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TO THE MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT

The initial thoughts which occur upon assuming the office of President for Ohio GODORT are first, to thank the membership for your trust in permitting me to manage the program during the last year, and secondly to congratulate Liese Adams for her election as President-Elect/Program Coordinator.

Serving as Program Coordinator last year was both an opportunity and a challenge. The opportunity for our group was the chance to gain greater knowledge about CD-ROMS. The challenge was to bring subject experts to our meetings on a very modest budget. As President, I applaud the willingness of our membership present at the Spring Meeting to recognize the need to increase our membership fees to ten dollars. I look forward to working with Liese Adams and Coleen Parmer to establish what may be a new format for our Fall and Spring Meetings; one in which we can incorporate both program possibilities and a strongly voiced need for more discussion options among the membership. The committee reviewing the program will be at work this summer, and both welcomes and encourages any input.

In closing, I would like to thank Karen Kottsy as the originator of the CD-ROM program concept for the year. I would also like to express my great appreciation for her continued willingness to be the Editor of our newsletter. Being Program Coordinator is a considerable task, but it is a one year effort, by contrast Karen has continued her role for a long, long time. On behalf of our membership, I salute her efforts.

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Happy Summer,

First, I would like to thank Elaine Martina, from the UC Library Systems Office for digitalizing Ellen Conrad's logo design that we use on the newsletter. The original was scanned, computer enhanced and lazer printed using a MAC/desk top publishing system. We now have a cleaner and clearer logo for photocopying.

If you any files or material on Ohio GODORT for our archives collection at Kent State please send them to Nani Ball. She is preparing the material to be sent to Kent State.

Don't forget to pay your dues. There is a form at the end of this issue. The minutes of the meeting explain the increase in dues that was approved at the Spring meeting.

Has anyone prepared any new guides or bibliographies they would be willing to share in the next newsletter?

This issue of Doc's Prescriptions is on using government documents in genealogical research. My first experience with genealogy was the census. We were getting requests for this material at the reference desk from our graduate students and needed to know what we had and what to do with it. Since I was the Documents Librarian and the material was originally published by the Census Bureau, I was volunteered. To make it interesting, I decided to locate some of my relatives in the censuses. Many hours and relatives later, it is still amazing to me what the government has collected and kept, and continues to keep that is of interest to genealogists, local historians and graduate students in the social sciences.

This is just a short introduction to documents and genealogy. I hope that you will be able to sue some of the information in helping your patrons. I would like to thank our new contributors for their articles. Carole Collard is Special Collections Librarian at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. She was previously employed as Document Librarian at the University of Michigan. Jeff Wanser, Hiram College, is one of our members and has written a book review for this issue. In the past I have used excerpts from Philip Yanarella's newsletter, this is his first article. I also want to thank Graham, Evron, Nani and George for their columns and articles and contributions to Doc's Prescriptions.

In preparing this newsletter, I called several government offices to check on forms and fees and I was very impressed with the help and infomation I received. I even got through on the new Social Security 800 telephone number which people have complaining about in the newspapers. They didn't know the answer, but we agreed on a plan of action and it worked.

OF INTEREST

The Federal Government not only collects information and records such as the census, immigration or military service records, that are or will be of interest to genealogists but it also uses many of the same records.

As an example, the Social Security Administration needs proof of age, marriages and deaths for the programs it administers, so it collects information about how anyone can locate vital records. This information on how to locate records is published in the agency's Program Operation Manual System (POMS) (HE 3.6/5:). These records are mainly for the use of the Social Security workers therefore some of the sources may not be readily available to a genealogist. There are, however, several tables and lists of addresses that will be helpful or may lead to additional proof that there is no record available at all. There are some problems. Our POMS material fills a four drawer filing cabinet and this is not even all of the material.

Some of the more useful tables are:

HE 3.6/2:02/003/02 Section:	<u>POMS/General Evidence/Sub-Chapter Proof of Age (rev 1988).</u>
00/302.640	Seneca Indian Tribal Census Rolls: Gives Location, Dates of Records Available.
00/302.620	States Which Have State Censuses for 1905, 1915, 1925.
00/302.570	Minimum Age for Marriage Without Parental Consent by State and Effective Date.
00/302.220	How Birth Records Are Maintained by State and Dates.
00/302.058	Table of Current Availability of Domestic Public Birth. Records for Persons Age 59+ at Time of Filing by State.
HE 3.6/5:02/0-03/06	<u>POMS/General Evidence/Sub-Chapter Proof of Parent/Child Relationships (rev 1989).</u>
00/306.176	State Laws on Entry of Father's Name of Birth Certificate of an Illegitimate Child.
00/306.310	Table on Adoption
HE 3.6/5:02/003/05	<u>POMS General Evidence/Sub-Chapter Proof of Marital Relationships (rev 1988).</u>
HE 3.6/5:02/003/07	<u>POMS/General Evidence/Sub-Chapter Foreign Evidence (rev 1989).</u>
00/307.990	Sources of Vital Statistic Records in Foreign Countries.
00/307.190	Chart on Availability of Birth Records Outside the U.S. and Assumption of Recording of Dates.

HE 3.6/5:02/003/08

POMS/General Evidence/ Exhibits
(rev 1986).

00/308.001

Note: UC's copy is not complete
List of State Sources and Fees for
Birth, Death, Divorce and Marriage
Records.

The IRS Office of Foreign Programs publishes Sources of Information from Abroad for the use of their staff. It gives information on the availability of wills, vital records, company records and other public records of interest to the IRS. The guide is arranged by country with the availability and source of the information given in chart form.

The 1985 edition was a depository item. The latest edition (1987) is available from:

Internal Revenue Service
Office of Foreign Programs
IN:F:OP
950 L'Enfant Plaza South SW
Room 3325
Washington D.C. 20024

The IRS document number is 9673.

The Social Security Freedom of Information Office will send a photocopy of a relative's social security application (Form SS-5) for a \$7 fee if the social security number is known. However, if they have to do a search by name the fee is \$16. The information on the card, in addition to age and full name, is the address of the person at the time the card was filled out, the name and address of their place of employment and the names of their parents. I recently had a search done for a distant second cousin and it didn't take very long. The address is:

Freedom Information Officer
Social Security Administration
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

The U.S. Military History Institute Special Bibliography Series (Item No. 334-D) are a very good source for information on military units and background material on military actions. They do not collect information on individuals but they do collect histories of the various military units and they will lend material published after 1900. The series is still being produced and copies are available from the Institute, Library, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013. Number 25 is the latest one available. Number 18 was the last one received on deposit. Some are out of print, but they will interlibrary loan these and you can make your own copies.

Current military service records are available by using standard form 180, "Request Pertaining to Military Records." It serves all branches of military service. This form is available from the VA Benefit Office and local veterans organizations. Addresses and phone numbers are available in Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents (VA 1.34: IS 1/988). Addresses for national cemeteries are also given. In verifying the form number, I called our local VA Benefit Office and the woman I spoke with suggested that if someone is looking for just their discharge papers that they start locally. The VA Benefits Office may have a copy that the person had previously applied for benefits or the county Court House where the discharge papers should have been recorded. Also there was a fire in 1972 at the National Personal Records Center in St. Louis and some records were destroyed. Copies of the medical records have been found, but other records are gone.

The Census Bureau will search for your name or the name of a very close relative if you are next of kin in the 1920-1980 censuses, proof of age or citizenship is needed. The form is number BC-600. The form requires the exact address at the time of the census and names of the parents and other relatives living at that address. There is a \$15 fee for doing the search. Contact:

Age Search: DUDS
Bureau of the Census
Washington D.C. 20233
(301) 763-7936

OHIO

A reminder that the document collection at the State Library will be closed until August 1, 1989. Clyde and his staff are moving to new quarters.

The Ohio Vital Statistics Report for 1987 has not been published yet.

The Ohio House passed a bill in May 1988, that if it had become law would have closed most of the vital records in the state. The Ohio Department of Health wanted to switch over to an automated system for keeping records in order to prevent illegal use of birth, death and marriage records. They also wanted to eliminate 'unnecessary' information on the birth records, and get rid of the paper copies that were taking up space. The state began collecting birth and death records in 1908, and marriage records in 1947.

Ohio House Bill 790 was on the way to the Senate before the many implications of the proposed law were discovered, including some that even the Health Department did not want.

The Ohio Genealogical Society (6,000 members nation wide) started a very effective letter writing campaign to stop the bill in the Senate. They also met with the Ohio Health Department and were part of a compromise that eventually placed the death records from 1908-38 at the Ohio Historical Society Library.

In the future the death records will be transferred to the Historical Society after 50 years. Birth records will be closed for 100 years and will be transferred beginning in 2008. Marriage records are currently available in the county where the marriage took place.

The Ohio Historical Society will provide certified copies of the records. Or you may visit the library and search the death records from 1908-38 for yourself.

AROUND THE STATE

Carol Singer, Kenyon College, is on vacation this issue. Doc's Detective will reappear in the next issue.

Barbara Bell, College of Wooster will soon be leaving for a year of leave in Oxford, England. She will be using the Oxford University Libraries to work on a book during her stay.

Don Fossedal, Superintendent of Documents, will be speaking to George Kosman's and Liese Adams' government documents class at Kent State on July 17th at 6 P.M. Please R.S.V.P. by telephone to (216) 672-2782 by July 12, 1989.

HAVE YOU SEEN??

"Missing Links: Family History and the Documents Collection." Fales, S.L. & Monahan, M.A. Government Publications Review. 1987. Vol 14, No.5. pg. 495-512. (The footnotes give additional articles on government documents and genealogy.

"Genealogy and Personnel on a Disk." Dykhuis, R. Small Computers in Libraries. Vol 8, No. 8. pg. 8+.

"Instructions for Genealogists in the Public Library." Amason, C.R. Reference Librarian. 1988. No. 22. pg. 283-95.

Historical Floods in New England. U.S.G.S. Water Supply Paper. 1964. I 19.13: 1779-M.

Land Records Preserving America's Heritage. Bureau of Land Management. I 53.2: L 22/11. A pamphlet on how to get copies of land records.

American Memorials and Overseas Military Cemeteries. The American Battle Monuments Commission. 1985. Y 3. Am 3: C 33.

"Government Documents as Rare Books." DTTP. Amata, Benjamin T., Editor. Vol. 16, No. 4. Dec. 1988. pg. 174-9.

U.S.- Mexican War 1845-8: A Bibliography. Army Field Artillery School. Font Sitts, OK. AD-A189148.

I discovered this while reading Government Reports Announcements. It cites U.S. Army flag streamers awarded to regular army and National Guard units.

Guide to Archival Collections Relating to Radioactive Fall Out From Nuclear Weapon Testing. Department of Energy. 6th ed. DE 88003143.

"A Selective Directory of Government Document Dealers, Tobbers and Subsoption Agents." Dow, S.L. Vol. 14, No. 1/2. .1988. pg 157-86.

"U.S. Documents of Special Interest to Genealogist." Pope, W.R. and Wiener, A.L. Tracing Your Ancestors in Minnesota: A Guide to The Sources. 3rd ed. 1984. pg. 33-6.

MEETINGS

From the April 1989 National Archive Calendar of Events:

Going to the Source: May 23-26, for general researchers, social scientists, journalists, playwrights, agency historians, museum staff, policy analysts, and experienced family historians. Pre-registration required. Call (202) 523-3298 or write Education Branch, National Archives, Washington D.C. 20408.

Primarily Teaching: June 26-July 6, for upper elementary school teachers. A workshop on researching and designing a teaching unit on using documents in the classroom. Pre-registration required. Call (202) 523-3347 or write Education Branch, National Archives, Washington D.C. 20408.

The workshops fill up rather quickly so you need to sign up early if you are interested in attending. In addition, to what is available at the National Archives, there is time to work on a personal research project. Anyone interested in signing up for "Going to the Source" in May 1990?

The National Archives Branch in Chicago offers workshops on the research material available in Chicago.

The Regional Librarians are planning a meeting at the Fall Depository Council Meeting in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, October 17, 1989. There will be a program on "Rare Documents: Indentification, Preservation and Security" in the afternoon.

Fall Depository Meeting is October 18th to 20th in Arlington, VA. The hotel is very near a metro stop and just across the bridge from Georgetown.

DOC TECH

The University of Cincinnati has the Census CD #1 up and running on a public access terminal in the reference area. There is a rather convoluted procedure to get to it, in that CD #2 has to be run first, and then CD #1 can be put in and searched. I have printed out the zip code for UC so that you can see the information that it gives. If you would like a copy of the printout for your zip codes please send me an address label and the zip codes you need.

**SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING DATA
1980 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING**

ZIP CODE 45213

RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN		HOUSEHOLD INCOME	
Total Population.....	15136	Less Than \$5,000.....	497
White.....	7942	\$5,000 To \$9,999.....	801
Black.....	7156	\$10,000 To \$19,999.....	1951
American Indian, Eskimo And Aleut.....	16	\$20,000 To \$24,999.....	750
Asian And Pacific Islander.....	7	\$25,000 To \$29,999.....	562
Other Races.....	15	\$30,000 To \$39,999.....	650
		\$40,000 To \$74,999.....	454
		\$75,000 And Over.....	103
Spanish Origin.....	171	Median Household Income...\$	18350
AGE		HOUSEHOLD SIZE	
Persons Under 5 Years.....	1099	1 Person Households.....	1585
5 To 17 Years.....	2955	2 Person Households.....	1861
18 To 24 Years.....	1807	3 Person Households.....	857
25 To 64 Years.....	7075	4 Person Households.....	732
65 And Over.....	2200	5 Person Households.....	449
		6 Or More.....	284
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 AND OVER		HOUSING UNITS	
0 To 8 Years.....	1055	Total Occupied Units.....	5741
1 To 3 Years High School...	1484	Renter-Occupied Units.....	2083
4 Years High School.....	3070	Vacant Units For Sale.....	47
1 To 3 Years College.....	1803	Vacant Units For Rent.....	41
4 Years College Or More....	1863	Other Vacant Units.....	87
EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 AND OVER		Average Value Of Specified Owner-Occupied Noncondominium Housing Units.....\$	
Private Wage And Salary....	5035		49500
Federal Government.....	413		
State Government.....	348		
Local Government.....	791		
Self-Employed.....	374		
Unpaid Family Workers.....	4		

Source: 1980 Summary Tape File 3B On CD-ROM

From the computer journals: "The Seven Deadly Sins of Online Microcomputing." King, Alan. Online. July 1989. pg. 40-4. "TAPPI Paper Preservation Symposium." Luner, P.L. Library H. Tech News. Feb. 1989. No. 57. pg 1-5.

Ethel W. Williams said "Attempting to do genealogical research without maps is like trying to steer a ship without a rudder, or to find your way through a dense forest without a compass" (Know Your Ancestors, p. 45). However, the problem is that most genealogists who come to use maps have very little map expertise. Most often they are looking for places which have been mentioned in the records which they have consulted during their research, and want to know where each place is located. The location they have may be very specific, but it is frequently very vague, such as "Germany." Therefore helping them find the ancestral home can be very difficult. Some helpful hints are the following:

Dates-- What time period are we discussing? In Europe boundaries change, capitols are moved and the old records might be in a location different than the current. In the United States civil division boundaries such as counties also change and the older records may be in a completely different county than current records.

Language-- Names differ in each language. Again, particularly in border areas, the language variation may be different than the current usage, e.g. Praha versus Prague, or Wien as opposed to Vienna. It is also important to determine if it is the official name or the local name. Many towns include a very common name plus a modifier, e.g. Michelbach has several variations: am Heuchelberg, an der Bilz and an der Lucke. Without the modifier it could be one of many places with that name. Another instance is that there are eighty-two Schlossbergs listed in the DMA Gazetteers for the two Germanies but only four are populated places.

General locality-- Many people have an idea of the area of the country and sometimes can provide other helpful information, such as a river or mountain range near by, or a larger town within a certain distance. Again date is important when referring to boundary changes or distances traveled. If it is one day away by farm cart that is considerably a lesser distance that could be covered by today's car or train.

Once you have collected all the information from the researcher, the next step is to find a map which includes the town. Riley Moffat has prepared an article and bibliography which lists many helpful sources which can be found in Information Bulletin v.12, p. 21-30 & 161-5. Of course the first place to check unless you have very specific information is a gazeteer or geographical dictionary. If it is a very small town it is only going to be in a book as detailed as the DMA Gazetteer series. Again, remember dates, gazeteers do not usually contain historical information. Therefore, towns which no longer exist may not be listed. Because the wars in Europe destroyed many towns, unless you can find a tool which was published closer to the date of the research material, you may not find references to the town any longer. Other local information may be helpful here, as well. Mountains and rivers are not as easily destroyed as towns and usually can give you a general area to search.

Once you have determined the general area of the search and possibly the size of the town which you are looking for, you will be able to choose the correct maps. Remember that larger towns frequently show up in the Times Atlases or the National Geographic Atlases. For smaller towns you may need to search on a map of a scale of 1:50,000 or larger. (In the U.S. the older topos at 1:62,500 are useful). Then all you can do is get out the magnifying glass and look.

When searching government bibliographies, one finds little mention of genealogy. However, the U.S. Government publishes many items which are of great interest to the genealogist. The primary source the genealogist uses to establish age, residence, and relationship is the Federal Population Census. The Federal Population Census, with name information is released after seventy-two years by the National Archives and Records Administration. The most recently released census is from the 1910 census. Many census indexes are available from commercial firms through 1860, but the 1880, 1900 and 1910 census indexes were prepared by a card/soundex method in the 1930's by the U.S. Works Progress Administration, and are available to the public and institutions from the National Archives. These soundex indexes also can be found in large genealogical collections.

Another source of information from the census are the mortality schedules for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. These schedules list by county the deaths that occurred in each of the above census years.

The National Archives publishes the following guides to aid the researcher in the use of the census material: Federal Population Censuses 1790-1890: a Catalog of Microfilm Copies of the Schedules; 1900 Federal Population Census: a Catalog of Microfilm Copies of the Schedules; and 1910 Federal Population Census: a Catalog of Microfilm Copies of the Schedules.

One of the most used government document treasures is the inexpensive pamphlet Where to Write for Birth, Death and Marriage Records published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HE 20.6210/2: 987). This document lists the fifty states, provides vital record data, addresses, and prices information for obtaining birth, death and marriage certificates.

The National Archives and Records Administration publishes more than census data for the genealogist. It publishes many small pamphlets for the beginning researcher: Genealogical Records in the National Archives (GS 4.22: 5/5), Getting Started Beginning Your Genealogical Research in the National Archives (AE 1.102: G28) and Using Records in the National Archives for Genealogical Research (AE 1.113: 5).

Used daily in the genealogy collections are the three extensive guides to the National Archives: Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives and Guide to the National Archives and Microfilm Resources for Research. Each of these guides lists a wealth of material for the genealogist and/or researcher.

NARA also published a few genealogical guides and pamphlets: Guide to Records in the National Archives of the United States Relating to American Indians (GS 1.6/6: Am 3) and Guide to Cartographic Records in the National Archives (GS 4.6/2: G 24).

Some military records that NARA publishes on microfilm are: General Index to Compiled Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers, Index to Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel During the Revolutionary War, Index to Revolutionary War Pensions, Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files, War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants 1815-1858, Index to Compiled Service Records 1784-1811, Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers, and The General Index to Pension Files 1861-1934.

Another agency that publishes a large amount of source material for genealogists is the Library of Congress. Some titles that reflect the scope of materials published are: Special Collections in the Library of Congress (LC 1.6/4: C 68), Revolutionary American 1763-1789: a Bibliography (LC 1.12/2: R 32/4/763-789), Historic American Buildings, Structures and Sites (LC 1.2: H 62/5), Civil War Manuscripts (LC 4.2: C 49), Railroad Maps of the United States (LC 5.2: R 13) and the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (LC 5.2: F 51).

One of the most recent documents released from the Library of Congress is Generations Past: A Selected List of Sources for Afro-American Genealogical Research (LC 1.12/2: Af 8/4).

Surprisingly the United States Postal Service has recently published two family tree items: Family Tree: A Poster (P 1.2: F 21) and Plant a Family Tree and Discover Your Heritage (P 1.26: P 69).

Government Documents Librarians should become aware of these and the many other materials published by the government for genealogists.



REPORT FROM NORTHEAST OHIO

GEORGE BARNUM

The Northeast Ohio Documents Interest Group met on March 21 at the University of Akron. Guest speaker for the meeting was Jane Bartlett, GPO Depository Inspector, who gave a very thorough and informative discussion of the inspection process and strategies for preparing for inspection.

During the business meeting the membership approved the publication of the third edition of the Northeast Ohio Documents Union List, a list compiled from the GPO tapes which gives item selections for 21 Northeast Ohio libraries.

The list will be published this fall, through the facilities of Kent State University Libraries. It will be available for sale at a cost of \$10. Contact Rosemary Harrick, Documents Librarian, Kent State University Libraries, Kent, Ohio 44242, for information.

The group will meet again in the fall, following both Ohio GODORT and Depository Library Council (date to be announced). The topic of the session will be cooperative collecting and depository resource sharing. Documents staff from outside the northeast area with interest in or ideas on this topic are invited to contact George Barnum, group Convenor (Case Western Reserve University, Freiburger Library, 11161 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106).

Those who have access to the U.S. Congressional Serial Set know that there seems to be no end to the rich veins of information that we are likely to strike, given an opportune chart. Earlier this year the documents staff at Case Western Reserve struck such a vein working on a query from a faculty member in the University's History of Science and Technology Program.

The professor was looking for what he thought was a Women's Bureau bulletin from the 1910's reporting on conditions of women workers in laundries in Milwaukee. By searching under the subject heading 'women' in the CIS Congressional Serial Set Index: 61st-63rd Congress, we found not only the specific document,

"Employment of Women in Power Laundries of Milwaukee." Women in Industry Series #3 Labor Statistics Bulletin 122. House Document 1479: 62-3 Serial 6460. 1913.

but two relevant series for the faculty member's research: the Women in Industry Series was published as BLS bulletins between 1910 and 1918; and the Report on Women and Child and Wage Earners in the U.S. in 19 volumes.

The Women in Industry Series was later absorbed into the publications of the Woman in Industry Service (1919) which later was incorporated into the Women's Bureau (1920-1971).

The BLS Women in Industry Series are:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Bulletin #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Serial</u>	<u>Title</u>
01	116	1913	6330	Hours... of Employment of Women in Washington D.C.
02	119	1913	6460	Working Hours of Women in Pea Canneries in Wisconsin
03	122	1913	6460	Employment of Women in Power Laundries in Milwaukee
04	160	1915	6865	Hours, Earnings... Indiana Merchantile and Garment Factories
05	175	1916	6865	Summary... Women and Child Wage Earners in U.S.
06	176	1915	6865	Effect of Minimum Wage Determinations in Oregon
07	180	1915	7055	Boot and Shoe Industry in Massachusetts
08	182	1916	7055	Unemployment among Women in Department Stores... Boston, Massachusetts
09	193	1916	7055	Dressmaking... As a Vocation Among Women in Massachusetts
10	215	1918	7214	Industrial Experience of Trade School Girls in Massachusetts
11	223	1917	7288	Employment of Women and Juveniles in Great Britain During the War

These were all published as House Documents as well as BLS bulletins, thus they appear in that edition in the Serial Set.

The Report on Women and Child Wage Earners can be found in Serial Volumes 5685-5703.

Did you know that there are people in the Serial Set? If you do know, fine! If you do not know, then you will learn! The Serial Set is an on-going set of volumes which is alive, growing and filling in shelf space. But the older portion is the portion of interest today. From roughly 1789 to 1969 there are more than 325,000 individual titles covering over 11 million pages in over 14,000 separate volumes. I don't think you will find a person on each page, but there are thousands of people to be found in this series of volumes. You just need to know how and where to look. It is sort of like walking through a thousand-acre cemetery at night. Names are associated with military service, pensions, federal employment, immigrants, patent and trademark holders, people who filed grievances against the government and holders of federal land deeds.

You will find the people who served in the Civil War, on both land and sea in War of the Rebellion (for both the army and the navy). There are names of the men who were in the army from September 29, 1789 to March 2, 1903 and there are lists of people who applied for federal pension benefits. Patent records will also have names of patent holders. There are also federal land deed records for people who acquired federal land immediately after the settling of the thirteen colonies in Land Records: Preserving America's Heritage, I 53.2: L 22/11. I could go on and on but the list of titles is very long and can get very boring. Furthermore, I am not very good at "name games." It took me a long time to learn my own. I since decided to consult an expert whom you may know, "Eugene E. Allogie." He gave me some hints which I would like to pass along.

You can begin the game wherever you want, if you know how to play. But if you do not know how to play, what you might do first is get to know about the Serial Set and what you can find in it. After you know about some of the information and titles of the publications of interest to those playing the name game, you should find a Serial Set. Some libraries, such as the Cincinnati Public Library, have the paper edition of the Serial Set, while other libraries, such as NKU, house the CIS Serial Set microfiche collection. Some "name game" sources aren't for me. For instance, I haven't any ancestors in Minnesota and would therefore have no use for Tracing Your Ancestors in Minnesota, 3rd Ed. 1984. Vol 1. However, pages 33-7, do have a very good list of publication titles contained within the Serial Set. It would be a useful bibliographic source for the genealogy novice. Now that you are off to a successful start, the next step should be to check the 1989 edition of Tracing Your Ancestors in Minnesota: A Guide to the Sources. Pope, Wiley. Minnesota. 1989.

Another essential starting point would be background materials about the Serial Set. I have read the U.S. Serial Set which has the subtitle, "Your Ancestors Could Be Lurking Among the Pages of These Volumes." Journal of Genealogy. 1977. pg. 15-22. This article cites many titles and types of publications to be found in the Serial Set which are a big help to the genealogist. Much of the information is actually taken from another tool which I would also recommend. Congressional Information Service, Inc., 4520 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-3389 (1-800-638-8380), is the company which has made the complete Serial Set, which is available on microfiche. This set of microfiche has an index which is divided into 12 parts within 36 volumes. The CIS U.S. Serial Set Index User Handbook contains a within it a very good introduction to the Serial Set, its content and its use. This means you not only learn about the Serial Set, but how to find the titles of old U.S. documents cited in the previous bibliographies. After reading all of these sources, you should be ready to play the name game and find the long lost relatives who are lurking about in the Serial Set. Remember... practice makes perfect. Such is equally true regarding the Serial Set. With a bit of practice, you will likely find your relatives. The game will go easier and you will have more positive results if you keep a librarian, or someone who knows how to lurk about the pages nearby for moral support.

Schoor, Alan Edward. Guide to Smithsonian Serial Publications. Juneau, AK: Denali Press, 1987. 315 pages. Paper. ISBN 0-938737-13-9. \$27.95 (\$2.00 shipping).

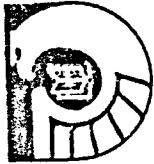
Schoor's index to Smithsonian Institution publications is both innovating and disappointing. The enticing aspect is that libraries need more of these sorts of agency oriented or topical indexes to government publications; they can only help in providing access. The title of this particular index, however, is misleading. One might expect coverage of the Smithsonian Annual Reports and Contributions to Knowledge from the late 1800's and early 1900's, for example. This is not the case. What the Guide does cover is fourteen publication series from the period of 1964-86. These include the following:

- Smithsonian Contributions to Anthropology (nos. 1-30, 32)
- Smithsonian Contributions to Botany (Nos. 1-64)
- Smithsonian Contributions to Paleobiology (Nos. 1-60)
- Smithsonian Contributions to the Earth Sciences (Nos. 1-27)
- Smithsonian Contributions to the Marine Sciences (Nos. 1-26, 28)
- Smithsonian Contributions to Zoology (Nos. 1-442, 444)
- Smithsonian Annals of Flight (Nos. 1-10)
- Smithsonian Studies in Air and Space (Nos. 1-6)
- Smithsonian Studies in History and Technology (Nos. 1-47)
- Publications in Salvage Archaeology (Nos. 1-13)
- Smithsonian Folklife Studies (Nos. 1-4)
- RIIES Bibliographic Studies (Nos. 1-2)
- RIIES Occasional Papers (Nos. 1-3)
- RIIES Research Notes (Now. 1-2)

These fourteen series total just under 750 monographs. Not included for the same 22 year period are several long-standing series that continued publication into the late 1960's and the early 1970's, such as the Proceedings of the United States National Museum and the Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin.

Once one gets beyond the limiting coverage, the Guide is a decent index to the Smithsonian's more recent publications. Part I is an annotated list of the monographs, organized by series. Each entry is coded (i.e. Smithsonian Contributions to Paleobiology 31 is SCP 31) for reference in the indexes, and contains a citation and short summary of content. Part II consists of indexes for authors, titles and subjects. The Title Index provides the code for each monograph; the Author and the Subject Indexes give both code and title. The Subject Index appears to follow the Library of Congress subject headings, and it is adequate although it is not comprehensive.

While place names and biological taxonomic categories are extensively treated, some methods, such as scanning-electron microscopy, are indexed. Other publications are buried by their subject headings (i.e. MORTUARY CUSTOMS, rather than the more mundane, CEMETERIES). Such are the problems when one limits oneself to the Library of Congress. Despite its shortcomings, the Guide to Smithsonian Serial Publications is useful for any library needing access to these materials. One hopes that a similar index will appear for the older, more difficult to access Smithsonian publications.



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MINUTES

OHIO GODORT MEETING

KENYON COLLEGE -- MAY 19, 1989

The meeting was called to order by the president, Carol Singer. The minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given.

Members who were at the Spring Council Meeting in Pittsburg commented on the proceedings. Washington is very pleased with the results of the "User Study of Academic and Public Depository Libraries" conducted by Professors Charles McClure and Peter Hernon. The results of the study will be published and distributed this summer. Gil Baldwin, GPO Head Cataloger, met with documents librarians to discuss cataloging issues. The general opinion was that MARCIVE's tapes look very good as this point.

Coleen Parmer invited Ohio GODORT to have the Fall meeting at Bowling Green State University. The date will be decided on after checking to be sure it does not conflict with other professional meetings scheduled in the Fall -- ALA, OLA and the Michigan Library Association meetings were mentioned. The date will be announced in Doc's Prescriptions.

Carol Singer reported that new acquisitions in her collection include Women's Bureau publications, publications of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, 1938-1954 on microfilm, and the transcript of the East Saint Louis race riot of 1917 on microfilm.

Karen Kottsy reported that the University of Cincinnati will have SUPER MAP and FEDERAL STATISTICS on CD-ROM.

Clyde Hordusky announced that the Documents Division of the State Library will be moving to lower floors in the State Library Building this summer, and will then have more space. The tentative dates for the move are June 19 to July 31st. During this time the Documents Division will be closed.

Graham Walden said that Kent State has officially agreed to accept archival materials from Ohio GODORT. It was decided that any member having materials appropriate for the archives should send them to Nani Ball, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the material will then be sent to Kent State as a unit. Julia Baldwin mentioned that she has some early correspondence that would be valuable for the archives.

Oberlin College has selected MARCIVE after comparing it with Silver Platter, preferring it's menus and cleaned up data base to Silver Platter's search strategy and unedited data base.

The nominating committee for President Elect included Julia Baldwin, Margaret Powell and Karen Kottsy. They announced that Liese Adams has agreed to be a candidate for the position. The floor was opened for nominations. No other nominations were given. Liese Adams was elected to the position by a show of hands.

Jess Parmer described Common Knowledge, a newly formed group to protest the limited availability of government information. He offered to copy their first publication for any interested members.

Carol Singer mentioned that, as proposed at the Fall meeting, she had sent a letter to GPO including the complaints of Ohio GODORT members about the national survey "Users of Academic and Public GPO depository Libraries." She did not get any response.

Mary Prophet and Saragail Lynch gave a successful presentation at the ACRL meeting in Cincinnati in April.

Graham Walden spoke of the difficulty in getting speakers for the Ohio GODORT meetings with limited funds. If we could pay for travel expenses and accommodations there would be many more options for programming. He suggested raising the dues to \$10.00 in order to have a budget for the program chairman. After some discussion, the suggestion was stated as a motion, and seconded by Julia Baldwin. The members approved the motion by a show of hands. The following members volunteered to serve as a committee to explore programming options: Graham Walden, Pres., Liese Adams, Program Chairman, and Coleen Parmer.

The business meeting was ajourned at approximately 11:00 A.M.

The morning program was given by Forrest Williams, Chief, Systems & Programming Division, Bureau of the Census. He spoke about census data in electronic format. James Nelson, State Librarian & Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, spoke in the afternoon about government information policy.

Respectfully submitted
Nani Ball, Secretary

Could someone create a file on the
gist of what each member said &
append it to these minutes. If
it's going to have speakers, the
minutes should be available in some way.



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You're invited to attend a presentation by Don Fossedal, Superintendent of Government Documents, on Monday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will take place in 317 Kent State University Library. Please RSVP by telephoning 216/672-2782 by July 12.