



Welcome

Welcome to our Fall Newsletter. We are ready to begin regularly scheduled meetings beginning in Sept. and hope to see you ! Help us **spread the word** about our meetings and Warren Co. Gen. Society. While many folks do all their genealogy on the computer, we think that we have a lot we can offer to all researchers. Remember that **everyone is welcome** to come to meetings, all meetings are free, and the more the merrier !!!

September

At 7:30 on Wed. Sept 21, Dave Vickers will present his program, "**Piles or Files?**" **Or Organizing Your Genealogical Research in Today's Electronic Age.** The meeting will be held in Phillippi Meeting Room at Otterbein.

Dave will share his experience to help us organize our research, document our findings, and put it into form that is easy to share.

He will discuss both Internet resources and traditional resources and what to do with all the paper we accumulate.

Plan on a most informative evening ! We will serve light refreshments for all to enjoy.

October

Our October meeting will be at 7:30 in Phillippi Meeting Room on Oct. 19 th.

THE SHAKERS

Our speaker, Dr. Nelson Melampy, will be present his program on the Shaker community. This year, 2005, has been the 200 th year celebration of the Shakers. Much study and discovery has taken place this year. Dr. Melampy will share his knowledge and give us a better understanding of life in the Shaker community. Everyone is welcome and light refreshments will be served.

At the Resource Center

We are at 406 Justice Drive in Lebanon, in the Warren County Adm. Building, on the lower level. Phone 513 695-1144
e-mail wcs@co.warren.oh.us

We have had a busy summer of researchers, coming from as far away as Utah, Colorado, and California, as well as close as Centerville. All are impressed with our library. Come visit us if you have not yet.

We offered genealogy classes this summer on Wed. afternoons. These were very much appreciated by our attendees. **Congratulations** to our attendees. Teachers, Dana Palmer and Chuck Griffen, covered a variety of topics as well as hands on computer researching techniques. They also oriented their help to what the needs were for the researcher.

Thank You both for all your work !!

CASTLE GARDEN

The sesquicentennial of the opening of the Castle Garden immigrant depot in New York City was celebrated on Aug 1st. This launched a new free web site - www.castlegarden.org/

Castle Garden is within the Battery at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 til 1890 it was America's first official immigration center. Over 73 million immigrants came through in this early time period that precedes Ellis Island.

On the site, you give a first and last name, as well as a range of dates for their arrival. If your name is there, next you will see a listing of individuals of that name, ages, and dates of arrival. From this listing, you can narrow in on the immigrant that best profiles yours. Clicking on one individual will then give you the following information: Name, age, occupation, sex, literacy, arrival date, origin, port, last residence, destination, plan, ship's name, and passage. I found not all categories were complete for each person and some dates were pre 1855. It is a great site to try if your immigrants came prior to 1890.

PROJECTS

We have a variety of Projects that are being worked on. The more helpers we have, the more we can accomplish.

Cemeteries: We are making cemetery transcriptions, photographing the stones digitally and entering the data into the computer. We are also copying ledgers from active cemeteries, mapping the cemeteries and loading the pictures on the Gen Web site.

Funeral Home Records: We are obtaining copies from the funeral homes in Warren Co. These have a lot of great information of an individual.

Obituaries: We are copying these from old Franklin Chronicle microfilms.

Census records: Data entry of info and transcriptions of years are planned.

Churches: Getting histories of churches of Warren Co., finding articles, interviewing people.

IF any of these projects interest you and you are **interested in helping in any way**, give us a call, (695-1144) or stop and see us. We appreciate any kind of help.