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A Note From The Editor

Hello Members,

Our 3rd Annual Family History Day is being planned for August 16, 2008 at the Scioto County Welcome Center, so mark your calendars now! Further details and speaker information will be announced on our website as they become available.



Just a reminder, re-prints of the publication History of the Lower Scioto Valley, 1884 are available for purchase at a cost of \$65.00 each, plus s/h & tax. We also have The Ohio & Erie Canal 1832-1913 / 1832 - 2007 Book I and Book II of the 175th anniversary of the opening of The Ohio & Erie Canal in Scioto County at a cost of \$15.00 each, plus s/h & tax. There are two articles from Book II included in this newsletter on pages 5 & 6. Be sure to get your copy before they're gone!

The deadline for information to be included in the next newsletter is July 15th.

Joyce M. Sadler
Newsletter Editor

Next Meeting—June 14th

The next meeting of SCCOGS will be held on Saturday, June 14th.

Details of where the meeting will be and who our guest speaker will be were not known at the time of the printing of this newsletter. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Please check our website, www.sccogs.com or contact our Vice President, Stan Tackett via email at charlesstackett@yahoo.com for further details.

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Special points of interest:

- Meeting—June 14th
- Family History Day—August 16th

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE APRIL MEETING

Our guest speaker for the April meeting was Mr. Mark Thompson of M.T. Publishing. The following is a letter received from Mr. Thompson:

April 12, 2008

Joyce Sadler
 Scioto County Genealogical Society
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Dear Joyce:

Thank you for contacting my company relative to publishing a historical book for your county. Outlined below is information on our family history book program and services. I also have enclosed information on our historical/pictorial book program and services for your committee's review as well.

Selected by most of our historical or genealogical clients is what we call a county-family history book, like the Pickaway County, Ohio book enclosed. This type of publication is a high quality, long-lasting book which incorporates local and county wide history on communities, schools, churches, clubs, organizations, businesses, as well as 500 word family biographies that can be submitted free of charge. Utilizing a pre-sale marketing strategy, we lead you step by step through completion of the project within an approximate 18-month time frame, with no FINANCIAL RISK to the organization. Money collected for the book project stays in your control at a bank of your choice. M.T. Publishing's proven and successful program has guided close to 300 history books nationwide to a successful completion. Our books are in demand from not only the families of the county but also libraries, museums and genealogists nationwide.

M.T. Publishing is a full service company, unlike "printers" that produce similar products. We provide our clients with writing assistance, typesetting, proofing, page layout and design, financial underwriting, and provide the work force to do time consuming jobs, which typically consist of editorial work, layout & design and indexing. Even though these publishing services are available, your group still has full control of the book project and nothing is written, designed, or printed without your approval first.

The price for the county-family history publication runs \$49.95 and will not change regardless of how many families respond. Your organization receives a 7.5% ROYALTY for each book pre-ordered. At the end of the book project several hundred books can be made available to your organization at 40% off the post-sale price for generating larger profits. Therefore, without any financial risk your group could expect to earn thousands of dollars, in addition to up-dating your local history.

I also have enclosed references with this information. Please feel free to contact any of the groups listed to confirm our publishing services. In the next couple of days I will follow up on this information and answer any questions you might have regarding our publishing programs. If you have questions prior to my call, please do not hesitate to contact me toll free at 1-888-263-4702.

Respectfully,
 Mark A. Thompson
 President

Thank you for being a valued member of
SCCOGS!

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NEWS FROM MORGAN COUNTY OGS

I thought that some of your members may be interested in the following news release from the Morgan County Probate Court, in case they are planning a research trip to Morgan Co., Ohio:

The Genealogy Room located in the Morgan County Courthouse, at 19 East Main Street, McConnelsville, Ohio, will be open only on Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The genealogical records are available at that time for public view by anyone interested in doing genealogical research. Volunteers from the Morgan Co. Chapter OGS will be available at that time to assist in research.

This was received from Cindy Schadd, Probate Court Clerk. The Probate Court Judge had previously made arrangements with our group to staff the record room on Thursdays.

Cris Reed
President Morgan Co. Chapter OGS

Your Link to Morgan County, Ohio

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IHS HOST MIDWESTERN ROOTS 2008: FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

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IHS Hosts Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference

Indianapolis – Learn more about genealogy from some of the nation's leading experts and get the tools to implement that knowledge at Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference, taking place Aug. 15-16. Sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society, the conference will take place at the Indianapolis Marriott East, located at 7202 East 21st St. in Indianapolis. Many pre-conference activities will take place at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, located at 450 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

Midwestern Roots will feature more than 30 presentations, covering topics ranging from DNA and genealogy to technology and methodology. The opening session of the conference will be led by James Madison, the Thomas and Kathryn Miller Professor of History at Indiana University (Bloomington), who will illuminate the importance and use of wartime letters for family history by relating stories from his new book *Slinging Doughnuts for the Boys: An American Woman in World War II*.

Another featured presenter will be Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Chief Family Historian and North American spokesperson for Ancestry.com. Other notable national speakers appearing at Midwestern Roots include Richard Eastman, Roberta Estes, Charles F. Kerchner, David Lifferth, Stephen Morse, Christine Rose, Beau Sharbough and Curt Witcher.

In addition to the sessions, an exhibit hall will showcase vendors selling the latest products and tools for genealogists. The exhibit hall is free and open to the public on Friday and Saturday.

A pre-conference highlight on Thursday, Aug. 14, will be a panel discussion with some of the pioneers in genetic genealogy on its evolution, potential and present-day uses—panelists include Smolenyak, Estes and Kerchner. Other pre-conference activities include: tours of the William Henry Smith Memorial Library (History Center), the Indiana State Library and the Indiana State Archives; writing workshops on preparing family histories for publication; computer labs; and a workshop designed for library staff and volunteers who answer questions posed by genealogy patrons. The Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library, the State Archives and the William Henry Smith Memorial Library also will be open late for research.

Cost for the basic two-day workshop (including lunches) is \$150 (\$125 for IHS members, \$75 for students), and single-day registration (including lunch) is \$90 (\$75 for IHS members, \$45 for students). Additional pre-conference activities and workshops are available for a fee, and the Indiana Historical Society will offer three scholarships for graduate students to attend the conference.

For conference information, registration forms, exhibitor information, specific pricing or a scholarship application, call (800) 447-1830 or visit www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots.

Hotel reservations may be made at the Indianapolis Marriott East or La Quinta Inn. For the Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 East 21st Street, call (317) 352-1231 or (800) 228-9290 to receive the special \$99 room rate. For the La Quinta Inn, 7304 East 21st Street, call (317) 359-1021 to receive the special \$72 room rate. Please indicate association with Midwestern Roots 2008. Room reservations must be made by July 21, 2008.

Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana's Storyteller™, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and disseminating the state's history. A nonprofit membership organization, the IHS also publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; provides youth, adult, and family programming; provides support and assistance to local museums and historical groups; and maintains the nation's premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest.

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APPLETON FARM — Courtesy of Dr. & Mrs. Appleton

Just below Dry Run and to the east side of the canal was the Wilcoxon Cemetery. It is not known exactly how many persons are buried there, because many of the gravestones have been destroyed. However, the following is a list of the names that are still visible on the stones: William P. Oard, E. L. Oard, L. I. Oard, H. Oard, John F. and Charlotte Oard, Jane Oard, Ruth Wilcoxon, V. Wilcoxon, L. Wilcoxon, H. Wilcoxon, Eliza Jan Wilcoxon, and Emaline Fras. Wilcoxon. Most of the dates of death are between 1824 and 1849. Stories have been told of the canal boats forming a funeral procession leading to the graveyard. The coffins were then carried from the boat to the graveside where a service was held. The cemetery is believed to be a burial sight for those who died while working on the canal, and their families.

Most of the people who lived along the canal lived on farms, especially in the southern Ohio area where the fertile soil was once compared to that of the Egyptian Nile Valley! A farm house known to the area residents for many years, is the home presently owned by Dr. and Mrs. Appleton on Galena Pike. The date that it was originally built is unknown, however, it's construction is typical of the old farm houses built during the years of the early settlers and the canal.

South of the Appleton home is the Oldtown United Methodist Church, which is the oldest in the township. The original building was constructed in 1837 and dedicated by Revs. Reuben Plumber and Ansel Brooks. The Board of Trustees was elected and included: John D. Smith, Isaiah Smith, George Graves, Phillip Moore, Thomas Williamson, Charles Junt, and Isaac Williams. At that time, they had a membership of 40. The church, however, burned in 1853 with a new one being erected that same summer. With the dedication of the new church came a congregation of over 100 members. The church was remodeled in 1897 and still stands with a full membership today.

The most widely remembered spot in Washington Township was Union Mills. In the 1880's, it was the only settlement, and it had a population of 200. Washington Township, at that time, had a population of 1,131. Clyde Virgin of California tells of his uncle, Harry Morris who lived on a farm at Union Mills. He was a superintendent of the canal operation for several years, possibly until it ceased to be used in 1913.

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Union Mills, Circa 1898, Al Blum Photo

Union Mills was a settlement in Washington Township and in the 1880's had a population of 200. Above in the picture on the right was a path the mules would follow all the way up to Cleveland on Lake Erie. The path was call "TOWPATH".

Scioto County Canal Society member, Margaret Sexton, found this article in the Times dated May 20, 1927 reads as follows:

WILL DRAIN THE OLD CANAL BED IN WAVERLY

Waverly, O. May 20 Times Bureau A meeting of the Waverly village council was held at the office of Mayor Gableman on Wednesday night. A communication from the state legislature was read, advising that the appropriation of \$3,000 for the draining of the old canal bed through Waverly, has been approved by the legislature. Inasmuch as the money has to be used before the first of July or revert to the state, the work will be started immediately and will be rushed with all possible haste. Engineer Harold McCormick is making a survey. The sewer will be closed from the north end of the village to the Foster Garage from which place there will be an open ditch extending to where the drainage system will enter Crooked Creek. This serves as a drainage system for the entire village and will take care of most of the surface water in all parts of the village.

SCCOGS PUBLICATIONS FOR PURCHASE

History of the Lower Scioto Valley	\$65.00	\$5.00 S/H	1870 Census Index	\$7.50	\$2.00 S/H
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1850 Census Index—Bloom or Porter Twp	\$6.00	\$2.00 S/H	ABC Early Land Records of Scioto County	\$10.00	\$2.00 S/H
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Fringe Area Cemetery Listings	\$6.00	\$2.00 S/H	Green Twp Cemetery Records	\$10.00	\$2.00 S/H
Madison & Harrison Twp Cemetery Records	\$14.00	\$2.00 S/H	Porter Twp Cemetery Records	\$16.50	\$2.00 S/H
Piatt Funeral Home Records	\$19.00	\$2.00 S/H	Holy Trinity Cemetery Incriptions	\$4.00	\$2.00 S/H
Scioto County Obituaries—Printed—Vol. 1 or Vol. II or Vol. A-B-C-D	\$12.00	\$2.00 S/H	Scioto County Obituaries—CD—Vol. 1 or Vol. II or Vol. A-B-C-D	\$10.00	\$2.00 S/H
Leonard Sly, from Ohio to California	\$19.95	\$2.00 S/H	The History of Greenlawn Cemetery	\$11.95	\$2.00 S/H
The Ohio & Erie Canal 1832-1913 175th Anniversary Edition Book I or II	\$15.00	\$2.00 S/H			

The Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society meets every other month on the second Saturday, beginning in February. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year (January 1st thru December 31st). Membership includes six newsletters with free queries, as space permits. The Chapter maintains a collection of research materials, which are held in the Portsmouth Public Library Local History Department, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dues: Yearly (January thru December) —\$15.00 Single or Family; \$35.00 Small Business Professional; \$75.00 Corporate; \$200.00 Lifetime Membership

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