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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings GCS Members and Happy New Year!

Will this be the year you publish your family tree book or locate a cousin in the old country? Or will it be the year you get to know how to use your computer more proficiently? Whatever goal you pursue this year, I wish you good luck as you go forward. For myself, I won't be able to accomplish some of my goals this year. For example, I'd like to go to England and to Hungary to find records and living relatives, and set foot on the property of my ancestors. But I can accomplish steps in this direction through online sources and human contacts.

For one thing, I made contacts in 2006 that helped me discover two generations back on my paternal grandmother's line. This past October, I found records at the Shelby County Library in Sidney, Ohio, that were extremely helpful. From there I proceeded to the Probate Court and then to the Office of Land Deeds, all within several blocks proximity. Finally, I stopped at the Shelby County Historical Museum and met the curator. I did all this in a two-day trip. Now, with a pile of documents before me, I will insert information into my paper records and then into my Family Tree Maker software program. New questions will undoubtedly emerge and take me into 2007 for more research. I can't wait!

Another goal I have for myself is to inform the youth of my family and young people I meet outside of my family that they should get information from the older members of their family while they can. When these resources are gone, much information will be lost or very difficult to find in any other way. I am tape-recording my interviews with the older members of my family so that grandchildren will be able to meet their grandparents.

At Christmas time I decided to buy the book How To Do Everything with Your Genealogy by George G. Morgan. It promises to help me "become an expert genealogical researcher, take advantage of online resources, and preserve and share family data". The bonus section of the book is an 8-page step-by-step, real-life research project using all the methods in the book. I've just finished the first two chapters, and so far, I've learned that I've been doing the right things.

This past year, I am grateful for receiving technical help from Jeanne Palmer, Dick White, Marilyn Gradick, and Jim Seaton, and ideas for a column from Marjorie Waterfield. Joe Patay, Don Hengen, and Everett Charette gave me articles for the Fall 2006 GCS Newsletter; thank you for your thoughtfulness. I am looking for articles on your research that will enrich us all. Thanks to all of you!

Linda Jackson, Editor



New Genealogy Sites Online by Marjorie Waterfield

Detroit Border Crossings and Passenger and Crew Lists, 1905-1957 Ancestry.com

This database is an index to border crossings plus passenger and crew lists of vessels arriving from Canada at Detroit, Michigan between 1905 and 1957. Information contained in this database includes: name, age, birth date, birthplace, gender, ethnicity/nationality, last residence, vessel or airline name, and dates of arrival and departure.

This is a marvelous new site available if you had family who might have crossed back and forth from Canada to Detroit in those years. For some individuals there are numerous records.

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DEAD FRED – <http://www.deadfred.com/>

Reuniting Old Family Photos. Looking for old family photos which might have ended up in antique shops or estate sales? Dead Fred is reuniting old photos with their original families! It's an easy site to use. You can search by family name or even by photographer's name or location found on old photos.

This site is free. You can even sign up for a monthly e-mail update, called "Relatively Speaking" if you desire. If you have old photos with no names in the family, you can send them to Dead Fred and perhaps they will find a family who recognizes them.

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FAMILY BIBLES – http://www.rarebooks.to/riv_coll/bibles/biblfram.htm

This site reunites old Family Bibles with related families, a genealogist's dream come true! This site is free, but obtaining the Bibles is not.

Family names are listed on the left side of the screen. If you click on a name, data will quickly appear on that particular Bible: publisher, year, condition, and details of any family data found written in the Bible. The cost of obtaining the Bible is listed. Prices range from \$50 up to several hundred.

Many of the Bibles appear to be from the early and mid-1800s, so they are a valuable piece of family history for those finding their family names.

The site then takes you to the River Row Bookshop e-mail address to request details on purchasing family heirlooms.

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FAMILY HEIRLOOMS LOST – <http://www.heirloomslost.com/>

A simple search for family surnames on the site will show if there are any family memorabilia items listed. These may be letters, Bibles, journals, photos, post cards, legal documents and more. It will also include a year and what state the item is from. The search site is free, but there is a cost to obtain the items. If you find one of interest, you can send an e-mail inquiring about cost and other details. You may also send in your own wish list!

Don Hengen's Update on Obituary Project: The GCS's Obit Project is 85% completed. Thank you all for working very hard to finish this job!

**Welcome and Merry Christmas!
Happy Holidays!**



**December 2006
Presentation by
Gary M. & Diana Crisman Smith**

**“Don’t Fall Off Your Surfboard!
Using the Internet Successfully
For Genealogy”**



Guess who's got a sweet tooth?





Area Genealogy Club Meetings

TAGS: Toledo Area Genealogy Society <http://www.tagsohio.org>

February 12, 2007 “Scrapbooking Your Family History”
Dana Van Wormer, speaker 7:00 p.m.

March 12, 2007 “DNA” Alice Waldron, speaker 7:00 p.m.

**LCCOGS: Lucas County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogy Society
<http://www.utoledo.edu/homepages/~gried/lcogs.htm>**

February 17, 2007 “Genealogical Treasures on the Toledo Lucas
County Web site. What’s There and How To Find
Them?” Mike Lora, speaker 1:30 p.m.

March 17, 2007 “Crime in Toledo in the 1920s and 1930s”
Kenneth R. Dickson, speaker 1:30 p.m.

**FCCOGS: Fulton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogy Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohfulton/>**

February 13, 2007 To Be Announced

March 13, 2007 “A Guide to the Pennsylvania Courthouses”
Elissa Powell, speaker 7:00 p.m.

**WCCOGS: Wood County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogy Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohwccogs>**

January 23, 2007 “Family Heirlooms: What Happens When I’m
Gone?” Dick Juergens, speaker 6:30 p.m.

February 27, 2007 “Online at the Wood County District Public
Library” Charlene Avery, speaker 6:30 p.m.

March 27, 2007 “What’s in the Collections of the Center for
Archival Collections?” Steve Charter 6:30 p.m.

OGS 2007 OGS Annual Conference Columbus, Ohio April 12-14

**NGS 2007 NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair
Richmond, Virginia May 16-19**

Fort Wayne, Indiana Seminar August 15-19
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/FGS07AnnouncementFlyerFinalWeb.pdf>



[William Priest Presents to GCS at January 12th Meeting](#)

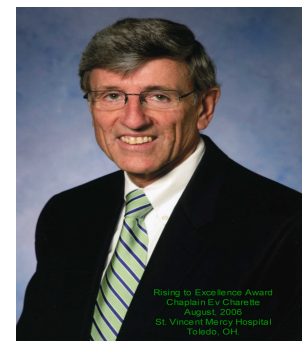
Bill made a presentation on “Googling for Books” in which he demonstrated how to find books of any category online. From his handout and demonstration, we could understand how to find many genealogical categories, such as (1) family histories, (2) local, county, and state histories, (3) Civil War and other wars, (4) occupations, (5) transportation, (6) education, (7) cemeteries, (8) religion/churches, (9) immigration, and (10) maps.

Members learned the procedure of clicking on Books at the Google Web site. From there, we were shown a simple search by clicking on Full view books. When he had located the book he would find useful, he clicked Download at the right side of the screen. Once the book was downloaded, he saved the contents to “My Documents.” From there, he was able to print a copy of the book. He shared several copies of books with us, such as local history and a registry of American newspapers he had downloaded from the Google site of <http://www.Google.com>.

I don't think I am alone in my view that Bill is truly dedicated to the study of genealogy, and that we are a lucky group to have this dedicated person as our president. Through his travels to seminars and his own personal research, he is able to share a wellspring of ideas on the subject. Thank you, Bill!

[SIG Leader Extraordinaire](#)

Everett Charette's loyal following would like to express our appreciation for his very helpful, informative Family Tree Maker lessons each month. This month our group learned about Family Tree Maker keyboard shortcuts. Ev's patience in answering our questions is admirable. Keep up the good work, Ev, and thank you!



Do you have a SIG leader you admire? Or are you a SIG leader whom we should know more about? Inform me at JacksonLcrc@aol.com.

[Future GCS Meetings This Winter](#)

February 10, 2007: Allison Stacy, Editor of [Family Tree Magazine](#)

March 10, 2007: To Be Announced

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About the Genealogy by Computer Society

Meetings

The Genealogy by Computer Society (GCS) meets on the second Saturday of each month. The meeting place is the Toledo Lucas County Public Library at the Downtown Main Branch, 325 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio. Meetings will be held in the Sky Bank Room located on the 1st floor.

The meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. with a brief business session and introductions, followed by a program with a member, guest speaker, or panel presenting a topic relating to the use of computers for genealogical research.

After a short break for refreshments and social discussions, the group divides into Special Interest Groups (SIG) to exchange information about genealogy software programs and equipment.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in the use of the computer as a tool for genealogical record keeping and research. Annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per family, which includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter sent online by an email address given by the subscriber.

Anyone wishing to join the GCS should fill out the Membership Application and send a check payable to GCS to: Don Hengen, 4831 Port Drive, Maumee, Ohio 43537.

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