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NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2012 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The Ohio River ★ Gateway to the Western Frontier

Cincinnati, Ohio
9-12 May 2012

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Local Host Societies:

Ohio Genealogical Society and
Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Downtown Cincinnati Hotels and Parking



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NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

9-12 MAY 2012, CINCINNATI, OHIO



Duke Energy Convention Center

The National Genealogical Society's 2012 Family History Conference, The Ohio River: Gateway to the Western Frontier, will be held 9-12 May 2012 in the Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, phone: 514-419-7300, <http://www.duke-energycenter.com>.

The convention center is located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati, just blocks from I-71 and I-75 (minutes from I-74) and 10 minutes from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. The downtown area offers shopping, dining, theatre, a lively arts and music scene, and is just a short walk from the Ohio River.

Conference Program

The Ohio River has served as a major passageway for travelers and goods going west since the 18th century. It played a major role in the development and progress of Cincinnati, one of the early settlements on the river. Cincinnati overlooks northern Kentucky just across the river, and southeast Indiana is only a few miles to the west. Explorers, frontiersmen, pioneers, and immigrants left an abundance of family history to discover in Cincinnati, the "Queen City of the West."

The four-day conference will include more than fifty national speakers providing more than 150 lectures including ethnic research, African American research, research in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, migration to and out of the tri-state area, immigration, methodology, military, family history writing, ethnic workshops, technological innovation in genealogy (GenTech), BCG Skillbuilding track, and much more.

Conference Hotels

Conference participants will be offered the choice of three hotels in 2012. To receive the special conference rates, you must request the NGS rate when making the reservations. Reservations will be accepted starting 16 May 2011.

Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

151 W. Fifth St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
888-421-1442 or 402-592-6464

NGS conference rate is \$120 single-double/\$130 triple/\$140 quad/\$149 deluxe rooms plus taxes and includes free wireless Internet in rooms. Self-parking is \$10 per day for hotel guests based on availability at assigned garage (no in/out privileges). The Hyatt is across the street from the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

35 W. Fifth St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
800-445-8667

NGS conference rate is \$120 single/double/triple/quad plus taxes and includes free high speed Internet in rooms. Self-parking is \$10 per day for hotel guests only at the Tower Garage (no in/out privileges). The Hilton is one block east of the Duke Energy Convention Center and is connected via skywalk.

Millennium Hotel

150 W. Fifth St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
800-876-2100 or 513-352-2100

NGS Conference rate is \$110 single/double/triple/quad plus taxes and includes free high speed Internet in rooms. Valet parking only is \$15 per day for hotel guests and is based on availability. The Millennium is directly across from and connected to the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Research in the Cincinnati Area

Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County,
800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, 513-369-6905,
<http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org>

Has one of the top genealogical collections in the US with many records for all states and particular strengths for German, Irish, and African American research.

Cincinnati Historical Society Library,
1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45203, 800-733-2077,
<http://library.cincymuseum.org>

Is home to one of the most significant regional history collections in the US. The collection focuses on the greater Cincinnati area, Ohio, and the history of the Northwest Territory.

Carl Blegen Library,
University of Cincinnati Archives & Rare Books Department, 8th Floor,
2602 McMicken Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45221, 513-556-1959,
<http://www.libraries.uc.edu/libraries/arb/index.html>
Includes early Hamilton County, Ohio, births, naturalization records, wills, and German-Americana collection by appointment only.

American Jewish Archives,
Hebrew Union College, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH
45220, 513-221-1875 <http://americanjewisharchives.org>
Large collection of manuscripts, photographs, and microfilm documenting American Jewry.

Kenton County (Kentucky) Public Library,
502 Scott St., Covington, KY 41011, 859-962-4070 (Kentucky History desk), <http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us>
The Kentucky History department houses materials from the entire Commonwealth with a special emphasis on the Northern Kentucky region. The collection includes print, electronic, and microfilm resources, including local newspapers and church records.

Museums

Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal
1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45203, 800-733-2077
<http://www.cincymuseum.org>
Three museums in one building: Cincinnati History Museum, Museum of Natural History and Science, and the Children's Museum.

Cincinnati Fire Museum
315 W. Court St. #1, Cincinnati, OH 45202, 513-621-5553
<http://www.cincyfiremuseum.com>

German Heritage Museum
4790 Wet Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247, 513-598-5732
<http://www.gacl.org/museum.html>

Harriet Beecher Stowe House
2950 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45206, 513-751-0651
<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/sw18/index.shtml>

John Hauck House Museum
812 Dayton Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214, 513-563-9484

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH, 513-333-7500
<http://www.freedomcenter.org>

Tours & Events

Tuesday Tour of the Cincinnati Area

Motor coaches will leave the Duke Energy Convention Center on Tuesday afternoon and provide a tour of approximately three hours. The excursion begins at the beautiful Union Terminal Railroad Station and will then proceed to Riverside Drive on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River to view the Cincinnati skyline. The tour continues past many downtown sites, to the hilltops of Mt. Adams, Mt. Auburn, Avondale, Clifton, and other historical focal points. See why Cincinnati is called the Queen City. The tour is limited to the first 168 people who register.

Wednesday Night Dinner

On Wednesday evening the Ohio Genealogical Society and the Hamilton County (OH) Genealogical Society will host a special night at the Cincinnati Historical Society Museum. Featuring industry, transportation, wars, and many facets of the American experience, the museum is located in the beautiful Art Deco Union Terminal Railroad Station. Buses will leave the Duke Energy Convention Center beginning at 4:45 p.m. for a short ride to the Museum Center. Following a self-guided tour of the museum, there will be a reception and cash bar, a delightful dinner, and a short program on the history of this magnificent facility. The event is limited to 225 participants.

Thursday

Evening at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

FamilySearch and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center invite you to enjoy an evening at the museum on Thursday from 6-9 p.m. The Freedom Center is located in downtown Cincinnati on the banks of the Ohio River. It tells the story of the enslaved crossing over the Ohio River to freedom. They were assisted by men and women of all backgrounds who hated slavery and had created a secret network of escape routes that came to be called the Underground Railroad.

Night at the Public Library

On Thursday night the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County (Ohio) extends its hours for NGS Conference participants. This free event provides an opportunity to research in one of the nation's leading genealogy libraries with holdings from all 50 states and more than 20 foreign countries as well as unique resources from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Additional library staff will be available to guide researchers to their areas of interest. The library is located two short blocks east and two blocks north of the Duke Energy Convention Center, closer from some downtown conference hotels. Researchers must walk or provide their own transportation. Join fellow genealogists for this special evening at the library.

