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### Renew Yourself with Family History Month Activities

by Curt B. Witcher

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In just a few hours, October will dawn, and with it the start of the 2015 Family History Month. This year, an amazing number of engaging activities are being offered here at the Allen County Public Library--literally a program a day. I believe the key word there is engaging. Please engage with us, and I am confident you will be pleased. There will be opportunities for research consultations and temptations for you to use the resources of The Genealogy Center even more than you have in the past. With so many resources available on-site and virtually, why not?

October will be quickly followed by the two months of the year that typically hold the most opportunities for families near and far to get together. Prepare now to make those gatherings valuable times for sharing stories and listening anew for accounts to make our family history chronicles that much more complete and richer. Just as we are always on the prowl for one more document to shed a different, new light on an ancestor and her or his family, let's be forever aware of situations where new stories and vignettes may fill some gaps in our ancestral knowledge. These stories make our understandings of the past more comprehensive and, yes, engaging.

While not wanting to participate in a debate over which came first, which caused the other, or even which is more important (we all know family history month is most important!), it is nonetheless fascinating to see how many related activities also claim October as their month. For a number of years, archivists have claimed October to celebrate their importance and raise awareness for carefully preserving legacy records. The "American Archives Month" has given us the opportunity to remind ourselves that items important to our history and heritage are being preserved, cataloged, and made accessible by archivists. Further, it is a reminder that these archives and archivists need our support for them to continue successfully executing their work.

In so many ways, we are all archivists of our own collections of records and documents. What kinds of best practices are we following to ensure our records last and are usable by our descendants? How do we organize and care for our textual collections? Can someone make sense of what we have collected and understand our interpretation of the evidence long after we are gone? As archives of all types, including our own personal archives, are so important to the success of our efforts to find and tell our family stories, it seems appropriate for archives month to fall in October.

For the last three years, "Electronic Records Day" has also fallen in October. In the case of this year's national line-up of activities, an electronic records week precedes the official day on October 10, 2015, capitalizing on the ones and zeros "thing." While mostly directed to career archivists and other professionals in the field, I believe there are some takeaways for us.

The Council of State Archivists offers the following:

"E-Records Day is an opportunity to share information about what you are doing to manage your state's digital resources and to enlist help in preserving electronic records. This day is designed to raise awareness among state government agencies, the general public, related professional organizations, and other stakeholders about the crucial role electronic records play in their world. This year, E-Records Day is highlighting the importance of appropriate management of electronic communications in government."

Often, it is challenging for the everyday genealogist to get behind a national initiative. It can seem too big or too unrelated to the day-to-day activities that affect our personal research. To that reality, though, I would hasten to add another reality: there will be disastrous consequences if we leave the care of records that document our history and heritage in the hands of disinterested others. We have seen such consequences demonstrated in record retention schedules and access restrictions that don't benefit or meet the needs of genealogists and family historians. There are a couple of concrete things we can do.

First, I believe we must start paying increasing amounts of very sober attention to what our government entities at the local, state, and national levels are doing with both our paper records and our electronic records. I have long lamented that virtually no one from the public shows up at local commissions on public records hearings at the county level here in Indiana. In some counties, there has been such low interest over the years that the required annual public meetings sometimes don't happen. Besides being a technical violation of the law, it demonstrates to local officials that no one has any interest in these records. Due to public disinterest, these records are perceived to have no value, and as a final consequence they are marked for destruction. We don't have much right to complain when our records aren't available if we haven't weighed-in to ensure their preservation and access. We will be taken much more seriously when we show up to public records hearings with positive support and genuine interest, voicing our concerns over things we don't like or understand. Make some time to get familiar with the issues at the "Records Preservation and Access Committee" website <[www.fgs.org/rpac/](http://www.fgs.org/rpac/)>.

Second, having attention focused on electronic records should remind all of us how vital electronic records have become to the pursuit, preservation, and presentation of our family histories and stories. How do we manage our electronic files? Do we bring more order to them than to some of

our paper files? Do we keep the proper redundancies, and can we access those redundancies if something happens to our primary, working electronic records and databases? Have we planned for what will happen to our electronic records upon our demise? Those tending to our estates can see our papers files. How will they deal with e-files they cannot see and don't know exist? Managing our own electronic files is no trivial matter.

Please accept my invitation to participate fully in the Family History Month activities being sponsored by your Genealogy Center as well as other related activities. For those in and close to Fort Wayne, consider starting the month by attending the "Evening of Storytelling" that will take place on October 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library downtown. Listening to four individuals tell a short story with musical interludes will definitely get one in the spirit of engaging in this year's activities. Another marquee program is Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, and her seminar on Saturday, October 24th. Maureen is nationally recognized for her expertise in helping our photographs tell us richer and fuller stories--how to get the most information possible out of our historic photographs. This all-day event really is a must-attend.

Happy family history hunting!

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Amish-Mennonite from "The Budget"

by Cynthia Theusch

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"Amish-Mennonite from 'The Budget'" is a series of published abstracts compiled by Edna Erb Schirack of events and obituaries published in the Amish and Mennonite newspaper "The Budget." "The Budget" was established in Sugarcreek, Ohio, in 1890 and reports activities and events of Amish and Mennonite people from the United States and beyond. Schirack's volumes are specific to states and other geographic areas, and are shelved in The Genealogy Center according to their geographic focus. They can be found in The Genealogy Center Catalog by performing a keyword search using such terms as Amish, Mennonite, Schirack, Budget, and/or the state of interest.

The books generally cover January through April of 1990, or some months on either side of that period. They exist for twenty-six states and three foreign countries: Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; and Belize, Canada, and Costa Rica.

Here are two examples of entries from the Indiana volume (977.2 IN2449):

April 18, 1990 (Wednesday)

Bremen, Indiana

William Yutzys of Ky. visited in the Eli Yutzy home last week, either Thurs. or Fri. night, having been in northern Ind. for a wedding.

April 25, 1990 (Wednesday)

Nappanee, Indiana

Mrs. Susan Mast Wickey, 90, died in Elkhart General Hosp. on Thurs. Surviving are one sis.; Sarah

Hershberger of Sugarcreek, Oh., one stepdau. Barbara Chupp and 4 stepsons, Amos, Samuel, John and Perry Wickeys. Since the death of her husband, the late Jacob Wickey of Shipshewana, Susan was staying with her niece (Alma Stutzman) one of the Triple A's. Her funeral was Sun. p.m. at John Schwartzes'.

Here are two examples of entries from the Missouri volume (977.8 AM5):

January 10, 1990 (Wednesday)

Rosebush, MI

Wayne Burkholders made breakfast on Fri. morn. For the Earl Burkholder family and Sylvia Chupp of Spencer, Wisc. They had been in In. to a family gathering and stopped in on their way home. They made calls at Jake Swareys' and here in the afternoon.

February 7, 1990 (Wednesday)

Clark, Missouri

Word was received of the death of Ms. Lizzie (Dave) Hostetler of Nappanee, Ind. Funeral was Tuesday.

Resources like these can really assist one in getting a fuller picture of one's ancestors' lives. Copies of "The Budget" are available on microfilm at the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana.

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Odessa Library and Raduraksti Project - Websites for Eastern European Research  
by Dawne Slater, CG(sm)\*

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Recently a Genealogy Center patron brought my attention to these two websites for doing Eastern European research:

Odessa Library

The Odessa Library is a digital collection that focuses on records of Germans who immigrated to Russia in the 1800s and their descendants all over the world. It can be found at [www.Odessa3.org/index.html](http://www.Odessa3.org/index.html). The Odessa Library is a project of Roger Ehrich, who makes the site freely available to all and hosts it on his server.

At the Odessa Library site, researchers can find links to twenty-four categories of record types by clicking on "Collections" on the home page. These include obituaries, photographs, newspaper extracts, cemeteries, family histories, land records, and more. Many of these records pertain to German-Russian people or their descendants who immigrated to the United States. Users also can contribute documents to the site that they have in their personal collections or have found through research.

Another area of the website, "Essays," features analysis of historical events of importance to the German-Russian people. This is excellent background material, since understanding the context of our ancestors' lives often is key to successful research.

Besides providing access to records, another of the Odessa Library's primary goals is to facilitate collaboration of research, and there is a process through the site for communicating with others who are researching the same individuals or surnames.

#### Raduraksti Project

Raduraksti is a project of the Latvian State Historical Archives and its goal is "to provide access to the archival documents which can be used for family history research and to provide the necessary preservation of the original documents." The Raduraksti Project can be found at [www.lvva-raduraksti.lv/en.html](http://www.lvva-raduraksti.lv/en.html).

To use the records on this free site, researchers must create a user account, choosing a username and password, providing their email address, and agreeing to the site's terms. Once this is done, some of the records researchers can find on the site include:

- Census of 1897
- Church books for various denominations
- Documents of Foreign Policy of the Republic of Latvia
- House-registers
- Manuscripts
- Revision lists
- A database of Latvian inhabitants for 1918 through 1940.

Each of these websites can be invaluable for researchers who have Eastern European ancestry.

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Technology Tip of the Month--Technology Snafu: A Minor Mac - Windows Hiccup  
by Kay Spears

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Occasionally at The Genealogy Center I am presented with what I lovingly call "technology snafus." Sometimes I am able to fix them and sometimes I am not. While I may grumble when presented with them, I also view them as a challenge for the "little gray matter." In future articles, I will be sharing some of these snafus and some of the convoluted solutions.

As you may guess, here at The Genealogy Center we get a lot of donations. These donations come in all shapes and forms. With the advent of computers, we also receive donations in electronic formats. And, all of that is great! We love donations! But I am going to talk about one donation and a slight hiccup in formatting.

This revolves around an 800-page family history in PDF form. This was a wonderful piece of work. There were color photographs, a table of contents, footnotes, references, and an index. There was a lot of work that went into this book. It was a researcher's dream. Here's the snafu: When we opened the PDF document in our Windows environment and scrolled down through the pages, we

discovered that some of the images were missing. Instead of a photographic image, in several places there was a blank rectangle with some "computer garbage" words in it. There were about twenty of these images. Lucky for me, I had experienced this phenomenon before so I knew where I might start in solving the problem. My first question was: Was this document created on a Macintosh computer? The answer was yes. But it's a PDF, and PDFs are supposed to open on any machine, right? Well ... mostly. Sometimes there are a few little glitches when trying to get Macintosh and Windows platforms to communicate.

Here is what caused the problem. The images that were "inserted" into the document showed up on the pages. The images that were "copied and pasted" did not. I don't understand exactly why this happens, but when the document was turned into a PDF and then viewed on a Windows computer, the "copy and paste" images did not exist for that Windows computer. So, now what do we do? We will explore the steps that were taken to fix the document in the next article.

Next month - Technology Snafu: A Minor Mac - Windows Hiccup Part II: In Search of a Macintosh

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Quick-Tip of the Month for Preservation--How to Preserve Fading Photographs & Deteriorating Documents? Digitally First!

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Most genealogists - at least the fortunate ones - have family photographs and/or documents that have been passed down to us. Often this happens because we are viewed as the "keepers of the family history." But the condition of those precious documents might vary greatly - and in some cases, we receive items that are in tatters. How can we preserve them so that they, and the information they contain, are not lost to future generations?

Some considerations:

- First, if possible, do nothing that will cause the item to be further harmed.
- Second, create a high-quality digital file of the item so that even if the condition of the original does continue to deteriorate, you have "frozen" it in time.
- Finally, take steps to preserve the original.

Let's take these steps one at a time. First, do nothing to cause further harm or deterioration to the original, if possible. If the document is folded, gently unfold it, taking care because it could be very weak and tear along the folds. If a photograph is stuck to the glass of a frame, you might need to leave it as-is and photograph it without using a flash to avoid glare from the glass. If photos are stuck to the backing in one of those adhesive "magnetic" albums, you can try working dental floss between the photo and the page to release it, but if it begins to tear, it might be best to photograph or scan the photo as it is before, or instead of, trying further to remove it. Ditto for photos that are stuck to the pages of one of those older-style photo albums with black pages. Scan or photograph laminated documents because lamination will cause them to deteriorate over time.

Create a high-quality digital file of your photos and precious documents. You can take photos of them with a digital camera and upload the images to your computer, where you can crop them and adjust brightness and other factors. You can also use a flatbed scanner, a wand scanner, or another type of portable scanner like a FlipPal. A flatbed scanner is nice for larger items that are loose and

can be placed flat on the glass. A wand scanner or other portable scanner is handy when the items cannot be removed from an album and the album will not lay flat. Many portable scanners also have stitching software included that can stitch together images if it is necessary to scan a large item in several parts. If you don't have a scanner, your local public library probably has one you can use. Many libraries - including the Allen County Public Library - have photocopiers that work as scanners, allowing you to scan documents and photographs and save the images on a USB drive.

TIFF is the best format to use when making an archival scan, because a TIFF file will not deteriorate when opened and edited, as a JPG will. If you decide to use your image online, such as in a blog post or an online tree, you can derive a JPG from your TIFF image. JPG is a smaller file format and more compatible with Internet use. Scan your documents and photos at 600 dpi, if possible, and certainly no less dpi than 300.

Finally, take steps to preserve your original. Many companies have supplies that you can purchase to preserve your precious photos and documents. These include photo-safe albums, file folders, boxes, tissue paper, and more. Store them in a dark, cool place, such as a closet in your home. Do not store them in a garage that is freezing in the winter, or in an attic that is dusty and hot in the summer. Don't hang framed heritage photographs or documents on the wall in direct sunlight. If you want to display them, make prints from the scans you created and frame the prints.

Don't leave your documents in a shoe box under the bed where their information may be slowly fading away, or those ancestral photographs in an acidic album that is destroying them. Preserve them digitally, then take steps to save the originals if you can, so that these family history records can be shared with future generations.

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### PERSI Gems

by Adam Barrone and Mike Hudson

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Members of genealogical and historical societies work tirelessly to preserve local records of interest to researchers. Publishing articles in society newsletters and journals is a key mechanism by which this preservation is accomplished. The Genealogy Center subscribes to thousands of periodical titles, binds them, and shelves them safely among our collection of genealogy and local history books. To help researchers locate articles of interest, we catalog them in the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) which can be searched online at: <http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>.

While scouring through periodical issues in recent years, some articles have caused us to chuckle or look twice. Here is a sampling:

A. Edensen and family go on vacation with pet chicken who likes riding in car, 1919, TX, OK.  
"Muskogee County Genealogical Society Quarterly" (Muskogee, OK), v.27, n.1, Jan. 2010.

Albion Observer notice that there were no weddings to report, call for boys to wake up, 1850.  
"Noble News" (Albion, IN), v.31, n.3, Sep. 2010.

Allie Justice Holliday aka Fat Granny needed a sled to move her, she petrified after death, d. 1894.  
"Kentucky Explorer" (Jackson, KY), v.26, n.4, Sep. 2011.

Almira Jane Middlebrooks Brantley quilt made from Confederate money for Thomas Ryal Brantley, 1865+.  
"Polk County Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly & Newsletter" (Benton, TN), v.16, n.4, Feb. 2011.

Amelia Schiller family research, begged father to change surname from Schitter, 1748-1945, Ger.; NY.  
"Der Ahnenforscher" (Manhasset, NY), n.150, Mar. 2011.

Bag of potato peelings meant for landfill stolen from car, theft not reported, 1984.  
"Quest" (Menomonie, WI), v.19, n.2, Oct. 2011.

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### Join Us For Family History Month!

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The *Genealogy Center* celebrates Family History Month in October by providing daily opportunities for sharing, learning, and expanding your family's story! Highlights of the month include: events focused on Polish research, Friday through Sunday, October 2-4; workshops for Adobe Photoshop and Microsoft office software each Monday evening; our annual Midnight Madness Extended Research Hours on Friday, October 30; and a workshop and consultations with Photo Detective, Maureen Taylor on Friday and Saturday, October 23-24!

We are also offering *One-on-One Consultations* with a staff member to discuss puzzling aspects of your research. These 30-minute consultations are available by appointment on Thursday, October 15 (2-4 p.m.), Saturday, October 17 (10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.) and Thursday, October 22 (2-4 p.m.).

New this year are our *Photoshop Consultations*. Also by appointment only, these hour-long consultations will demonstrate basic photo-editing techniques you may not have tried. Call 260-421-1225 or email [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info) to set up an appointment. Please bring your scanned image(s) on a USB drive that is free of other files. For best results, images should be scanned at 300dpi and saved as TIFF files.

The daily events are:

Thursday, October 1, 2015. "An Evening of Storytelling." 6:30-8 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Friday, October 2, 2015. "Crossing the Pond with Your Polish Ancestors." Presenter: Sara Allen. 10-11 a.m., Meeting Room A.

Saturday, October 3, 2015. "Polish Mission and Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI)." Presenter: Ceil Jensen. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Saturday, October 3, 2015. "Advanced Polish Research." Presenter: Ceil Jensen. 2-3 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Sunday, October 4, 2015. "Displaced Persons." Presenter: Ceil Jensen. 1-2 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Monday, October 5, 2015. "Basics of Adobe Elements Workshop, Part 1." Presenter: Kay Spears. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Computer Classroom. \*Register early. Space is limited.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015. "Vital Records for Beginners." Presenter: Delia Bourne. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015. "Warnings Out Issued in the Colonies and Early United States." Presenter: Cynthia Theusch. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Thursday, October 8, 2015. "What Genealogy Has Done For Me—A Youth Presentation." 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room B.

Friday, October 9, 2015. "Tech Talk: Microfilm & Fiche and Use of the ST200 Printer/Scanner." Presenter: Delia Bourne. 10-11 a.m., The Genealogy Center Microtext Reading Room. \*Register early. Space is limited.

Saturday, October 10, 2015. "Using German Church Records." Presenter: John Beatty. 10-11 a.m., Meeting Room B&C.

Sunday, October 11, 2015. "I Can't Find It on Ancestry.com!" Presenter: Sara Allen. 1-2 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Monday, October 12, 2015. "Basics of Adobe Elements Workshop, Part 2." Presenter: Kay Spears. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Computer Classroom. \*Register early. Space is limited.

Tuesday, October 13, 2015. "Introduction to DNA for Genealogy." Presenter: Sara Allen. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Wednesday, October 14, 2015. "Diaries, Journals, and Day Books." Presenter: Rodney Scott. 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Thursday, October 15, 2015. "So What Do I Do With This? Caring for Family Documents & Keepsakes." Presenter: Curt Witcher. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Friday, October 16, 2015. "Using the ST-ViewScan III Microfilm & Microfiche Printer/Scanners." Presenter: Cynthia Theusch. 10-11 a.m., The Genealogy Center Microtext Reading Room. \*Register early. Space is limited.

Saturday, October 17, 2015. "Why Should I Look at Revolutionary War Pension Records?" Presenter: Melissa Tennant. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., The Genealogy Center.

Sunday, October 18, 2015. "Using Clues in the 1880 Census to Solve Earlier Research Challenges." Presenter: Cynthia Theusch. 1-2 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Monday, October 19, 2015. "The Mysteries of Microsoft for Beginners: Microsoft Word." Presenter: Kay Spears. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Computer Classroom. \*Register early. Space is limited.

Tuesday, October 20, 2015. "Making Sense of Your DNA Test Results." Presenter: Sara Allen. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015. "Genealogy Technology Group, ACGSI." 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room C.

Thursday, October 22, 2015. "Online Resources off the Beaten Path: A Look at NUCMC, DPLA, and other Alphabetic Soup Bibliographic Sites." Presenter: Curt Witcher. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Friday, October 23, 2015. "Maureen Taylor's Photo Detective Consultations." 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Business, Science, and Technology Meeting Room. \*Fee. Register early.

Saturday, October 24, 2015. "Spend a Day with Maureen Taylor, Photo Detective." 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Theater.

Sessions include:

9:30-10:30 a.m. "Identifying and Dating Family Photographs"

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "Buns, Beards, Bodices and Bustles: Understanding Ancestors Through Clothing"

2-3 p.m. "Google Images and Beyond"

3:30-4:30 p.m. "Eight Steps to Preserving Your Family Photographs"

Sunday, October 25, 2015. "Ancestry's Public Member Trees: How to Explore, Evaluate, and Add Value." Presenter: John Beatty. 1-2 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Monday, October 26, 2015. "Mysteries of Microsoft for Beginners: Excel, PowerPoint and Access." Presenter: Kay Spears. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Computer Classroom. \*Register early. Space is limited.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015. "Finding Billy Yank and Johnny Reb: Beginning Research on Your Civil War Soldier." Presenter: Delia Bourne. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015. "City Directories: More than Basic Facts." Presenter: Melissa Tennant. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Thursday, October 29, 2015. "Death Heads and Clasped Hands: Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography for the Genealogist." Presenter: John Beatty. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A.

Friday, October 30, 2015. Midnight Madness Extended Research Hours. 6 p.m.-Midnight, The Genealogy Center. Note: you must be in The Center by 6 p.m. You may leave at any time, but there is no re-admittance.

As an added bonus this year, we are also offering three mini-programs:

6:30 p.m.- "Family Connections via Facebook." Presenter: Melissa Tennant

7:30 p.m.- "What Can I Find in The Genealogy Center's Free Databases?" Presenter: Curt Witcher

8:30 p.m.- "Seeking Michigan Ancestors?" Presenter: Kris Rzepczynski

Saturday, October 31, 2015. "Success with Fold3." Presenter: Delia Bourne. 10-11 a.m., Globe Room.

For more information about these events, see our brochure at <http://genealogycenter.org/docs/fhm2015/> . To register for these free events, call 260-421-1225 or email [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info).

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#### Out & About

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#### Curt Witcher

October 2, 2015

Mothers of Preschoolers Genealogy Program, Brookside Church, Fort Wayne, IN. Presentation: "How to Get Started and Keep Up with One's Genealogy."

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Elkhart County Genealogical Society Fall Seminar, Elkhart County Historical Museum, 304 West Vistula St., Bristol, IN. Presentations: "Using Military Records for Genealogical Research," "The Road Not Taken: Mega Internet Sites," "German Migration into the Midwest," and "Finding the World with Worldcat."

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Montgomery County, Ohio, Fall Seminar, Delco Park Meeting Place, 1701 Delco Park Drive, Kettering, OH. Presentations: "Doing the History Eliminates the Mystery!" "Using Military Records for Genealogical Research," "Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries," and "This I Believe-- The Urgent Need to Record Living Memory and Living History."

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#### Area Calendar of Events

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#### Miami Indian Heritage Days

3 October 2015 - Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1 to 4 p.m. "M.I.A.M.I.-Wikami Cattail Matting."

#### George R. Mather Lecture

4 October 2015 - History Center, 302 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2 p.m. Randy Harter and Craig Leonard will present "Legendary Locals of Fort Wayne."

#### ACGSI Meeting

14 October 2015 - Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, 7 p.m. Rodney Scott will present "Diaries, Journals, and Day Books."

#### Fright Night Lantern Tours

17 October 2015 - The Old Fort, 1201 Spy Run Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 6 to 10 p.m.

#### ACGSI Genealogy Technology Group

21 October 2015 - Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 7 p.m.

Last Saturdays

27 October 2015 - History Center, 302 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, Indiana, noon to 5 p.m. Half-price admission.

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#### Driving Directions to the Library

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Wondering how to get to the library? Our location is 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in the block bordered on the south by Washington Boulevard, the west by Ewing Street, the north by Wayne Street, and the east by the Library Plaza, formerly Webster Street. We would enjoy having you visit the *Genealogy Center*.

To get directions from your exact location to 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana, visit this link at MapQuest:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&addtohistory=&address=900%20Webster%20St&city=Fort%20Wayne&state=IN&zipcode=46802%2d3602&country=US&geodiff=1>

#### ›From the South

Exit Interstate 69 at exit 102. Drive east on Jefferson Boulevard into downtown. Turn left on Ewing Street. The Library is one block north, at Ewing Street and Washington Boulevard.

#### Using US 27:

US 27 turns into Lafayette Street. Drive north into downtown. Turn left at Washington Boulevard and go five blocks. The Library will be on the right.

#### ›From the North

Exit Interstate 69 at exit 112. Drive south on Coldwater Road, which merges into Clinton Street. Continue south on Clinton to Washington Boulevard. Turn right on Washington and go three blocks. The Library will be on the right.

#### ›From the West

##### Using US 30:

Drive into town on US 30. US 30 turns into Goshen Ave. which dead-ends at West State Blvd. Make an angled left turn onto West State Blvd. Turn right on Wells Street. Go south on Wells to Wayne Street. Turn left on Wayne Street. The Library will be in the second block on the right.

#### Using US 24:

After crossing under Interstate 69, follow the same directions as from the South.

#### ›From the East

Follow US 30/then 930 into and through New Haven, under an overpass into downtown Fort Wayne. You will be on Washington Blvd. when you get into downtown. Library Plaza will be on the right.

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## Parking at the Library

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At the Library, underground parking can be accessed from 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. ACPL library card holders may use their cards to validate the parking ticket at the west end of 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 \$70.

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 - 11 pm, charges are .50 for the first 45 minutes, then \$1.00 per hour. There is a flat \$2.00 fee between 5pm and 11pm.

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