

# SCCOGS NEWS

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## A Note From The Editor

Hello Members,

Summer is almost here and SCCOGS is busy with a flurry of activity! We are busy preparing for our upcoming Family History Day to be held on August 25th and are also compiling, reading and transcribing Scioto County Cemetery records.



There are also several upcoming conferences available for you to attend, sponsored by OGS and FGS, throughout the summer months. Please see inside the newsletter for more information on these., pages 3 and 5.

Our June meeting is to be held at the 1810 house. You will find more information on page 4 regarding this historical landmark.

If anyone has information regarding an upcoming family reunion and would like to have it published in the newsletter, please email me at [sccogsnews@earthlink.net](mailto:sccogsnews@earthlink.net) or send a letter to SCCOGS, PO Box 812, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. The deadline for information to be included in the next newsletter is July 15th.

Joyce M. Sadler  
Newsletter Editor

### Next Meeting—June 9th

The next meeting of SCCOGS will be Saturday, June 9, 2007, at 12:30 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held at the 1810 House, 1926 Waller Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1810 House is the home of the Scioto County Historical Society. We will take a tour of the house and have a guest speaker who will speak about the Kinney family. Please see page 4 of the newsletter for more information about the 1810 House.

We hope you will attend!

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- Meeting—June 9th at 12:30 p.m.
- Family History Day—August 25th

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**Society Scrapbook**—  
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**WHAT HAPPENED AT THE APRIL MEETING**

SCCOGS met on April 28, 2007 for a researcher day! Approximately 12 members were present. We researched in the Scioto County Recorders Office of Irene Ashley and the Scioto County Probate Court Office of Judge Kirsch, splitting into two groups, with one group going to the Recorder's office for 1 hour and the other going to the Probate Court Office for 1 hour. After the first hour was over, the groups switched offices and researched for another hour. We would like to thank Irene Ashley, Judge Kirsch and Staff for their kindness and consideration in allowing us to visit their offices for a research day and for accommodating us on their personal time.

**SCCOGS to hold Family History Day in August**

The Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogy Society hold a Family History Day on August 25, 2007. The event will be held at the Scioto County Welcome Center, 342 Front Street, Portsmouth, Ohio from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Members of SCCOGS will have Family Histories on hand to share. Various books and publications, held by SCCOGS, will be available for purchase. Online access will be available for research and SCCOGS members/officers will be available to help you with your family research. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Whether you're an "old-hand" at family research or a beginner, there will be a wealth of information for all.

We hope you and your family will join us on August 25th.

For more information, please email [sccogsnews@earthlink.net](mailto:sccogsnews@earthlink.net).

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### OGS Summer Genealogy Workshop

Sunday – Friday  
June 24 – 29, 2007  
OGS Headquarters and Library  
713 S. Main Street  
Mansfield, OH 44907

The Ohio Genealogical Society announced its annual summer genealogy workshop to be held in Mansfield at The Society's library. This year the workshop will feature nationally known speakers who will cover many topics of interest to Ohio and other researchers such as cemeteries, land records, church records, vital records, internet update, immigration, and military records. Presentations will also cover Pennsylvania, Virginia, New England, and German, Italian, and Scots-Irish research among others. The workshop will have problem-solving time after each session and a chance to ask questions of the experts. OGS also announced that the OGS library would be open late Sunday through Thursday evenings only for the workshop participants. A round table dinner will be held Wednesday evening led by Genealogy Speakers Guild President, Shirley Hodges. Those interested may register for the entire week or for individual days. Week long Workshop is \$240.00 for OGS members and \$275.00 for Non-Members. Single day registration is \$50.00 per day for OGS members and \$60.00 a day for Non-Members. The Round table dinner is included for the week-long

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## OGS Summer Genealogy Workshop

participants and \$12.00 for one-day or other guests. Special workshop rates of \$60.00 per night (breakfast included) will be available at the LaQuinta Inn, 120 Stander Avenue, Mansfield, OH, 44903 – Phone 419-774-0005

Please email Deborah Lichtenner Deal [kinhunter@hughes.net](mailto:kinhunter@hughes.net) for more information.



## Sadler-Mills Family Reunion

The 7th Annual Sadler-Mills Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 10th at Earl Thomas Conley Park in West

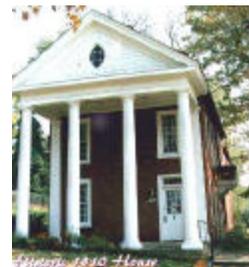
Portsmouth, Ohio. The reunion begins at Noon.

Please bring a covered dish to share. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks are provided by the reunion committee.

Annual Horseshoe Tournament—Live Family Band—Corn Hole Tournament—Chinese Auction—Sack Races and

## 1810 House

1810 House  
1926 Waller St.  
Portsmouth, Ohio



The 1810 House is open May through December Saturdays and Sundays 2 to 4 p.m. There are special Christmas displays during December. For club meetings, school tour groups or visitors, call (740) 353-7647 or 354-3760 for an appointment.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1810 House is the home of the Scioto County Historical Society, Box 1810, Portsmouth OH 45662. Memberships are \$3 single and \$5 family.

Step into this historic old farm homestead and be reminded of the courage of the pioneers who cleared, settled and cultivated wild forest land. The materials used in building came from the land on which it stands. Oak and walnut for the frame and floors, stone for the foundation and clay for the hand-pressed bricks formed the building as it rose beside a spring of clear water.

The doors are of double thickness, set in 14-inch thick walls as protection from the dangers of the wilderness and attack by Tecumseh's tribes who were on the warpath in 1810. The family added an eastern section in 1912. Aaron and Mary Kinney raised 12 children in this house. The Kinney home was known as a home of warm hospitality. Through its doors came many distinguished visitors -- judges, soldiers, Episcopal bishops, governors, as well as travelers, pioneer families and hunters.

The house faced south for a hundred years, but when Waller Street was cut through, the three Kinney granddaughters added a porch and pillars, turning the old farmhouse into a town house to satisfy more elegant neighbors. Today the homestead opens its doors as a living museum with a feeling of sharing and belonging. History comes alive as children are turned into young pioneers as they are supervised by guides to see how things worked and how they themselves look in old hats and shawls. Visitors come into close contact with the past instead of viewing things through glass panes or roped-off areas.

Begin your tour in the large central room where all cooking was done on the hearth for many years. Look up to see an opening left in the ceiling to expose hand-hewn beams. The very hammer used to pound in the square-cut nails is near the hearth. The cherry five-legged table set with flow-blue dishes was brought from New London, CT., where it had survived the burning of that town during the Revolutionary War because it was being used by British soldiers. The corner cupboard is from the early 1800s and is one of the many furnishings collected by Mrs. Annice Miller during the early days of the Scioto County Historical Society. Country style chairs and many pieces are gifts from residents of Scioto County, and Kinney originals throughout the house were donated by Donald Porter, a descendent of Aaron Kinney.

The glass-enclosed chair was used by Bathsheba Rouse, the first schoolteacher in the Northwest Territory. A large wool spinning wheel stands by the fireplace, and a case holding small articles and miniature dolls is under a window. A table displays old

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**The Federation of Genealogical Societies and Allen County Public Library are pleased to announce the FGS/ACPL Conference Meeting at the Crossroads of America to be held at the Grand Wayne Center - Fort Wayne, Indiana August 15-18, 2007**

The Federation sponsors a national conference each year for genealogists of all levels of experience. The conference spotlight:

- Management workshops for organizational leadership training.
- Genealogical lectures by nationally recognized speakers and regional experts.
- Exhibitors providing access to genealogical materials and supplies.

The FGS/ACPL Conference is for everyone with an interest in their family heritage. Experienced professionals, amateur hobbyists and those just beginning the quest will all gather in a relaxed atmosphere for learning, sharing and fun! Nearly 100 experts are presenting more than 200 sessions on a wide range of topics, so you are all sure to find many things of interest in the program.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.fgsconference.org> or contact: Federation of Genealogical Societies, PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940; 1-888-FGS-1500; email: [fgs-office@fgsorg](mailto:fgs-office@fgsorg)

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photographs and letters sent in the early 1800s making you want to linger here before you step into the Victorian parlor. The front parlor is furnished in a later period as the house was occupied by Kinney descendents until 1946. The rugs, Seth Thomas clock, hand-painted mirror, zither, velvet couch and Philander's portrait belonged to the Kinney family.

Gathered from others are a petticoat table, damask-covered chair and love seat, a globe lamp, stuffed bird, knick-knacks and many doilies as seen in parlors opened only for company. Stereopticons with picture cards and family albums entertained Sunday visitors. A mannequin presides over a gold and white tea set on a small table. She wears an 1879 Paris gown from a collection of 37 dresses worn by brides from 1809 to 1932. Notice the papier-mâché tilt-top table as you go up the front stairs to see the children's room. Here are gathered toys and small furniture which helped children of long ago to imitate their parents' activities. Toys were passed down to the next generation. Dolls in rocking chairs, beds, cradles and buggies, cupboards of doll dishes, a small dresser and cool stove, well and bucket, building blocks and a horse-hide covered hobby horse from 1850 bring smiles to children of all ages.

Around the Jenny Lind bed is a collection of children's clothing with quaint bonnets and shoes so we can see how children looked in a past era. Hung on a wall are many embroidered and lace-trimmed christening dresses as well as two red and white calico ones worn by twins in 1808. This is a cluttered room but children like it that way and so do we.

At the head of the stairs is the master bedroom. The four-poster bed is covered with a trapunto quilt made in 1835. A hand-made wooden cradle stands near the bed ready for the newest infant. The marble-topped dresser, a wash stand, trunks and rocking chairs, homespun coverlets, flower paintings and antique toilet articles add color and intimacy to the room. A rare "Florence" sewing machine dated 1864 still has attachments and instruction book. A gentleman's corner shows spats, starched collars, shaving mugs, button shoes and canes. Since there were no closets, extra clothing was stored in chests and trunks or hung from pegs on the wall. In this room you will see fashions from hoop skirts through the bustle period and Victorian draped skirts trailing the floor. A gown worn for playing croquet introduces the first in sportswear.

The upper hall room has been arranged to show articles gathered from past Scioto County schools. Old desks stand in a row holding arithmetic and spelling books, McGuffey readers and writing slates. The teacher's desk holds the welcome recess bell but also the hated dunce cap. Look for the Mother Goose book printed in 1855 on the smallest child's desk. A water jug with a dipper used by all stands by the door. Nearby hangs an early Girl Scout uniform.

The back bedroom is furnished with an original Kinney bed which is covered with a silk patchwork spread. The spread was made by the Kinney sisters for their niece's wedding in 1854. Antique clothing is arranged on hangers so each may be easily examined. The women's clothing includes wedding dresses, ball gowns, maternity sacks, beaded capes, coats, shawls, hats and finery. The men's section shows formal dresswear with derby or top hats, riding britches, linen dusters and World War I Army and Navy uniforms. One corner of the room has an exhibit of costumes worn on stage by Julia Marlowe. Since the famous Shakespearean actress lived in Portsmouth as a young girl, a trunk full of her costumes and accessories was given to us by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. A dressing table shows hat-

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## Browse over 24,700 gravestone photo records from across Ohio!

### The Ohio Gravestone Photo Project—

The mission of this project is to capture digital images of gravestones of our ancestors. As decades pass-- many stones are becoming harder, if not impossible, to read the inscriptions they originally contained.

By archiving the images, we can help save these important records and also assist researchers using this valuable resource.

OhioGravestones.Org. is currently seeking volunteers to help take and upload photos for many counties across Ohio. If you have an interest in volunteering for this rewarding part-time activity please contact the state administrator by visiting the site at <http://www.ohiogravestones.org>



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pins, a hair receiver, curling irons, laced corset, ribbons and fans, all finery used for beauty.

Visitors admire the lovely gowns worn for graduation, weddings, parties and the opera, but it is the everyday clothing that is most significant as so little has been preserved.

Down the back stairs to the library -- the place for browsing through books, documents, letters, photographs, scrap books, journals and old music. The desk was used by Dr. Titus, who practiced here from 1849 until 1902. You are asked to sign the guest book here. A wooden box of medical supplies used by the captain of the riverboat *Hope* stands open. Above it is a wall display of old swords. A glass case shows unusual small articles.

The kitchen became the most important room in the house when cook stoves came into use. Here meals were prepared and served, butter was churned, baking and preserving and laundry work done plus the weekly event of bathing in the washtub pulled close to the wood stove. The four cupboards stood in this room and on the shelves the utensils for these many activities -- cast iron pots, china and bottles, items used to pit cherries, stuff sausages, pop corn, squeeze lemons and cut noodles are displayed. A laundry corner is complete with wooden tub, copper boiler and wash tub, but also a hand-driven washing machine. Ironing was done on a long board propped on chair backs using sad irons heated on the stove. Shown in the kitchen is a wrote iron chest with a large key dating from the 17th century. This was used as a safe in the first bank in Portsmouth when the Commercial Bank opened in 1819.

Men will enjoy the handmade woodworking tools on display. Baskets hang from the ceiling and herbs are drying. The kitchen was the center of activity in country homes.

We invite you to return at any time for a closer look at things that particularly interest you. New displays are added frequently.

### Some Firsts

First Franklin stove in the county stood on the iron platform still in place in the master bedroom.

First military funeral in the area was held on the Kinney farm for Uriah Barber, a Revolutionary War hero. Peter Kinney conducted the service and more than a thousand people attended.

First carpet in the county: Mary Kinney and her sister Anna spun, dyed and wove into shaded colored blocks a carpet for the floor after Anna described such a luxury seen in Philadelphia.

First vineyard in Ohio after the one in Cincinnati from which cuttings were brought to the Kinney farm.

One of the first three brick structures in the county and the only one still standing. Occupied by three generations of the Kinney family.

Information extracted from <http://www.sciotocountyohio.com/1810.htm>

**QUERY  
McCoy/Lynn**

**Why are these records sealed?**

I have a grandmother who is buried at the Old Wheelersburg Cemetery in Porter Twp. Her name is Dora McCoy & she died in 1953. She was born in KY (Dora Lee Lynn) & married Marion Tilden McCoy from KY. When I attempted to obtain records regarding my grandmother on the computer, I discovered the records "were sealed". My grandfather was from the Hatfield & McCoy group. I found his name in the McCoy record which I printed. I discovered my grandmother's name in the census in KY when she was 9 years old. I located both of them again in several Ohio census. My grandfather worked for a period of time at the Superior Cement Company driving a buck board with a team of horses. I can provide the Lot # where my grandmother is buried at The Old Wheelersburg Cemetery. There were 7 children born from this union: William (Ab) McCoy (married someone named Vernie & lived in Dayton raised at least 9 children.) Russell McCoy (who lived in Wheelersburg married Mabel Justice & had many children.) Grace McCoy (who lived in Portsmouth married Roscoe Zornes & had 4 daughters.) Eunice McCoy (who lived in the Powellsville OH area married Millard Groh & had 4 daughters.) Lyda McCoy (who lived in Lawrence County for a time but lived mostly at Ohio Furnace OH married Harold Blakeman & had 5 children.) Willard McCoy (lived in Lawrence & Scioto Counties eventually moving to the Columbus OH area married a woman & had 1 daughter (Linda) divorced & remarried Virginia Brown & then had 3 step children.) Minnie McCoy

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## Jackson County Chapter Wins!

The James Cemetery Restoration Project in Jackson County is the grand prizewinner of the 2007 Save Our History Award. Sponsored by Time Warner Cable Mid-Ohio Division, the Awards honor organizations in central, northwest and south-east Ohio that raise awareness and support for preserving local heritage, landmarks, sites and artifacts with community impact. Time Warner Cable has awarded a \$5,000 grant and promotional support to benefit the project. Nominated by the Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society (JCOGS), the James Cemetery Restoration Project is a volunteer effort to restore one of Ohio's historically significant cemeteries. Assisted by veterans' organizations and concerned citizens, JCOGS has cleared the cemetery of brush, repaired vandalism damage, restored fractured or leaning gravestones and located approximately 30 more gravesites that had become completely buried. The cemetery contains the only remaining ancient Hopewell Indian mound in Jackson. JCOGS began the project in late 2005 and hopes to install a period fence around the cemetery to protect it against further desecration. Preservation Ohio, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the understanding and appreciation of Ohio's historic resources, lists James Cemetery on its Endangered Watch List. For more information, visit [www.jacksoncountyohiogen.com](http://www.jacksoncountyohiogen.com). Anthony Coyan of Jackson serves as project chairman for the Jackson Chapter. Mike Deaterla of Jackson, managing editor of The Community Common, serves as current chapter president. "Preservation efforts are an important part of the Ohio communities where we live and work," said Rhonda Fraas, president, Time Warner Cable Mid-Ohio Division. "These awards allow Time Warner Cable to honor the hard work that goes into such efforts. We congratulate the 2007 winners as well as the many other organizations that submitted such worthy projects." In addition to the \$5,000 grant, Time Warner Cable will work with JCOGS to produce a 30-second public service announcement about the cemetery and air it at no cost on cable channels throughout its 57-county service area. Winning a \$2,500 Save Our History grant from Time Warner Cable for second place was "Hear My Stories: The Underground Railroad" as nominated by The Kelton House of Columbus. The program will add a compelling audio experience to enhance the visual elements of their Underground Railroad Learning Station exhibition. A narrator portraying Salmon P. Chase, a 19th century Ohio attorney and eventual Governor, as well as Secretary of the Treasury in the cabinet of Abraham Lincoln, will tell the Underground Railroad story through state-of-the-art audio equipment. Chase was well known for his anti-slavery views and represented many runaways in their efforts to gain freedom. The audio will feature the voice of the grandson of escaped slave Martha Hartway who was sheltered by the Kelton family. For more information, visit [www.keltonhouse.com](http://www.keltonhouse.com). The third place winner, and recipient of a \$1,000 Save Our History grant, is Linn School - Marion Township Sub-District School #8, nominated by the Marion County Historical Society. Once used as a corncrib, Linn School is being restored to its original 1880 condition. Donated to the Marion County Historical Society by Merle and Oliver Hamilton, the one-room schoolhouse provides educational experiences to students about life in the late 1800s. The 2007 Save Our History Award winners were selected from a pool of more than 20 nominations. The nominations were narrowed down to five finalists by a panel of judges. Finalists were showcased on [www.AroundRR.com](http://www.AroundRR.com), Time Warner Cable's local Road Runner Web site, and the public was invited to vote for their favorite project. Online voting represented 15 percent of the overall score, resulting in three winners.

Extracted from the *Community Common* Newspaper

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**QUERY  
McCoy/Lynn**

**Why are these records sealed?**

(lived for a time in Lawrence & Scioto Counties was married 6 weeks to a Martin from Pine Grove OH had 1 child & spent most of her life in Columbus/Dayton area.)

Russell McCoy, Grace McCoy Zornes, Eunice McCoy Groh, & Lyda McCoy Blakeman are buried in Scioto County cemeteries. My grandfather, Marion Tilden McCoy, is buried in a cemetery in the Dayton OH area. William McCoy & Minnie McCoy Martin are buried in the Dayton OH area. Willard McCoy is buried in a cemetery in Columbus OH. Of course, there is much history involving anyone with the name McCoy. I have not visited the town in KY to search the records. Some records are not computerized as you well know. I'm puzzled as to why the Lynn records were sealed. I do know most of my cousin's names but I believe I have given you all enough reading material this time.

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**Disease underlies Hatfield-McCoy feud**

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Medical Writer Thu Apr 5, 6:18 PM ET

The most infamous feud in American folklore, the long-running battle between the Hatfields and McCoys, may be partly explained by a rare, inherited disease that can lead to hair-trigger rage and violent outbursts.

Dozens of McCoy descendants apparently have the disease, which causes high blood pressure, racing hearts, severe headaches and too much adrenaline and other "fight or flight" stress hormones. No one blames the whole feud on this, but doctors say it could help explain some of the clan's notorious behavior.

"This condition can certainly make anybody short-tempered, and if they are prone because of their personality, it can add fuel to the fire," said Dr. Revi Mathew, a Vanderbilt University endocrinologist treating one of the family members.

The Hatfields and McCoys have a storied and deadly history dating to Civil War times. Their generations of fighting over land, timber rights and even a pig are the subject of dozens of books, songs and countless jokes. Unfortunately for Appalachia, the feud is one of its greatest sources of fame.

Several genetic experts have known about the disease plaguing some of the McCoys for decades, but kept it secret. The Associated Press learned of it after several family members revealed their history to Vanderbilt doctors, who are trying to find more McCoy relatives to warn them of the risk.

One doctor who had researched the family for decades called them the "McC kindred" in a 1998 medical journal article tracing the disease through four generations.

"He said something about us never being able to get insurance" if the full family name was used, said Rita Reynolds, a Bristol, Tenn., woman with the disease. She says she is a McCoy descendant and has documents from the doctor showing his work on her family. She is speaking up now so distant relatives might realize their risk and get help before the condition proves fatal, as it did to many of her ancestors.

Back then, "we didn't even know this existed," she said. "They just up and died."

Von Hippel-Lindau disease, which afflicts many family members, can cause tumors in the eyes, ears, pancreas, kidney, brain and spine. Roughly three-fourths of the affected McCoys have pheochromocytomas — tumors of the adrenal gland. The small, bubbly-looking orange adrenal gland sits atop each kidney and makes adrenaline and substances called catecholamines. Too much can cause high blood pressure, pounding headaches, heart palpitations, facial flushing, nausea and vomiting. There is no cure for the disease, but removing the tumors before they turn cancerous can improve survival.

Affected family members have long been known to be combative, even with their kin. Reynolds recalled her grandfather, "Smallwood" McCoy. "When he would come to visit, everyone would run and hide. They acted like they were scared to death of him. He had a really bad temper," she said.

Her adopted daughter, another McCoy descendant, 11-year-old Winnter Reynolds, just had an adrenal tumor removed at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Teachers thought the girl had ADHD — attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Now, Winnter says, "my parents are thinking it may be the tumor" that caused the behavior. "I've been feeling great since they took it out." Her adoptive father, James Reynolds, said of the McCoys: "It don't take much to set them off. They've got a pretty good temper.

"Before the surgery, Winnter, when we would discipline her, she'd squeeze her fists together and get real angry and start hollering back at us, screaming and crying," he said.

As for the older McCoys, "they just started dropping dead of the tumors," he said. "They didn't know what it was. A name wasn't really put on the disease until 1968. That's when one of my brothers-in-law had to have surgery, to have some tumors removed in his brain. They started to notice tumors occurring in each of the family members."

Dr. Nuzhet Atuk at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and geneticists at the University of Pennsylvania studied the family for more than 30 years, Rita Reynolds said.

### Death Certificates Available from the Akron-Summit County Public Library

Looking for an Ohio Death Certificate between the years 1908-1953? Do you need to find an ancestor in the US Federal Census for Ohio? The Akron-Summit County Public Library would be happy to assist you with genealogical or local history queries. Please feel free to contact the Special Collections Division by email, mail, or phone and ask about our correspondence service.

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Death Certificates cover the years of 1908-1953, you can order copies of Ohio death certificates from the Akron Public Library. You can place a maximum of two requests per month, but each request can be for 1-5 death certificates. They ask for as much info as you have for the person (ie., death date, county of death, certificate number), then they will send you the certificates and an invoice. Their charge is \$1 for processing and 5 cents each for the copies. Requests can be emailed to [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org). It normally takes 3-5 weeks to get your death certificates in the mail.

### Disease underlies Hatfield-McCoy feud (Continued from page 8)

"They went back on the genealogy and all of that stuff," she said. "They called it madness disease. They said that it had to be coming from the VHL. Our family would just go off, even on the doctors."

Now 85 and retired, Atuk said he could not talk about his work because of medical confidentiality.

Rita Reynolds had two adrenal tumors removed a few years ago. Her mother and three brothers also had them. So do McCoy descendants in Oregon, Michigan and Indiana, she said.

"When you have these tumors, you're easy to get upset," said Rita's mother, Goldie Hankins, 76, of Big Rock, Va., near the Kentucky-West Virginia border. "When people get on your nerves, you just can't take it. You get angry because your blood pressure was so high."

Still, many are dubious that this condition had much of a role in the bitter feud with the Hatfields, which played out in the hill country of eastern Kentucky and West Virginia for decades.

Some say the feud dates to Civil War days, when some members of the families took opposite sides. It grew into disputes over timber rights and land in the 1870s, and gained more notoriety in 1878, when Randolph or "Old Randal" McCoy accused a Hatfield of stealing one of his pigs. The hostilities left at least a dozen dead.

"The McCoy temperament is legendary. Whether or not we can blame it on genes, I don't know," said Ron McCoy, 43, of Durham, N.C., one of the organizers of the annual Hatfield-McCoy reunion. "There are a lot of underpinnings that are probably a more legitimate source of conflict."

"There was a lot of inter-marrying" that could have played havoc with the gene pool, he conceded.

Another relative, Bo McCoy, of Waverly, Ohio, said he had never heard talk of the disease although he has been diagnosed with a different adrenal gland problem — Cushing's syndrome.

Even Reo Hatfield, who drafted the "truce" the two families famously signed in 2003 to officially end hostilities, doubted the role of the McCoys' disease in the feud.

"I would be shocked" if doctors blamed it on illness, he said.

Altina Waller, a professor of history at the University of Connecticut and author of a book about the feud, agreed.

"Medical folks like to find these kinds of explanations. Like the Salem witchcraft thing. That book came out about how that was caused by wheat that was grown that had this parasite or mold or fungus or something that caused everybody in Salem to go nuts," she said.

"How does it explain the other dozen or so feuds that I've looked at in other places?" she asked, citing disputes over coal and other issues. "The rage and violence as such was not confined to McCoys."

She acknowledges that an argument could be made for seeing the McCoys as the more aggressive of the clans.

"One of the reasons the McCoys don't like me as much in the Tug Valley as the Hatfields do is that I seem to suggest that Randal McCoy, the patriarch of the family, was sort of irrational and flamboyant and did jump to, into wanting violence more than, say, Anderson Hatfield," Waller said.

These days, the "feud" has taken a far more civil tone and all but disappeared, members of both families say. The last time it surfaced was in January 2003. McCoy descendants sued Hatfield descendants over visitation rights to a small cemetery on an Appalachian hillside in eastern Kentucky. It holds the remains of six McCoys, some allegedly killed by the Hatfields.

Associated Press National Writer Allen G. Breed in Raleigh, N.C., contributed to this report.

*Submitted by Stan Tackett*

## Picture Saver

Don't save your "master" copies of digitized photos as JPGs: Every time you open a JPG in your photo-editing software, then alter it and resave it as a JPG, the pixels are compressed and the image is slightly damaged. After several saves, your image will begin to look pixelated and blurry. Instead, save the image as a TIFF—the file size will be bigger, but the image will retain its clarity.

## Free Passage

GenealogyBank.com is giving free access to the 1819-1820 US Passenger List, a document the federal government published in 1821 (the secretary of state included the list with a letter) covering arrivals at 35 ports in 14 states and Washington, DC.

To get it, go to <http://www.genealogybank.com/free> and type in your e-mail address; then you'll get a page where you can download the list in seven chronological sections. For more help finding ancestors who immigrated before the 1820 law requiring ships to keep passenger lists, see the July 2007 *Family Tree Magazine*. It's available May 15 on newsstands and at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com>.

Genealogy Bank is a database with more than 1,300 digitized newspapers from 1690 to 1977 as well as historical documents. A subscription costs \$19.95 per month or \$119.95 per year.

## News From The Fort Wayne Library

### NEWS FROM THE FORT WAYNE LIBRARY

submitted by Robert McDougal; excerpted from 'Genealogy Gems #35'

#### What a Grand Opening!

by Curt B. Witcher

In case you may not have heard, The Genealogy Center and the rest of the Allen County Public Library opened in our new facility this past Saturday! And what a Grand Opening it was! More than two thousand people came through the Genealogy Center in the first five hours we were open. Library director, Jeff Krull emceed the Grand Opening event, beginning the ceremony with eloquent words about what it took to bring the library and the community to this wonderful new era early in 2007. Library Board President, Jerry Hoemig, reflected on the importance of this twenty-first century library facility for the downtown Fort Wayne area as well as all of Allen County. He recognized various community leaders and officials for their support. Library benefactor, Ted Sloane, spoke about the importance of libraries to education and life-long learning. The keynote speaker was the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, Randall T. Shepard. With his congratulations to the library and the Allen County community, the Chief Justice commented on the great importance of libraries to vibrant communities—communities where education, the arts, and cultural appreciation thrive. He contrasted the visionary thinking of those in this institution with the appalling cuts many libraries on the east coast are facing where books that are not among the "hot picks" for a given time period are purged from collections. Then the ribbons to all the departments were severed and the amazement began.

The new Allen County Public Library is really something to see! Indeed, it is a must see for anyone interested in libraries and family history. From the new cafe to the expanded computer labs, from the building-wide wireless connectivity to the amazing amounts of printed materials on browsing shelves, the entire library is warm and inviting. The new Genealogy Center complements the library-wide wireless access with thirty-nine Internet terminals and seven additional "catalog only" computers. An HP Digital Sender 9200C provides genealogists with the opportunity to email scanned page images to their personal accounts—or to other researchers with whom they are collaborating. An array of new ST-200 Digital Imaging Systems provide users of the Center's vast microtext collection with the ability to print images they have selected, save those images to a jump-drive or memory stick, or burn the images to a CD-ROM. And of course, all genealogy and local history materials are on open, browsing shelves for ready access by researchers. Many more genealogy and family history programs will be offered in our new facility. The state-of-the-art meeting rooms, computer labs, and fixed-seat theater beg to be used for seminars, workshops, institutes, and programs of all kinds. Watch for forthcoming issues of "Genealogy Gems" to learn of these exciting and worthwhile activities. Indeed, there is a February program announcement further on in this newsletter. You really have to come and experience the facility—both now and in August, when we will be hosting that fantastic Federation of Genealogical Societies conference. More news about that is also in this publication. The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center—even more than ever the place to go to discover where you're from!

#### Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1613 to 1674

by John D. Beatty

"New Netherland" is a term used to describe the territory of indistinct boundaries, including parts of New York and New Jersey, held by the Dutch West India Company during the first three quarters of the seventeenth century. Settled principally but not exclusively by Dutch nationals, the area also attracted English, Germans, and Swedes, and remained under the administrative control of the company until the Netherlands ceded it by treaty to England in 1674.

An important tool for researching this heterogeneous group of seventeenth century settlers is David M. Riker's four-volume "Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New

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## Death Certificate Buzz in the Beehive State

Utah's free online death index is now linked to digitized certificate images, thanks to the state archives, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' FamilySearch Web site (<http://www.familysearch.org>) and the Genealogical Society of Utah.

The index covers more than 250,000 certificates issued from 1905 to 1954; state archives spokesperson Glen Fairclough says those from 1955 and 1956 will follow later this year.

Searching is a bit cumbersome. Go to <http://historyresearch.utah.gov/indexes/index.html> and type a name—last, then given, then middle--into the search field. Results come in menu form, listing the name you typed along with names occurring alphabetically before and after it in the database. (If the name you typed isn't there, the menu will show where it should be.) Search on variations, since Soundex isn't an option.

Because this search covers the death index as well as other state archives databases, you'll see corporate names in the results menu, and some matches lead to records other than death certificates.

Select a name in your results menu to see transcribed information and a thumbnail image of the certificate. Click to enlarge it. You also can order copies from this page. Several of our test search results were missing the images; Fairclough said administrators are ironing out such glitches.

*Extracted from [www.familytreemagazine.com](http://www.familytreemagazine.com)*

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Netherland from 1613 to 1674" (GC 974.7 R449ge). With a purpose similar to that of Robert Charles Anderson's "Great Migration" series for New England, Riker seeks to document every person who settled in New Netherland during this time period, supplying a genealogical summary of husbands and wives, with lists of children and sometimes grandchildren reconstructed from probate and baptismal sources, and significantly, also including the places of origin in Europe when known. He defines the geographical scope of his study as Manhattan and Staten islands, the Hudson River Valley to Albany and Schenectady, the present Bronx and Westchester County, New York, Bergen County, New Jersey, and the western end of Long Island.

Unlike Anderson's work, however, Riker's text consists predominantly of typed family group charts instead of narratives, and he considers his directory to be a work in progress rather than a final, definitive study. In addition, Riker directs readers to information gleaned exclusively from published works that he admits may not always be reliable, rather than also including manuscript sources, which may yield additional and more accurate information. Sources are abbreviated in the text with a key in the introduction. Arrangement is by surname with additional comment at the beginning about the idiosyncrasies of Dutch naming patterns and the widespread use of patronymic surnames that changed with each generation. Because of the complexity of this region, its sources and customs, this printed set is a useful place for beginning research, but it should not be considered a final, authoritative study.

### Parking at the Library

At the Library, underground parking can be accessed off of Wayne Street. Other library parking lots are at Washington and Webster, and Wayne and Webster. Hourly parking is \$1 per hour with a \$7 maximum. ALPC card holders may use their cards to validate the parking ticket in the Great Hall of the Library. Out of county residents may purchase a subscription card with proof of identification and residence. The current fee for an Individual Subscription Card is \$65.

Public lots are located at the corner of Ewing and Wayne Streets (\$1 each for the first two half-hours, \$1 per hour after, with a \$4 per day maximum) and the corner of Jefferson Boulevard and Harrison Street (\$3 per day).

Street (metered) parking on Ewing and Wayne Streets. On the street you plug the meters 8am - 5pm, weekdays only. It is free to park on the street after 5pm and on the weekends.

Visitor center/Grand Wayne Center garage at Washington and Clinton Streets. This is the Hilton Hotel parking lot that also serves as a day parking garage. For hourly parking, 7am - 11pm, charges are .50 for the first 45 minutes, then \$1.00 per hour. There is a flat \$2.00 fee between 5pm and 11pm.

*Submitted by Jan Edwards; taken from the Journal of [Ancestors of Philippe du Trieux Descendants](#)*



## DAR Patriot Index Lookup



The DAR Patriot Index contains names of Revolutionary patriots, both men and women, whose service (between 1775 and 1783) has been established by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Additional information available may include: dates and places of birth and death, name(s) of wife (wives) or husband(s), rank, type of service, and the State where the patriot lived or served. If pension papers are known to exist, that fact will be included.

If you are interested in knowing if your ancestor is recognized by the DAR as a Revolutionary Patriot, please complete the request form at [http://www.dar.org/natsociety/PI\\_lookup.cfm?Rt=OV&ID=](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/PI_lookup.cfm?Rt=OV&ID=). Our volunteers would be happy to check for you at no charge!

## Portsmouth City Schools

### K-12 schools

Portsmouth has one public and one private school system. Portsmouth City Schools has served the city since its foundings in the 1830s and is the public school in the city. Portsmouth City Schools is notable having a storied basketball tradition by winning four OSHAA State Basketball Championships in 1929, 1961, 1978, and 1988. In 2000, Portsmouth voters passed a much needed school bond issue, which helped construct new schools for Portsmouth City Schools. The district has an open enrollment policy, so students may attend other schools in Scioto County. The schools opened for the 2006-2007 school year. Notre Dame has served the city's Catholics and others who want a higher education since 1852. It is also notable for its football team founded in 1929. It has won two State Championships in 1967 and 1970.

- List of Portsmouth City Schools
  - **Garfield School** - opened in 1920, now used for Scioto County MRDD
  - **Harding Elementary** - closed in 2006
  - **Highland Elementary** - opened in 1956/closed in 2000. Now home to CAO Head Start.
  - **Lincoln Elementary** - opened in 1923/closed in 2000 -- DEMOLISHED in 2007
  - **Linden Elementary** - opened in 1927/closed in 1976 -- DEMOLISHED
  - **Massie Elementary** - closed 1959 -- DEMOLISHED in 1999
  - **Roosevelt Elementary** - opened in 1930/closed in 2006 -- DEMOLISHED in 2007
  - **Scudder Elementary** - closed in the 1970s, now used for county education department
  - **Wilson Elementary** - closed in 2006 -- DEMOLISHED
  - **Grant Middle School** - opened in 1910/closed in 2004 -- DEMOLISHED
  - **McKinley Middle School** - opened in 1916/closed in 2006 -- DEMOLISHED in 2007
  - **Portsmouth High School** - opened in 1910/closed in 2006 -- DEMOLISHED in 2006

Portsmouth City Schools moved to new schools for the 2006-2007 school year.

### Universities

Portsmouth used to be home to Ohio University's Southern Campus, but it moved to Ironton, Ohio in the early 1980s and the former Ohio University buildings became home to Shawnee State University, which was founded in 1986. At the present time, the university is expanding and institutes an open-door policy.

*Extracted from: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portsmouth%2C\\_Ohio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portsmouth%2C_Ohio)*

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