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A Treatise On The Search For The Identity Of Elizabeth Thornton

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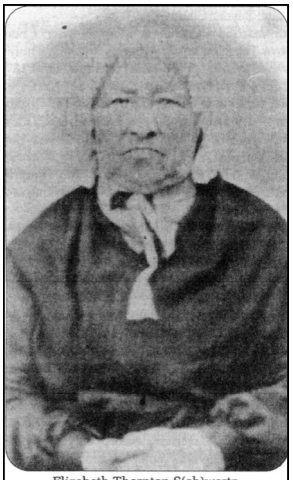
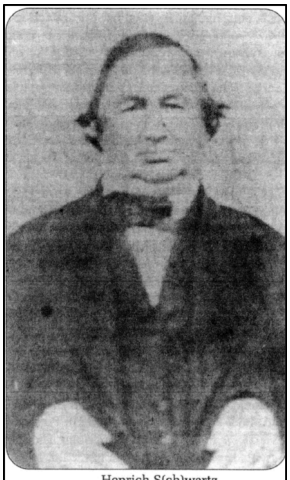


Elizabeth Thornton S(ch)wartz
18 June 1794 - 11 March 1870



Henrich S(ch)wartz
15 April 1797 - 3 April 1872

For several years, I have been researching the lineage of my third great grandmother, Elizabeth[1,2] Thornton,[3,4] wife of Henry S(ch)wartz.[1,3] The focus of my research has been to confirm that John Thornton and Magdalene Witmer were Elizabeth's parents. My search has led to a large amount of indirect evidence that supports this theory. All of this evidence is detailed below for your review.

Elizabeth Thornton was born in Pennsylvania[4,5,6] on June 21, 1794.[1] Her husband Henry S(ch)wartz[1,28] was born on April 15, 1797 in what is now Chapman Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.[7,28] They were probably married about 1820 in Pennsylvania, although a marriage record has not been located.

Chapman Township was originally part of Penn's Township in Northumberland County. In 1795, Penn's Township was divided in two with part remaining Penn's Township and part becoming Mahantango (Mohgentongo) Township. Later, Chapman, Perry and West Perry Townships were formed from Mahantango (Mohgentongo). This area of Northumberland County became part of Union County in 1813 and Snyder County in 1855.[8]

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A list of residents of Mahantango Township compiled in 1796 contains the names of both John S(ch)wartz and John Thornton.[8] John S(ch)wartz was

the father of Henry S(ch)wartz.[9] John Thornton was the only Thornton named in this list of local residents. John Thornton's two-hundred acre farm was near where Port Treverton on the Susquehanna River, in Snyder County, is located today.[10] John S(ch)wartz lived about five miles down river near McKee's Half Falls, Snyder County.[11]

John Thornton and Magdalene Witmer were married in what is today Snyder County, Pennsylvania, on November 24, 1785.[12] According to two Thornton family histories,[10,13] John Thornton had six surviving children at his death in 1816. These were: John Jr. (1787-1846), George (1789-1872), Henry (1796-1879), Peter (1798-1888), Susanna (ca 1802 or before) and Samuel (1808- ca 1850).

Roy and Anne Thornton's history of the Thornton family ascribes several of Henry and Elizabeth Thornton S(ch)wartz's children to Susanna Thornton and Henry S(ch)wartz.[10] I believe the reason for this is that it was general knowledge in the Thornton family that one of John's daughters married Henry S(ch)wartz. Since the only daughter they could identify was Susanna, they linked her to Henry S(ch)wartz.

The reason the Thornton family histories indicate six surviving children is that John Thornton's will[14] refers only to his wife, eldest son, John Jr., who was the surety for the will, and four surviving minor children. This accounts for five of the children.

John's second son, George, was not named in the will, but there is a land record[15] that makes it clear he is a son of John Thornton and Magdalene Witmer. Magdalene, John and George are all principles in this document. Since George is a son and was excluded from the will, it seems not only possible but likely that there could have been other children that had reached adulthood, and who were also excluded from John's will.

It is a genealogical rule of thumb that after a woman began to bear children, she would likely produce further children about every two years. In the case of Magdalene Thornton, she was married in 1785, had son, John Jr., in 1788, and another son, George, in 1789. Then, according to the family histories, she had no more children until Henry was born in 1796.[10]

The 1800 Pennsylvania Census[16] shows two females below ten years of age in the John Thornton household. A child born in 1792 and Elizabeth who was born in 1794 would fit the normal pattern of a child about every two years. The 1810 Pennsylvania Census[17] shows two females between the ages of ten and sixteen in the household of John Thornton. Since these early censuses named only the head of household, some of the people in the households may not have been children of the head of household. Although this alone is not conclusive evidence that Elizabeth was a daughter of John Thornton, the census data does not preclude this possibility.

John Thornton, Jr., the eldest son of John Thornton and Magdalene Witmer Thornton, married Catharine S(ch)wartz, a daughter of John S(ch)wartz[9,10] and a sister of Henry S(ch)wartz, [9,10,26] my third great-grandfather. As indicated previously, Henry S(ch)wartz was the husband of Elizabeth Thornton.[1,3,4] It should be noted that it was common, at this time, for multiple marriages to occur among large adjacent farm families.

Beginning with Peter Thornton about 1829,[18] and followed by Henry Thornton in 1831,[10] the entire surviving Union County (now Snyder County), Pennsylvania Thornton family began to move to what is now Summit County, Ohio. By 1840, the entire family, including John Thornton's widow, Magdalene Witmer Thornton, were living in Summit County, Ohio.[10] Henry S(ch)wartz and his wife, Elizabeth Thornton, made the move in about 1835.[19]

On November 14, 1835, George Thornton and Henry S(ch)wartz each purchased about 116 acre parcels of the George Rex farm in Coventry Township, Portage County (now Summit County), Ohio, from the Rex estate for the sum of $349.80 each.[19] This suggests a familial relationship between George Thornton and Henry S(ch)wartz. John Thornton also bought 640 acres from this estate after his move to Summit County, Ohio, in 1840.[13]

George W. Thornton (b. 1853-alive in 1929) told his son, Boyd A. Thornton (b. 1888-alive in 1929) that his grandfather, Henry, son of John Thornton, Sr., told him that he had the following siblings: John, George, Samuel, Peter, a sister who married Mr. Swartz and one who married Mr. Gaugler.[27]

Magdalene Witmer Thornton died in Summit County, Ohio on September 5, 1847 and was buried in Greensburg Cemetery, Summit County, Ohio.[21] Her son, Peter Thornton, had earlier donated the land for the cemetery after his young son died. [1]

John Thornton Jr. died in 1846 and his wife, Catharine S(ch)wartz, died on December 16, 1855. Both are buried in Greensburg Cemetery, Summit County, and Ohio. [20, 22]

George Thornton and his family moved on to Hancock County, Ohio, by 1844 and then on to Sandusky County, Ohio, by 1850. George died in Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio, on January 29, 1872. [23]

Elizabeth Thornton S(ch)wartz and Henry S(ch)wartz died in Summit County, Ohio, on March 11,

1870 and April 3, 1872 respectively.[1,2,28] Both are buried in Greensburg Cemetery, Summit County, Ohio, very near Peter Thornton and his wife.[1]

Henry Thornton, his wife, Sarah Kreitzer, and their family moved to Cleveland Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, in 1856. Henry died there on March 1, 1879.[24] Sarah died in Elkhart on January 3, 1887.[25]

Peter Thornton and his wife, Catharine Ohl,[10] lived out their lives in Summit County, Ohio. Catharine died in 1866. Peter lived to the ripe old age of 90 years, dying in 1888. Both are buried in Greensburg Cemetery, Summit County, Ohio.[1]

Susanna Thornton is a puzzle. Little is known of her, and she may have died early or moved on with her husband and family or one of her brothers and his family.

Samuel Thornton, his wife, Barbara Shaffer, and the rest of his family moved to Hancock County, Ohio, along with his older brother, George, in about 1844. This family then moved on to Bourbon Twp., Douglas Co., Illinois. Samuel went west to the gold rush and died in Arizona sometime in the 1850's. Barbara died in Bourbon Twp., Douglas Co., Illinois, in 1880.[10]

Summary:

1.) Elizabeth's maiden name was Thornton.

2.) The Thornton and the S(ch)wartz families lived in close proximity to one another in Pennsylvania for many years, probably about 1790-1830.

3.) There were no other Thornton families in that locality.

4.) Henry S(ch)wartz's sister, Catharine, married John Thornton Jr., son of John Thornton and Magdalene Witmer.

5.) Henry S(ch)wartz married Elizabeth Thornton.

6.) Not all of John Thornton's children were named in his will. His second son, George, was excluded, perhaps because he was of age (about 27).

7.) Elizabeth' s exclusion from John's will does not mean that she is not his daughter. She was also of age (about 21).

8.) The 1800 and 1810 U.S. Census of Pennsylvania show females of Elizabeth' s age in John Thornton's household.

9.) On November 14, 1835, Henry S(ch)wartz and George Thornton each bought about 116 acres of land in what is now Summit County, Ohio, for $349.80 each. John Thornton bought 640 acres from this estate in 1840.

10.) John Thornton's son, Henry, told his grandson, George W. Thornton, that he had a sister who married a Mr. Swartz.

11.) George W. Thornton was born in 1853. His grandfather, Henry, died in 1879. They lived in proximity for twenty-six years.

12.) Henry and Elizabeth Thornton S(ch)wartz were buried in Greensburg Cemetery, Summit County, Ohio. Magdalene Witmer Thornton, John Thornton Jr. and his wife, Catharine S(ch)wartz, as well as Peter Thornton and his wife, Catharine Ohl, are also buried in this cemetery.

13.) The rest of this generation of Thorntons moved from the area either to Hancock County, Ohio, or Elkhart County, Indiana.

I believe that the above constitutes clear and convincing evidence that Elizabeth Thornton was indeed the daughter of John Thornton and his wife, Magdalene Witmer.

Notes:

[1]Summit County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society, *Cemeteries Summit County, Ohio, Volume II,* 1813-1979 (Akron, Ohio, April 1980), Greensburg Cemetery, Green Township, page 75.

[2] Elizabeth Swartz, Summit County, Ohio, Death Certificate, No. 58, July 7, 1870, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, Akron, Ohio.

[3] William B. Doyle, LL. B., *Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio and Representative Citizens* (Biographical Publishing Company, Chicago, IL, 1908), page 785, Biography of Albert G. Durstine, grandson of Elizabeth Thornton.

[4] Solomon C. Schwartz, Elkhart County, Indiana, Death Certificate, No. BK 12-14, page 14, February 26, 1918, Elkhart County Health Department, Elkhart, Indiana.

[5]Henry Swarts household, 1850 U.S. census, Summit County, Ohio, population schedule, Township of Green, enumeration district [ED) 140, page 9, dwelling 3018, family 3041, microcopy M432, roll 732. Enumerated on November 19, 1850 by L. M. Janz. Hudson Library and Historical Society, Hudson, Ohio.

[6]Henry Swartz household, 1860 U.S. census, Summit County, Ohio, population schedule, Township of Green, page 147, dwelling 278, family 275, microcopy M653, roll 1039. Enumerated on June 13, 1860 by C. F. Stroman. Hudson Library and Historical Society, Hudson, Ohio.

[7] Rev. Carl Schild, translater, *Botschaft Church Lutheran And Reformed, Chapman Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, First Records 1792-1876* (The original record book is in the Archives of the East Pennsylvania Synod, Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

[8] F. Ellis and A. N. Hungerford, editors, *History Of That Part Of The Susquehanna And Juniata Valleys, Embraced ln The Counties Of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union And Snyder In The Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania, In Two Volumes, Vol. II,* (Philadelphia: Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886. Chapter XV, Chapman Township, pages 1547, 1548 and 1573).

[9] John Swartz will (1843); and Orphans Court Record (1852); Union County Pennsylvania Court House, Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania.

[10] Roy W. and Anne R. Thornton, *The John Thornton Genealogy (Being A History Of The Family In Pennsylvania, Ohio And Indiana),* Unpublished, 1980.

[11] Roger William Swartz, compiler, *John Swartz Genealogy, Half Falls, Pennsylvania*, information obtained by Raamah Pearl Swartz Knickrehm, unpublished, undated.

[12] Charles A. Fisher, compiler, *Central Pennsylvania Marriages 1700-1896,* (Genealogical Publishing Company Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1974).

[13] Jay C. Steese, *The Thornton Story, 1840-1959,* unpublished, undated.

[14] Charles A. Fisher, compiler, *Probate And Orphans Court Records Of Snyder County, Pennsylvania 1772-1855,* (Genealogical Publishing Company Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1974).

[15] Union County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book C, page 256, January 11, 1817, Union County, Pennsylvania Courthouse, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

[16] John Thornton household, 1800 U.S. census, Mahantango (Mohgentongo) Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, page 185, microcopy M32, roll 37, Centre, Mifflin, Northampton and Northumberland Counties, Pennsylvania, Akron Public Library, Akron, Ohio.

[17] John Thornton household, 1810 U.S. census, Mahantango (Mohgentongo) Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, page 298, microcopy M252, roll 53, Northumberland, Potter, Somerset, Venango and Warren Counties, Pennsylvania, Akron Public Library, Akron, Ohio.

[18] William Henry Perrin, editor, *History Summit County, Ohio, Illustrated,* (Baskin & Battey, Historical Publishers, 156 Dearborn St., Chicago, IL, 1881).

[19] Summit County, Ohio, Grantor Index to Deeds, Book P, Section or Tract-Number 13, pages 244 and 258, County Recorders Office, Summit County Courthouse, Akron, Ohio. Microfilm roll number 12, pre-1840 deeds transcribed (Trumbull, Portage, Stark, Medina). Portage County References, vol. 24, pages 360 and 563. Hudson Library and Historical Society.

[20] Copy of a letter from Boyd A. Thornton to Mrs. J. M. Pricket, Barberton, Ohio, December 19, 1929, held in 2002 by Ted Minier (7168 Herrick Park Drive, Hudson, OH 44236). Boyd was a son of George Washington Thornton and a great-grandson of Henry Thornton, son of John Thornton.

[21] Obituary of Magdalene Witmer Thornton, translated from *Der Christliche Botschafter*, November 1, 1847.

[22] Obituary of Catharine S(ch)wartz Thornton, translated from *Der Christliche Botschafter*, February 27, 1856.

[23] George Thornton entry, Sandusky County, Ohio Death Records, volume 1, page 11, number 143.

[24] Obituary of Henry Thornton, *Elkhart Daily Review,* Elkhart County, Indiana, March 5, 1879.

[25] Obituary of Sarah Kreitzer Thornton, *Elkhart Daily Review*, Elkhart County, Indiana, January 6, 1887.

[26] Copy of letter from Mrs. W. A. Vandersall, Findlay, Ohio, to Mr. Boyd A. Thornton, September 3, 1931, held in 2002 by Ted Minier (7168 Herrick Park Drive, Hudson, OH 44236).

[27] Copy of a letter from Boyd A. Thornton to Mrs. J. M. Pricket, Barberton, Ohio, August 2, 1929, held in 2002 by Ted Minier (7168 Herrick Park Drive, Hudson, Ohio 44236). Boyd was a son of George Washington Thornton and a great-grandson of Henry Thornton, son of John Thornton.

[28] Obituary of Henry Swartz, *Evangelical Messenger*, April 1872, page 131.

Irish Roman Catholic Parish Registers Released

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Press Release: July 8, 2015 from the National Library of Ireland announces the launch of a New Online Genealogy Resource

Almost 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilms to be available online for free as of 8th July 2015. The entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library of Ireland (NLI) are available online - for free. The dedicated website went live, with over 390,000 digital images of the microfilm reels on which the parish registers are recorded. The NLI has been working to digitize the microfilms for over three years under its most ambitious digitization program to date. The parish register records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records.

Typically, the parish registers include information such as the dates of baptisms and marriages, and the names of the key people involved, including godparents or witnesses. The digital images of the registers will be searchable by parish location only, and will not be transcribed or indexed by the NLI. "The images will be in black and white, and will be of the microfilms of the original registers," explained Ms. Kerrigan. "There will not be transcripts or indexes for the images. However, the nationwide network of local family history centers holds indexes and transcripts of parish registers for their local areas. So those who access our new online resource will be able to cross-reference the information they uncover, and identify wider links and connections to their ancestral community by also linking with the relevant local family history center."

COMMENT: Note the release states the records are from throughout the island of Ireland, implying this will cover Northern Ireland as well.

The Ancestry Insider

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President's Message

As your new president I welcome everyone back for our 2015 – 2016 program year. I hope you all had a great summer. If any of you made genealogical research trips this summer I would encourage you to write about them and submit your writing to John & Betty Franklin for the next issue of the Hudson Green, our quarterly newsletter.

Our #1 objective as the Hudson Genealogical Study Group is to promote interest in genealogical research through professional training in research techniques. The program committee has done an excellent job in trying to meet this objective through the programs planned for the coming year. I will be presenting the first program and it is on Basic How-to-do-Genealogy. How do I get started? Where do I begin? Where do I look? Who do I ask? What tools are available? These are all questions anyone interested in doing genealogy may ask. And more. So I would encourage you to come to HGSG meetings. There is something to be learned by all. If you know of someone interested in doing their family genealogy, please invite them to come to the meetings with you.

I would also encourage HGSG members and perspective members to attend any of the Ohio Genealogical Society's meetings as well as other area genealogical groups of interest. A listing of General Genealogical meetings in the Cleveland area is published in the Hudson Green each quarter. The Akron Public Library also holds genealogical programs.

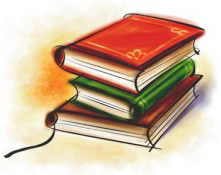
In the last 15 years I have learned so much and become much more involved in doing family research than I ever thought I would be. Much more than just finding out the dates of birth, marriage, and death for family present and past. Much of it is thanks to the HGSG and the bonds of friendship made while a member of this group. There have been some really good research trips along the way and hopefully many more to come. What better way to learn how to learn to do your family genealogy than by networking with other HGSG members.

I look forward to seeing everyone this coming season and to continue the learning process started so many years ago. It is really a never-ending process. There are still brick walls to be broken through, friends to be made, and family to find.

Helen Soblosky

Recent Acquisitions to the Archives

By Gwen Mayer



1. *The Adoption and Donor Conception Factbook,* by Lori Carangelo
2. *Black Regulars in the War of 1812*, by Eric Eugene Johnson
3. *The Archaeology of American Cemeteries and Gravemarkers*, by Sherene Baugher and Richard F. Veit
4. *The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide*, by James M. Beidler
5. *Elements of Genealogical Analysis*, by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG
6. *Hearts Beating for Liberty: Women Abolitionists in the Old Northwest*, by Stacey M. Robertson
7. *Freedom's Dawn: The Last Days of John Brown in Virginia*, by Louis DeCaro Jr.
8. *When the Laughter Dies Away*, by Dale Pierce
9. *Guide to Genealogical Writing: How to Write and Publish Your Family History*, by Penelope L. Stratton & Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG
10. *A History of Shenandoah County Virginia*, by John W. Wayland
11. *Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration 1725-1775 (The People of the Hebrides)*, by David Dobson
12. *Legal Executions in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia (A Comprehensive Registry, 1866-1962),* by Daniel Allen Hearn
13. *Oliver Axel's Adventures. Here I am world! (Learning to Understand Myself),* by Dawn M. Plass
14. *Marriage Records of Clearfield County, Pa. (prior to October 1, 1885),* compiled by Robert J. Allison
15. *Images of Modern America - Hudson* , by Jill A. Grunenwald
16. *Uncovering Your Ancestry through Family Photographs*, by Maureen Taylor
17. *Some Genealogies and Family Records*, compiled by Albert Y. Straw
18. *The Bloody Shoe Affair*, by Joy York
19. *Virginia in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*, by Eric G. Grundset
20. *Rhode Island in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*, by Eric G. Grundset
21. *Georgia in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*, by Eric G. Grundset
22. *South Carolina: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*, by Eric G. Grundset
23. *The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640, A concise compendium*, by Robert Charles Anderson

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Genealogical Help for Your Ancestry

The Westlake Ohio Family History Center provides the following schedule:

Hungary:	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Czech:	Monday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Polish:	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays	
German:	Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
	Friday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
	and most evenings	

Westlake Ohio Family Center is located at 25000 Westwood Road, Westlake, Ohio 440-777-1518

Area Activities

Saturday, October 3, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Akron Summit County Library, 60 South High St. Akron has a class on "Finding Your Family in the US Census." Email speccollections@akronlibrary.org or view workbook and register on line at http://www.akronlibrary.org or call Special Collections at 330-643-9030. Basic computer skills required. Computer Lab 2.

Monday, October 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society meets at Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Road, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124. Julie Wilson will present "Using Maps for Genealogical Research."

Monday, October 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. CVGS meets at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. "Riverside Cemetery: Then, Now and Tomorrow" presented by Gregory Kapcar

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS members offer free Family History Research Help Session, Computer Lab, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 7:30 p.m. Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland meets at Menorah Park, 27100 Cedar Road, Beachwood, 44122. Laura Hine and Cynthia Turk will present their Cuyahoga GenWeb site and the myriad of resources available for research.

Saturday, October 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society "Clandiggers" help session for genealogists at the Fairview Park Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 2nd floor

Monday, October 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Lorain County Chapter, OGS hosts Deborah Abbott presenting "Using Manuscript Collections" at North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd., North Ridgeville

Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. "In Their Footsteps" presented by Sandra Beane Milton at the meeting of Geauga County Genealogical Society, Chardon Library 110 E. Park St., Chardon OH. Free and open to all. http://www.gcgsoh.org or vp@gcgsoh.org

Saturday, October 17, 2015, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. "Internet Genealogy" at the Akron Summit County Library, 60 South High St. Akron Computer Lab 2. Registration Required

Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society program "And Bob's Your Uncle! - Online and Other Research Resources for England, Scotland & Ireland" presented by Cate Kunzi.
Fairview Park branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Goodyear Branch of Akron Summit Library has a class on "Marriage Records." Registration required. Call 330-784-7522

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS. Tom Neel, OGS Library Director presents, "Sinners and Saints: An Introduction to Your Ancestor's Dark Side," in the Porter Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake

Friday, October 23, 2015, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Late Night at the Library Event at Akron Summit County Main Library, 60 South High Street, Akron. Call Special Collections at 330-643-9030

Monday, October 26, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society "Clandiggers" help session for genealogists at the Fairview Park branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 2nd floor

Thursday, October 29, 2015, 10:00 a.m. LCGS Meets. Laura Hine and Cynthia Turk will present their Cuyahoga GenWeb site and the myriad of resources available for research, most applicable to any county. Lake County Genealogical Society meets at Morley Library, 184 Phelps St., Painesville, OH 44077

Thursday, October 29, 2015, 2 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m. Help Session at Morley Library with members of Lake County Genealogical Society. Beginners to those with brick walls welcome. 184 Phelps St., Painesville, OH

Saturday, October 31, 2015, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Akron Summit County Main Library 60 South High Street, Akron presents "Getting Started in African American Genealogy."
Room 2AB, call Special Collections at 330-643-9030

Monday, November 2, 2015, 7:00 p.m. CVGS meets at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. "This Day in History: Using Timelines & Maps to Further Your Research" presented by Cate Kunzi

Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS members offer free Family History Research Help Session, Computer Lab, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Thursday, November 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society meets at Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Road, Mayfield Heights OH 44124. Sunny McClellan Morton will present "Church Records: How to Discover Your Religious Heritage."

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Saturday, November 7, 2015, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Akron Summit County Library, 60 South High St., Akron class on "Using Ancestry for Your Genealogical Research," registration required, call 330-643-9030

Monday, November 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Lorain County Chapter OGS hosts Margaret Cheney presenting "Tweets, Pokes, and Blogs - Expanding Your Genealogical Research Through the Use of Social Media" at North Ridgeville Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd., North Ridgeville

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m. "The Western Reserve, Ohio River, and the Erie Canal-Why They Came" presented by Karen Lakus at Chardon Library, 110 E. Park St., Chardon OH. Free and open to all. Geauga County Genealogical Society. http://www.gcgsoh.org or vp@gcgsoh.org

Saturday, November 14, 2015 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Akron Summit County Library, 60 South High St., Akron, Room 2AB has class on "Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors Before 1820." Class is for intermediate research skills. Call Special Collections at 330-643-9030.

Monday, November 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society program "History of the United States Census" presented by Linda Freeman, Fairview Park Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS, Chris Staats, "Unlocking the Keystone State: Key Resources and Repositories for Pennsylvania Research" in the Porter Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake

Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Akron Summit County Library Goodyear Branch located at 60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron has a class on "Finding Your Family in the US Census." Basic computer skills required. Call 330-784-7522 to register.

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m. LCGS Meets. Topic to be announced. Lake County Genealogical Society meets at Morley Library, 184 Phelps St., Painesville, OH 44077.

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 2 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m. Help Session at Morley Library with members of Lake County Genealogical Society. Beginners to those with brick walls welcome. 184 Phelps St., Painesville, OH. Note early date

Monday, November 23, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society "Clandiggers" help session for genealogists at the Fairview Park Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 2nd floor

Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10:30 am – 12:30 p.m. Akron Summit County Library, 60 South High St. Akron, presents class on "Identifying Your Family Photographs." Class will look at how genealogy databases and local history resources can be utilized. Main Library Room 2AB, registration required, call 330-643-9030

Monday, December 7, 2015, 7:00 p.m. East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society meets at Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Road, Mayfield Heights, OH, Summit County Historical Society will present "Holiday Traditions from Around the World."

Monday, December 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Lorain County Chapter OGS presents "Show and Tell," North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd., North Ridgeville

HGSG Calendar of Events for Fall 2015

Visitors are most welcome

DATE		PROGRAM	SPEAKER	TIME	LOCATION
September 5	Sat	Basic How-to-do Genealogy Session	Helen Soblosky	10 a.m.	Flood Room
October 10	Sat	Preserving Your Legacy: How to write your family history	Steve Powers Chylinski	10 a.m.	Flood Room
October 17	Sat	Death Becomes You: Using cemetery research and Find a Grave website	Beth Bush and Trevor Carlson	10 a.m.	Flood Room
November 14	Sat	Civil War Workshop – **Registration required -** Details forthcoming		10 a.m.	Flood Room
November 21	Sat	Adoption Research – Attorney	Lori Nehrer	10 a.m.	Flood Room
December 5	Sat	Holiday Party		TBA	TBA

Please renew your membership by September 15!

HUDSON GENEALOGICAL STUDY GROUP

Membership Information for 2015 – 2016

(Please Print)

Name _____ Maiden Name _____ _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip (+ 4 if known) _____-_____

Current e-mail address _____Phone Number_____

Genealogy Software used _____

Surnames you are researching _____

Geographic area of interest _____

New member _____ Couple membership _____ Renewing member _____ OGS member _____

Programs you would like to hear in the future _____

The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 the following year. Please complete and include this form with your check by September 15, to ensure accurate information for our membership booklet.

HGSG dues are $15 per year (or any portion of the year) for couples and individuals.

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SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

Helen Soblosky has been a member of the HGSG for a number of years and is currently our President. She is a surgical nurse presently working as an Anesthesia Assistant.

NEXT MEETINGS

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