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From The Director...

Come share with us contemporary ideas, projects, events, publications, research problems, and experiences associated with Local History. On April 4, 1985, the Center for Archival Collections will host a Conference on Local History at the Bowling Green State University Union. The purpose of this initial conference is to bring together historians, students, museum and library administrators, teachers, archivists and others interested in advancing contemporary concepts of Local History. Sessions are planned for the following topics: Researching, Writing, and Publishing Local History; Historic Preservation; Historical Societies and Museums; and Family/Women's History. Dr. Joseph Arpad will present his film production "Ohio Crude: The Excitement of Ohio's Gas and Oil Booms". A plenary session is scheduled with Mr. John Egerton, author of Generations: An American Family.

The fee for the conference is $5.00, and registrations are being accepted through April 1, 1985.

Local Government Records

Township Records For genealogists seeking information from the nineteenth century, township records can be an important resource in locating information about ancestors who may not have appeared in county records. Found in township halls or in regional archives like the CAC, some records that are of interest to family historians are Indenture Records, Section 16 Records, Cemetery Records, Poor Relief Records, and Enumerations of School-Aged Youth.

Indentures or Apprenticeships were required to be registered with the township clerk. (At the County level, these records can be found in the County Home Records.) Any male child under the age of 12 and any female child under the age of 18 could be indentured by his/her parent or guardian. In addition, the township trustees were empowered to bind out any orphan, destitute child or the child of someone unable to provide for the child. The indenture was recorded with the township clerk within three months of the execution of the document.

Section 16 Records contain information pertaining to the sale by any township of Section 16, which was set aside for support of township schools. Thus, Poll Books often provide the researcher with a very early list of the adult males residing in the township. This list was then recorded by the Auditor, but the originals may be found in the township records.

Cemetery Deed Books may also be found in Township halls. Township trustees were empowered by the state to purchase or otherwise obtain land for a township cemetery. They were authorized to sell lots and were required to keep a record of deeds to these lots. Today township trustees are responsible for the maintenance of all abandoned cemeteries.

Poor Relief Records: During the 19th Century, township trustees were required to furnish Poor Relief or support to paupers legally residing within the township boundaries. The clerk was required to keep a record of the paupers and of all relief expenses incurred.

Enumerations of School-Aged Youth were taken annually as one of the duties of school directors in the Township. Every unmarried youth between the ages of 6 and 21 (later changed to between the ages of 5 and 18) was to be listed, with a notation of each child's race and sex. An abstract of the Enumeration was to be given to the County Auditor. Many townships still have the original Enumerations in their holdings. Some not only give the children's names and ages, but also the parents' or guardians' names and addresses. Enumerations of School-Aged Youth are good sources for locating names of children between census years, and before 1850.
Reference
Local History Researchers at the CAC are invited to use the Northwest Ohio Clipping File. The file consists of notebooks filled with mounted newspaper clippings. Articles are arranged alphabetically by community name (i.e., Plain township; Putnam County; Rainsburg.) Originally compiled by the Historic Preservation Office, many of the articles in the Clipping File pertain to area structures. Other articles describe important events and give retrospective overviews of local history.

Genealogical Research Exchange
The Center offers genealogists an opportunity to exchange information about the family names on which they have been working through the Genealogical Research Exchange (GRE). This is a notebook in which visitors may record information about their own research to be shared with other genealogy researchers. On your next visit to the Center, please feel free to browse through the GRE notebook, and to add to it!

Newsletters
Another valuable resource for genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect each newsletter published by the genealogical societies in all of our nineteen northeastern Ohio Counties.

Preservation
By the end of March, 1985, the CAC will have completed the microfilming of the Toledo Express (June 1856-May 1857, October 1871-June 1903, and the years 1910-1913), a daily German printed newspaper published in Toledo. Microfilm of the Toledo Express (July 1, 1903-December 31, 1909) will be purchased from the Ohio Historical Society to complete the collection.

Acquisitions of Interest

Manuscript Collections

Eckhart Monument Company (Tiffin, Ohio) June 1903-August 1963 Records include the name and address of the person placing the order, name and location of the cemetery, and the writing requested, which frequently includes the name and birth and death dates of the person buried. (Microfilm)

Saint Andrew’s United Methodist Church (Findlay, Ohio 1876-1984 Record book, directories, and histories. (Microfilm)

Henry and Putnam County Pioneer Association Minutes 1980-1916

Published Materials


Hancock County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society. Index to the 1890 Federal Population Census of Hancock County, Ohio. 1984.


Acquisitions (cont.)

Local Government Records

FULTON COUNTY:

Clerk of Courts

— Chancery Record 1850-1853
— Complete Record Vols. 1-5, 1850-1860
— Journal Vol. 1, 2, 1850-1861

County Recorder

— Deeds Vol. 113, 1835-1851

(The Fulton County records listed above are available only on microfilm)

LUCAS COUNTY, TOLEDO:

Board of Public Service — Forest Cemetery Deeds 2 Volumes, 1840-1977 (Available only on microfilm)

SANDUSKY COUNTY, WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP:

Trustees Minutes 1856-1900; 1910-1942

Woodville Cemetery Association — Minute Book 1849-1906; Assessment Books

Cemetery Lot Owners 1899-1904

Burial Register 1906-1936

Poll Books and Tally Sheets 1869-1915

Record of Official Oaths and Bonds 1913-1919

Township Board of Education — Account Book 1876-1893

Treasurer’s Settlement and Balance Book (contains pauper and soldier relief payment information) 1880-1898.

Newsapers

HOLGATE, Ohio

Henry County Review January 24, 1894-April 1, 1982

PORT CLINTON, OHIO

Ottawa County Herald March 2, 1906-July 5, 1918

Announcements

The Wood County Historical Society will hold its Spring Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is $6.50; reservations will be taken until April 15th.

The Northwestern Ohio Genealogical Society will present an International Genealogical Festival on April 27th at St. John’s High School in Toledo. Ohio. The fee for the seminar is $10.00 in advance, $12.00 at the door.

The Ohio Genealogical Society will hold its 24th annual convention May 17 and 18 at the Sheraton Plaza Inn, Columbus, Ohio. Fees will be charged on the basis of sessions attended.

Trader’s Corner

Duplicate items being offered for sale by the CAC include the following:

Johnson, Wendell. Toledo’s Nonpartisan Movement, 1922. 15.00

McGillivray, T.D. Early History of the Department of Ohio Grand Army of the Republic From 1866 to 1880 Inclusive. 1912. 85.00

Martin, Harold C. The Ohio Grain, Feed and Fertilizer Association's Centennial Years 1880-1980. 1980. 85.00

Schneek, Don. editor. 150 Years Along the Riley: The History and Events of Riley Township and Pandor, Ohio. 1832-1982. 1982. 85.00

Wandt, Robert. A Century and a Quarter of Education: Sylvania Public Schools 1841-1966. 1966. 85.00

Keep In Touch!
If you have changed your address, or if you know of anyone who should be dropped from the Chronicle mailing list — or added to it — please let us know. We will be glad to make the necessary changes to ensure that you continue to receive the Archival Chronicle. Thank you!
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Visitation Hours at the CAC

Monday 8:30-8:00
Tuesday-Friday 8:30-4:30
Sunday 4:00-8:00

These hours are in effect when classes are in session, but are subject to change in accordance with the schedule of the Jerome Library.