

Ohio birth, death data to be more accessible

An article in the Dayton *Daily News* dated 28 March 2010 stated that a new searchable database of Ohio birth and death records will be available to the public in county offices by the end of the year, making it easier for genealogists and others to do research.

Searching the index will be free, but people will continue to be charged for a certified copy of a birth or death record. The fee in Lucas County is \$25.00 for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. Go to <http://www.daytondailynews.com/> to read the article.

Linkpendium

This website, located at <http://www.linkpendium.com/> offers a great deal of information. You can look for information by location or by surname. If you look for information about Ohio, you will see hundreds of websites for each Ohio county. A search by surname will produce a list of links for such as History, Maps and Gazetteers, Cemeteries in which family members are buried, and a state by state list of places where persons with that surname lived. If you are having difficulties finding information about your families, this is a good place to try.

Census Dates

The official dates for Federal Censuses has varied over the years. Knowing the census will help you place events. The dates are:

1790	2 August
1800	4 August
1810	6 August
1820	7 August
1830-1900	1 June
1910	1 April
1920	1 January
1930-2010	1 April

Ohio GenWeb Project

Free online genealogical & historical information about Ohio is available at <http://www.ohgenweb.org/>. You can also find information about Lucas County and all of the other 87 counties.

Build Your Genealogy Website

If you would like to build your own genealogy website, go to www.webs.com. This website is free and will guide you through the process. You can use one of the 300 templates for your website pages. You can also upload photographs and pictures. Changes are easily made with their Page Editor. Let me know when you build your website so that I can publish the address in this newsletter.

Ancestral Findings

Free lookups! Go to <http://www.ancestralfindings.com/>. You can do lookups for a surname, birth records, or for many other categories. They ask that you make only one request per day.

About.Com:Genealogy

Are you having problems finding Resources for Your Surname? This website has many online websites and many publications for you to check. They also have a newsletter. My HAYES surname means: An English or Scottish place name for a man who lived near an enclosure ("haeg") or "heye," an area of forest fenced off for hunting. What is the meaning of your surname?

GCS MEETINGS

July 10	Ohio Memory Project + NW Regional Lib Assn Digitization project	Jennifer Fording, Harris-Elmore Public Library
Aug 14	Working with World War I & II Records	Marge Waterfield
Sep 11	What's new in Ancestry.com and Family Search Labs.org	Don Hengen
Oct 9	How to manage a large genealogy website	Richard Hayes
Nov 13	To be determined	