

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-news June, 2008

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PROGRAM CHANGE - CENSUS RESEARCH by Dana Palmer

Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:30 PM at Philippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community, 585 State Route 741, (north of State Route 63), Lebanon, Ohio

Beth Deckard’s program on the Warren County Records Office has been postponed. Dana Palmer has graciously offered to present a program on using census records for genealogical research.

MAJOR UPDATE TO THE SOCIETY WEBSITE <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

A major update of our award winning website went on line on May 8th and now has over a half million records in 45 different categories.

- This update adds 115,000 new entries in a variety of categories. Major updates include
- >> Every name indexes to Will and Estate Records from 1803 through 1888
 - >> Every Name and Topical Indexes to all back issues of the Heir Lines Quarterly
 - >> Updated pages for a variety of cemeteries from our ongoing Virtual Cemetery Project.
 - >> Updated obituary indexes with large additions from the Franklin Chronicle & Miami Gazette
 - >> Variety of other items to include post offices, schools, photos, courts, county officials, etc.

For a detailed listing of all changes and updates go to <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/What's%20New.htm>

You can also visit our sister site which now has over 20,000 gravestone photos on line as a result of our Virtual Cemetery Project

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm>

SUMMER WORKSHOPS BEGIN ON JUNE 4th

Our popular summer workshops return starting on June 4th and continue through August 6th. These free classes, open to the public, will be held from 2 – 3 PM on the dates indicated at the Warren County Genealogical Society Library, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon, Ohio 45036. No reservations are necessary, but sign up by phone, e-mail or at the library would be appreciated.

June 4 Getting Started Part 1 – Basics & Organizing Your Records
June 11 Getting Started Part 2 – Gathering Records

- June 18 PAF / RootsMagic
- June 25 Online Databases, Part 1 (Rootsweb, World Connect)
- July 2 Online Databases, Part 2 (Familysearch, Ancestry.com)
- July 9 Interviewing & Writing Histories
- July 16 Census Records
- July 23 County Records & Tour of Warren County Archives
- July 30 Court Records & Tour of Warren County Recorder's Office
- Aug 6 Warren County Records - taught by Chuck Griffen

Those attending will receive a Workshop Manual. Others may purchase a copy for \$10.

Contact the society at 513 695 1144 or wccgs@co.warren.oh.us for more information.

See pdf Workshop Announcement at

<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/meeting-2008-summer.pdf>

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LEBANON WALKING TOURS with John Zimkus

The Historic Downtown Lebanon walking tours sponsored by the City of Lebanon are on Saturday May 17 and Saturday May 24, and are free. They will last about 1 and a half hours and will cover 1.5 miles. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Gazebo Park next to the Golden Lamb. Pre-registration is appreciated. Those interested should call Connie Baugher at 228-3156.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA 6/17/08 - 6/21/08, HARMON PARK, LEBANON, OHIO

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Note: We're sending out this supplement to the June eNews due to a couple of time sensitive items that you might be interested in.

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FREE MILITARY RECORD SEARCH AT ANCESTRY.COM

The Generations Network and The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) signed an agreement that will make millions of historical records available on Ancestry.com. With the new agreement, Ancestry.com will have technicians and scanning machines onsite at NARA to continually digitize content for online access faster than ever before. To learn more about this agreement as well as NARA documents already available on Ancestry.com, visit <http://www.ancestry.com/nara>

To commemorate this agreement and to celebrate Memorial Day, we're making the entire Ancestry.com U.S. Military Collection available for free to the public from May 20 through May 31. Visit <http://www.ancestry.com/military> to view more than 100 million names and 700 titles and databases of military records, the majority of which come from NARA

FAMILYSEARCH UPDATE: NEW COLLECTIONS ADDED TO THE PILOT RECORDSEARCH COLLECTION

Patrons can search new records and millions of others for free at <http://pilot.familysearch.org/>. The pilot site is testing new search engine technologies or applications that will ultimately be used on FamilySearch.org and includes the Ohio Death Certificates, growing census records, etc. The left contains indexed records. The right side contains unindexed, browsable data. Note the new URL for this site. [**User feedback is encouraged by using the Feedback utility on the test site.**]

PRICE HIKE FOR 20TH CENTURY IMIGRANT RECORDS.

US Citizen & Immigration Services (USCIS) formerly known as the INS has just announced a price schedule for genealogical research that will go into effect on August 13th. Until then, if you have an ancestor who immigrated and arrived in the United States after 1892 and was naturalized between 1906 and 1956, you can request copies of historical records under the Freedom of Information Act Program by writing to
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office
P.O. Box 648010
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010
(816) 350 5570
(816) 350-5785 (fax)
uscis.foia@dhs.gov

NOTE: Genealogical information is only available on deceased individuals so include a proof of death (obituary, death certificate etc.) along with as much information that you can provide to assist in their search. Information held by them includes the following:
Naturalization Certificate Files (C-Files) from 1906 to 1956 (from federal, state and local courts)

Alien Registration Forms (AR-2) from 1940 to 1944
 Alien Registration Forms (A-Files) from 1944 to 1951
 Visa Files from 1924 to 1944 (in A-files)
 Visa Records from 1944 to 1951 (in A-files)
 Registry Files and Records for 1929 to 1951 (in A-files)
 Alien-Files numbered below 8-million (contents dated prior to May 1, 1951)

Once the new prices go into effect you will have to submit a Form G-1041 or Form G 1041A to request the records. Prices will be
 \$20 for a microfilm index or record/file request
 \$35 for a textual index or record/file request.

To read the final rule, go to

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-10651.pdf>

COUNTY FORMATION MAPS

At our May meeting, it was mentioned that you often need to know the correct county for many searches including census searches. A software program called Animap lets you step through the years for a particular state to see the county boundary changes as they occur. Those for Ohio can be viewed on line at

http://www.myohiogenealogy.com/oh_maps/oh_cf.htm

For other states try a search for the term county formation map plus the name of the state. More information about the software can be found at <http://www.goldbug.com/AniMap.html>
