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Celebrating Continued Collection Growth
by Curt B. Witcher

Regardless of what we hear from the Federal Reserve Chairman or on the evening news, to most of us it doesn't feel at all like the recession is coming to an end. Indeed, things seem to be as tight as ever, whether we're talking about our personal budgets, the budgets of the places where we work, or the budgets of our local and state governments. We have heard so much in the news about how all this is affecting libraries and archives. Most Ohio public libraries have suffered a 30% cut to their funding; the Michigan governor and that state's legislature are considering 20% to 30% funding cuts to their public libraries, as well as completely dismantling and disbanding the Library of Michigan; and the poor economy coupled with new tax laws in Indiana have conspired to take significant funds away from most every public library including the Allen County Public Library.

In spite of all the not-so-bright news, our *Genealogy Center* collections have continued to grow at a very respectable pace. My colleagues and I are so very grateful for that. Part of the sustained growth is due to extraordinarily prudent management of fiscal resources, part of it is the savvy and dedication of our bibliographers and selectors, and part of it is the generosity of our patrons. Many individuals contribute copies of their finished works to our collection. Others allow us to photocopy or digitize their unique documents such as the family record pages from Bibles, military discharge papers and pension files, and diaries and daybooks from yesteryear. Still others allow us to preserve and provide free online access to database files of genealogical and historical data that they have compiled as a part of their research or as a special project. Please keep us in mind as you complete your genealogical undertakings and when you happen upon unique family documents.

Just this month, our *Genealogy Center* received a bequest of a private library containing nearly five thousand historical works covering a time period from the mid nineteenth century to the mid

twentieth century. A majority of these works are military histories and general Americana compilations. When cataloged and processed into our research collection, those items will provide researchers with much more detail on military figures and military engagements of the past. As we look to build our collections for both the researchers of today and those of tomorrow, the twentieth century works detailing military aircraft, battleships, troop movements and strategies, biographical accounts, and first-hand narratives will become increasingly important. Look for these new additions when you explore our online catalog.

This past Friday, September 25th, in two programs, we celebrated the fact that the research materials (two dimensional items) of the Lincoln Financial Collection, formerly part of Fort Wayne's Lincoln Museum, are now housed at the Allen County Public Library and are available for researchers to use. This research collection includes more than 20,000 books and pamphlets, thousands of 19th-century photographs, manuscript collections, maps, Civil War diaries and letters, newspapers, and Lincoln-related documents--including many written or signed by Lincoln. In addition, the extensive subject files of newspaper clippings, correspondence, and other materials comprise a treasure trove of information available nowhere else.

We are fortunate to have two grant-funded Lincoln librarians who transitioned from the museum to the library with this collection. Their expertise with the Lincoln Collection and their years of experience in working with Lincoln scholars, combined with the breadth and depth of the research materials, make this a truly incomparable collection, and its presence at the Allen County Public Library certainly a cause for celebration.

So indeed, amazing collections of significant historical works continue to grow here at the Allen County Public Library, and we are most grateful. I invite you to celebrate with us by making frequent use of the collections.

The "American Newspaper Directory"
by Cynthia Theusch

Most genealogists discover the value of newspapers early in their research. Identifying newspapers that were published in the time and place in which your ancestors lived is a useful first step. One unusual source that can identify late 19th century publications is Geo. P. Rowell & Company's "American Newspaper Directory" (O16.05 R79). Issued annually, this directory targeted advertisers and provided "accurate lists of all the newspapers and periodicals published in the United States, [its] territories, and the Dominion of Canada." The editions of 1880 and 1889 may be consulted in the Genealogy Center.

The first section of Rowell's directory is a gazetteer of towns, in which newspapers and other periodicals were published, arranged alphabetically by state or province. A brief description including the population, location, and principal industries of each town is provided. Each entry is followed by a description of the publications produced there, including the name, frequency and distribution date, politics (if any), number of pages, size, subscription price, year established, editor's name, publisher's name, and circulation. For example, the 1880 directory indicates that Evening Shade, Arkansas, has a population of more than 500 and is located in Sharp County, twenty-

five miles north of Batesville and two miles from the Strawberry River. The town "produces flour, lumber, wagons and harness, and possesses educational facilities." The local newspaper, "Sharp County Record," is four pages long, measures 20 by 26 inches, and is issued on Thursdays. Annual subscription is \$1.50 and circulation is one thousand copies. The newspaper was established in 1877, and J. W. Buckley is editor and publisher.

The second section of Rowell's directory is a list, in alphabetical order by states and counties, of the newspapers published in each county and their frequency of issue. For example, a total of six newspapers were published in Genesee County, New York, in 1880. At Batavia, the county seat, the "News" was printed daily, while the "Progressive Batavian," "Republican Advocate," and "Spirit of the Times" all appeared weekly. In addition, the "Gazette" and the "Genesee Courier" were issued weekly in the town of Le Roy.

Researchers will find the "American Newspaper Directory" one useful tool for identifying newspapers that were published in the county where their ancestors lived. Those seeking additional guidance on tracking down and using newspaper collections should consult the chapter on newspapers in the 2006 edition of "The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy" (929 So8).

The "Evangelical Messenger"

by Dawne Slater-Putt

Genealogists regularly sing the praises of newspaper research. However, too often, they concentrate on mainstream, general-interest newspapers from their ancestors' hometowns and neglect special-interest papers, such as those of ethnic and religious groups.

From 1848 to 1946, the "Evangelical Messenger" was the weekly English-language publication of the Evangelical Association, later the Evangelical Church. Jacob Albright formed the Evangelical Association in 1800. A splinter group, the United Evangelical Church, formed in 1891. When the two groups reunited in 1922, the resulting body became the Evangelical Church. The "Evangelical Messenger" was published in Cleveland, Ohio. It was national in coverage and included secular news, news of the church, children's and young people's columns, information about missions, editorials on politics from the church's point of view and instructional religious messages.

A randomly-chosen issue from 1903 contained teachings from Paul's epistles, the transcription of a song titled "The Christian Life," the Children's Corner column with teaching stories, another column labeled Our Young People with a poem or song titled "What Can You Do?," correspondence from missionaries, editorials on "The Growth of Socialism" and the need for a temperance revival, notes from the mission field in Japan and India and "at home" in the U.S., national and international news briefs, and obituaries.

The obituaries of those affiliated with the Evangelical Church arguably are the most compelling part of the "Evangelical Messenger" for genealogists. David H. Koss published abstracts of "Evangelical Messenger" obituaries for surnames A through Schnerr in "The Bush Meeting Dutch," a quarterly publication (929.102 Ev14d, 1984-1997). However, this series of obituaries was incomplete - it did not include any surnames alphabetically following Schnerr, and it covered only the early

period of 1848 to 1866.

Complementing the Koss abstracts is a searchable index of obituaries published in the "Evangelical Messenger" for 1893 through 1913, available online at http://www.genealogycenter.info/search_evanmessenger.php. Created by Anne Dallas Budd, Rita Bone Kopp and Sally Zody Spreng, the database includes nearly 48,000 entries and is indexed by decedents and their spouses. Additional years continue to be added.

The Genealogy Center has the entire run of the "Evangelical Messenger" on microfilm (cabinet 61-B-11) and will photocopy obituaries from it via email requests to Genealogy@ACPL.Info. Requests should include the patron's name and mailing address, decedent's name and the date the obituary appeared. Patrons will be billed \$2.50 for each obituary and should allow up to six weeks for processing.

Technology Tip of the Month--Photo Restoration with Adobe Photoshop, Version 9.02: Scanning by Kay Spears

Rule number one: Never, ever, under any circumstances try to fix the original photograph! No cleansers, erasures or fingers should ever touch the face of the photograph!

For the purposes of restoring and archiving photographs, I recommend using a flatbed scanner. As I stated earlier, some people use a digital camera to copy family photos. The advantage is there won't be any reflection from the bright light of a scanner, especially with those photos that already have a silvery cast to them. However, the digital camera saves images in a JPEG format, while a TIFF is best for archiving and restoring a photo. JPEGs are compressed images and are often referred to as "lossy." Every time a JPEG is opened there is a loss of bits of the image. There is no loss with a TIFF. You can always change the TIFF image to a JPEG. Changing a JPEG to a TIFF will correct the "lossy" problem, but it will not improve the quality of the image. Anytime you want to print a photographic image, use a TIFF. However, if you want to populate your website with photos, those TIFFs should be changed to JPEGs. TIFFs are big memory users, so you'll want to store them somewhere besides on your internal hard drive.

Depending on the number of photos in your collection, you may decide to be selective. Do you want to scan all of them or just a few treasured images? You may be storing all of your scanned photos on a CD, a flash drive, or an external hard drive, but since technology is always changing, someday soon it will be necessary to copy them to something else. Remember Beta - VHS - DVD - and Blu-ray!

To scan, first make sure the glass is clean. For archiving, photo restoration and printing, photos should be scanned at no less than 300 DPI (dots per inch). For websites, anything more than 72 DPI is unnecessary, since computer monitors only display between 72-96 DPI. Photographic paper is only 400 DPI, so unless you are having an expensive publishing house print your book, anything larger than 300-400 DPI is a waste of drive space. There is one exception to that rule (isn't there always?): if you are going to enlarge a photo, the rule of thumb is to double the DPI with every doubling of size. So, to produce an 8.5 x 11 from a 4 x 6, scan at 600 DPI. Just be aware that

extremely large files like this might lock up an underpowered computer.

Some scanners have XPA attachments or a negative film scanner. These are handy for copying old negatives when you no longer have the photos. If your photos have been ripped apart, scan them anyway, then put them together in Photoshop - do not tape them together. You may also want to scan old documents, diaries, journals and letters. The same rules apply. There is one trick I've discovered with old letters that have writing showing through - I put a piece of black, acid-free construction paper on top when I'm scanning and it prevents the other side from leaking through. Once you have scanned and saved your images, you are ready to restore them.

Next month: The Nitty Gritty

Preservation Tip of the Month--Storing Oversized Documents
by Becky Schipper

Oversized documents such as abstracts, maps, and charts, should be interleaved with pH balanced, buffered tissue or paper made for long term storage. Documents should be placed in map cases or flat file boxes for storing. List the contents of each box or case on the outside so that the items inside are not handled more than is necessary. Rolling or folding oversized materials should be avoided as both of these treatments can cause damage that may not be reversible. Before moving oversized documents, place them on a sturdy sheet of card stock that is larger than the item you are moving.

October: Celebrate Family History Month with the Us!

Make plans right now to attend some of the 31 days of events that the staff of the Genealogy Center have planned for your education and entertainment. There are classes on the Lincoln family, use of Adobe's Photoshop, the WeRelate.org website, Ellis Island, and wringing as much information as possible from a single record. Todd Maxwell Pelfrey will discuss Fort Wayne history, Janice Cantrell will explain the local Catholic Diocese's records, and Angie Quinn will bring Fort Wayne's ghosts to light. Add the Military Symposium, the International Black Genealogy Summit and throw in the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana's Beginner's Workshop, and you have a full month of opportunities to expand your genealogy knowledge and enliven your fall.

Here's a snap-shot of the entire line-up!

- *Thursday October 1: Facebook from a Genealogical Perspective
- *Friday October 2: Tracing the History of Your House
- *Saturday October 3: Beginning Genealogy. Sponsored and presented by the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana. Registration fee and form at <http://www.acgsi.org/>
- *Sunday October 4: Piecing the Census Puzzle Together
- *Monday October 5: "Jumping-off Points": Getting the Most You Can from a Single Record.
- *Tuesday October 6: WeRelate: Create/Edit
- *Wednesday October 7: Daughters of the American Revolution Research Assistance for Membership

- *Thursday October 8: WeRelate: Search/Browse
- *Friday October 9: Military Symposium: Military Lineage Societies
- *Saturday October 10: Military Symposium: Military Lineage Societies
- *Sunday October 11: Historical and Genealogical Resources of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- *Monday October 12: Discovering Your Female Ancestors
- *Tuesday October 13: Microsoft Word for Beginners
- *Wednesday October 14: African American Genealogical Research
- *Thursday October 15: Being Creative with Your Family History
- *Friday October 16: Swiss Genealogical Records. John Beatty
- *Saturday October 17: Heritage Scrapbooking: Preserving Historical Photographs and Memorabilia
- *Sunday October 18: The Lincolns, Melancholy, and the Insanity File
- *Monday October 19: The Ellis Island Experience
- *Tuesday October 20: Adobe Photoshop: Photo Restoration for Beginners
- *Wednesday October 21: Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana Computer Interest Group Meeting
- *Thursday October 22: Searching Ancestry.com
- *Friday October 23: Luxembourg Ancestry
- *Saturday October 24: Lindenwood Cemetery
- *Sunday October 25: Three D-ing Fort Wayne's Past
- *Monday October 26: Haunted Sites in Fort Wayne
- *Tuesday October 27: Using PERSI (Periodical Source Index)
- *Wednesday October 28: Sources for Researching Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad in Northeast Indiana
- *Thursday October 29: International Black Genealogy Summit Pre-conference
- *Friday-Saturday October 30-31: International Black Genealogy Summit

For more information and to register for these wonderful opportunities, go to

<http://www.acpl.info/genealogy/programs.html>

Register Now for the 2009 Annual Military Symposium

Register now for our Military Symposium 2009: "Military Lineage Societies" to be held on Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10. The Symposium will feature lectures about the organizations formed by American soldiers and their descendants, highlighting the usefulness of their records and publications to both genealogists and historians. Pre-registration is \$35, \$40 at the door. A descriptive program schedule follows.

Friday Oct. 9, 2009:

**3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Delia Bourne lectures on "American Hereditary Military Societies: An Overview." American soldiers and patriots who served their country have been honored in various ways through the years - by monuments and pensions, by surviving comrades, and by their descendants through the formation of societies to remember the soldiers' sacrifices. This presentation discusses reasons for forming veteran societies, and why the veterans' descendants in turn created descendant organizations. Sample groups are profiled, indicating the types of records one may

find.

****4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Ron Darrah lectures on "Keep Your Powder Dry: The Revolutionary War & Genealogy." This session will focus on military and pension records, both Federal and State, resources in the DAR and SAR libraries, those of other lineage groups, and collections in state libraries and archives.

Saturday Oct. 10, 2009

****9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** Delia Bourne lectures on "After Johnny & Billy Came Marching Home: Post-Service and Hereditary Societies of the American Civil War." This presentation will discuss the societies formed by Civil War soldiers and subsequent or independent descendant societies devoted to honoring the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought. The histories, records, and publications of these societies can provide service and biographical information concerning members, soldiers and patriots, and their families.

****11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Ron Darrah lectures on "A Splendid Little War: Family History and the Spanish-American War." Although the Spanish-American War was brief and one-sided, it generated genealogical records way beyond the military consequences. This session will look at numerous repositories and will focus on the United Spanish War Veterans organization.

****1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** Ron Darrah lectures on "The War To End All Wars: World War One Genealogy." The patriotic and idealistic fervor surrounding the Great War created many opportunities for genealogists. We will look at draft records, alternate sources for burned Federal records, and the numerous state-based repositories and collections, including the American Legion.

****3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Curt Witcher lectures on "Marching On: The "Our Military Heritage" Website and Other Online Military Sites." A tour of online sources, highlighting the Genealogy Center's Our Military Heritage website.

A more detailed schedule and a registration form are available at: <

<http://www.ACPL.Info/genealogy/programs.html>>

International Black Genealogy Summit & More

African American research and heritage is featured many times during Family History Month, starting with Roberta Ridley's presentation on her research experiences on her four generations of family here in Fort Wayne to the Allen County Genealogical Society meeting on Wednesday October 14, at 7 PM. Local historian Peggy Siegel will share "Sources for Researching Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad in Northeast Indiana" on Wednesday, October 28, focusing on the wide array of research possibilities at ACPL. The African/African American Historical Society of Fort Wayne and the Genealogy Center are teaming up to present the International Black Genealogy Summit Pre-Conference on Thursday, October 29, featuring lectures and an open forum on black genealogical research. Help us to plan room arrangements for this free event by registering in advance. Then on Friday and Saturday, October 30th and 31st, the Genealogy Center will host the International Black Genealogy Summit, an unprecedented gathering of African American historical and genealogical organizations from the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean. The Summit features opportunities to share experiences and expertise in black genealogy through a program of thirty lectures and two keynote addresses. See <www.BlackGenealogyConference.Info> for pre-conference registration information and for links to the conference registration site.

Warm Up with WinterTech

Keep your research skills sharp after our program-packed October by attending our WinterTech lectures, at 2:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month from November through February. Scheduled to coincide with the Allen County Genealogy Society of Indiana's monthly meetings at 7 PM on the same days, the courses will spotlight the various ways technology can enhance your family history quest. On November 11 at 2:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C, Delia Cothrun Bourne will discuss "Newspaper Searching with Ancestry's Historical Newspapers and Newspaper Archive." Local newspapers often included all kinds of local events, such as births, marriages, deaths, court cases, tax lists, and social activities. Come learn about two of the online resources that the Genealogy Center offers for searching newspapers throughout the United States. Future WinterTech classes will feature Melissa Shimkus on "Reading Genealogy Blogs" in December, Cynthia Theusch discussing "Genealogy Software To Record Your Family History" in January, and the "Basics of Scanning Photographs" with Kay Spears in February. Call 260-421-1225 to register, or send us an email at Genealogy@ACPL.Info .

Librarians on Parade

Curt Witcher

October 10, 2009--Part of the Second Annual Military Symposium, Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A-B, 3 to 4 p.m. Presenting: "Marching On: The 'Our Military Heritage' Website and Other Online Military Sites"

October 17, 2009--Heritage Hunters Fall Genealogy Conference, United Methodist Church, 175 Fifth Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY, 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Presenting: "An Ancestor's Death: A Time for Reaping," "Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor," "Researching Your Civil War Ancestor," and "The Road Not Taken: Mega Internet Sites for Genealogists."

October 19, 2009--Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Center, 120 West Jefferson Blvd., Ft. Wayne, IN, 11 to 11:50a.m. With Aaron Smith, presenting: "Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center, Technically Speaking."

October 24, 2009--Johnson County, Kansas Genealogical Society Annual Seminar, Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presenting: "Passenger and Immigration Research," "Using Church Records in Your Genealogical Research," "Mining the Motherlode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research" and "More than Surname Surfing: Best Practices for Using the Internet for Genealogists."

October 30, 2009--International Black Genealogy Summit, Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A-C, 8:30 to 9 a.m. Presenting: "Swing the Sickle for the Harvest is Ripe: The Abundance of African American Resources in Fort Wayne's Genealogy Center."

October 31, 2009--International Black Genealogy Summit, Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, 1st floor meeting rooms, 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Presenting: "Mining the Motherlode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research"

John Beatty

October 16, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "Swiss Genealogical Records"

October 24, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "Lindenwood Cemetery"

Delia Bourne

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October 27, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Computer Classroom, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "Using PERSI (Periodical Source Index)"

Melissa Shimkus

October 4, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 1 to 2 p.m. Presenting: "Piecing the Census Puzzle Together"

October 12, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 2 to 3 p.m. Presenting: "Discovering Your Female Ancestors"

October 19, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Orientation Room, 2 to 3 p.m. Presenting: "The Ellis Island Experience"

October 22, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Computer Classroom, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "Searching Ancestry.com"

Dawne Slater-Putt

October 1, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "Facebook from a Genealogical Perspective"

October 5, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 2 to 3 p.m. Presenting: "'Jumping-off Points:' Getting the Most You Can from a Single Record"

October 17, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "Heritage Scrapbooking: Preserving Historical Photographs and Memorabilia"

Aaron Smith

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Kay Spears

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October 20, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Computer Classroom, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Presenting: "Adobe Photoshop: Photo Restoration for Beginners"

Cynthia Theusch

October 6, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Computer Classroom, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "WeRelate: Create/Edit"

October 8, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Computer Classroom, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "WeRelate: Search/Browse"

October 15, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 10 to 11 a.m. Presenting: "Being Creative with Your Family History"

October 23, 2009--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Ft. Wayne, IN, Meeting Room A, 2 to 3 p.m. Presenting: "Luxembourg Ancestry"

Area Calendar of Events

Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana (ACGSI)

October 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m. social time; 7 p.m. program. Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Meeting Room A. Roberta Ridley will present "African-American Genealogy."

Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, 302 East Berry, Ft. Wayne, IN

October 4, 2009, 2:00 p.m. - Geoff Paddock, Author of "Indiana Political Heroes" will present a lecture and have a book signing.

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 102. 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 112. 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. It is free to park on the street after 5pm 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 5pm and 11pm.

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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