

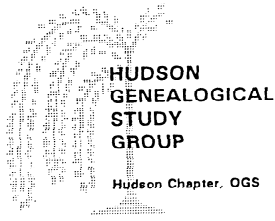
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## Searching Millions of Books Without Visiting the Library

by Gwendolyn Mayer

The last thing a librarian would advocate would be NOT using one's library. After all, a portion of taxpayer money goes toward upkeep of local libraries, and not to take advantage of what one pays for seems to me downright wasteful. However, it is my belief that we as genealogists might from time to time overlook the wonders that digitized books have to offer.

Another one of my observations is that very little in this world is original. That being the case, it is possible you may find that you are not the first family member to consider writing your family history. Someone long before you might have beaten you to the typewriter (or computer keyboard) and documented one of your family lines, and you are totally unaware. Since no one can know about every book that may exist on a given subject or family name, it might behoove you to do a little investigating.

As part of your research, you may want to quickly search WORLDCAT. Take a look at [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org) or look at Hudson Library's reference page under "libraries" and select the "worldcat" link. Worldcat is a comprehensive catalog of all types of library materials (including books) in many thousands of libraries. Not *all* libraries are listed on worldcat, so it is not 100% inclusive, but it certainly shines the light on many, many publications.

[Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) is one of the leading genealogical databases available today. The personal membership has over 27,000 family histories indexed. Many of these are also available on the Ancestry Library Edition. Either version will prompt one to use the "Stories and Publications" tab to search for published family histories. My suggestions when searching on Ancestry include: use quotation marks to search an exact phrase; start with a wide search looking for the broadest possible information, and then narrow the search to the more specific—that is, search "Smith" first, then look for "Josiah Smith" in Ohio; finally, remember that on Ancestry.com, one can use ? and \* as wildcard search mechanisms after three letters if one does not know the complete or accurate name spelling.

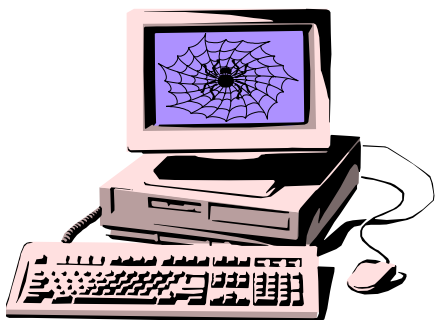
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options from which to choose. Last, many of the questions one might have about copyright, how to print, etc., are answered here.

Another possibility is [www.HeritageQuestonline.com](http://www.HeritageQuestonline.com) which has only 24,000 books available online, but which is often available remotely from many public libraries (including Hudson's). This option is rather straightforward. Click on the "search books" link, and away you go. Remember that with Heritage Quest, all books are key word searchable. In some cases, you might want to advance to the next "hit" as opposed to the next page.

Another place to look for digital content of family histories is the Brigham Young Family History Library Digital Projects Page (<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>) which offers over 30,000 titles, again for FREE. Remember with this collection to use the "full text option" and then narrow your results to try to locate your ancestor. Also, please note that not all surnames in the collection will be searched, since only the most prominent surnames were cataloged.

Two more places to quickly check for your possible published family history include World Vital Records ([www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com)) and, should the book be in a foreign language, ([www.gutenberg.org/catalog](http://www.gutenberg.org/catalog)). Finally, if you cannot locate the one book that contains all you want to know about your family, consider downloading it. Today most libraries offer e-media or e-books, where one is able to download the content of a book to one's handheld device or computer. I would note here that HGSG has a member expert in this area in the person of Pamela Turner-Taylor. We hope to prevail upon her to explain it to us soon. So, best wishes for happy digital reading to all.



## A Few Researching Tips

(Extracted from the Eastman Newsletter of 4 Jan 09)

1-Jr. and Sr.-Sometimes means father and son, but also sometimes used to distinguish an older from a younger man with the same name.

2-Death Record will be found in the county in which death occurred (if records were kept at that time.) For example, if person died while visiting or traveling outside county of residence.

Probate record, if there was property to be distributed, would be found in the person's county of residence. Additional probate records might be found in other states or countries where the deceased had property.

3-Assuming family stories are true. (We all know this one—do thorough research about old family tales. They may be partly true, but facts get distorted over time.)

4-Assuming that children in a pre-1880 household (when relationships began to be stated) are children of the Head of Household. They may be stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or no relation at all.

5-Wills-don't always mention ALL children of the deceased person. Some may already have been given property. Wills are only a small part of probate records. Estate Records, Inventories, Bills of Sale, Administrator bonds, Order Books, etc. are useful. All heirs are likely to be named in Estate Settlements.

6-Marriage "License" vs Marriage "Returns". Occasionally couples obtained a marriage license but never married. Minister's or Justice of the Peace Return/Certificate proves that the marriage took place. Marriage applications are very informative.

7-Courthouse records-are not just for professional researchers. They are there for everyone who wants to learn who their ancestors were.

Last-it is helpful to read as many articles as you can on genealogy research.

## President's Message



This past year, it has been an honor for me to have been President of the Hudson Genealogical Study Group. I now find more of my time devoted to my family, a new granddaughter born in May, Beatrice Jane Franklin, and of course Liam who will soon be two years old. What a joy it was to hold and be surrounded by future

generations of the family! I have moved up to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and next year I will be President with the National SAR Congress being held in Cleveland, Ohio. I realize that it is almost time to pass the gavel to presidential nominee, Nancy Brock. I know that she will serve you well. She has just finished the *Pre-Summit County Grantee/Grantor Index* project. This was a challenging project and Nancy restarted and organized this publication with materials from the late Connie Ferguson. Nancy is energetic and ready to take the reins.

We have had many interesting classes, from learning about different computer programs that met our genealogical needs, to life of our early ancestors and their relationship with the Native Americans. We also had a wonderful contingent at the OGS Conference in Huron, OH. The Program Planning Committee will spend some time this summer arranging programs for the coming year. I hope we can select some good topics for our group from which we may learn and enjoy new ways to do our family researching. Please give Nancy (330.653.6117) or me (330.656.9066) a call and let us know of topics that would be of interest to you.

My thanks to all of our members who have worked so hard to offer us an exceptional year. Three publications are now available for sale: the *Hudson Mayors' Court Records* compiled by Elsie Thomas, the *Index of the Records of Portage and Summit Counties, OH* compiled by Jack Bowers, and of course the *Pre-Summit County Grantor/Grantee Index* organized and completed by Nancy Brock with proofreading help from HGSG members and friends.

Thank you all for a great year and have a successful summer doing research! I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

*John H. Franklin, Jr.*

## HGSG Former President Honored

Ted Marshall Minier, a past president of the Hudson Genealogical Study Group as well as past president of our parent group, the Ohio Genealogical Society, received the OGS "President's Award" at their recent annual conference held in Huron, OH. The award was in acknowledgment of his important role in raising funds to build a new library for OGS.

OGS has never before had a building especially designed to be a library. They have always occupied a building originally used for other purposes, making do with certain inconveniences, so it will be a great joy to all members to at last have a building actually constructed to be a library. Ground will be broken on Friday, May 29, 2009.

Ted, who has also served as a treasurer of OGS, has donated countless volunteer hours to numerous OGS projects, accumulating thick files in the process. He has written various articles for OGS publications relating to his own genealogy and has offered advice to many on how to approach and knock down "brick walls" in family research. All this is in addition to being an active member of our local group and occasionally serving as an instructor.

Ted is currently responsible for Fund Development for OGS, but in addition is now planning to devote some of his time and talents to other organizations such as Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812. We offer our sincere congratulations on his well-deserved award.



President Paul Morehouse graciously presents the OGS "President's Award" to past president Ted Minier.

## Selected New Acquisitions to the Library Archives

by Gwendolyn Mayer



Pitcairn Island, the Bounty Mutineers and Their Descendants  
 Politician Extraordinaire-Martin Davey  
 Family History in the Genes  
 Canals of Ohio  
 Maine Families  
 America's Match King-Ohio Columbus Barber-1841 to 1920  
 Along Interstate 80  
 Ohio Genealogical Society 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
 Ohio's Forest Resources  
 A Cleveland original  
 Ohio Genealogical Society 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
 Bible Records in Hudson, Ohio  
 An Introduction to Historic Resources In Washington Country, New York  
 Chickasaw Tribe Rolls  
 Eastern Cherokee by Blood 1906-1910 Volume 2- 4  
 Old Man John Brown at Harper's Ferry  
 The New London Gazette  
 The Weary Boys  
 Erin's sons  
 Google Your Family Tree  
 North Carolina 1850 Agricultural Census Volume 1  
 Ohio Milk Bottles  
 Adams Addenda  
 John Brown's Body  
 Packard- A History of the Motor Car and the Factory  
 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
 John Brown: The Man Who Lived  
 Encyclopedia of the People of the Underground Railroad  
 Tennessee Tidbits v.4  
 Emigration from the United Kingdom to America Vol.6  
 Settlement of Windham Ohio  
 Adams of Massachusetts  
 Adams in Massachusetts Rhode Island & Connecticut  
 Echoes of Battle – the Atlanta Campaign  
 Stark County, Ohio Civil War Veterans Vol.1 & 2

## Nominating Committee Report Hudson Genealogical Study Group

Ted Minier, Chair of the Nominating Committee, submits the following slate of officers for 2009/2010:

President-Nancy Brock  
 Vice President-Jack Bowers  
 Secretary-Betty Franklin  
 Treasurer-Dick Satava  
 Trustees-John Franklin,  
 Ted Minier,  
 Elsie Thomas

Anyone wishing to propose another name for any office is encouraged to do so at the Annual Meeting on June 6, 2009, but must first get the consent of the person being proposed. We hope that all our members will make it a point to be present at the Annual Meeting.

## Farewell to an Excellent President

We salute John Franklin, who functioned admirably in the role of President of our group while fulfilling duties in other organizations. He managed a juggling act, and for that we are grateful.

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

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

### The Hudson Green Editorial Board

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## NEW LIBRARY FOR OGS

Excerpts from an article by Dave Pennell, Mansfield  
News Journal Correspondent  
May 12, 2009

Bellville, OH- The Ohio Genealogical Society, the nation's largest such organization with more than 90 chapters, will break ground on May 29 on its new 18,000 square-foot library on a site just north of Bellville. The eight-acre plot on Ohio 97 was donated to the OGS in 1997 by James and Marjorie Gorman.

The new library will double the current space OGS occupies on South Main Street and leave room for future expansion. Construction is expected to take just under a year, with construction costs an estimated \$1.7 million. Lead donor for the library was Samuel D. Islay of New York City, who four years ago gave \$300,000. His great-grandfather started the Islay Dairy Company in Mansfield. Other funding came in the form of a \$600,000 Rural Development Loan from the USDA, a \$50,000 matching grant from the Richland Foundation, and a \$350,000 grant from the Ohio Cultural Development Commission. All of the funding was raised in less than four years. Members and guests will attend a reception following the 10:30 a.m. ground-breaking.



Proposed architectural rendering of the new Ohio Genealogical Society Library to be built on a site just north of Bellville, Ohio.

## Another Chance

Those of us who missed the chance to research in Washington, D.C. when our group went last September have another opportunity: the Lake County Genealogy Society is planning a trip on August 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Participants will be able to research at the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the DAR Museum and Library, and visit the new 9/11 Memorial Park at the Pentagon, as well as the Capitol Visitors' Center, a new extension of the Capitol. Accommodations will be \$289.00 for a double room. Deadline is June 3, unless the bus fills up. For further information, call Ms. Cynthia Turk at (440) 951-0914, or e-mail her at [Cynthia.turk@juno.com](mailto:Cynthia.turk@juno.com). All are welcome.

**Hudson**



**Tidbits**

### From *The Enterprise* Hudson, January 10, 1880

#### Jottings

- O.P. Nichols of Twinsburgh(sic) last week shot a pure white owl, measuring six feet from tip to tip of wings.
- Mr. G.H. Grimm moved into his new residence on Oviat street, last Saturday, and has put up a telephone connecting his house and place of business on Main street.
- The "oldest inhabitant" has turned up again, and said he never saw such a spell of summer weather in the winter as we have had the past week.
- The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Congregational Church will meet at Mrs. J. H. Seymour's, on Wednesday next at 2 p.m. Gentlemen invited to tea at 6 o'clock.
- Mrs. M.A. Lusk is suffering severely from a badly sprained ankle, the result of a misstep while leaving the Congregational Church a night or two before Christmas.
- On Thursday our dealers were paying for butter 18 to 20c, lard 8c, hams 9c, dressed pork 5c. The impassable condition of the roads renders trade of all kinds exceedingly dull.

## Hudson Genealogical Study Group Publications

- #1. *The 1860 Mortality Schedule for Summit County, Ohio*. Complete listing of Summit County, Ohio residents listed in the Federal Mortality Schedule conducted in June, 1860. 4 pp. \$5.50.
- #2. *Doncaster Funeral Home, Hudson, Ohio: December 31, 1903-April 7, 1910*. Includes all information from Book 1 of the Doncaster Funeral Home Records. 23 pp. \$9.00.
- #3. *Hudson, Ohio Deaths: 1868-1908*. Alphabetical listing of deaths in Hudson, Summit County, Ohio from 1868 through 1908 extracted from the microfilm of the Index to Probate Records of Wills, Deaths, and Births on file at the Hudson Library and Historical Society. It includes those listed as having died in Hudson, been born in Hudson and died in Ohio, and those with no indication of place of death as well as deaths at the Summit County Infirmary. 25 pp. \$9.50.
- #4. *St. Mary's Cemetery, Hudson (Summit County) Ohio--1858 through 14 May 1988*. Information from Sexton's Records and a lot-by-lot survey, with surname index. 26 pp. \$9.50.
- #5. *Illustrated Summit County, Ohio Atlas, 1891*. Centennial anniversary reprint with an every name index of this classic illustrated atlas. Oversized, over 200 pp. \$90.00 plus \$4.50 postage and handling. Fewer than 80 copies remain of this limited edition. Copies of individual pages also available at \$5.00 per page. State page(s) desired.
- #6. *Index to Historical Reminiscences of Summit County* by Gen. Lucius V. Bierce, 1854. An every-name index to Summit County's first county history compiled by Connie S. Ferguson. 5 pp. \$5.50.
- #7. Reprint of William B. Doyle's *Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio and Representative Citizens*, 1908, with a complete, new index compiled by James and Briana Caccamo. 1,186 pp. \$68.50 plus \$5.00 postage and handling.
- #8. *Transcription and Index of 1920 Federal Population Census, Summit County, Ohio for Hudson Village and Hudson Township* compiled by members of HGSG. 88 pp. \$17.50.
- #9. *Inscriptions and Index to Markillie Cemetery, Hudson, Ohio (Summit County)* compiled by members of HGSG. 84 pp. plus maps. \$17.50.
- #10. *Inscriptions and Index to Locust Grove Cemetery, Twinsburg, Ohio* compiled by Jeffrey Alan Mills. 68 pp. \$17.50.
- #11. *Inscriptions and Index to Maplelawn Cemetery, Stow, Ohio (Summit County)* compiled by members of HGSG \$17.50
- #12. *Index to Illustrated Summit County, Ohio Atlas, 1891*. Compiled by Connie S. Ferguson, CGRS, 50 pp. \$10.50
- #13. *Index to "Doyle's" 1908 Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio and Representative Citizens*, compiled by James and Briana Caccamo. 71 pp. \$14.50.
- #14. *1870 Portage County, Ohio Federal Population Census; An Every Name Index*. Compiled by members of HGSG, 282 pp. \$39.50
- #15. *Index to Olin's Akron and Environs*. Edited and compiled by James F. Caccamo, 40 pp. \$15.00
- #16. *Inscriptions and Index to Stow Cemetery, Stow, Ohio (Summit County)* compiled by members of HGSG, \$32.00
- #17. *Doncaster Funeral Home, Hudson, Ohio: April 8, 1910 - March 22, 1922*. Includes all information from Book 2 of the Doncaster Funeral Home Records. Compiled by Gwendolyn E. Mayer. 47 pp. includes index. \$15.50
- #18. *Information About People Who Served in W.W. II from Hudson, Ohio (Summit County)*. Compiled by Jennifer Rummel. Extractions of military and genealogical information submitted to the Hudson Library & Historical Society. 155 pp. includes index. \$24.50
- #19. *Inscriptions and Index to Fairview Cemetery, Boston Heights, Ohio (Summit County)* compiled by members of HGSG, 64 pp includes index. \$15.50
- #20 *Index to the 1900 Federal Population Census of Summit County, Ohio; A Head of Household Index*. Compiled by members of HGSG, 209 pp. \$29.50
- #21 *Index to Portrait and Biographical Record of Portage and Summit Counties*, Compiled by members of HGSG, 69 pp \$17.50 New**
- #22 *Mayors' Court Records of Hudson, Summit County Ohio*, Compiled by members of HGSG, 18pp \$9.50 New**
- #23 *Index to Summit County, Ohio Grantee./Grantor Land Records 1795-1850* Compiled by members of HGSG, 368 pp \$32.00 New**

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## Summer Recess

Our Annual Meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> will be our last for this fiscal year. Summer is the time for everyone to get out into cemeteries and distant courthouses, and to visit relatives who might be able to contribute information about family members no longer living. We wish you all happy genealogy adventures. Our September issue will be out in time to advise you of next year's schedule.



## Hudson Genealogical Study Group New Publications

The Hudson Genealogical Study Group has three new publications for sale.

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#22 *Mayors' Court Records of Hudson, Summit County Ohio*, Compiled by Elsie Thomas member of the HGSG, 18 pages \$9.50

#23 *Index to Summit County, Ohio Grantee/Grantor Land Records 1795-1850* Compiled by Nancy Brock, member of HGSG, 368 pages \$32.00

To order any of the new publications mail a check to Hudson Genealogical Study Group, Hudson Library & Historical Society, Dept. G, 96 Library Street, Hudson, OH 44236-2947. or see page 6 to order any of our other publications.

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Programs you would like to hear in the future: \_\_\_\_\_

The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 the following year. Renewing members please complete and include this form yearly with your check to insure accurate information for our membership booklet. HGSG dues are \$15 per year (or any portion of the year) for both couples and individuals.

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## Annual Meeting

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## Next Meetings

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**We urge your attendance at our Annual Meeting** at 9:30 a.m. on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hudson Library. We have several important issues to discuss and plan for next year. Please share your ideas with us for programs and speakers. If you do any genealogy research this summer, please share your experiences with us by writing an article for the fall issue of *The Green*.

Archivist Gwen Mayer is already working on events and programs for the Centennial Anniversary celebration of the Hudson Library and Historical Society.

On June 6, at 9:30 a.m., our speaker for the Annual Meeting of HGSG will be Roger Marble. His topic: "E-Bay for Genealogists." Roger needs no introduction; he has brought us a number of excellent messages and is always a delight to hear. We hope you plan to attend.