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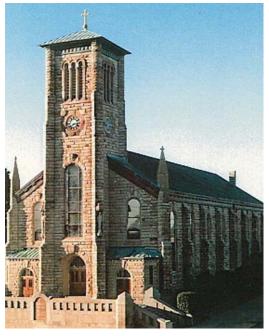
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The Irish in Akron

By Mary Plazo, Librarian

When we think of early Akron and Summit County, we cannot help but think of the Ohio and Erie Canal and its profound impact on Akron. Building the canal brought hundreds of Irish laborers to Akron, and they helped to shape the Akron we know today. These early Irish immigrants inhabited much of North Akron and also created suburbs historically known as "Hell's Half Acre," in the vicinity of Thornton, High, South and Washington Streets, and "Little Dublin," in the old Furnace St. district.

The largest concentration of Irish immigrants arrived in America between 1850 and 1900. We know that many of our Irish ancestors arrived in this land in a large concentration during the 1850s because of the Great Irish Potato famine of 1845-1849. The 1850 Census shows about 745 native Irish living in Summit County, and about 117 of those were living in Akron. This population peaked to over 1,300 in 1880.



Present day St. Vincent de Paul Church on West Market Street.

It is said that the Reverend Father John Martin Henni, an Irish-Catholic priest, came to Akron on horseback from Cincinnati in 1824 when Akron had only a few Irish Catholics and no church in which to worship. In 1837, St. Vincent de Paul, Akron's first Catholic Church, was started. In 1844, the first St. Vincent's church was built on Green St., on land donated by Judge Edwin O. Green. The corner stone of today's St. Vincent's was laid on March 17, 1864. **continued on page 6**

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Periodicals & Genealogy Research

By Iris Bolar, Librarian

Periodicals can be a goldmine in genealogy research. You can find articles on research tips and record types, as well as information from actual records published within periodicals. General genealogy magazines, such as Ancestry, Internet Genealogy, and Family Chronicle, have articles on subjects ranging from DNA testing, military research, and ethnic research to suggestions and strategies for locating little known records. For more specific information, local genealogical societies often transcribe records for inclusion in their publications. Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly, Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journal, Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin, The Virginia Genealogist, and genealogical society newsletters are a few publications that provide tombstone inscriptions, tax lists, military rosters, specific genealogies, bible records and other records within their pages.

Special Collections receives many Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) chapter newsletters as donations from the Summit County chapter of OGS. To simplify searching, these OGS chapter newsletters are filed and bound by county or chapter name rather than by periodical title.

Some publications are self-indexing, but many of our periodicals are indexed by PERSI (PERiodical Source Index), which is available through Heritage Quest. Print volumes of PERSI are also available in Special Collections for articles before 1997. Special Collections' periodical shelves contain publications from national, state, local, and family genealogical organizations. Don't forget about these valuable sources for your family research. A list of periodicals in Special Collections is also available.

Current and past year magazine issues are located in row 1A's display racks. Recent OGS chapter newsletters are filed by county in the hanging files in row 1A. Bound periodicals are now located in rows 7B, 8A, and 8B.

Presidential Visits to Akron

By Michael Elliott, Public Service Assistant

Another President's day has just come and gone. Originally created in 1880 to honor George Washington on his birthday, the federal holiday on the third Monday in February is now intended to remember all of the Presidents. But did you know that a surprising number of U.S. Presidents have visited the Akron area over the years? No less than 22 have made a public appearance within the limits of our fair city. Sometimes they came on official business, other times while on campaign. Occasionally the visit was unplanned. More than a few appearances are tenuous at best - but every one of those 22 was here at one time or another. Over the course of this year, we will highlight these visits.

The first President known to have been a visitor to Akron was William Henry Harrison. The victor of Tippecanoe had lost the Presidential election of 1836 to Martin Van Buren, but everyone expected that there would be a rematch in 1840. On July 4, 1838, an immense political rally of the Whig party took place at Massillon in Stark County with Harrison present. While in attendance at the conference in Massillon, Harrison received invitations from various area communities to make an appearance in their respective towns. One such obligation was at Ravenna in Portage County on July 16, 1838, where Harrison was to attend a public dinner given in his honor. Learning of this, a meeting was held by several leading citizens of Akron, and they decided to dispatch a delegation to Ravenna on the 16th and extend to Harrison an invitation to attend a reception the following day in Akron. Harrison readily agreed to this proposal and traveled from Ravenna in a new carriage purchased especially for the occasion and escorted by a large contingent of Akron citizens who met the future President at Tallmadge. The procession arrived in Akron at 2:00 pm on the 17th to the welcoming cheers of hundreds of people and the sporadic firing of artillery. Harrison was lodged in the Pavilion House Hotel on the Northwest corner of Howard and Market streets, where all who wished to pay their respects to the old veteran were granted the opportunity to do so. A dinner was prepared for several hundred people and was followed by a brief



speech by Harrison. Numerous toasts by the assembled dinner guests were offered in honor of the distinguished guest. (Eminent Akron historian Samuel Lane recorded the event he witnessed as young man serving as a waiter.) The future President spent the night at the Pavilion House in Akron and the following morning took passage on a canal boat for his home at North Bend near Cincinnati.

Five years later on November 2, 1843, former President John Quincy Adams made an impromptu visit to Akron and assisted in the dedication of the new courthouse. He had been on his way by canal boat to Cincinnati to assist in laying the cornerstone of the planned observatory there. Learning of his approach on the canal, a hurriedly formed commission of Akron citizens met him at Lock 21 near the present intersection of Portage Path and Riverview Road. From there Adams was conveyed by carriage to a local hotel while a reception was hastily formed at the courthouse, then under construction and nearing completion. Time was of the essence as Adams could only stay in Akron for the few short hours it took for his canal boat to transit the series of locks through the Akron area.

Word of his presence was passed from house to house and despite the early hour (8:30 am) and with less than an hour of warning, the courthouse was soon filled to overflowing with those wishing to get a glimpse of the celebrated statesman. With his well-deserved reputation as an orator "Old Man Eloquent" was encouraged to provide a few optimistic words about Akron and the Ohio country, which he did substantially repeating the speech he had given the day before in Cleveland. At the end of his short 20-minute speech, the Summit Beacon reported that Adams (despite the fact that he was then suffering from a heavy cold) "took each one by the hand, gallantly and graciously kissing every one of the ladies and all of the babies" in attendance. He then returned to his now waiting canal boat and resumed his journey to Cincinnati.

Abraham Lincoln did not actually come through Akron, but on his way to Washington as President-elect his train stopped momentarily in Hudson.

Aware of his itinerary, several hundred Akron citizens traveled to Hudson and patiently waited at the railroad depot for the arrival of Lincoln's overdue train. Eventually his train arrived and Lincoln made a brief appearance on the rear platform of his Pullman car and addressed the assembled crowd with his overtaxed voice; "Ladies and Gentlemen: I stepped upon the platform to see you, and to give you an opportunity of seeing me, which I suppose you desire to do. You see by my voice that I am quite hoarse. You will not, therefore, expect a speech from me." Even as he was speaking his train began to move and he was again on his way towards Washington – and destiny.

On September 18, 1869, Governor of Ohio Rutherford B. Hayes made a campaign stop in Akron and spoke for a full two hours in front of a sparse crowd in Akron's Grace Park. Eleven years later, on August 31, 1880, President Rutherford Hayes and Presidential candidate Garfield passed through Akron on the newly opened Valley railroad on their way to the G.A.R. national reunion in Canton. Briefly stopping at the depot on Ridge St. (near to where the Cuyahoga Valley railway station now stands), they shook hands with the gathered assemblage and briefly spoke from the back of their private railcar being warmly greeted by the crowd. Similar greetings and pleasantries were exchanged at the 6th Ward Depot at the Northeast corner of Market St. and Case Ave. and at Millheim Station in Springfield Township before the train passed out of Summit County.

As a young man James Garfield worked as a driver and bowman on the Ohio & Erie and Pennsylvania & Ohio canals. As such, he passed through the Akron area on numerous occasions suffering his share of frequent dunkings and altercations with the crews of other boats. He also reportedly had regular employment hauling coal from the mines in Tallmadge to Akron and Cuyahoga Falls. It is reputed that it was within Summit County that Garfield "jumped ship," leaving the canal behind and embarking upon a scholarly direction in life.

A northeast Ohio resident and prominent Republican politician, Garfield was a frequent visitor to Akron



and other area towns. At first associated with state and local politics, he made at least two speeches in Akron including one on August 30, 1859 at Grace Park when he ran successfully for State Senator (representing Summit and Portage counties) and another at the old Phoenix Hall in Akron on September 4, 1868. After his assassination 1881, a city-wide collection was initiated with the intention of erecting a monument in Garfield's honor in Akron's Union Park. This proved impractical, and the collected funds were allocated to the building fund for the Garfield monument in Cleveland's Lakeview cemetery. Excepting perhaps McKinley, Garfield was probably the most frequent visitor to the Akron area.

William McKinley was a visitor to Akron many times in the days prior to his Presidency. In addition to having many personal friends in Akron, it was also his custom to close his frequent political campaigns here in Akron on the weekend before the general election in November. He would then return to his home in Canton on the Monday previous to election day. He had a fondness for parades and appeared in at least three stately ones here in Akron. Perhaps the grandest of these took place on November 3, 1892, while McKinley was Governor. The line of march that day was from the Union Depot along Market to South Howard St. to Main and back to Market, terminating at Assembly Hall where a weary McKinley addressed more than 3,000 people.

After his assassination, the *Beacon Journal* noted that "So many times had he been here and so close were the ties with Akron people that he had many times spoken of this city as his second home." In the same issue, the mayor at the time, W.B. Doyle, noted that McKinley had a "very high regard for this city and loved to come here." Among the many mourners at his funeral were several thousand people who left Akron on special trains – this from a city whose total population at the time was but 30,000 people.

Theodore Roosevelt was in Akron at least three times, the first time on September 23, 1899 as Governor of New York when he gave a speech to

thousands from the grandstand in Grace Park to kick off the Ohio Republican Gubernatorial campaign. His second visit was unplanned. May 29, 1907 found Roosevelt making a trip to Indianapolis for the unveiling and dedication of a commemorative statue of a military hero. As his train was being switched at Akron Junction, the ever-active Roosevelt took an unexpected hike into the countryside giving several area farmers the surprise of their lives. Roosevelt, Vice-President Charles Fairbanks and a single secret serviceman made an attempt to walk to Tallmadge circle along "Tallmadge rd." during the two hour layover of the President's train. The warm morning soon slowed their gait, and the party stopped at the home of farmer Frank Thomas, who at that moment was bailing hay atop a haystack. Recovering from his initial shock. Thomas offered the heat-flushed Roosevelt and Fairbanks a drink of cool, fresh milk from his cellar. Declaring "By gosh, that's good milk" and that it was the "best drink he ever had," the refreshed Roosevelt briefly played a game of baseball with the Thomas children. (Proving he was at ease in any situation, less than 24 hours later Roosevelt would speak in Indianapolis in front of an estimated crowd of 150,000 people.)

On the return trip, the now alerted neighborhood greeted the presidential party at Wuchter's crossing, where the President's train now awaited his arrival. Displaying a sense of humor that today would be unthinkable, farmer Wallace Wuchter came upon the scene of the boarding presidential party and playfully demanded of those present to "throw up your hands" apparently mimicking an actual robbery. Roosevelt and most of those present threw up their arms in cooperation recognizing that Wuchter meant no harm but was only jesting. At this point Mrs. Wuchter joined the group and volunteered that if she'd only known the President was coming she would have roasted a chicken. One week later Roosevelt sent autographed photos of himself to the households of those he had visited and related that his biggest disappointment during his visit to the area was that he didn't get any roast chicken. Roosevelt's third visit was on May 18, 1912, when he again spoke from the grandstand in Grace Park. As the candidate of the Bull Moose party, the wildly-



popular Roosevelt drew a crowd in excess of 10,000 people.

William Howard Taft was here at least four times. On October 21, 1905, Secretary of War Taft gave a lengthy speech in support of Republican party policies at the newly-constructed German Music Hall, now the site of the Akron Beacon Journal. After his speech, he attended a dinner and reception at the Hotel Buchtel before retiring for the night to the home of his good friend James Andrews at 116 Fir St. (More than 100 years later this residence is still standing and in use as the "TKE House" fraternity. Today some unsuspecting fraternity member sleeps in the same room where a former U.S. President was an overnight guest.) Taft returned here as a presidential candidate on October 12, 1908, when he again spoke at the German Music Hall. He afterwards attended a dinner given in his honor at Twentieth Century Hall by the Christopher Columbus Society.



A cartoon depiction of the dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce appearing in the *Akron Press* on February 1, 1912.

Just over three years later on February 1, 1912, Taft became the first sitting President to make a planned trip with Akron as the destination. Upon his arrival at the Union Depot, Taft was placed into an open automobile and given a half-hour tour of the city. In attempting to enter the rear seat of the vehicle, the heavyset Taft became wedged but was extricated with a small effort. The incident amused the goodnatured Taft but horrified his trusted aide Archibald Butt – who died tragically two months later on the Titanic. Despite suffering from a heavy cold, that evening Taft gave a speech to several hundred people at the East Market St. Dancing Academy. (The Academy burned in February of 1920 and was shortly rebuilt as East Market Gardens dance hall.) This area just west and adjacent to the Congregational Church on East Market Street is now occupied by a vacant lot and a fast food eatery. Three months later on May 15, 1912, Taft made a whistle stop campaign speech at Grace Park to a sparse and lukewarm audience.

These are the first eight of the 22 presidents who visited the Akron area. Before another President's Day passes, we will have described the visits of the remaining 14. Watch for the continuation of this article in the next issue.

Black Roots: Tracing the Family Tree with Tony Burroughs

Join us on Saturday, March 31, for an all day African American genealogy workshop with renowned author, Tony Burroughs. The day's schedule begins at 9:30 am and runs until 4 pm and is divided into four sessions, each covering a different topic in African American genealogy research:

- Black Roots: Tracing the Family Tree;
- Researching Cemeteries, Funeral Homes, & Vital Records;
- Locating Obituaries;
- Researching Census Records.

Following the final session, there will be time for Q & A as well as a book signing. For more information or to sign up, please call Special Collections at 330.643.9030.



The Irish in Akron (continued)

There were also many different Irish organizations not only in Summit County, but throughout Ohio. Many of the organizations that existed from the 1850s through the 1920s were established to support political causes in Ireland. One letter in the Akron Beacon Journal from March of 1866 notes that Akron's Irish population contains "quite a large Fenian element," or in other words, those who were Irish Nationalists strongly opposed to British rule in Ireland. There was one particular organization called the Irish Land League which formed in Akron and was very prominent during the 1880s and into the early 1900s. They raised money and sent it to Ireland in support of efforts to create a Republic of Ireland. According to an article appearing in the *Beacon* in January of 1881, "The appeal has gone forth, as far as English despotism has forced our exiled race for sympathy and substantial aid." The article ends with this poem:

"Help! O, help us, men of Erin
Who have crossed the ocean wave,
Send the means we have the mettle,
Our country and our homes to save.
Shall the appeal be made in vain?
No! A thousand times No!

Erin! Though far away we love thee, And they cause our hearts now thrill, Millions now in exile answer, Help our native land, we will."

There were also many other Irish organizations in Akron, including: the Irish National League of Americans, the Akron Society for Recognition of the Irish Republic, the Irish Parliamentary League, the Irish Society of Summit County, the Irish-American Club, the Irish Literary Society, and many more.

The Irish often felt that they were looked upon as the "lowliest" of the ethnic groups in early Akron, and many Catholics felt the scourge of the rising success of the Klu Klux Klan in the 1920s. This led the Irish Americans in this area to celebrate their heritage and work to preserve it.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians club, started in New York City in 1836, expanded to Ohio into Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Youngstown, Toledo and Akron by the 1870s. Today, it is one of the oldest Irish organizations in the United States. There was an order here in Akron until the time of WW I, when it faded. Fortunately, a group started the Order up again in Akron in the 1950s, and it is still in existence today. More information on the gentlemen-only organization can be found at http://www.akronaoh.com/ and for the ladies at http://www.geocities.com/laoh44301/Join.htm. Be sure to check their calendars for Irish-themed events to come.

If you are part of the 11% of Akron's population claiming Irish heritage, you can be proud of your ancestors' contributions to Akron. From canal laborers, to political activists, to neighbors, Irish immigrants have helped to build our community in many different ways. If you are just getting started in researching your Irish heritage, take a look at our *Celtic Ancestors Research Guide*.

On Line Records Update

The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies is now available in digital format from The Library at Cornell University. This multivolume series is an invaluable collection that includes formal reports, both Union and Confederate, seizures of U.S. property in the Southern States, military operations, correspondence, orders, and more. From http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/browse.monographs/waro.html, you will see all of the Series and Volumes listed with brief descriptions. You can search within specific Volumes in each Series, or you can search the very last volume in the last Series which includes the general index for the entire publication.

The Library of Virginia has added more than 6,000 images of Family Bible Records to their archives/manuscripts catalog, http://ajax.lva.lib.va.us/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas05&local_base=CLAS05. You can search by typing in a family surname on either the Basic



Search or Browse options. Once you type in a surname, the list of results will appear, and there are links provided to open and view the images. The only images scanned from the Bibles are the pages that contain family information and dates of vital statistics and special events. They do not include all of the pages from the bible.

Robert W. Little Foundation Grant to Fund County-wide Digital Project

By Judy James, Division Manager

The Akron-Summit County Public Library was honored as the recipient of a \$150,000 grant from the Robert W. Little Foundation. This grant will fund the Summit Memory Project, a three-year initiative to create an online digital "scrapbook" of materials pertaining to the history of Summit County. All historical institutions in Summit County will be invited to participate by submitting images of documents, photographs, and artifacts in their collections for inclusion on the Summit Memory website. The Special Collections Division will administer the project and maintain the website, and Librarian Joanne O'Dell will serve as Project Manager.

"Bob" Little was employed as a librarian with the Akron-Summit County Public Library from 1957 until his retirement in 1986. His interests included genealogy, cooking, antiques, investing, and all aspects of history, especially military and local history. Mr. Little possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of Summit County history and, over the years, collected books, artifacts, and documents about the history of our community. The Summit Memory Project will be a permanent and fitting tribute to Bob's interest in local history.

We wish to thank the Robert W. Little Foundation for providing this generous gift that will help us continue to make Summit County's rich history accessible to our community.

New CDs Feature Classic Works on Ohio History & Archaeology

By Cheri Goldner, Librarian

The Cuyahoga Valley Archaeological Society is selling three CDs containing a variety of books, articles, and maps of significance from the 1800s and early 1900s. The works concentrate on the early history of Ohio; pre-history, contact period and ensuing years; and are available in searchable PDF format.

CD #1 includes the following books:

- Lucius V. Bierce's *Reminiscences of Summit County*.
- P.P. Cherry's *The Portage Path* and *The Western Reserve and Early Ohio*.
- Charles B. Galbreath's *History of Ohio*. (This includes Pages 1 thru 277 of the first volume and the counties of the Western Reserve. Others counties may be added in subsequent versions.)
- Ordinance of 1787.
- Francis Parkman, Jr.'s Conspiracy of Pontiac.
- William Henry Perrin's *History of Summit County Ohio With an Outline Sketch of Ohio*. (394 Of the original 1050 pages are included.)
- M. C. Read's Archaeology of Ohio.
- Col. Charles Whittlesey's Ancient Earth Forts of the Cuyahoga Valley Ohio and Early History of Cleveland Ohio.

CD #2 includes: William C. Mills's *Archaeological Atlas of Ohio*. (with high-resolution maps and the accompanying text of each the Ohio counties)

CD #3 includes selected articles from the early Ohio Archaeology and Historical Society Publications (commonly referred to as the "Greenbacks").

The CDs are available for \$16.00 each, or all three for \$32.00. Make checks payable to Cuyahoga Valley Archaeological Society (or CVAS) and mail to: CVAS Orders c/o Jack Wenrick, 2829 Hastings Rd., Stow, OH 44224-3703.



On Exhibit

Lewis Miller: Akron's 19th Century Renaissance Man

Third Floor – Special Collections, April – July 2007

Inventor, industrialist, educator, philanthropist.... All of these terms have been used to describe Akron's Lewis Miller. Born in 1829 in Greentown, Ohio, Miller began his career as a teacher and plasterer. In 1851, he assumed an apprentice position with Ball, Aultman and Company in Greentown, manufacturers of farm equipment. After becoming superintendent of the firm, he invented the Buckeye Mower and Reaper, a farm implement that would help to revolutionize the farming industry. In 1863, the company established Aultman, Miller & Company in Akron with John F. Buchtel at the helm, and Miller as superintendent. Aultman, Miller & Company, more commonly known as the Buckeye Mower and Reaper Works, flourished, employing 1,500 people by 1881and producing 20,000 pieces of farm equipment each vear.

As a former educator, Miller recognized the importance and benefits of education for all. He established the first Sunday school at First Methodist Church in Akron and was a long-time trustee of Mount Union College in Alliance. He is also widely known as the creator of the "Akron Plan," an architectural design for churches that was adopted by many Protestant churches throughout the United States. One of Miller's greatest contributions, however, is his founding, with Dr. John Heyl Vincent, of the Chautauqua Institution in Western New York. Established in 1873 as a summer camp meeting place for Methodists, it grew to include permanent summer homes and buildings. Today, the Chautauqua Institution, a National Historic District, offers a summer season of programming for "intellectual and spiritual growth and renewal."

We would like to thank the following organizations for their assistance and generous loan of materials for this exhibit: The Chautauqua Institution, First United Methodist Church of Akron, Mount Union College, & The Summit County Historical Society.

Local History Events

Women's History Month – A Woman's Place: Women at the Statehouse & in State Government Ohio Historical Society

Monday – Friday, March 1 – 31

The Statehouse Education & Visitors Center will mount an exhibit first published in 1998. Admission is free and the center is open Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 3 pm. Groups of 10 or more are asked to make a reservation. For more information, please call 614.728.2695.

The Disappearance of C. Lewis Alexander Barberton Public Library, Local History Room

Wednesday, March 21, 2 pm
In 1931, an unusual occurrence took place in
Barberton, involving a Communist meeting at Lake
Anna Park, Barberton Policemen, and a missing
person. When C. Lewis Alexander, a black man and
a communist organizer, mysteriously disappeared
rumors circulated widely that the Barberton police
had abducted and possibly even killed him. This
situation led to protest meetings and riots. The
program is free. For more information, please call
330.745.1194.

The Rise & Fall of the YWCA of Summit County

Akron-Summit County Public Library *Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 pm* See the premier of this documentary about the institution's more than 100 years of service to the community in the library's auditorium. Free and open to the public.

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

Hale Farm & Village

Friday & Saturday, March 30 & 31, 6 pm – 8:20 pm Follow the Drinking Gourd to Heaven! Play the part of fugitive slaves struggling to reach freedom in the North. Escaping from the grasp of an overseer after a slave auction, the fugitives encounter other runaways, farmers, abolitionists, Quakers and bounty hunters. Some folks are willing to help; some would just as soon sell you down the river. Experience an emotional and vivid recreation of the trials of the Underground Railroad. Ages 13 and above.



Reservations are required. For more information, please call 330.666.3711.

Angels, Obelisks, Monuments and More: The Setting, Stones and Other Geological Wonders of Lake View Cemetery

Cleveland Museum of Natural History Wednesday, April 4, 7 pm

Lake View Cemetery, the most beautiful of Ohio's garden-style cemeteries, contains a wealth of geological features including stone monuments made of rock quarried from many localities, and the graves of prominent scientists. Joe Hannibal, Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology, recounts what he's learned during two decades of leading field trips and making observations in this splendidly landscaped necropolis. For more information, please see

http://www.cmnh.org/site/ClassesandPrograms Lectures CuratorsForum.aspx.

Akron Antiquarian Book Fair

Northern Ohio Bibliographic Society Friday – Saturday, April 13 – 14 The 25th annual book fair will host more than 60 dealers of old & rare, readable & collectable books maps and prints. Join us at the John S. Knight Center. For more information, please see http://www.nobsweb.org/bookfair.html.

Underground Railroad Tour of Cleveland

Cleveland Restoration Society Saturday, April 21, 10 am – 2 pm In collaboration with the Cleveland Metroparks, the Cleveland Restoration Society is offering a bus tour of Cleveland's Underground Railroad history. Lunch will be served at the historic Sarah Benedict House, headquarters of the Cleveland Restoration Society. For more information or to register, call the Metroparks at 216.341.3152.

Moreland Mystique: Opening the door to Moreland Courts

Cleveland Restoration Society *Saturday*, *April 28*

Don't miss this elegant evening gala at Cleveland's historic Moreland Courts, located along Shaker Boulevard from Coventry Road to Shaker Square. Designed and constructed in the 1920s as an

apartment development highlighting English architectural styles, the complex of twelve buildings has been home to many of Cleveland's leading citizens throughout the years. For more information, contact Deanna Bremer Fisher at 216.426.3111.

14th Annual Riverfront Irish Festival

St. Brendan's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Cuyahoga Falls) *Friday, June 8 – Sunday, June 10* The Riverfront Irish Festival is the largest free Irish festival in the Midwest. This year it will include a 5K run, 1-mile fun run, more national bands and more community involvement. For more information, please call Rebecca at 330.554.3083 or e-mail anniemoorelaoh@yahoo.com.

Genealogy Events

Research Grandpa's Neighborhood using Sanborn Maps

Summit County Chapter of OGS Saturday, March 17, 1 pm

Wally Huskonen is a certified Genealogist and a trustee of the Ohio Genealogical Society. He will speak on the Sanborn fire insurance maps which recorded buildings in urban areas in Ohio from 1876 to 1970. Created for insurance companies, they can be used by family historians interested in finding churches, schools, stores, factories, and other buildings in ancestral neighborhoods. Maps for Ohio are available in a searchable on-line database available free to anyone with an Akron-Summit County or other Ohio library card. The meeting is held at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library.

CAGC - Cleveland Area Meeting

Computer Assisted Genealogy Group Saturday, March 17, 9 am – 2 pm
The morning session, Making Sense of Sources, is presented by Lorraine Newsome and prepared by Holly Timm. Learn how to cite a range of sources including data from the Internet. The afternoon session, Forms for Genealogy, is presented by Jean Hoffman. Learn to keep your research organized by using or creating forms. For more information, please call Bill Frank at 441.734.2021.



Finding Your Family in the US Census

Special Collections

Saturday, March 24, 10 – 11:30 am
United States census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us to learn more about using these valuable records in your family research. As the emphasis will be on using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. The class will be held in the computer lab at Main Library and sign up is required. For more information or to sign up, contact Special Collections at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Black Roots: Tracing Your Family Tree A Day with Tony Burroughs

Special Collections

Saturday, March 31, 9:30 - 4 pm
Internationally-known genealogist, lecturer, and author, Tony Burroughs will present a workshop on African American genealogy. Join us in Main Library's auditorium to learn about the unique challenges of black family history research, as well as how to use genealogical resources such as funeral home records, obituaries, cemetery records, and the census. For more information or to sign up, contact Special Collections at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Genealogy 102

Genealogy Committee of WRHS Saturday, March 31, 12 pm – 3 pm Got the basics? It's time to learn about a variety of records. Topics include: vital records, cemetery and funeral home records, and an introduction to census records as well as additional internet resources. Bring a filled in pedigree chart. The cost of the class is \$5. For more information, contact Roger Ellsworth at 216.229.7887 or gen05wr@aol.com.

Internet Research Strategies

Genealogy Committee of WRHS

Saturday, April 7, 12 pm

This class hones your research skills. Topics include: review of census basics, web searching techniques, connecting with others, potpourri of websites, and evaluating websites. Some knowledge of the internet is helpful. The cost of the

class is \$15. For more information, contact Roger Ellsworth at 216.229.7887 or gen05wr@aol.com.

Getting Started in Family History

Special Collections

Tuesday, April 10, 6 – 7:30 pm

This orientation includes an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Held at the Main Library in downtown Akron, the session is free but sign up is required. For more information or to sign up, contact Special Collections at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Research Trip to Allen County Library

African-American Genealogical Society Departing: Wednesday, April 11, 4:15 am Returning: Friday, April 13, 11:30 pm Join us for a visit to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne Indiana. The cost of this three day research trip is \$274 (single) or \$187 (double) and includes the bus trip and hotel. For more information, please contact Alfreda Barnes at 330.467.3672 or ganniebarnes@sbcglobal.net.

Along the National Road: Your Avenue to the Past

Ohio Genealogical Society

Thursday – Saturday, April 12 – 14

Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown
Columbus, this year's program includes more than
50 programs with many nationally known speakers.
In addition, the program committee has attempted to include some new faces to the OGS Conference, and we hope you will check them out. Workshops are also offered on Thursday evening for the early birds.
For more information, please see

http://www.ogs.org/2007conf.php.

A Focus on the Akron-Summit County Public Library

Summit County Chapter of OGS Saturday, April 21, 1 pm Judy James, Director of the Special Collections Division, will be speaking on the genealogical collections and holdings of the library. Our Chapter will be making a formal presentation of the Glendale



Civil War Memorial Book, our Historians Scrapbooks, and our annual gift to the Special Collections Division. After the meeting you will have the opportunity for hands-on research using all the library's resources. Join us at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library.

Genealogy 101

Genealogy Committee of WRHS

Saturday, April 21, 12 pm – 2 pm This class is for the person who is new to tracing their roots. Topics include: getting organized, research process, charts & forms, an introduction to the U.S. Federal Census, source citation, WRHS Library and selected websites. The cost of the class is \$5. For more information, contact Roger

Ellsworth at 216.229.7887 or gen05wr@aol.com.

Finding Your Family in the US Census

Special Collections

Tuesday, April 24, 6 – 7:30 pm
United States census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us to learn more about using these valuable records in your family research. As the emphasis will be on using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. The class will be held in the computer lab at Main Library and sign up is required. For more information or to sign up, contact Special Collections at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Genealogy 102

Genealogy Committee of WRHS Saturday, May 5, 12 pm – 3 pm Got the basics? It's time to learn about a variety of records. Topics include: vital records, cemetery and funeral home records, and an introduction to census records as well as additional internet resources. Bring a filled in pedigree chart. The cost of the class is \$5. For more information, contact Roger Ellsworth at 216.229.7887 or gen05wr@aol.com.

Field Trip to Allen County Library

Hudson Genealogical Study Group Saturday – Sunday May 5 – 6
Pre registration is required. For more information, please contact Gwen Mayer at the Hudson Library & Historical Society at 330.653.6658.

And Ours to Hold - Virginia: Jamestown and the Beginning of the Colonial Experience in America

Hudson Genealogical Study Group

Wednesday, May 9, 7 pm

Join us at the Hudson Library and Historical Society for the presentation by Ambassador John Ong. For more information, please contact Gwen Mayer at the Hudson Library & Historical Society at 330.653.6658.

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and Family History Fair 2007

National Genealogical Society

Wednesday – Saturday May 16 – 19

The conference is designed for both professionals and people who only recently have become interested in family history. The overall program will focus on success, teaching methodology and how to overcome adversity, while learning more about your family history. This year's venue is the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Virginia. For more information, see

http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/.

Finding Your Family with DNA

Summit County Chapter of OGS

Saturday May 19, 1 pm

Cole Waite presents information on DNA in clear and understandable language focusing on how to add DNA evidence to your search for ancestors and descendents rather than on the science of DNA. Join us at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library.

People who fell through the Cracks

Genealogy Committee of WRHS

Saturday June 2, 12 pm

This class hones your research skills. Topics include: locating elusive ancestors who may have been orphans, in institutions or who had wanderlust. Fee for the class is \$15. For more information, contact Roger Ellsworth at 216.229.7887 or gen05wr@aol.com.

Evaluating Evidence

Summit County Chapter of OGS

Saturday, June 16, 1 pm

Presented by Donna Redhead Gruber, CGSM. When documents don't state the facts, what do you do?



Learn the five step Genealogical Proof Standard used by the professionals to evaluate genealogical evidence. See how to take the five steps and apply them using sample documents. Join us at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library.

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Richard Riley for 1990 Guernsey County Plat Book

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Alabama Bible records

Connecticut

Black roots in southeastern Connecticut, 1650-1900

Delaware

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Georgia

Abstracts of wills, Chatham County, GA 1773-1817 Georgia Revolutionary soldiers & sailors, patriots & pioneers, 2 vols.

Kentucky

A history of Jessamine County, Kentucky, from its earliest settlement in 1898

Louisiana

French and Spanish records of Louisiana: a bibliographical guide to archive & manuscript sources

Some slaveholders and their slaves: Union Parish, Louisiana 1839-65

Maryland

African-American manumissions of Washington County, Maryland

Genealogical abstracts from The Brunswick Herald, Brunswick, Maryland 1906 - 1910

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Ohio

50th anniversary banquet, Summit County Sports Hall of Fame, 1957-2006

Abstracts from original Adams County, Ohio Common Pleas court records. 18 vols.

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Blanche A. Riley...diary of Clearcreek Township, Warren County, Oh (1893; 1904-1914)

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