

PAST PURSUITS: a Newsletter of the Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Past Pursuits*, the genealogy and local history newsletter of the Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Special Collections, the Library's newest subject division, houses the Library's genealogy materials, and its growing collection of materials pertaining to the history of Summit County. Every other month we hope to provide our readers with information and news about new local history and genealogy acquisitions, upcoming events, interesting facts about our community's history, and tips for genealogy research.

Special Collections was officially established at Main Library in 2001, but planning for its establishment was underway as early as 1996 when a team of staff was created to develop a vision and plan for this new division. When we return to Downtown Akron, sometime in early 2004, it is anticipated that Special Collections will be one of the "jewels" of the new Main Library. We look forward to working in a state-of-the-art climate-controlled environment that will provide the optimal environment for preserving our genealogy and local history materials. In the meantime, we welcome you to visit us at our temporary location at 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue. Feel free to call us at 330-643-9030 or e-mail us at speccollections@ascpl.lib.oh.us.

RECENT GENEALOGY ACQUISITIONS:

1930 FEDERAL POPULATION CENSUS

Special Collections is pleased to announce the availability of the entire 1930 Federal Census on microfilm for Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia. We also have the available Soundex for West Virginia, and will soon receive the Soundex for those parts of Kentucky that have been indexed. Because it is necessary to know where your family lived at the time of the census, we have also purchased city directories on microfilm for many cities in these states. In addition to city directories, the seven-reel set of the Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts will be a true gift to many researchers. If you haven't had a successful experience in using the 1930 Federal Census, we would be happy to share the little tricks we have learned along the way!

MORE CENSUS!

Our census collection has been greatly enhanced by the recent addition of all available census and Soundex for Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Because of space constraints, we are unable to house all of these materials in the reference area. Please ask us if you don't find the census you are seeking. We will be happy to retrieve it for you. We are also increasing our already extensive print collection of indexes. If you

are new to the Federal Population Census, we are happy to introduce you to its use and value in genealogical research.

1880 CENSUS INDEX ON CD-ROM

This is currently one of our favorite resources! Don't have any idea where your ancestor was in 1880? With this index you can search the entire country. Or, if you have more information, you can limit your search by fields such as date and place of birth, race, sex, and place of residence in 1880. When you find your folks, you can even see who their neighbors were. This new resource has helped us to solve many a genealogical puzzle. The Church of the Latter-Day Saints has also released the 1880 Census Index as a free database on their site, www.familysearch.org.

OHIO DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1908-1944

Yes, the actual certificates! You no longer need to wait weeks to receive them by mail! We have ordered the more than 900 microfilm reels of the collection. To date, we have received 1908 through 1920. We expect to have the complete collection within the next few months. To find your ancestor's certificate number, you may search two different sources. The Library has the microfilm version of the Ohio Death Certificate, 1908-1932 and 1938-1944. You can also search the Death Certificate Index, 1913-1937, on www.ohiohistory.org. Please let us know if you need any assistance.

NEW BOOKS

Please see the last page of the newsletter for a list of all titles received in the months of September and October.

EVENTS

Genealogy on the Web

This free introductory workshop will explore the Internet and library databases available to help you search for your roots. For information about locations and times check our website at www.acorn.net/training.html or call the Special Collections Division at 330-643-9030.

Attention members of genealogy and local history societies! We would love to hear about your upcoming classes, field trips, lectures, and meetings. More importantly, we would like to spread the word! If you are interested, please have your publicity chair contact Marie Herlevi at 330-643-9041 or at mherlevi@ascpl.lib.oh.us. To make the January 15th newsletter, we will need submissions by January 8th. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Did you know?

The Church of the Latter-Day Saints has recently released new databases on its website, www.familysearch.org. For no cost, you may search the 1880 United States, 1881 British Isles, or the 1881 Canadian Census. Enjoy!

Getting ready for the holidays?

Chances are, many of you will be getting together with family members in the next few months. The holidays are often a time when family stories get repeated over dinner. This year would be a great time to pull out pad and pencil during dessert and ask your relatives to elaborate on the stories they often tell...and other stories that they have yet to share! You might want to take some ASCPL Ancestor Charts and general family group sheets with you and hand them out...and don't forget the pencils. This event of collective memory will add to your family history and may help you solve some of the genealogical puzzles that have been troubling you. If you have the time, please visit the Library to pick up some Ancestor Charts and a book or two about family history or preservation of family documents. Make the most of your time together!

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS:

OHIO BALLETT COLLECTION

The Ohio Ballet collection is the newest addition to our growing local history collection. This collection, donated by the Ohio Ballet in September, contains photographs, posters, programs, costume designs, and administrative records of the Ballet. We are proud to be the repository for this important collection of materials about one of our area's premier cultural institutions.

NORTHERN OHIO GOLF CHARITIES COLLECTION

This collection was donated to the Library in September 2000 by Akron Golf Charities (now known as Northern Ohio Golf Charities). This large collection of materials includes official records, photographs, video recordings, posters, signs, and artifacts pertaining to the Rubber City Open, the PGA Championship, the American Golf Classic, the World Series of Golf, and the NEC World Series of Golf.

OLD TIME ATHLETE'S ASSOCIATION

This organization was founded in 1967 by a group sports enthusiasts and former athletes who wished to start a club where men over the age of fifty could share memories and a mutual interest in sports. Over the years, members enjoyed regular lunches featuring speakers such as Ara Parseghian and Woody Hayes. As time passed, and members aged, interest and membership waned. In December 2001 the group made a decision to disband. The Library is pleased to have this collection of materials containing historical materials, biographies, correspondence, and photographs.

GREATER AKRON LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

The Greater Akron Legal Secretaries Association was established in March 1950 by a group of legal secretaries interested in promoting and supporting the work of legal secretaries in the greater Akron area. This organization provided professional support to its members, sponsored charitable fundraisers, and hosted social events for its members. The group disbanded in 2001 and their collection was donated to us in July of this year. The documents, newsletters and correspondence in this collection provide a wonderful glimpse into the life of Akron's legal community for the last fifty years.

NEW GENEALOGY TITLES

September – October 2002

We are pleased to announce that the Library collections are growing! Here is the list of new print sources acquired during September and October.

US STATE SPECIFIC PRINT SOURCES

ALABAMA

Alabama 1810 Federal Census Index (Substitute)
Alabama 1850 Slave Schedules Index
Alabama 1860 Federal Census Index
Alabama 1860 Mortality Schedule
Alabama 1860 Slave Schedules Index
Alabama 1870 Federal Census Index volume 1 and 2
Early Settlers of Alabama
Index to Alabama Wills, 1808-1870
Marriage, Death, and Legal Notices from Early Alabama Newspapers 1819-1893
Some Alabama Pioneers
Barbour County, Alabama 1833 State Census
Early Settlers of *Barbour County*, Alabama, Volumes I and II
Marriage and Death Notices from *Barbour and Henry Counties*, Alabama 1846-890
History of *Clarke County*, Alabama
History of *Conecuh County*, Alabama
Monroe & Conecuh County, Alabama Marriages, 1833-1880
Historical Records of *Randolph County*, Alabama 1832-1900
History of *Walker County*, Alabama
Records of *Wilcox County*, Alabama

GEORGIA

A Gazetteer of the State of Georgia
Georgia: Citizens & Soldiers of the American Revolution
Historical Collections of the Georgia Chapters Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume One
History of *Athens and Clark County*, Georgia
Milton County, Georgia Marriage Records 1865-1931
History of *Twiggs County*, Georgia
History of *Washington County*, Georgia

ILLINOIS

Lake County, IL Death Index 1877-1901
Lake County, IL Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States Buried Prior to July 1, 1955

INDIANA

A History of the City of *Vincennes*, Indiana from 1702, 1901

IOWA

How to Use the 1925 Census of Iowa

KENTUCKY

Genealogies of Kentucky Families, 3 Volumes
Kentucky Pension Roll of 1835
Kentucky Records
History of *Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties*, Kentucky
Calloway County, KY Addendum to the 1880 Census of Calloway County, Ky

MARYLAND

British Roots of Maryland Families II

Roster of Civil War Soldiers from *Washington County*, Maryland, Revised Edition

MASSACHUSETTS

Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800

History and Genealogy of the Mayflower Planters and First Comers to Ye Olde Colonie

Abstracts of *Bristol County*, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687-1745

The Records of the Town of *Cambridge* (formerly Newtowne) Massachusetts, 1630-1703

MISSISSIPPI

African Americans: A Mississippi Source Book

Early Settlers of Mississippi as taken from Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory

Amite County, Mississippi

Early Inhabitants of the *Natchez District*

Source Records from *Pike County*, Mississippi, 1798-1910

NEW JERSEY

Genealogical and Memorial History of the State of New Jersey, Volumes I – IV

NEW YORK

Guide to Genealogical and Biographical Sources for *New York City (Manhattan)* 1783-1898

History of *Schenectady* During the Revolution

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Slaves and Free Persons of Color

Marriage Bonds of *Duplin County*, North Carolina 1749-1868

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts 1763-1779

Abstracts of *Wills Orange County*, North Carolina 1752-1850

Pasquotank County, N.C. Deeds Volume One, Oct 1700-June 1718

OHIO

The Ohio Genealogical Society Periodicals Index, Topical by Location, 1960-2000

Blacks in Ohio 1880 Lucas – Morrow, Vol.8/ Muskingum – Ross, Vol.9/ Sandusky – Wyandot, Volume 10

Adams Co., Ohio Bratton Township Cemeteries

Adams Co., Ohio Some Early Births to 1909

Marriage Records of *Adams County*, Ohio 1834-1910 Vol. II

Ashland County, Ohio Church Records, Volume I

Ashland County, Ohio Death Records, Volume I 1867-1879

Ashland County, Ohio Death Records, Volume II, part 1 (1880-1894) and part 2 (1895-1908)

Ashland County, Ohio Research Aid #2 Green Township

1813 Poll Book *Ashtabula County*, Ohio Return of Votes October 12, 1813

Birth Registrations and Correction Index of *Ashtabula County*, Ohio

Burial Records of St. Joseph Calasanctius Church and St. Joseph Calacanctius Mission Station

Early History of the South Ridge, *Ashtabula County*

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Register of Burials, *Ashtabula*, Ohio 1818-1910

Cemeteries in Wheeling Township, *Belmont County*, Ohio

Obituaries from *Belmont County* Newspapers ca 1941-1981

Bethel Cemetery, *Butler County*

Champaign County, Ohio Newspaper Abstracts, The Urbana Citizen and Gazette, 1871-1884

Plat of *Champaign County* Landowners 1894

Cemeteries of Bethel Township, *Clark County*, Ohio

Cemeteries of Springfield Township and of the City of Springfield, Parts One and Two

Clark County, Ohio Newspaper Abstracts, 1837-1842, Volumes IV - IX

Deceased Veterans of the 1861-1865 American Civil War Buried in Ferncliff Cemetery up to 1933,

Springfield, *Clark County*, Ohio

Tate Township Cemetery Records, *Clermont County*

Greenville Union Cemetery Records, 1965-1994, *Darke County*

Index to Estates, Volume I (1818-1878) and Volume II (1869-1893), *Darke County*

Miller Funeral Home Records, 1917-1950 Greenville, Ohio

Oliver Funeral Home Records, 1940-1950
Routzahn Funeral Home Records 1916-1962, Covington, Ohio
Stutz – Sando – Storch Funeral Home Records 1939-1960, New Madison, *Darke County*, Ohio
Cincinnati, *Hamilton County*, 1788-1943, WPA Guide
Restored *Hamilton County*, Ohio Marriage Records, Supplements 1850-1884
Hardin County, Ohio Marriage Records, Volumes 1 - 9, 1833-1994
The History of Chatham Township, *Medina County*, Ohio
Index to Church Records at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1851-1903
Membership List of the Chatham United Church of Christ, Congregational for the years 1834-1990
Memoirs of Hinckley
The Story of Litchfield, *Medina County*, Ohio 1831-1997
Vital Records from Chatham Township, *Medina County*, Ohio
Scioto County, Ohio, Post Offices and Postmasters 1805-2001
Stark County, Ohio Civil War Veterans: A History of Those Who Served
Williams County, Ohio, Birth Records, Volume I 1867-1878

PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania in the War for the Suppression of the Rebellion, 1861-1865
Atlas of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1911
Greentree Cemetery, *Allegheny County*, Pennsylvania
Lists and Indexes to the Legal, Court, and Municipal Records of *Allegheny County*, PA, Vol. I
Marriage Returns, City of Pittsburgh, *Allegheny County*, PA 1870-75, 3 Volumes
Marriages and Deaths from the Pittsburgh Dispatch, 1858-1860
The Verona Cemetery in Oakmont, Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts, Volumes I, III, IV, and V
Presbyterian Churches in *Allegheny County*, Pennsylvania
Saint Philip's Cemetery, Crafton, *Allegheny County*, PA
Soldiers' Orphan Schools of Western Pennsylvania
Illustrated Atlas of *Cambria County*, Pennsylvania 1890
Washington County, Pennsylvania Early Marriage Index

RHODE ISLAND

Genealogies of Rhode Island Families, Volume I, Alden-Mowry
Genealogies of Rhode Island Families, Volume II, Niles-Wilson

SOUTH CAROLINA

Edgefield County, South Carolina Abstracts of Deed Books 1-12, 1786-1796, Volume I
Edgefield County, South Carolina: Deed Books 36, 37, and 38
Newberry County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Volume I: Deed Books A-B, 1785-1794
Newberry County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Volume II: Deed Books C, D-2, and D, 1794-1800
Newberry County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Volume III: Deed Books E through H, 1800-1806
Pendleton District, S. C. Deeds, 1790-1806
The Keowee Courier, 1849-1868 (*Pickens County*, South Carolina)
Spartanburg County, South Carolina Deeds 1848-1852
Spartanburg District, South Carolina Deed Abstracts Books U-W (1827-1839)
Spartanburg District, South Carolina Deed Abstracts Books X-Z (1839-1848)

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Recods: Bible Records and Marriage Bonds
Land Deed Genealogy of *Anderson County*, Tennessee, 1801-1831
Carroll County, Tenn. Wills Vol. 3,4 &5
Over the Misty Blue Hills: The Story of *Cocke County*, Tennessee
Pioneers of *Davidson County*, Tennessee
DeKalb County, Tennessee Chancery Court Records, 1844-1892
Franklin County, Tennessee Wills: 1808-1876 and Deeds: 1801-1840
Land Deeds of *Jefferson County*, Tennessee 1792-1814
Land Deed Genealogy of *Rutherford County*, Tennessee Volumes I, II, and III (1804-1823)
Smith County, Tennessee: Chancery Court Records, 1824-1871
Washington County, Tennessee Deeds, 1775-1800

VERMONT

Vermont Newspaper Abstracts 1783-1816

VIRGINIA

Wills and Administrations *Accomack County*, Virginia 1663-1800

Abstracts of *Bath County*, Virginia Will Books 5 and 6 (1843-1875)

Bath County: Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns 1791-1853 (Virginia)

Bath County, Virginia Death Records 1853-1863

Bath County, Virginia Deaths 1871-1895

The Bicentennial History of *Bath County*, Virginia

Hampshire County Minute Book Abstracts Volume I & II

New Kent County

Records of *New Kent County*, VA, 1810 & 1850 Census plus Pension Applications

Abstracts from *Norfolk City* Marriage Bonds and Other Genealogical Data (1797-1850)

Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns of *Pittsylvania County*, VA, 1767-1805

Men of Mark and Representative Citizens of *Harrisonburg and Rockingham County*, VA

OTHER PRINT SOURCES AVAILABLE

GENERAL

Adventures in Genealogy

Ancestral Trails: The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History

The Complete Guide to Scanning and Digital Imagery

DNA for Family Historians

Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case

The Genealogist's Computer Companion

A Graveyard Preservation Primer

It Runs in My Family: Overcoming the Legacy of Family Illness

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index 2003 Supplement Part 2

Past Imperfect: How Tracing Your Family Medical History Can Save Your Life

Preserving Your Family Photographs

Weights, Money and Other Measures Used by Our Ancestors

Writing Family Histories and Memoirs

GERMAN

Finding Your German Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide

HUGUENOT COLLECTION

The Faith and Fortunes of France's Huguenots, 1600-85

Huguenots in America: A Refugee People in New World Society

Huguenot Ancestry

The Huguenots in France and America

Huguenot Genealogies: A Revised Selected Preliminary List 2001

Huguenot Gleanings from the Cross of Languedoc

Huguenot Heritage: The History and Contribution of the Huguenots in Britain

Huguenot Emigration to Virginia

Society and Culture in the Huguenot World, 1559-1685

Trail of the Huguenots in Europe, the United States, South Africa, and Canada

IRELAND

1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History

Discovering Your Irish Ancestors

Families of County Clare

Families of County Donegal

Families of County Dublin

Families of County Galway

Families of County Kerry

Families of County Limerick

Irish Church Records

The Irish in Newfoundland
Pioneer Irish in New England
Sources for Irish Family History
Tracing Your Kerry Ancestors
Tracing Your Mayo Ancestors
Visitation of Ireland

POLISH

Essentials in Polish Genealogical Research
First Names of the Polish Commonwealth: Origins & Meanings
Polish Parish Records of the Roman Catholic Church
Polish Surnames: Origins and Meanings
Roman Catholic Parishes in the Polish People's Republic in 1984

SCOTLAND

Discovering Your Scottish Ancestors
Scots-Irish Links 1575-1725, Part Three
Scots in the United States and Canada, 1825-1875, Parts One and Two
Scottish Dissenting Presbyterian Churches
Scottish Local History