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The Extra . . .

by Curt B. Witcher

We had an extra day this month . . . this year. What did you do with your extra? Most all of us have all expressed feelings along the lines of "if only I had some extra time . . ." Well, we did. Again, what did you do with your extra?

I am so fortunate to have spent my extra day at RootsTech 2020. It remains *the* conference in the family history space, and not just because of the numbers (which are amazing--both attendees and speakers as well as exhibitors). RootsTech has a whole different vibe to it. People of all ages and from all walks of life gather together to connect, expand their knowledge, embrace new technology in compelling ways, and find more of their stories.

While I totally appreciate that leap years only come every four years, I nonetheless believe we could all benefit from being more intentional about embracing "the extra." The benefits are stunning.

****We will hear, embrace, and remember the oh-so-very-precious life stories of relatives if we simply make the extra time to sit down for chat, or not clear the Sunday dinner table so quickly but rather linger around the words that recall memories near and distant. Do the extra to get the extra.**

**The benefits of taking the extra time and making the extra effort to discover the contexts of our ancestors' lives are nearly immeasurable. We too often miss records, obscure the actual lives of our ancestors, and actually create "brick walls" in discovering our stories by not taking the extra time to learn about our ancestor's towns and villages, where they worshipped, how they made a living, what they paid taxes on, and exactly why it is that we are finding them where we are. Do the extra to get the extra.

**Making the effort to network with other genealogists as well as family members often pays unbelievable dividends. We hear how others have approached a challenge, we learn of resources and methodologies we haven't tried before, and we are inspired in ways that touch our hearts and minds. Besides, so often a few more brains focused on a challenge brings needed results. Do the extra to get the extra.

**Take the extra time to simply explore. How do we know what we will find if we don't look? Read grandpa's war letters again, enjoy the brand new history written on an ancestor's hometown even if the surnames of your research interest aren't in the index, and Google it. Talk to your relatives about what you're doing and ask if they have suggestions, ideas, and assistance to provide. Do the extra to get the extra.

**Make the extra effort to embrace new technologies as a way to add more techniques to your story-finding endeavors. It's absolutely amazing what is being done in the genealogy space to greatly enhance our abilities to find and share our families' stories—to connect. Use technology to engage family members. Some may not be as interested in their family stories as they are in the technology you are considering or deploying. Transfer interest in technology to interest in story. Do the extra to get the extra.

There are a number of extras happening in the Genealogy Center in March. Take advantage of what these extras have to offer. After all, it really is all about the extra.

Frank Doherty's "Settlers of the Beekman Patent"

by John D. Beatty, *CG*

"Prosopography" is a term used for the study of a population of individuals and the common attributes that define them. Usually those attributes encompass a defined geographical area and time period. Such works attempt to develop biographies of all the known people in that population group. The Genealogy Center owns a number of such studies, including several medieval studies and the well-known Great Migration series of early New England by Robert Charles Anderson. Another remarkable and often overlooked prosopography is Frank J. Doherty's "Settlers of the Beekman Patent: Dutchess County, New York" (Pleasant Valley, NY: The Author, 1990-) (Gc 974.701 D95do). This multi-volume series now stretches to 13 volumes and focuses on all of the seventeenth and eighteenth century settlers who settled on a large land patent in what is now Dutchess County, north of New York City on the Hudson River. Using good standards of documentation, Doherty has made it his life work to document all of the families that ever lived on the patent within this time period.

Col. Henry Beekman received the Beekman Patent from the English crown in 1697, the second largest land grant in Dutchess County. Beekman and his descendants (who married into the Livingston family) chose not to sell off their land but rent it instead to others in small individual tracts through long-term leases. This action resulted in the absence of deeds and mortgage records, making it difficult for modern researchers to document the people and assemble pedigrees. Many came from New England and settled temporarily before moving further west, while others, many from Germany, also started settling about 1710. Doherty began researching the project in the 1970s after he bought an old house in the patent. In attempting to trace its history, he located rent ledgers, tax rolls, maps, and unpublished Revolutionary War information that illuminated the stories of hidden residents, leading eventually into an expanded study of the whole patent.

The first volume establishes the backstory of the patent and places it within a historical context. It includes maps, transcriptions of patent records, meeting minutes, and a detailed review and transcript of documents from the Revolutionary War era, when both loyalists and patriots lived as neighbors. The remaining 12 volumes published thus far, covering letters A to S, include brief genealogies of families living in the patent in the eighteenth century. Arrangement within each volume follows alphabetically with the information presented in Register format. To compile each family study, Doherty draws from a combination of both published genealogies and unpublished records, and all are fully sourced using abbreviated codes that are keyed to a bibliography in back. Some families are covered in more detail than others. Corrections are accumulated in successive volumes, and every volume is fully indexed.

New York has a well-deserved reputation among genealogists for the lack of genealogical evidence of its early settlers. The colony did not record births and deaths as did its sister colonies in New England, and indeed, Dutchess County is sometimes called the "graveyard of genealogy." Doherty's work offers an important remedy, shedding light on an era that is challenging to document. It is unclear when he will complete the series - a new volume appears on average every two years - but if you have an ancestor who may have lived in or passed through Dutchess County in the eighteenth century, these Beekman Patent volumes are well worth examining.

Reclaim The Records Update

by Sara Allen

We first wrote about Reclaim The Records (<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>) a few years ago. They are a group of regular genealogists who organized in 2015 to work to gain access to genealogical records that have not yet been formally released to the public. They use Freedom of Information Act requests and lawsuits (when FOIA requests are denied) to obtain access to public birth, marriage, death indexes and more. Their successful requests have resulted in countless record indexes being scanned and placed freely online at Internet Archives at: <https://archive.org/details/reclaimtherecords>. Some of these indexes are also now freely available on FamilySearch.org or by subscription fee at Ancestry.com. We thought you might like to see an update concerning Reclaim The Record's work. Below we have listed genealogical records that they have gained access to and placed online and those that are still in-progress.

New York Records

Index to New York State Births (Outside of New York City), 1881-1942 - Online
Index to New York State Deaths (Outside of New York City), 1880-1956 - Online
Geographic Index to New York City Births, late 19th to early 20th centuries - Online
Index to New York City Marriage Licenses, 1908-1929 - Online
Index to New York City Marriage Licenses, 1930-1995 - Online
Index to New York City Marriage Licenses, 1996-2017 - Online
List of Registered Voters in New York City for 1924 - Online
Index to Deaths in Buffalo, New York, 1852-1944 - Online
Brooklyn (Kings County) "Old Town" Records - Litigation in-progress
New York City Death Certificates 1949-1968 and nullification of NYC DOH records access rules - Litigation in-progress
Index to New York State Marriages (Outside of New York City), 1881-2017 - Litigation in-progress
Index to Deaths in Albany, New York, 1880-1915 - Litigation in-progress
Index to Deaths in Yonkers, New York, ca. 1870-1915 - Litigation in-progress

New Jersey Records

New Jersey Marriage Index, 1901-2016 - Online
New Jersey Birth, Marriage, and Death Indices, 1901-1903 and 1901-1914 - Online
New Jersey Death Index, 1904-2017 - Online

Other States

Mississippi State Death Index, 1912-1943 - Online
Missouri Birth Index, ca. 1920-2015 - Litigation in-progress
Missouri Death Index, 1968-2015 - Litigation in-progress
Nebraska Death Index, 1904-1968 - Online
U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index - Litigation in progress
U.S. Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) Death File - Litigation in-progress
Washington State Marriage, Divorce, and Death Indices, ca. 1907-2017 - Litigation in-progress
Wyoming Marriage, Death, and Divorce Indices, 1900-1965 - Litigation in-progress

Stay tuned to their website and social media accounts for new developments. Thanks to this wonderful organization, family historians now have access to records that were once closed to the public or kept under limited access. Think of what each of us can accomplish if we band together and work strategically on projects as Reclaim The Records has done.

Technology Tip of the Month: Guided Tab, Special Edits, Replace Background, and other Select Tools

by Kay Spears

Welcome back. I don't know if you remember where we left off, but we ran into a slight glitch in the last article when we went into the Replace Background tool. The glitch was with the Selection Tool option, and selection tools are not the easiest tool to maneuver when what you are using is a

mouse. Now that I've got that off my chest, we will proceed with the next Selection Tool: the Quick Selection Tool. Oh dear, could they be tricking us again with words like Quick? We are about to find out.

Open an image, then in the Guided Tab select "Replace Background." The first tool you will click on is the Quick Selection button. Your cursor changes to a circle with a cross in it. There are also tool options open at the bottom of your work board: you have New, add, or subtract. There is also an option which allows you to change the size and type of brush you are using. There is a Refine Edge tool available, but I suggest you get used to maneuvering your brush before you do that step. Here is what you do. Decide what area on your photograph you want to replace with a different background. Holding the left clicker on your mouse down, drag it down through the area you don't want a background on. Then release the left clicker. You should see one of those marching ant lines around the area you want. Then you can go to the next step that is Replace the Background.

Tip: When I first dragged my Select Tool, I assumed I was selecting the area I wanted the background placed in. Turns out I selected the area I didn't want the background in. There are some things you can do if the wrong area is selected. You can do the Undo keystroke: if you are in Windows, you can do a Ctrl+Z keystroke. In Mac it's the Command-Z keystroke. Also, as with all select tools, while you still have the select tool active, you may do a right click with your mouse/cursor. This brings up a menu. On the menu is the "Select Inverse" option. What that option does is reverse the background selection area. While we have that menu open, I will take the time to point out another tool: the Feather Tool. For all of you who wonder how some people have achieved the soft edges around a photograph, this is one method used to obtain that effect. What it actually does is remove pixels around the edges of a selection.

And that is what the Quick Selection tool does. I suggest you play with it and learn how to maneuver through the image.

Next: We continue on with the Selection tool in the Replace Background with the Brush selection.

PERSI Gems--Tobacco Tales

by Adam Barrone and Mike Hudson

Betty Bowker is pictured on the cover of the 1996 Northern Penobscot County Edition of Paper Talks Magazine. She appears as a young lady in the year 1950 at a campground in Baxter State Park in northern Maine with her right arm outstretched toward a young buck nicknamed Bummer. Betty's daughter, Cindy Hanscom, submitted the photo for publication and wrote that Bummer, a tame deer, was popular with campground visitors. He was named for his [unfortunate] habit of eating cigarettes.

Bummer was not the last deer to become addicted to nicotine from eating roadside cigarette butts. In 2012, a pair of hunters at Whitehouse, Texas, were chased to their truck by a raging buck which then snatched and consumed a pack of cigarettes from the dashboard.

The Periodical Source Index (PERSI) cites Betty & Bummer's photo along with Lady Nicotine's

350th birthday, clay pipes as archaeological evidence, smoking on the battlefield, tobacco addiction in children, and a cautionary tale about lighting up near explosives. Try a search here:

<http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>

A few tobacco tales:

Albert Smith sat and smoked on keg of gunpowder in a mine, seriously injured, 1911, Whitley Co., KY
Whitley (KY) Branches, v.61, Apr. 2012

Betty Bowker McKinnon with Bummer the cigarette-eating deer, cover photo and notes, 1950
Paper Talks: Northern Penobscot County (ME) Edition, 1996

Burmese women smoking at Iraawddy River crossing at Myitkyina, Robert Leavens photo, 1940s
Ex-CBI Roundup (LaHabra, CA), v.28n.10, Dec. 1973

General Dan Sickles, legend of him smoking cigar while being taken off Gettysburg battlefield, 1863
America's Civil War (Cowles History Group, VA), v.22n.3, Jul. 2009

George M. Taylor jumped from train due to temporary insanity due to cigarette smoking, 1889, CA
Joshua Journal (Palmdale, CA), v.1n.2, Jun. 2005

Photo of clay smoking pipes found in excavation of Presque Isle, showed occupation from 1794-1812
Pennsylvania Heritage, v.34n.4, Fal. 2008

Reverend J. L. Boyer advocated folding tables and smoking room at Cottonwood Methodist Church,
1914
Jacksonville Illinois Geneal Journal, v.33n.4, Dec. 2005

Tobacco, lady nicotine 350th birthday
Virginia Cavalcade (Library of VA), v.12n.1, Sum. 1962

Two-year-old son of John Spangenberg addicted to smoking a pipe, 1882
Clark County (OH) Kin, v.30n.4, Oct. 2012

Winfield Scott Hancock Doran as the smoking baby, d.1890
Central Jersey Genealogy Club News, Notes, Tips and Quips (NJ), v.12n.6, Nov. 2007

History Tidbits: Benjamin Franklin and the Drinking Dictionary
by Allison DePrey Singleton

"Beer is proof God loves us and wants us to be happy" - not Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin, a founding father, inventor, author, publisher, politician, scientist, and diplomat, has been attributed to this quote mistakenly. In fact, Franklin was not as keen on beer as he was of

wine. The quote that was probably misconstrued to be about beer was contained in a letter from Franklin to Abbe Morellet in 1779: "Voila l'eau qui tombe des cieux sur nos vignobles; la, elle entre les racines des vignes pour etre changee en vin; preuve constante que Dieu nous aime, et qu'il aime a nous voir heureux." (Behold the rain which descends from heaven upon our vineyards; there it enters the roots of the vines, to be changed into wine; a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy.) The letter was musing upon the biblical verses on wine and Abbe Morellet's drinking songs.

Now why was alcohol so important to Franklin? It was an everyday part of life during the late 1700s. Drinking alcohol could occur at any time of the day and at any meal. Considered safer than water in many cases, it was actually thought to have health benefits. The first brewery in the colonies was built in 1612. According to historian Ed Crews, "In 1790, United States government figures showed that annual per-capita alcohol consumption for everybody over fifteen amounted to thirty-four gallons of beer and cider, five gallons of distilled spirits, and one gallon of wine." (Crews)

This being said, not all colonists were drunk all of the time, and most looked down on drunkenness. Even Franklin said, "Nothing [is] more like a Fool than a drunken Man." Society expected people were to regulate themselves and not over imbibe.

Nevertheless, colonists not only drank, they came up with clever or humorous names for their drinks. As a man of words, Franklin could not resist collecting these names and those for drinking in common use at the time. He compiled "The Drinkers' Dictionary," which he filled with such delightful phrases as "Going to Jerusalem" and "As Dizzy as a Goose."

Check out "The Drinker's Dictionary" in the Sources below to discover more clever names for the alcoholic beverages and euphemisms used by our ancestors. As a cultural note, remember that it was a common occurrence for people of all ages to drink alcohol for a variety of purposes. Waterborne illnesses were common, and safe, potable water was often in short supply. While many people in later years became supporters of temperance, their forebears did not consider it harmful to drink in moderation during the colonial period. Our ancestors had different standards of propriety.

Sources for Further Reading:

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Library Catalog Insider--Taking a Look at COPIES and MORE INFO

by Kasia Young

Welcome to March!

When you perform an initial search at <https://acpl-cms.wise.oclc.org/home>, you will typically get a list of all materials that match your search criteria. In order to find items that are exclusive to The Genealogy Center, we suggest you narrow down your search by BRANCH and select GENEALOGY. This tool is available after a search is performed and is visible on the left-hand side of the results screen. You can further narrow down your search by selecting MATERIAL TYPE (either BOOK or ELECTRONIC RESOURCE).

Now we are ready to explore! This month, we will take a closer look at COPIES and MORE INFO tabs, which are an important element of our catalog records. When you need to find a call number quickly, you can locate it from the results page. You will notice that each title has a green AVAILABLE (WHERE?) or REFERENCE (WHERE?) button on the bottom right side. AVAILABLE, means that there are copies of this particular title that can be checked out (if you are a current ACPL library card holder). REFERENCE indicates an item that is only available to be viewed or used onsite. All of The Genealogy Center's materials fall into the latter category (unless they are an electronic resource, in which case they can be accessed from all around the globe). When you click on the green button, a list of locations and call numbers will pop up. The call number to note is the one designated as "Genealogy department".

If you would like more information on the item that you just discovered, click on the title to access the detailed view. Right away, you will notice the COPIES and MORE INFO tabs. The COPIES tab gives you the information about the call number, while the MORE INFO tab provides you with a detailed description of the item. This information can include publisher, date of publication, number of pages, size, edition, and subject headings, all located under this tab. One of the cool features that you can utilize are linked fields. Linked fields, you wonder? All the blue text in MORE INFO tab are actual links to other resources in our catalog.

For example, we searched for "fort wayne + sports" books in The Genealogy Center. A book entitled "Fort Wayne sports history" by Blake Sebring caught our eye. We clicked on the title to get to the full catalog record. Immediately, we notice that AUTHOR and SUBJECT fields are blue. When we click on the author's name, we discover 10 more books that were written by him. How cool is that? That is not all. When we click on the subjects, we discover even more related resources.

How about the electronic resources? Let's chat about that next month!

DNA and Genealogy Interest Group

Our next DNA and Family History Interest Group meetings will be on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Have you done a DNA test for genealogical purposes? Do you completely understand the results you received? Do you need advice in interpreting your results? Are you interested and wonder what the best test is for you? Come to the DNA Interest Group Meeting to share and learn from one other! The basic information meeting is from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., followed by a more advanced discussion from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Come to Your "Census" with March Madness

Every March, The Genealogy Center likes to honor our Indiana roots by observing March Madness. This year, in anticipation of the coming 2020 census, we are focusing on the various censuses that are available for family historians. Our offerings include:

Sunday, March 1, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Searching Online Census Collections - John Beatty

Monday, March 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Finding & Using State Census Records - Delia Cothrun Bourne

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Native American Enumerations: First Nations in Context - Curt Witcher

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Seldom Used Census ... Non-Population and Slave Schedules - Cynthia Theusch

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Discovery Center
DNA & Family History Interest Groups - Sara Allen

Friday, March 6, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center
The 1940 Census and Preparing for the 1950 Census - Allison DePrey Singleton

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center
Piecing the Census Puzzle Together - Melissa Tennant

You can choose to attend one or more of these offerings or you can attend all! Register online at <https://acpl.libnet.info/events>! Just search *Genealogy* to find all of our programs. You can also register for any of these free programs by calling 260-421-1225 or emailing Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

March Technology in Genealogy User Group Meeting

The Genealogy Center and the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana hold a Technology in Genealogy User Group Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. Spend an enjoyable and informative hour in the Discovery Center on Saturday, March 21, 2020, starting at 10:30 a.m., as Curt Sylvester leads the discussion on Family Tree Maker. Focus will be on entry and retrieval of names, dates and locations, and how to secure information for genealogy road trips, such as visiting grave sites and other locations related to ancestors.

Preservation Week Is on Its Way!

To celebrate the American Library Association's Preservation Week, we are offering a week full of information for you to conserve your own family and heirlooms. This year's classes are listed below.

Sunday, April 26, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center

"RESTORE YOUR STORY!" - Rick Voight, co-founder of Vivid-Pix RESTORE

Monday, April 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

"Charting Your Path: Using Forms to Organize Research" - Delia Cothrun Bourne

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

"The Balancing Act: Preserving and Displaying Your Family Heirlooms" - Tamara Hemmerlein, Director of Local History Services for the Indiana Historical Society

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

"Who, What, Where? How to Look at, Analyze, Organize, and Preserve Your Photographs" - Kay Spears

Thursday, April 30, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

"What was at RootsTech This Year?" - Allison DePrey Singleton

Friday, May 1, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center

"Scrapbooking Your Photographs" - Sara Allen

Saturday, May 2, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center

"Preserving the Past: Sustaining Congregational Archives" - John Beatty

Register for any or all online at <https://acpl.libnet.info/events>! Just search Genealogy to find all of our programs. You can also register for any of these free programs by calling 260-421-1225 or emailing Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

Staying Informed about Genealogy Center Programming

Do you want to know what we've got planned? Are you interested in one of our events, but forget? We offer email updates for The Genealogy Center's programming schedule. Don't miss out! Sign up

at <http://goo.gl/forms/THcV0wAabB>.

Area Calendar of Events

Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

March 11, 2020 - Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Center, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN, Discovery Center, 7 p.m. Dr. Thomas D. Hamm will present "Introduction to Quaker Genealogy."

Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana Technology in Genealogy Users Group Meeting

March 21, 2020 - Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Center, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN, Discovery Center, 10:30 a.m. This month, back by popular demand, Allen County Genealogical Society members will be discussing important features of Family Tree Maker.

Mary Penrose Wayne DAR Chapter Library Help Day for Prospective DAR Members

March 4, 2020 - Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Center, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) join the DAR in being available in the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center on the first Wednesday of the month. On March 4, 2020, a representative of the local chapter of the SAR will be in the Genealogy Center to answer questions regarding membership in the organization. Assistance will be provided to help one with the application process.

The George R. Mather Sunday Lecture Series

March 1, 2020 - History Center, 302 E. Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2 p.m. Lecture presented by Don Doxsee: "A History of the Allen County Bar and Courts, 1824-2019."

Genealogy Center Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GenealogyCenter/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/genealogycenter/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ACPLGenealogy>

Blog: <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Community/Blog.aspx>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/askacpl>

Driving Directions to the Library

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 302. 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 312. 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.

Parking at the Library

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. The meters take credit cards and charge at a rate of \$1/hour. Street parking

is free after 5 p.m. 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 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Genealogy Center Queries

The Genealogy Center hopes you find this newsletter interesting. Thank you for subscribing. We cannot, however, answer personal research emails written to the e-zine address. The department houses a Research Center that makes photocopies and conducts research for a fee.

If you have a general question about our collection, or are interested in the Research Center, please telephone the library and speak to a librarian who will be glad to answer your general questions or send you a research center form. Our telephone number is 260-421-1225. If you'd like to email a general information question about the department, please email: Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

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