: scanning semi-alphabetical lists created by clerks.

To start, go to www.probatect.org and click on New Archived Records Search in red print (or click on Record Search in the left menu, then Archive Search). A list of all record categories will appear; click on the type you want to search. Each category page has a link to a list of the imaged record books on the website (volume numbers only, no dates), and each type has separate indexes (click on the blue link near the top of the category page) or volume indexes.

If there’s no separate index but you know the number of the volume you want, use page 0 (zero) with the volume number to retrieve its index and scroll down to find the entry. Then click Back to return to the search page and enter the page number. Be sure to click the name of the correct series, since by default the first one is selected.

If you don’t know the number of the volume, you’ll probably find it easier to use the FamilySearch records, since they are listed with date ranges that can help you figure out the volume number you need.

Within a group of records, use Previous Page or Next Page to move forward or backward. To move between search pages, use the left menu. Within an index, scroll downward to see the rest of the entries.

For more information on using these records, see Deb Cyprych, “Hamilton County, Ohio, Probate Court Records: Online at Last!,” The Tracer, February 2010.

PROBATE RESEARCH STEPS

- Determine name of deceased person (including variations) and death date within a few years. For example, Conrad Auel died in the 1870s.
- Find the estate by first letter of surname and first letter of first name in the Administration Docket Index (also called Estate and Trust Index), and get the case number and docket volume and page numbers. Conrad Auel’s 1873 estate has the number 17026, in docket volume 8, page 172.
- Using these numbers, find the docket entry in the numerical Administration Dockets (also called Estate, Trust and Guardianship Dockets). Conrad Auel’s docket entry has references to six records.
- Record the volume and page numbers of Wills, Applications for Administration, Accounts, Inventories, etc., and locate those records.
- Check other available indexes and volumes.

PROBATE RECORD TYPES AND INDEXES

All of the online Hamilton County probate record series are described below in alphabetical order by record type, with the titles used on the websites. Following the name and date range of the record series is the name of the FamilySearch collection where its images are located, or a reference to the Probate Court site for images housed there. Information about using available indexes is included.

ACCOUNTS

Account Record Books, 1846-1930 – in Hamilton County Records

The records actually start in 1844. “These lists of debts, assets, sales, and payments are the most typical documents in probate records. There can be many account records for an estate, as long as the estate remains open. Once all debts and heirs are paid, the estate can be closed upon the filing of a final
account. While these assets and debts may be interesting to paint a picture of an ancestor’s financial condition, it is those situations when the estate can’t be quickly closed that are most useful to genealogists. Some of those cases provide the names of children, spouses, siblings and neighbors.”

For more information about accounts, see Jim Dempsey, “Hamilton County Probate Accounts,” The Tracer, August 2011.

- 1884-1930 indexes at the front of each volume

ADMINISTRATION DOCKETS AND INDEXES

Administration docket indexes: available in two locations

Typed indexes, arranged by first letter of deceased person’s surname and first letter of first name, in chronological order (except for 1950-1958 estates which are in true alphabetical order). Includes number of estate, date, and volume and page numbers of entry in docket, which has the key to most other probate records.

Estate and Trust Docket Index, 1852-1973 – on Probate Court site

This is the same series as the Administration Dockets Index below. This series is easier to use because it’s not as dark and has all pages for a section of the alphabet and a range of years in a single PDF for quick scanning, as opposed to moving frame by frame in the Ohio Probate Records series.

Administration Dockets Index, 1852-1899 – in Ohio Probate Records

This is the same series as the Estate and Trust Docket Index above. Volume 1 has 1852-1884. Volume 2, for 1885-1899, starts on image 323.

Administration dockets: available in two locations

Chronological summaries of all administration proceedings, numerically arranged by case number, with name, dates, and volume and page numbers of actions and filings including will, administration application, administrator appointment, orders, accounts, inventories, sales, etc. There are indexes in each volume, but it’s better to use one of the Docket Indexes above.

Estate, Trust and Guardianship Dockets, 1852-1984 – on Probate Court site

This is the same series as the Administration Dockets below. This series is much easier to use because after you get the volume and page number from the Index you can simply enter them in the search boxes and go directly to the page, rather than moving frame by frame or jumping forward or backward to find the page.

Administration Dockets, 1852-1981 – in Ohio Probate Records

This is the same series as the Estate, Trust & Guardianship Dockets listed above, covering the dockets from the creation of Probate Court in 1852.

Estate and Guardianship Dockets [Appointments], 1791-1847 – on Probate Court site

These records are actually Administrator and Guardian Appointments. Use page number 0 to retrieve the index for each volume. If you have the correct volume and page, you can go directly to it here, but if you need to try several page numbers you’ll find it easier to use the Appointments in Ohio Probate Records below.
Administrators and Guardianship Bonds
[Appointments], 1791-1847 – in Ohio Probate Records

These records are actually Administrator and Guardian Appointments, the same as above. An A-Z index is at the beginning, and the records start on image 64. Entries in Volume 1 include references to Probate Entries Volume 1 and page. Volume 2 index starts on image 368. Records start on image 425.

Administration and Guardianship Appointments, 1847-1850 – in Hamilton County Records

Index starts at image 1, and records start on image 37. This is probably Volume 3 of the series, although it’s not identified by a volume number.

OTHER ADMINISTRATION RECORDS

Administration Applications, 1918-1930 – in Hamilton County Records

Contains name of the deceased person, death date, will or intestate, value and nature of estate, surviving spouse, name, relationship and residence of next of kin, amount of bond, petitioner’s residence, place of business and signature. In sequence by estate number, alphabetical index by name of deceased person at front of each volume. 1884-1917 records on LDS microfilm, 1884-1973 records at Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Administration Proceedings, Restored, 1884-1915 – in Hamilton County Records

Entries copied from surviving probate records and petitions regarding restoration of probate records destroyed in the 1884 courthouse fire, with abstracts and recreations of destroyed records. There are two volumes, 1884-1915 and 1889-1892 per FamilySearch, but the entries have dates as early as 1864. Index at front of volumes.

Dockets, 1959-1974 – in Ohio Probate Records

These records are Determination of Heirs and Construction of Wills Dockets required by a 1932 law. Names of plaintiff and defendant involved in petition to determine heirship and docket entries of proceedings on action, with names, ages (sometimes) and addresses of heirs. Index by name of deceased person at front of each volume.

Probate Minutes Index, 1790-1852 – in Ohio Probate Records

Index by first letter of surname (A-G names only) of deceased person or minor, with name of executor, administrator or guardian, court term (month and year), page of minutes, and remarks (administrator appointment, will admitted, etc.). Since the Probate Court did not begin until March 1852, the original records were Common Pleas court records apparently destroyed in the 1884 courthouse fire.

ESTATES AND TRUSTS

See Administration Indexes and Dockets:
- Estate, Trust and Guardianship Dockets, 1852-1984
- Estate and Trust Docket Index, 1852-1973
- Estate and Guardianship Dockets, 1791-1847

GUARDIANSHIP

Guardianship Applications, 1884-1931 – in Hamilton County Records

Applications of petitioners for guardianship of minor or incompetent person and approximate value of real and personal property to be administered by guardian; appointments of guardians. Contains names and ages of wards and names of their deceased parents. Index by names of minors or incompetent persons at back of each volume. 1791-1852 records in Administration and Guardianship Appointments.
 Hamilton County (Ohio) Genealogical Society
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Guardianship Docket Index, 1852-1973 –
on Probate Court site

Typed index by first letter of surname and first letter of first name. Arranged by date ranges (1852-1884, 1885-1900), with alphabetical groupings.

Guardian Dockets, 1852-1973 –
on Probate Court site

Docket entries of guardianship proceedings, with names and ages of wards, name of guardian appointed, amount of bond and names of sureties, list of actions. Use the Guardianship Docket Index or enter page number 0 to retrieve the volume indexes. The indexes are arranged by first letters of surname and first name (except for 1920-1963 entries which are in true alphabetical order). Some indexes refer to guardians, but the entries seem to refer to wards.

Guardians Dockets, 1901-1907, 1922 –
in Ohio Probate Records

Names and ages of minors, name of guardian, dates of case actions, page and volume number for entries in Application Book, Account Record, Inventory Record and other volumes. Index at the front of each volume.

See Administration Appointments and Dockets:
• Administrators and Guardianship Bonds [Appointments], 1791-1847
• Estate and Guardianship Dockets [Appointments], 1791-1847
• Administration and Guardianship Appointments, 1847-1850
• Estate, Trust and Guardianship Dockets, 1852-1984

INVENTORIES

Inventory Records, 1809-1930 –
in Hamilton County Records

The records actually start in 1812. “The Probate Court inventory books contain a list of all the goods and possessions that the deceased owned, as well as a list of people that were owed money, or owed money to the deceased (i.e., debtors and creditors of the estate). When the possessions of the estate were sold, usually at public auction, there was also a record of who bought the items and for what price. These lists of names were most likely neighbors, business associates, or in the case of merchants, customers who lived in the area, and were not necessarily related to the deceased. In some cases, the names included the men who made the coffin and the grave digger, who were subsequently listed as creditors and paid out of the funds from the estate.”

For more information about inventories, see Jeff Herbert, “Probate Record Extracts Before 1821,” The Tracer, September 2012.
• 1812-1884 index on the HCGS website, www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=64
• 1884-1930 indexes at the front of each volume

JOURNALS

Journal Entries, 1791-1837 – on Probate Court site

Official rulings concerning estates and guardianships as filed on a daily basis. The entries are associated with Volume 1 of the Estate and Guardianship Docket. Use page number 0 to retrieve the index for each of the four volumes. Pages 1-46 of Volume 2 are missing.

The journal entries are transcribed on a searchable CD, Abstracts of Probate Court Records 1791-1826, 1829-1837, available from the HCGS Shop at www.hcgsohio.org. Earlier editions of the transcribed journal entries may be found in libraries with the title, Abstract of Book 1, A, 3, 4, Probate Record, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Journals, 1858-1891 – in Ohio Probate Records

“Journals are the daily ‘diary’ of the Probate Court clerk. As the cases came before the court, the clerk summarized what was presented and the actions that were ordered. Later he would abstract what was written in the journal and enter that into the individual case docket entry. The entries include applications, vouchers, accounts, receipts, releases, sales, etc., including land sales.”

For more information about Probate Journals, see Jim Dempsey, “Hamilton County Probate Journals,” The Tracer, December 2012.
• Index on the HCGS website, www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=64#probjournals

LAND SALES

Land sale records can help solve mysteries, especially if no land is mentioned in the will or you can’t find a deed. Probate Court had concurrent jurisdiction (with Common Pleas Court) in the sale of
real estate by executors, administrators, guardians, assignees and trustees, to pay the debts of the estate. Support of the widow and children took priority.

These sales were authorized when the personal estate was not sufficient to cover all debts and legacies of the deceased person after an allowance to the widow and children for twelve months of their support, as well as the charges of administering the estate. Executors could not sell land without a court order unless the will authorized them.

The petition for sale listed the debts due from the estate of the deceased person (or other reason for the sale), the charges of administration, the value of the personal estate and effects, and a description and value of the real estate. In these actions the parties were the widow, heirs or devisees, all mortgagees or other lien-holders of the land to be sold, and all trustees holding legal title to any part of the land. The court had full power to decide how much of the land had to be sold, to determine the equities between the parties and the priorities of lien, and to order a distribution of the money from the sale. Most sales were public, to the highest bidder, and had to be advertised in a newspaper four weeks in advance.

The court later confirmed the sale, and the deed should be in the Recorder’s Office records. However, it may be indexed under the name of the executor, administrator or guardian.


Records

Land Sales, 1852-1930 – in Hamilton County Records

Details include names of deceased person, heirs, and administrator, relationships, description of property, schedule of debts, and many others. The records include petitions, affidavits, subpoenas, orders for appraisement and sale, returns, proof of publication, and confirmations. This series has indexes in each volume and is indexed by the Land Sales Index below, as well as the Real Estate Appearance Docket Index for some years.

Indexes and Dockets

Land Sales Index, 1852-1884 – in Hamilton County Records

Case number, names of parties (arranged by first letter of surname), year, and sometimes volume number of record in the Land Sales series above. Page numbers are seldom shown. To find the volume and page number, use the docket indexes to find the docket entry, which has the volume and page number in the Land Sales records.

Land Sales [Appearance Dockets], 1852-1911 – in Ohio Probate Records

These records are actually Land Sale Appearance Dockets, not the Land Sales records above. The sixteen volumes contain a summary of each case: names of parties including names and ages of minor children, dates, case actions, volume and page number. The index at the front of each volume has case numbers, not page numbers.

Real Estate Appearance Docket Index, 1846-1884 – in Hamilton County Records

This index covers the first eleven of the sixteen dockets in Ohio Probate Records. Since Volume 8 starts in 1895, the index must cover a later period than the 1884 date shown in the title. The index is arranged by first letter of surname, then first letter of first name, so it takes patience to find the right page. The Volumes 1-9 index starts on image 13 with A surnames and A first names, while B surnames and A first names start on image 38. The index has the name of the other party, case number, volume and page number.

[Land Sales] Appearance Dockets, Restored, 1860-1883 – in Hamilton County Records

Volumes 2-4 contain a summary of each case: names of parties, dates, case actions, volume and page number. The index at the front of each volume has case numbers, not page numbers.
WILLS

Indexes

Will Index, 1791-1884 – on Probate Court site

In true alphabetical order, with name of deceased person, estate number, date of probate, will volume and page number. You may find this index easier to use since it has all pages for a section of the alphabet and a range of years in a single PDF for quick scanning, as opposed to moving frame by frame in the Ohio Probate Records series.

Indexes, 1791-1900 – in Ohio Probate Records

The index starts on image 8 with the first two volumes, described above. Volume 3, 1884-1900, starts on image 129 and is arranged by the first letter of the surname, then the first letter of the first name, with case number, name, probate date, will volume and page.

Probated Wills Index, 1885-1959 – in Hamilton County Records


HCGS Wills Index, 1918-1973 – on HCGS website

HCGS has an ongoing project to provide a master alphabetic index, which is available only to HCGS members.

Wills

Volumes 1 to 285 (1791-1947) contain handwritten and typed copies of original wills and pleadings necessary to probate the will. Volumes 286 to 561 (1947-1973) contain photocopies of original wills and pleadings. Index at front of each volume. These registered wills are clerk’s copies of the original wills, which are at the University of Cincinnati Archives and Rare Books Library (1791-1901) and at Hamilton County Probate Court’s offsite storage (1901-1950).

Wills, 1791-1973 – on Probate Court site

Wills, 1792-1918 – in Ohio Probate Records

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The information in this article was derived from examination of the digitized records, consultation with Jim Dempsey, the author’s earlier article about Probate Court records, and comparison with the Works Progress Administration’s 1937 inventory of Hamilton County records: Inventory of the County Archives of Ohio, No. 31, Hamilton County (Columbus, OH: The Historical Records Survey, 1937).

This is a work in progress. Further information about these records will be posted on the HCGS website as it becomes available.

Other Types of Probate Court Records in “Hamilton County Records”

Marriage Banns, 1883-1975
Minister Licenses, 1841-1976
Naturalizations, 1856-1906
Miscellaneous Records:
  • Miscellaneous Docket, Restored, 1883-1884 – court records
  • Miscellaneous Records Docket, Restored, 1884-1911 - restoration of probate, naturalization, marriage and other types of records
  • Restored Administration Docket, Marriages and Naturalizations, 1911-1942
  • Miscellaneous Records Docket, 1896-1930 - name changes and corrections, reissues of lost stock, election contests, trust reports, insolvency discharges, commitments and many other types. See the article in this issue.

The next issue will explain these records, created by Probate Court but for the most part not associated with probate of estates.

What’s next?

As if this wasn’t enough, more images are on the way!

The next FamilySearch project—already in progress—is digitization of Recorder’s Office records.
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Have you decided this is the year you’re finally going to start your family search? You’re not alone. A recent ABC News report ranked genealogy second in popularity behind gardening for hobbyists. If that’s not enough proof, just turn on the TV, search the internet or pick up a magazine. Chances are you’ll see an ad for Ancestry.com, one of the most popular genealogy databases. Two million paid subscribers can’t be wrong. Or, you might catch shows like Who Do You Think You Are? or Genealogy Roadshow. Both focus on family history research and make it look oh so easy to find those elusive ancestors. What these programs don’t always mention are the hours it sometimes takes to find the information presented. For the majority of researchers this is the rule rather than the exception. Looking for your ancestors is like doing a puzzle without borders.

Fortunately there are numbers of “how to” books to guide you along your path. New to the book shelf is a basic primer by Bruce Carey. After ten years researching his family, Bruce Carey has identified over 21,000 ancestors, and amassed 17,000 documents, 200 photos and 800 stories. In Hello Cousins: You Are the Solution to the Family Tree he shares his tips for genealogical success. Mr. Carey encourages his readers to read his book from cover to cover, or at least skim through it before starting their genealogical quest. In just 108 pages he covers a great deal of material.

Researchers, he believes, should first create a “foundation” family tree, listing all the names and information that is known for parents, grandparents, children, their spouses, grandchildren. This process should also be done for one’s spouse as well. Any and all information should be verified. It goes without saying that original documents should be copied and then returned to their original storage location, not kept with genealogical materials. As for social security numbers, the author cautions researchers to NEVER include them for living relatives, including yourself, especially if you plan to post your tree online.

This book covers the basics quite well, noting the myriad of resources where one can find genealogical materials. He touches on using a software program to record information only in passing. For the record he used Family Tree Maker, and Ancestry.com as his online provider. The author includes examples of his own research but doesn’t bore the reader with each and every detail of his family story. Fledgling genealogists will find this book most helpful.


Regardless of how carefully one follows a “how to” guide it is almost inevitable one will encounter the dreaded genealogical brick wall. Hopefully this will happen later in one’s research rather sooner. It could be a great grandfather who appeared on one census record, then vanished or the g-g-g grandmother for whom we can only find a first name. Whether we know their names or not these brick wall ancestors cause us grief, even to the point of bringing our research to a halt. Advanced Genealogical Research Techniques by George G. Morgan and Drew Smith provides invaluable suggestions for dealing with brick walls. You might recognize the authors as the Genealogy Guys, whose podcast has the distinction of being the longest running genealogical podcast in the world.

Genealogy, according to Morgan and Smith, is unlike other hobbies because it often starts out very easy and then gets more difficult the more you work it. Considering the sheer number of ancestors who made you possible, a mere 1,024 in just ten generations, it is quite understandable why this is true. But fear not, the authors have developed eight strategies for dealing with brick walls. Each chapter of this book is devoted to a particular strategy and has a catchy title like “Use Brute Force” and “Hire a Demolition Expert.” A summary of key points along with a list of sources used follow each chapter.

I found the chapter on technological solutions very informative. The section on DNA tests and testing was very concise and easy to understand. The chapter also included an explanation about the uses for three specialized genealogical software products: GenSmarts, Clooz and Evidentia. The Genealogy Guys even have advice for those of us who are unable to conquer that brick wall: Give up (But only for now). They suggest that in the interim one continue his or her genealogical education through webinars, meetings, books, blog postings and programs. In addition, a researcher can work on another family line, or monitor message boards and mailing lists.

Regardless of the nature of your genealogical brick wall, you’ll probably find a solution in this book.
Public Library Acquisitions

Material of genealogical interest received at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and available at the Main Library. List compiled by Mark Schmidt from information supplied by the Genealogy & Local History Department, Patricia Van Skaik, Manager.

GENERAL & U.S. NATIONAL
- Wet Britches and muddy boots: a history of travel in Victorian America
- Burials of War of 1812: Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Genealogical proof standard: building a solid case/ 929.1072 R795g, 2005
- Civil War veterans in the 20th century: extracted from the Elizabeth Daily Journal/
- Ancestral roots of certain American colonists who came to America before 1700: the lineage of Alfred the Great, Charlemagne, Malcolm of Scotland, Robert the Strong, and some of their descendants/ 929.374 bw426, 1992
- Kinship: it’s all relative/ 306.83 A756, 2012
- A medical miscellany for genealogists

NEW ENGLAND & MID- ATLANTIC
- History of Frederick County, Maryland, vol. I & II
- Hopkinton, New Hampshire, vital records
- Salter’s history of Monmouth and Ocean counties, New Jersey
- Records of marriages and burials in the Monacocy Church in Frederick County, Maryland, and in the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in the city of Frederick, Maryland, 1743-1811/ 929.375287 W427
- Abstracts of the testamentary proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, 31 volumes, 1658-1762/ 929.3752 S535, 2004
- Old burying ground, cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church: Orange, Essex County, New Jersey/
- Early settlers of New York state: their ancestors and descendants/
- Revolutionary War veterans, Chenango County, New York, vol. II, C-H/
- Genealogical and family history of the state of Vermont/

KENTUCKY & THE SOUTH
- Kendall County, Texas, marriage records, 1862-1900, 1892-1915/ 929.3764182 qN125, 1977
- Walker County, Texas, marriage records, 1846-1856/ 929.3764169 qJ52, 1985
- Wise County, Texas, marriage records, book 1, 1A, 2, 1881-1893/ 929.3764532 qJ52, 1985
- Amelia County, Virginia, deeds/ 929.3755634 qM129, 1981
- Cabell County, Virginia, 1810 tax list/ 929.3755 T235c, 1990
- Marriages of Caroline County, Virginia, 177-1853/ 929.3755362 F536, 1998
- Clay County, Virginia (now West Virginia) birth and death records, 1838-1860/ 929.3755467 qD741, 2010
- Fairfax County, Virginia deed book J-2, August 1808-March 1810/ 929.3755291 qD271, 2004
- Fauquier County, Virginia tombstone inscriptions/ 929.509755275 qB163, 2004
- Halifax County, Virginia, 1810 tax list/ 929.3755 T235ha, 1990
- Some ancient landowners in Saint Martin’s Parish, Hanover County, Virginia/ 929.3755462 qG823, 2001
- James City County, Virginia, 1810 tax list/ 929.3755 T235j, 1990
- Loudoun County, Virginia will book abstracts/ 929.375528 qD912w, 2007
- Louisa County, Virginia 1810 tax list/ 929.3755 T235Lo, 1990
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- Loose papers and sundry court cases, Northampton County, Virginia/ 929.375515 M636L
- Northampton County, Virginia, 1810 tax list/ 929.3755 T235no, 1990
- Northumberland County, Virginia, church record of births and deaths, 1650-1810/ 929.375521 qW156, 2001
- Northumberland County, Virginia deeds, wills, inventories, etc./ 929.375521 B847, 2006
- Orange County, Virginia, 1810 tax list/ 929.3755 T235o, 1990
- Accounts current book 4, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1802-1812/ 929.3755665 qA935, 2006
- Pittsylvania County, Virginia, register of free Negroes and related documentation/ 929.3755665 G853, 2007
- Richmond, Virginia uncovered: the records of slaves and free Blacks listed in the City Sergeant Jail register, 1841-1846/ 929.3755451 F836, 2010
- Marriage notices from Richmond, Virginia newspapers, volume 1: 1821-1840; volume 2: 1841-1853/ 929.3755 qM359n, 1988
- Early Spotsylvania County, Virginia records, including early marriage licenses (1722-55)/ 929.3755365 qE12, 2010
- Tazewell County, Virginia survey book 1, 1801-1824/ 929.3755763 qD741, 1996
- Washington County, Virginia deed book, volumes 1 thru 6/ 929.3755725 qW317db
- Wythe County, Virginia tax list, 1793-1800/ 929.3755773 qM978, 1985
- Colonial families of York County, Virginia/ 929.3755423 D372, 2006
- Charles Parish, York County, Virginia history/ 929.3755423 B434, 1984
- Newspaper abstracts from Pike County, Alabama, volume 2: 1860-1865
- Order of first families of North Carolina, registry of ancestors
- Raleigh, North Carolina newspapers, 1796-1826, marriages and death notices
- Pickens District, South Carolina
- Pickens Sentinel, 1870-1915 newspaper abstracts
- Genealogical abstracts from Spartanburg County, South Carolina newspapers, 1872-1879
- Bedford County, Tennessee land deed genealogy, volume 2: 1861-1869
- Cannon County, Tennessee, 1836-1857, land deed genealogy
- Cannon County, Tennessee, 1840-1880 Chancery court records
- Land Deed genealogy of DeKalb County, Tennessee, volume 1: 1838-1868
- Grainger County, Tennessee, inventories of estates and wills, 1833-1852
- Greene County, Tennessee marriages, 1783-1868
- Hawkins County, Tennessee circuit court minutes, 1810-1821
- Knox County, Tennessee minutes of the county court, 1792-1795
- Marshall County, Tennessee land deed genealogy, volume 1: 1836-1840; volume 2: 1840-1845
- McMinn County, Tennessee deeds, 1820-1880
- Rutherford County, Tennessee, Chancery records, 1845-1867
- Summer County, Tennessee, first land grants, 1786-1833
- Williamson County, Tennessee. Deed books, 1800-1818
- Wilson County, Tennessee tax lists, 1830-1832
- Galveston St. Joseph Catholic Church, Galveston, Texas, baptismal, confirmation, marriage and death records, 1860-1952
- McMennan County, Texas marriage records, volume 1: 1850-1870; volume 2: January 1871-July 1892; volume 3: 15 Aug 1892-19 January 1901
- Records of Essex County, Virginia
- Families of Pohick Church, Fairfax County, Virginia
- Marriages of Greenville County, Virginia, 1781-1825
- Henrico County, Virginia records, volume 21
- Deeds of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1783-1790

**OHIO & THE MIDWEST**
- Missouri marriages in the news, volume 2: 1866-1870
- Hamilton County, Ohio, church burial records, 1880-1889
- La Harpe, Illinois, births, marriages, deaths, Oct 1875-Jan 1890
- La Harpe, Illinois, newspapers: births, marriages, deaths, 1900-1910
- La Harpe, Illinois, newspapers: births, marriages, deaths, 1920-1930
- Family maps of Marion County, Illinois/
- Family maps of Montmorency County, Michigan/
- Early Missouri ancestors, 1808-1822/ 929.3778 S788e
Queries

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All queries submitted for publication must show a connection to Hamilton County or the surrounding area in southwestern Ohio. Queries should include dates and places in addition to surnames. Queries are printed as submitted, so please check all spellings and facts. Submitters may choose to have queries printed either on the Chapter’s website or in The Tracer. Queries are free for members. Non-members may submit queries to The Tracer for $3.00 which includes a copy of the issue in which the query appears. Queries are printed in the order received.

TIEKE EVERS
Johann Barthold TIEKE and Maria Anna Elisabeth EVERS married in Lohne, Oldenburg in 1852; immigrated to the Cincinnati area before moving to Gutenberg, Iowa about 1860. Does anyone know of this couple?
Bob Evers, ercmevers@aol.com, 839 Silverleaf Dr., Dayton, OH 45431

ASZMANN LAUFER CLEPHANE
Seeking city of origin and parents for: Conrad ASZMANN (Germany), Christian Jacob LAUFER (U.S. – German descent), Thomas CLEPHANE (Scotland).
Ronald R. Brill, ronbrill8936@gmail.com, 8936 Sandymar Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45242

VANCE WALLACE
Harry R. Mehl, 4269 Robinson Vail Rd., Franklin, OH 45005

AYRES RICKER
James AYRES b. 1794 PA – which county? Died Sycamore Twp. 1867. Wife: Catherine RICKER b. ?
Sally Branham, sallybranham@yahoo.com, 224 So. Front St., Rising Sun, IN 47040

LAWLER KISTNER MALEY
All were living in Cincinnati in early 1900s.
Patricia Kitner Truesdell, tenoakssc@aol.com, 1175 Waterfront Dr., Mt. Pleasant SC 29464

BABBS
Looking for info on William H. BABBS who married (1847) Christiana MINSHALL (1st) and (1871) Mary A. ? (2nd). They moved to Des Moines, Iowa around 1860. Info on their son, Noah (1858) md. Lillie ROWLSON who moved back to Cincy around 1895.
Cathy Martin, kymiminom@gmail.com, 43 Klainecrest, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

FERGUSON KINCHELOE CRISPIN
Need proof for Mary KINCHELOW, wife of Charles FERGUSON. His will dated 30 April 1816 Ross Co. Ohio. Son Clark 1786-1864 born NJ died Massie Creek, Greene Co. OH. Daughter Rachel (widow) married John CRISPIN 1783-1849.
Charles Knighton, P.O. Box 29555, Cincinnati, OH 45229

THEILE/TEILE
Maria Anna THEILE/TEIL lived in Cincinnati1842-43. Married Bernard “Henry” HEEKE April 1842. Moved to IN 1844. Looking for origin of Maria in Germany?
Cincinnati?
Sharon Kennedy, skenn63523@aol.com, 46 Bay Hill Circle, Brownsburg, IN 46112

PINGER
Any members searching for PINGER. My ancestor,
Joseph PINGER, arrived in 1840 – a child.
Wynnell Noelke, wynnell1@gmail.com, P.O. Box 26111, Austin, TX 78755

FLOMERFELT FLUMERFELT APGAR
Always looking for contacts on the above surnames. Also willing to do lookups for Whidbey Island, WA (Island Co.). We have a large collection.
David Flomerfelt, flomerfelt@fea.net, 425 Quinn Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

BAUER KREUZMANN
Info wanted on the BAUER family who lived on Ross Ave. in Price Hill from mid 1800s into 1900s. Info wanted on Edward KREUZMANN also on Ross Ave. Edward married Mary LAMPE. Their children were Elmer, Grace and Harry.
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JUNGKIND SCHIMMELPFENNIG SCHIMMELPFENG
Marcia Stratinsky, cabutterfly1@ameritech.net, 306 E. School Lane, Prospect Hts., IL 60070

SCHWEITZER (SWITZER) FRAENZLE
Would appreciate information about Franziska SCHWEITZER, born 8 Dec. 1837 in Germany, died 31 Jan. 1867 in Cincinnati, buried 2 Feb. near Reading. Husband was Thomas (Damas) FRAENZLE, born ab. 1828, died Feb. 1880. They married 3 Sept. 1860 in Cincinnati.
Clay Schaefer, 2901 Village Crest Circle, Garland, TX 75044

BAKER OSBORN(E)
Looking for descendants of Ephraim BAKER (ca. 1740-1795) and Jane OSBORN (1743-?) who migrated to Hamilton Co. in early 1790s from New Jersey. I have DNA and family history results that tie this family to Jacobus BACKER from Holland (b. 1631) who lived in New Amsterdam.
Gene Baker, genebaker@ameritech.net, 5783 Cliffside Dr., Troy, MI 48085

SCOFIELD PYFRIN INGERHAM
Seeking parents of David James SCOFIELD, b. 12 Aug. 1813, d. 2 Feb 1883, married to Elizabeth Ann PYFRIN. His parents may be C.H. SCOFIELD of New York and Mary Clara INGERHAM of either New York or New Jersey. They moved to Ohio before 1850. This information was passed down by family members. David James SCOFIELD, and his family, moved from Hamilton Co., OH to Bartholomew Co., IN in the mid 1800s. John Scofield, jim1010@wildblue.net, P.O. Box 77, Vallecito, CA 95251

SCHRIMPF TRAGESSER SCHICK
Seeking info on Margaret (Maggie) SCHRIMPF married to John SCHICK.
Dorothy Crowther, thecrowthers@yahoo.com, 128 Woodland Way, Abbeville, SC 29620

FARRAN/FARRON CADY THORNELL
Alexander FARRAN/FARRON b. ca. 1818 PA? m. Mary THORNELL b. ca. 1824 PA or OH. Lived in Green Twp. mid-1840s. 3 daughters: Elizabeth b. ca. 1845, Margaret b. 11 Aug 1846 Green Twp. M. Joseph CADY 1865, d. 28 Jun 1917 Whitewater Twp. And Rhoda b. Oct. 1849. Any info on parents or daughters helpful.
Debbie Lueders, Debbie.Lueders@uc.edu, 4341 Regency Ridge Ct., #308, Cincinnati, OH 45248

COX CURRY MONTGOMERY STEPHENSON TERRY VANGILDER
Researching Hamilton County families 1809 through 1826. Terry W. Van Gilder, tvangee@q.com, 2570 Heatherview Circle, Marion, IA 52302-641570

BAREITER WASSMANN
BAREITER in Cincinnati before 1852. George Anton WASSMANN arrived in USA 1862 from Hanover. Marian Dietrich, MYRNNCH@cinci.rr.com, 1633 Joseph Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45231

POGUE
Seeking any information on Edward M. Pogue b. 1892 Cincinnati.
Paul Henke, henke@fuse.net, 1880 Taft Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45206

EISNER HANKE ACHT PREXLER
Will share, exchange info on family of Andreas (Andrew) EISNER 1864-1946 and wife Helen HANKE. Resided Cincinnati 1883-1900 then Hamilton, OH to 1946. Brother Ferdinand 1862-1939 resided briefly in Cincinnati then Louisville, KY; sister Mary EISNER 1856-1927 m. Joseph PREXLER, resided briefly Cincinnati then Louisville. Their mother, Theresa ACHT EISNER 1826-1905, died in Louisville on a visit.
Judu J. Bishara, JJBIS@yahoo.com, 9861 Gingerwood Dr. Tampa FL 33626

LAMPING TAUBKEN HANNEKEN
Ed LAMPING came here in 1924 from Vechta, Germany. He carved the eagle for the Kolping Society’s Schuetzenfest for 70 years. Does anyone else have an eagle from my grandpa? He carved them for friends and family in the 1980s.
Jane Fitzpatrick, jmfitz@fuse.net, 9502 Woodland Hills Dr., Hamilton, OH 45011

REMKIE HUSER CORCORAN
Mary Berger, remberg518@gmail.com, 2233 Riverside Dr., Unit 3A, Cincinnati, OH 45202

LYDEN RYAN McPHILLIPS
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