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**President’s Message**

“Yay! We signed the lease with the building owners on Thursday, April 7th. So keep tuned for the Relocation Committee’s coming updates. Some of the perks, besides our generous space and reasonable rent, is having a lot of artists for tenants in the building. At least three times a year they have Open Studio Tours, the restaurant on the main floor is open seven days a week, and they do some catering. Plus there are about 3 parking lots we can use…and no parking meters for on street parking. (See lease-signing photo on page 9)

Wow! What a turnout for our Spring Seminar with Tom Jones. 194 sign-ups, some great raffle prizes, visiting genealogy societies, and lots of used and new books to peruse. Numbers for the dinner with the speaker were up (15) and we had to choose a second restaurant because the first choice couldn’t handle our numbers at the chosen time. Tables at the seminar for the attendees had to be abandoned to get enough seating space. Four serving lines kept the luncheon numbers flowing. We want to thank the co-chairs—Jeanette Hopkins and Gerry Lenzen—and all the volunteers who shared their time and talents to bring it all together.

Two new interest groups are now forming. We had over 30 some members sign up for the new German Group, and about 14 of them for the new Virginia Group. Hopefully, after the first planning meetings for each group, we will have a day of the month and time set for the future meetings plus a vision for each. As soon as those details are established, they will be announced in the next Insider, on Insider Extra on the website (www.gfo.org) as well in the Interest group contact listing—also, on the website. The interest group listing on the wall by the front desk will be updated as well. We still have the Computer Interest Group leadership to work out…so stay posted for that update.

And of course, the excitement is building about finding GFO’s new home in the nearby historic Ford Building (11th & S.E. Division). Several folks have signed up to help on moving day—there’s a clipboard on the GFO main desk. The building owners are looking forward to our long term occupancy, and are thinking of us as like an anchor business such as Nordstrom’s is to our local super shopping centers. The restaurant on the first floor is a perk, as it is open 7 days a week. I’m looking forward to the Open Artists Studio Event by the Artist tenants on the upper floors. I believe one of the websites (keywords: Ford Building artists) lists two recent events. It’s always fun to visit the artist’s actual studio and to see them at work. We can appreciate Don Holznagel and the relocation team for their hard work. Projected moving time is late July and early August. It is projected the library will be shut down for two weeks at most…..we hope!

On behalf of the GFO board and myself: Thanks for your continuing membership and support of GFO’s activities!

Lyleth Winther  lylaw1@frontier.com

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A NOTE TO THE EDITOR
From Sue LeBlanc

Regarding the “DID YOU KNOW?” article in the April Insider, I actually volunteer as a Merit Badge counselor for the following Merit Badges:
American Cultures
American Heritage
Citizenship of the Community
Citizenship of the Nation
Citizenship of the World
Family Life
Genealogy
Indian Lore
Public Speaking
Reading

It is fun working with the scouts, but they do not review my qualifications other than for a background check. It is best to check the official Boy Scouts of America web site for current details as they do change the requirements for merit badges occasionally. There are about 125 merit badges at this time. I also sit on boards of review for Eagle Scout Applicants.
http://www.scouting.org/
http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx

Sue

BRITISH GROUP NEWS

NEXT MEETING: May 28, 1-3 pm in the Higgins Room.

This will be our last meeting for the year and features "Snacks of Our Ancestors" which includes passed-down recipes, traditional British homemade goods or something from the Scottish Country Shop (across Powell Blvd by the Brooklyn Post office) or Lady Di's little store in Lake Oswego. In doubt? Bring some packaged shortbread cookies. Duane Funk will repeat his wonderful presentation on the shipping ports most likely that our ancestors departed from when they came to America, discuss the shipping lines and ships who plied the ocean waters, and some of the conditions that our folks suffered traveling across the choppy North Atlantic. In the 2nd hour, brick wall questions will be shared. Contact: LYLETH lylaw1@frontier.com

NOTABLE ANCESTORS

Do you have a notable ancestor, perhaps not famous or infamous, but worthy of note you would like to write about?
If so, send between 150–250 words about this person to the editor at:
jailey172@comcast.net or drop off a note at GFO’s front desk for THE INSIDER. Please include how you can be reached.

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www.findagrave.com
www.footnote.com $ (free for 1st week)
www.genuki.org.uk
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www.GenealogyToday.com
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www.roosttelevision.com
www.progenealogists.com
www.genqueries.com
www.mocavo.com
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Debra Mieszala, Certified Genealogist, has been involved in genealogical research for over twenty-five years. Much of her work involves locating family members of past war MIAs for the Army and Air Force. She formerly worked under court order as a certified Confidential Intermediary (CI) in Illinois, assisting people in adoption situations to reconnect.

In addition to presenting at the national conference level, she has taught classes at Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Her articles have been published in *OnBoard!, NGS Magazine*, and *The Digital Genealogist*.

**THE HERITAGE SCRAPBOOKING GROUP**

The Heritage Scrapbooking group has consented to completing a GFO scrapbook for use at GFO after the move to the new location. We will be including photos of the new facility and old photos and memorabilia of past events. So, if you have photos of past events, I would appreciate you scanning and e-mailing them to me at bladoe@aol.com. Or take them to GFO to be scanned.

If you want, you may leave them at GFO for me, and I'll scan them and return them to GFO. Please do identify the people in the photos, the location and event, and the dates.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you can give us in the project.

Regards,

Bonnie LaDoe
Extremely well organized, with excellent examples to illustrate every point. Refreshments were excellent – esp. appreciate tomato juice and yummy pastries.

Plenty of everything – for everyone
Well organized and very well presented
Tom Jones very knowledgeable
Great group
Mostly good results – we all need to be reminded
Clear, organized, material immediately useful
Scholarly and witty – perfect combination
List of References
I like handouts obviously – hard to listen, retain, and write things down.
Great visuals
Very thorough
All of it. I liked the location, easy to get to for we from the south part of state. Port-a-potties would have been OK – it would take us back to our roots!
1st name changes, good snacks
Great job!
Information about finding an unfindable ancestor
Tom Jones was a clear speaking man – very good for people with hearing aides
Books and handouts
The whole day! This was my first seminar and it exceeded my expectations.
Great conference!
Tom was just excellent..
Logical presentation, easy to follow, inspiring
Similar to graduate courses in historiography – very entertaining
Tom Jones is great
Examples very clear, good ideas for research
Great seminar and well run!
His occasional humor!
Lunch with speaker J
Truly terrific speaker! We were so lucky to get him!
Very interesting speaker with wealth of expertise, experience, but given his Virginia home base, most illustrations, examples were bit too Anglo-Saxon to add much illumination to my Western US, Germanic-Nordic interests
First time but really enjoyed!
Thanks for your wonderful sense of humor, Tom!
A wonderful and knowledgeable presenter – I wish he was local so I could attend his classes!
Last week saw the launch of a new website designed to take the best features of Google and make them easier to use for genealogical research. Cliff Shaw, CEO and founder of Mocavo, has a long track record of creating valuable products for genealogists. The GenForum message boards (now available on Genealogy.com), GenCircles.com, and Family Tree Legends software are just some of his significant contributions to the field.

Mocavo.com is the world’s largest free genealogy search engine. It provides access to free genealogy content on the web. Mocavo indexes publicly accessible websites and sends searchers directly to the sites. It is a great way to do one-stop searching of websites like the Internet Archives, Find a Grave, state archives and historical societies, Ellis Island, and more.

The best thing about Mocavo is that it specifically targets genealogical websites, automatically removing extraneous results (like Facebook pages, etc.) that appear in Google searches. This function is extremely helpful, especially when researching a very common name. While there are times I wish to cast a wide net with a Google search, it is very nice to have a search engine that filters out all of that noise for me.

For the best results, put names in quotes. Mocavo will automatically search for instances of “firstname lastname,” “lastname, firstname,” and even “firstname middlename lastname.” You can do “or” searches (looking for this or that) by utilizing the pipe symbol |. The | is usually above the Enter key on an American computer keyboard. Similarly, you can omit certain words by using the minus sign (or dash).

While I found many results I have already seen on Google, I have been overjoyed to see the results limited to genealogy results only. In researching my book on the descendants of Josiah Franklin, I’m sure you can imagine how many non-genealogical sites make mention of Benjamin Franklin!

The site is currently very centered on North American materials, but this is starting to change. Materials from GenUKI are available, and the Ireland Genealogy Project just announced that their materials will soon be indexed and available through Mocavo.

Mocavo is always looking for new information to index, and users can suggest websites for the site to index. Everything from large archives and websites to individual family blogs have been indexed, bringing additional traffic to many sites. Unfortunately, a few groups, such as USGenWeb, have restricted access to Mocavo’s indexing, and these materials are unavailable. While it is understandable why groups with gated access (such as Ancestry.com, AmericanAncestors.org, and FamilySearch.org) have not been indexed, it is difficult to understand that those with free and open accessibility would not want to provide greater access to their materials. Mocavo is totally free for users, and does not pretend to own any of the content; it only makes it easier for users to find information. Even more perplexing is that USGenWeb, for example, while precluding access from Mocavo, freely allows Google’s indexer to crawl the site and bring users in. One would think that they would want more genealogy-specific users to find them.

Mocavo.com is an excellent addition to the genealogical researcher’s toolkit. I’m certain it will only become increasingly valuable (and popular) as more sites are indexed and users discover how tremendously useful this resource is.

CONFGRULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF GFO’S 2011 WRITERS’ CONTEST

1st place, Bonnie LaDoe, “The Wife of Old Phil Upton”

2nd place, Bonnie Randolph, “George T. Ledford, Meandering Through Oregon Pioneer History”

3rd place, Steve Turner, “A Journey Backward To A Journey Forth”

Honorable Mentions:
Pedigree Level - Gale A. Taylor  
Sustaining Level - Anonymous  
Supporting Level - Betty Gibson, Shirley Phillips, Marvel Gillespie  
Patron Level - Ann Crawford

The Board of the GFO would also like to thank all of you that are taking the opportunity to include an additional donation with your annual dues payment. We really appreciate your support!

The bids aren't in yet for the electrical/lighting installation in our new site but it looks like it will most likely be in excess of the $12,500.00 that TriMet will award us to assist in the move. Your donation to the moving fund will allow us to make our new "home" the best it can be for the coming year and into the future.

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A BRIEF SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES  
FROM THE TREASURER

- March 2011-

The total of the deposits for the month were $5,705.18 and expenses of $3,870.72. The difference represents the attendance fees paid for the 2nd April 11th Spring Seminar. The event was a great event - wonderful speaker, delicious lunch and 193 people in attendance. Next month's financial activity will include the large expenses for the seminar and the lease deposit for our new site. The annual budget is in the preliminary stage of development for presentation at the annual meeting in June. The checking account balance on 31 Mar 11 was $27,508.07.

Jeanette Hopkins

VOLUNTEER CREW NEEDED FOR PREP AND PAINTING

As Lyleth Winther said in her President’s Message this month, it’s time to begin making our new space into our home. We need dedicated volunteers to work for a week to clean and paint the ceilings and walls in the Ford Building site.

If you know someone with experience in leading such a project and others who can work for this time-limited project, please contact Lyleth Winther: lylaw1@frontier.com. 503-658-8018

There are some installations and demolition that needs to come first. The crew would be needed about the first of May. The work may have started by the time you read this, but please contact Lyleth to see what is still needed.
MOVING AHEAD

Moving the GFO library, offices and meeting space to a new location is now highly focused and predictable. The lease for the new location in the Ford Building, SE 11th and Division, was signed by President Lyleth Winther at 2:00 p.m. April 7, 2011. A small group including Real Estate Broker Charlotte Larson, Treasurer Jeanette Hopkins, Facilities Manager Jim Morrow, and Relocation Chair Don Holznagel witnessed the event.

The terms of the ten-year lease include a starting date of July 1, 2011, providing a period of free access to the space for landlord and tenant modifications and other preparation. A major characteristic of the new space is far better ADA access than in our current space through the building and library space entrances and elevator, and to the rest rooms. Access to a kitchenette and a lunch and break area is just outside the GFO space. In April, May and June, the major tenant responsibilities include finalizing the interior design and layout of library shelving, research and meeting spaces; cleaning and painting; and design and installation of HVAC, electrical wiring, lighting, Internet wiring and wireless equipment. Major volunteer crews are needed in April to paint the ceiling and walls. This will be followed by HVAC and wiring installation.

Current plans are to carry out the actual move beginning the last week of July and first week of August. The Gideon Street library will likely be closed from about July 20 until mid-August to complete the moving activities and prepare the new space. A more specific calendar will be developed by the GFO Board and published widely well in advance.

Don Holznagel, Chairman of Relocation Committee

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The term cloud Drive seems to appear everywhere these days, and what exactly is it? Cloud drives represent another way to copy and save your important documents, photos and music. We are told repeatedly that no medium for storing files is invulnerable, as paper disintegrates in time, and we know what happened to old floppy disks.

I had one family genealogy file on a floppy disk, which became orphaned. when the program with which the file was created disappeared. In spite of my best efforts to find someone to open it, it couldn’t be done. So what can be done to assure ourselves and our heirs that the information will always be there?.

Both Amazon.com and Google have announced low-cost or free storage services to increase our chances of future access. Cloud drives are hard drives located in various data banks. If one were destroyed by a tsunami or earthquake, for instance, a duplicate would exist elsewhere.

Amazon has huge data storage facilities where the files of many enterprises are kept. Recently they announced 5 gigabytes of free storage —enough to store 1000 songs and 2000 photos. These can be accessed from anywhere one has a computer and web browser, that is for download or upload.

Google offers the same cloud drive under the name “Google documents” where 1 gigabyte of storage is free, www.google.com/documents.

Most experts agree, however, backup your backups. Don’t depend on any one method, or medium for your irreplaceable documents and photos.

-Janis Bailey-

IRISH GROUP
Change of Meeting Day

The Irish Group will meet on May 7th, Saturday, instead of May 21st in GFO’s Higgins Room from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The topic for the May meeting will be “Irish Resources You Know About.”

We are asking all members to bring a list of Irish web sites, books, stores, pubs, etc. they know about to share with the group.

Suzanne Lemon
slemon46@yahoo.com
NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Taylor, Jerry A.. *Hearthstones of Home: Foundations of Towns County, Georgia, Volume 1*. Published by the author: Young Harris, Georgia, 1983. 975.8 T747 Biography

Absher, Mrs. W. O. *Surry County, North Carolina Court Minutes, volume 2 (1786-1789)*. Published by the author: North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, No date. 976.5 S962 Court

Murray, Betty F. *Cemeteries of Conway County, Arkansas, Griffin Township*. Old Buck Press: Conway, Arkansas, 1994. 976.7 C767 Cemetery


__*Kentucky Bible Records, vol. 4*. Lexington Society DAR: Lexington, Kentucky, 1966. 976.9 A000 Bible

Dorman, John Frederick. *Petitions from Kentucky to the Virginia Legislature 1776-1791*. Southern Historical Press: Easley, South Carolina, 1981. 976.9 A000 Court

Peden, Eva Coe. *Will Book No. 1, Barren County, Kentucky*. Published by the author: No place: 1979. 976.9 B271 Court

__*Record. Breathitt County. Historical Genealogical Society: Jackson, Kentucky, No date*. 976.9 B828 Periodical

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Fedorchak, Catherine Foreaker and Irene Mount Ochsenbein. Published by the Author: No Place, No date. 971.1 B451 Compiled

__*Genealogical Records in Belmont County, Ohio, Volume 6*. Ohio Genealogical Society: No place, No date. 971.1 B451

__*Genealogical Records in Belmont County, Ohio, Volume 7*. Ohio Genealogical Society. No place, No date. 971.1 B451

__*Genealogical Records in Belmont County, Ohio, Volume 8*. Ohio Genealogical Society: No Place: No date. 971.1 B451

Hirschauer, Grace M. and Virginia Lipps. *Index to Wills 1800 - 1915 of Clermont County Ohio*. Published by the author: Batavia, Ohio, 1966. 971.1 C633 Court


__*Columbiana County, Ohio : Cemetery Location Maps. Columbia County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society: Salem, Ohio, 2001. 971.1 C7262 Cemetery

__*Tombstone Inscription and Cemetery Up-dates [and] Miscellaneous Death Records, Especially for Knox and West Townships, Columbiana County, Ohio*. Columbiana County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society: Salem, Ohio, 2005. 971.1 C7262 Compiled

Bell, Carol W. *Deaths from the Columbiana County, Ohio Administration Dockets 1887-1900*. Columbiana County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Salem, Ohio, 2007. 971.1 C7262 Court
NEW LIBRARY BOOKS


Shoemaker, Caryn R..  _Lawrence County, Ohio 1880 Census Index_. Published by the author: Minford, Ohio, 1984.  977.1 L419 Census

Fedorchak, Catherine Foreaker.  _Monroe County, Ohio Genealogical Records: Volume 5_. OGS: Monroe County Chapter, Woodfield, Ohio, 2008.  977.1 M753 Biography

_Monroe County, Ohio Genealogical Records. Volume 6_. OGS, Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2008  077.1 M753 Biography

_Monroe County, Ohio Genealogical Records, Volume 8_. OGS, Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2009.  977.1 M753 Biography

_Monroe County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions: Adams, Franklin and Switzerland Townships_. OGS, Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2009.  077.1 M753 Biography

_Romick, Karen and Dr. Shirley Harmon. Monroe County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions: Adams, Franklin and Switzerland Townships_. OGS, Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2008  077.1 M753 Cemetery

_Monroe County, Ohio: Wayne Township Cemetery Inscriptions and Gleanings_. OGS, Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2002.  077.1 M753 Cemetery


_Monroe County, Ohio: Wayne Township Cemetery Inscriptions and Gleanings_. OGS: Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2002.  977.1 M753 Cemetery


_Smith, Opal and Karen Romick. Monroe County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions: Jackson Township_. OGS: Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2002.  977.1 M753 Cemetery

_Romick, Karen and Dr. Shirley A. Harmon. Monroe County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions: Summit Township [with addendum: correction for Friendship Cemetery]. OGS: Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2007.  977.1 M753 Cemetery

_Kopp, Rita Bone. 1869 Landowner’s Map of Monroe County, Ohio_. OGS: Monroe County Chapter: Woodfield, Ohio, 2003.  977.1 M753 Land
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