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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.
Rare Books

The finding aid for The Jan Wahl Collection was recently completed. The Finding includes descriptions of the manuscript of approximately forty books by this noted children's author from Toledo. Also included is a significant body of correspondence from Wahl's editors, publishers, and illustrators. Together, these materials give a fascinating picture of the pre-publication work done on these books and of the publishing world in general.

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, arranged alphabetically by community name (i.e., Plain township; Putnam County; Raisingsun.) 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 the progress of 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 genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strives to collect genealogists on the trail of elusive ancestors are the newsletters and information-exchanges created by genealogical societies. The Center strive...
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