

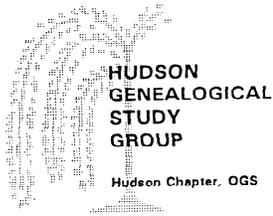
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## International Reply Coupons

By Elsie Thomas

In the early days of the Hudson Genealogy Study Group, our mentor the late Jim Caccamo advised us to buy International Reply Coupons when we were requesting genealogical information from another country. Good in all countries to pay for a reply to a query, they then cost \$1.05. Jim insisted that if we expected to get an answer, we had better include one. I have used a number of them.

Recently I came across three I had purchased in March of 1998 and never used. I wondered if they were still good, although having paid my money, I was sure they would be. I was equally sure they now cost more. I called the Hudson Post Office, where I was given answers by several persons in turn that they were: 1- no longer good, 2- that they were good for current first class postage, and 3- that they just didn't know. They advised calling Akron Post Office and asked if I would mind calling back to inform them of the right answer.

Someone at the Akron Post Office glibly told me that if the coupons were purchased before 2000, they were no good at all. I found that hard to believe, so continued my quest. I went on to many other phone numbers, starting with the United Postal Union and finally to Customer Service at United States Postal Service. At long last, I was directed to Northern Ohio District Consumer Affairs, and a number at the Cleveland Post Office. The person there told me they now cost \$1.85, and that I would need to pay the difference of 85¢. Using my fantastic math skills, I figured that the difference between \$1.85 and \$1.05

is really 80¢, not 85¢.

The end result of this tale is that if you still have any of those old coupons, just take them to the post office and pay the difference, then send them to Germany, Sweden, or wherever—unless you have an e-mail address for the facility you want to consult. I'll gladly donate mine to anybody who needs one.

This exercise was as interesting as searching for ancestors!



## Attention, Canadian Researchers

According to Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter of 14 May 2008, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) have announced the start of publishing online *A Nation's Chronicle: The Canada Gazette*.

Often referred to as "the official newspaper of the Government of Canada," it has informed Canadians of the operations of government and encouraged them to participate in the legislative process.

The online database of this new website will allow keyword searching of all issues dating back to the very first issue, published in 1841. At launch of this website, almost 300,000 pages (approximately 30%) will be made available to researchers and will consist of:

Part I (1983 to 1997)

Part II (1950 to 1976; 1983 to 1997)

Part III (1983 to 1997)

[Part III looks like a duplicate of Part I, so there may be an error in the information given.]

By fall of 2009, all issues will be available online. Please check this website:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc/canada-gazette/>

You may or may not find an item about your ancestor(s), but in the research process, you should learn much about Canadian history. (Ed.)

### The Hudson Green Editorial Board

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## Genealogy Online Tip

(Extracted from Kimberly Powell's message of 20 May 2008 on About.com Genealogy Guide.)

The Internet is now a popular first stop in researching family roots. It is wise to begin with obituaries, which contain much family information. Several obituary search engines can be located online, but if you know the town where your relatives lived, you will often have better luck searching the obituary archive (when available online) of the local paper. If you aren't sure of the name of the local paper for that community, a search for *newspaper*, and the *city, town, or county name* in your favorite search engine will often get you there.

Monetary restrictions and privacy concerns mean that the majority of death records are not yet on line, but if you do a Google search for *death records*, plus the name of the county and state of your ancestors, you may find what you are looking for.

Don't forget the Social Security Death Index, which lists reported deaths since 1962.

## Records of Roman Catholic Ancestors

Recently the Roman Catholic Church issued a ruling that none of their records would be open to the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) for micro-filming. Our understanding is that this prohibition does not exclude genealogists from examining parish records in search of ancestors who once attended a given church, but the records will not be found online. When the LDS Church does microfilm records, sooner or later they appear online free of charge..

### Hudson Genealogical and Study Group's Web Site:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohhudogs/hudson.htm>



## President's Message

Greetings! What a delight for us that the seasons without snow have FINALLY arrived. Somehow, the cheerful sights and sounds of Spring/Summer bring inspiration to continue my diligent efforts at genealogy research. Or maybe it is that I attended and was inspired by the OGS Annual Conference in Cincinnati.

In the coming days, I will need diligence, patience and help! Many of you may know that I am the chairperson responsible for the OGS Conference in the spring of 2009 to be held in Huron, Ohio. This means that my attention may be elsewhere for a bit. There is, however, a capable person ready and willing to step into the leadership role for our group. John Franklin has consented to offer his services as our new president. If anyone else would like to run for president, we will have an opportunity to vote on officers at our Annual Meeting. We welcome newcomers to participate more fully. I feel sure that the coming year will be an exciting one for us. I also hope it will be a fruitful year for all of us in our research.

We will endeavor to complete Five-Generation charts for our membership, we have interesting programs planned, we will be publishing at least two new items this autumn, and there are new databases full of information coming to the Internet. So as I hand over the ceremonial gavel, rest assured that we are going to move forward. Let us all try to fill in the blank spaces in our family histories as well as have a bit of fun and enjoy one another's friendship while we're about it.

*Gwen Mayer*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Hudson Genealogical Study Group,

The proposed officers are:

President-John Franklin  
 Vice President-Gwen Mayer  
 Secretary-Betty Franklin  
 Treasurer-Dick Satava  
 Trustee-Nancy Brock- two year term.

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, consisted of: Nancy Brock, Ted Minier and Cole Waite.

Anyone who wishes to do so may propose another name for any office, but must first get the consent of the person being proposed.

We hope that as many of our members as possible will be able to attend the Annual Meeting on May 31, 2008

## Akron-Summit County Public Library Special Collections Division

The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library in Akron, Ohio has made its Akron Beacon Journal Obituary indexes available online:

<http://www.akronlibrary.org/internetresources/sc/Obits/obits.html>

A searchable index to all obituaries that have appeared in the Akron Beacon Journal from 1940 to 2007 is now available via the Library's website. Subsequent years will be added annually. These digitized indexes, which may be searched or browsed by name, provide the date that the obituary appeared in the newspaper. Copies of the obituaries may be obtained from the Special Collections Division. For more information, contact Special Collections: 330.643.9030 or [specollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:specollections@akronlibrary.org)

## Selected New Acquisitions to the Library Archives

by Gwendolyn Mayer



### March Acquisitions

Italians to America Vol. 21  
 Italians to America Vol. 22  
 Cemeteries of Northeast Ohio  
 The Frog's Last Jump (Hudson author Al Brock)  
 John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry  
     A Correct History of the John Brown  
     Invasion at Harpers Ferry, WV  
 Washington County, Pennsylvania Marriages  
     1780-1857  
 An Index to the 1798 Direct Tax for  
     Pennsylvania-Allegheny County  
 1833 Citizens of Geauga County, Ohio  
 1833 Citizens of Cuyahoga County, Ohio  
 1833 Citizens of Clarke County, Ohio  
 1833 Citizens of Belmont County, Ohio  
 1833 Citizens of Athens County, Ohio  
 1834 Citizens of Washington County, Ohio  
 Ohio County (WV) Index, Vol. 13, Part 6A  
 Ohio County (WV) Index Vol.13, Part 6B  
 Medical Doctors of Maryland in the Confederate  
     States of America.  
 West Tennessee's Forgotten Children Apprentices  
     from 1821 to 1889  
 Early Virginia Families along the James River,  
     Henrico County, Goochland County  
 Early Virginia Families along the James River,  
     James City County, Surry County  
 Guide to Quebec Catholic Parishes and Published  
     Parish Marriage Records  
 Female Index to Genealogical Dictionary of the First  
     Settlers of New England  
 Southside Virginia Families, Vol. 1  
 Southside Virginia Families, Vol. II  
 Cherokee Claims for Transportation and Subsistence  
     Special File 154 Vol. 1  
 Savoring Silver Lake Recipes & Reveries

### May Acquisitions

A History of Vocational and Career Education in  
     Ohio-1828-2000  
 Monongalia County (West) Virginia-Records of the  
     District, Superior and County Courts  
 Trace Your Roots with DNA

Memories and Melancholy: Reflections on the  
     Mahoning Valley and Youngstown, Ohio  
 Raising the Banner of Freedom  
 Rooted in Scotland  
 History of the Early Settlement of the Juniata Valley  
 A Grassroots History of the  
     American Civil War - Vol. IV  
 Germans to America and the Hamburg Passenger  
     Lists: Coordinated Schedules  
 History of Clinton County, Ohio, Vol. 1 and 2  
 Walking with Your Ancestors: A Genealogist's  
     Guide to Using Maps and Geography  
 Hudson Community Directory 2008-2009  
 Our Honored Dead: Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
     In the American Civil War  
 Pontiac's Conspiracy & Other Indian Affairs: Notices  
     Abstracted for Colonial Newspapers,  
     1763-1765  
 French & Indian War Notices Abstracted from  
     Colonial Newspapers, V.2-1756-1757  
 French & Indian War Notices Abstracted from  
     Colonial Newspapers, V. 3 Jan.1758-59  
 French & Indian War Notices Abstracted from  
     Colonial Newspapers, V.4 Sep.17, 1759 to  
     Dec.30, 1760  
 French & Indian War Aftermath: Notices Abstracted  
     from Colonial Newspapers, Vol.5 -  
     Jan. 1, 1761-Jan.17, 1763

## Articles Needed

If we are to continue publishing this newsletter, we need to have more articles submitted. You don't have to be a polished writer, and you need not worry about making mistakes. We'll do our best to fix them.

What we are especially seeking are recountings of experiences you have had in genealogical research. Problems and how you solved them can be instructive to others. What you do to get ready to use the LDS Stake Library in Tallmadge or the Western Reserve Historical Society, for example, or any way you have figured out to facilitate your research can often be helpful to the rest of us. Any great find and how you happened upon it also makes interesting reading.

Please consider submitting *something* from your experience because it's more fun when people share. Also, I can't be an editor without something to edit.

EMT, Editor

## Genealogy Research at Courthouse, Archives, or Library

(Abstract from Kimberly Powell's Online Suggestions of 3/3/08)

1. Scout the location. Make sure you know where you are going.
2. Who has the records. (Try a GenWeb site.)
3. Are the records available? (If originals are no longer extant, they may have been microfilmed. Check the Family History Catalog.)
4. Create a Research Plan. Make a list of each item you are seeking. Focusing research on just a few items will probably be more successful.
5. Time your trip. Contact each facility you plan to visit for operating hours and holiday closings. Also, ask which time of day is less busy.
6. Check their card catalog online, if possible. Ask if there is a librarian who specializes in your area of interest. Get call numbers.
7. Prepare for your visit by keeping your belongings to a minimum.
8. Make photocopies, then assess them later at home.

## Need a Ride to HGSG Meetings?

Call another member. Someone near you will be happy to bring you along. Be sure to arrange this well before the meeting.

## Computer Research Tips

Taken from About Genealogy,  
written by Kimberly Powell, online-3/26/07.

### 1) Cite Your Sources

Whenever you find a new piece of information online and enter it into your family tree, take a few extra minutes to include a full citation of the source where you found the information. For online sites, this generally includes the name of the database, the name of the Web site, and the URL of the site where you found the data, as well as the original source of the data (which should be noted in the "about this database" section). You'll be grateful for this information down the road! If you found nothing, note that, too. It will save you from repeating that research.

### 2) Evaluate the Reliability

While useful as a clue or a starting point for further research, some of the family history information you find online is more fiction than fact. While some databases are very reliable, others offer information that is unsubstantiated or of questionable validity. Learn to recognize the good data from the bad.

### 3) Follow Up Offline

The Internet has made researching family history easily accessible to just about everyone. But for every bit of information that is available online, there are hundreds more tucked away in archives, courthouses, libraries and other repositories. Follow up the clues you find online with original sources. The only exceptions are digitized copies from original documents found online. While technically considered a derivative source, these are generally considered to be an acceptable alternative for the original source document.



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## Annual Meeting

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Normally held in June, our Annual Meeting had to be moved to May 31<sup>st</sup> this year to accommodate our speaker's schedule. This is the meeting at which we elect officers for the coming year.

Speaker for the session will be Tim Pinnick, whose topic will be: "**Coal Mining Dust in Your Veins.**" Tim is a former public school teacher who has turned to research on African-American coal miners, and will have a book coming out in the fall. Much of what he has learned may apply to all coal miners.

We hope that as many of our members as possible will be able to attend.

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## Next Meetings

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We adjourn for the summer after our Annual Meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> this year. We hope all of you will have an opportunity to do some research this summer.

- May 31 9:30 a.m. Tim Pinnick -  
"Coal Mining Dust in Your Veins."
- Sept. 6 9:30 a.m. Ted Minier-  
"Introduction to Genealogy"  
(For the benefit of those who are just beginning their genealogical research.)
- Sept. 3-6 Federation of Genealogical Societies  
Annual Conference Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania

Later programs will be posted in our September issue.