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Between the Dashes

by Curt B. Witcher

Another Family History Month is just hours away. Each year I am excited about all the program offerings of The Genealogy Center, and the possibilities of learning new things that help me do more and better research with my own family history. I hope you feel the same, and further, I hope you make the effort to attend at least several of the program offerings this month. A complete list is found further on in this ezine.

Many are familiar with the phrase, "fill in between the dashes," as a charge to family historians. It comes from what many see on ancestors' tombstones below the name: A birth date followed by a dash, and finally a death date. Besides knowing where an ancestor is buried and when that person was born and died, many of us long to know the details of that person's life "between the dashes." Indeed, I believe it is our responsibility as genealogists to fill in between the dashes of our ancestors' lives. Doing this will not only give us a much better understanding of our past and those who came before us, it will likely help us avoid many brick-walls in our genealogical research.

What was everyday life like when our grandparents were growing up? Did they go to school? What did grandpa study and learn? Did Grandma cook with her mother and grandmother on holidays? What was different about what our grandparents wore? What did "Sunday best" mean relative to clothes and dressing-up? How did their friends and neighbors react to and participate in the wars that happened during their younger years? What was a vacation like for them, and what did they worry about? Working to find answers to these and other questions does help "fill in between the dashes." And it will bring our ancestors to life.

The amazing numbers of programs being offered during Family History month are designed to help

us think about research and resources in new and creative ways. They are crafted to reinforce the best practices in which we engage, as well as to challenge us to think about new approaches and even better practices. And they are designed to help us "fill in between the dashes."

Over the past couple of weeks I have had several opportunities to talk about how the study of geographic history and ethnic history can positively impact one's family history investigations and pursuits. Knowing why particular groups of people settled in specific areas during a certain time period can tell us something about whence they came, what skills and trades they brought with them, why particular churches sprung to life, and what kinds of other organizations and institutions were organized. As an example, the book "Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience" (977.2 P39) provides rich and detailed information about every ethnic group that "touched toe" in the Hoosier state. Articles detail where particular ethnic groups hailed from and specifically where they settled. They also talk about groups' employment activities and religious practices. This information, like much of what one finds when exploring the ethnic and geographic histories relative to one's ancestors, will greatly assist one in filling in between the dashes. For those who are local, the Allen County Public Library has ten copies of this book - two in Genealogy and eight others throughout the system - some of which can be checked out with a valid ACPL card.

During this Family History Month, please commit to doing things and participating in programs that will help you fill in between the dashes, that will help you bring your ancestors' lives to light and to life!

Facebook.com for Genealogists

by Dawne Slater-Putt, CG(sm)*

Four years ago for Family History Month, I wrote and presented a lecture titled "Facebook for Genealogists." My handout gave thirty ways that a genealogist can use Facebook, including posting ancestral photos, posting memorials on deceased relatives' birthdays or death anniversaries, communicating with family members who live at a distance, sending invitations to a family reunion, and finding or creating a family surname page.

What I didn't anticipate was the explosion of Facebook groups and specialty pages for all manner of genealogy interest groups. Today there is a Facebook page or group for probably every genealogy-related special interest that you might have, from technology and DNA, to the geographic areas where your ancestors lived, ethnic groups and specific family names. Check out the variety in this list that is comprised of groups I belong to, as well as suggested groups that appeared on the side of my page:

*Social Media for Genealogy

*Adoptions-Adoptees and Birth Families

*Technology for Genealogy

*GeneaRVing

*The NextGen Genealogy Network ("to foster the next generation's interest in genealogy ...")

*Indiana Genealogy

*Benton County Arkansas Genealogy

- *War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions
- *Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness
- *German Genealogy
- *Australian Family History and Genealogy
- *Women During World War II
- *Researching the Forbidden ("a private group where you are encouraged to discuss the forbidden stories of your ancestors")

Katherine R. Willson has compiled a list of genealogy-related Facebook sites. It is available under the "Files" tab on the NextGen Genealogy Network page, if you happen to be a member. It also has been reprinted in a post on the "Not Quite Dunn" blog, <http://waynegenweb.blogspot.com/2013/07/facebook-genealogy-sites-list-by.html>. The list at the Not Quite Dunn site does not have page breaks, so it is a bit difficult to follow, but Katherine indicated in the comments area of the blog that she is willing to share the information with others who contact her.

Many organizations and research facilities have their own Facebook pages, as well. The Genealogy Center's page is www.Facebook.com/GenealogyCenter. Groups and pages work a bit differently. Individuals are "members" of groups and all may post status updates on the group's page. Individuals "like" an organization's page. They may post messages that appear on one side of the page and may comment on status updates, but on organization pages, only administrators may post status updates.

Most group pages are "closed," meaning that interested individuals click a button to send a request to join, and they are then approved and added by the administrator of the group. This isn't to be exclusive toward anyone who has a legitimate interest in the group's topic, but to keep out spammers who want to sell shoes, diet products and conduct other off-topic business on the site.

Speaking of off-topic business, most groups will have a description of the group's purpose or mission posted somewhere on the site, either "pinned" to the top of the news feed, or under the "About" tab at the top of the page. Group members are asked to stay on-topic. For example, the Technology for Genealogy group encourages discussions about the use of technology for research and related topics, but not queries about specific ancestors with no technology connection.

If you are not yet on Facebook, or have not considered Facebook as a genealogy tool - perhaps now is the time. You can find answers to "how do I ...?" technology questions, opinions on cloud storage or brands of portable scanners, find someone to do research legwork for you in your ancestors' home county or give you information on records available in a distant courthouse, and maybe even find a cousin you have never met!

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"Upper Canada Gazette, Index to Personal Names, 1793-1798"
by Cynthia Theusch

The "Upper Canada Gazette, Index to Personal Names, 1793-1798" is a book of newspaper abstracts on three microfiche sheets and can be found in The Genealogy Center in the Ontario section [Microfilm Cabinet H-1]. The full title of the source is "The Upper Canada Gazette (& American Oracle), Index to Personal Names 1793-1798." It was compiled by Mary Kearns Trace. The author's disclaimer indicates that she abstracted items only pertaining to North American residents and not individuals from other countries. The index includes about 4,600 names.

Each index entry includes four components: Name, type of entry (there are 46 types), a brief abstract of the article, and the date of the newspaper, shown in parentheses. Some of the types of entries include advertisement (ADV), to be sold (TBS), immigrant arrival (IA), and married (M). Some examples are:

Adams, George - ADV- wanting barks & hides for business at Queenston, also 14-18 yr old lad for apprentice to the tanning & currying business. April 22, 1795 (10 Jun 1795).

Cozens, Sam. - TBS - see Heron, Sam. (01 Dec 1798)

Heron, Sam. - TBS - James Ruggles & Sam. D. Cozens, exeors. at auction at Miles Tavern. Town of York, 26 Dec. part of property of late John Lawrence - 228 Acres, E Side Humber, York Tp. etc. (01 Dec 1798)

A complementary book in The Genealogy Center's Canadian collection is "The Upper Canada Gazette," by W. Craig Burtch (971.302 T63up). This book is divided in two parts. Volume 1 covers December 1796-December 1824 and includes The York Gazette, The York Weekly Post, and The York Weekly Register. Volume 2 covers January 1825-December 1829 and includes The York Weekly Register and The United Empire Loyalist. This index includes abstracts of births, marriages and obituaries, such as this example:

Thursday, October 30, 1817, from The Upper Canada Gazette: "Obit: In this Town on Tuesday, the 28th inst., after a short but painful illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude and resignation, Mr. Thomas Shaw, lately from Ireland, brother to Mr. Joseph Shaw, Brewer, of this place, much lamented by his friends and relatives."

These two items are just a couple of examples of newspaper abstracts in the The Genealogy Center's collection.

Technology Tip of the Month--Converting Multiple TIFFs to JPEGs, Part 2 - Adobe Elements 9 by Kay Spears

Last month I covered converting multiple images using Adobe Photoshop. This month, I will be discussing the same thing for those who use the program Adobe Elements. I'm using Adobe Elements version 9, but the procedure should be similar for all Elements versions. You just might need to do a little searching to find the various terms. The phrase you should look for is Process Multiple Files. In version 9, this is in the File menu.

As in the previous lesson, remember which folder your TIFF images are in and create a folder to which you will direct or send your JPG images.

Go to File>Process Multiple Files. When you click on Process Multiple Files, a large dialog box will open. What we are interested in for this topic are Source, Destination and File Type. In the Source area, Browse to find the folder that contains the TIFF images you want to convert. Once you select the folder that has the image in it, that path will appear in your Source line. Next go to the Destination line and Browse. Select the folder that you created as the destination folder for the JPGs. That path will also appear on the Destination line. Then go down to the File Type>Convert Files To: drop-down box and select the desired format. In version 9 you have numerous choices and JPG quality options. Which you select depends on how you want the finale images to appear. The lower the quality you select, the less space will be used on the drive where your destination file is located. Once you have selected the desired format, click OK. The images will begin the process of converting. This is an automated feature and it might take a while, depending on the size of the TIFFs and the amount of memory available on your computer. When it's all done, you will have multiple JPGs and it will be relatively painless.

Next month: Adobe Photoshop/Elements: A Look at TEXT

Quick-Tip of the Month for Preservation--Preservation of Precious Documents: Cast Your Net Wider

by Dawne Slater-Putt, CG(sm)*

Many times the subject of these "Preservation Tips of the Month" has to do with preserving our photographs, documents and other genealogical materials on a personal level. But have you looked recently to see what your local and state genealogical societies, historical societies and libraries have in the way of digital preservation projects? Maybe some of the items in your personal collection can become part of larger efforts.

Here in Allen County, for example, the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana (ACGSI) has an ongoing project to digitize funeral cards from the local area. In addition to contributions from individuals, ACGSI has enlisted the help of two commercial partners in the local funeral industry - D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes and Northern Indiana Funeral Care - who have provided additional images. This collection includes more than 8,000 images to date. See this effort at www.ACGSI.org/funeral/.

One of the digitization projects of The Genealogy Center is the Family Bible Records area of our website at www.GenealogyCenter.info/bibles/. The Genealogy Center accepts images of the family information pages of bibles from anywhere in the world - and would welcome transcriptions of those records to accompany them - and makes them available for free to anyone who visits the site. If you have family bible records to contribute, you can email scans (TIFF images preferred) to Genealogy@ACPL.info.

The benefits of contributing your materials to these group digitization projects are many:

*The images reach a larger audience and your images might help someone researching the same

family.

*People who are researching your families might make contact with you through your contributions and be willing to share information with you.

*The more elements added to a collection of records, the more value it has to the genealogical community as a whole.

*Seeing the projects grow might motivate others to share the one-of-a-kind materials that they have.

*The wider the distribution of rare records like these, the lower the chance that they will be lost to future generations.

Have you checked recently to see if the geographic area where your ancestral families lived has a preservation project to which you can contribute?

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Ancestor Appreciation Day Poetry Contest Winner

The Claiborne County (Kentucky) Genealogy Group, in partnership with poet Stacy Savage, recently invited submissions to an Ancestor Appreciation Day Poetry Contest. Ancestor Appreciation Day was Friday, September 27, and The Genealogy Center was pleased to post a notification of the contest, as well as the winning poem, on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GenealogyCenter.

The Genealogy Center is an advocate of writing the stories of your ancestors and the story of your own life. For some, writing in rhythm or verse, such as a poem or a song, might be an easier or more natural way to express those stories, or it just might be fun to try a different approach! Below is the winning poem from the Claiborne County contest.

A Shadow from the Past
By Marsha Kay Ault

I have never met her, yet I know her.
I have never seen her, yet I feel her.

Flat cloud base reached up to heaven
blanketed the entire darkened sky
the wind howled of yesteryears
the day I searched for her grave.

The wooden bridge had fallen in
I parked, walked and walked
down a red clay road as my heart
did flip, flops— the storm approached.

A battered pickup rambled toward me
while beer cans danced in its bed.
Rifles in a rack reminded me
I had crossed a "No trespassing" sign.

The wrinkled driver demanded
why I was on his land, my lips moved
no memory of what was said
But the land owner's demeanor softened.

My body accepted his invite, my head
pounded with fear as we drove off
toward my family cemetery
near his homestead.

The tombstones were in disarray
broken, tumbled as tall grass, weeds
hid the stones of little ones robbed of life
by an unknown fever.

My eyes glimpsed one tall monument
about four feet tall. The inscription of
her name reached out all the way to me.
I found her! My great, great grandmother!

I have never met her, yet I know her.
I have never seen her, yet I feel her.

October is Family History Month!

Take some time from your busy October to join us in celebrating Family History Month! Check out the great schedule of events - there are activities at different times on various days of the week, and many days have more than one event planned. Most of these programs are free! All of the programs are at the Main Library, in The Genealogy Center or one of the first floor meeting rooms. Call 260-421-1225 or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to register!

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
"What Am I To Do With This?!" A Basic Preservation Presentation on Caring for Family Treasures - Curt Witcher

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. The Genealogy Center
One-on-One Consultations - Space is limited and an appointment is required. Email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to schedule a consultation.

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Genealogy Center

Daughters of the American Revolution Research Assistance for Membership

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Genealogy Center
Preserve Your Bible Records Project - Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Thursday, October 3, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A
Introducing the New PERSI - Delia Bourne

Friday, October 4, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A
Using Interlibrary Loan to Enhance Your Research - Cynthia Theusch

Saturday, October 5, 2013 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting Rooms A&B
Beginning Genealogy - Margery Graham

Saturday, October 5, 2013 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Genealogy Center
Preserve Your Bible Records Project - Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Sunday, October 6, 2013 - 1 to 2 p.m. Meeting Room A
Introduction to DNA for Genealogy - Sara Allen

Monday, October 7, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
School Records - Cynthia Theusch

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meeting Room A
Introducing the New PERSI - Delia Bourne

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 - 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meeting Room C
Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana Meeting. Open to the public.

Thursday, October 10, 2013 - 2 to 4 p.m. The Genealogy Center
One-on-One Consultations - Space is limited and an appointment is required. Email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to schedule a consultation.

Thursday, October 10, 2013 - 7 to 9 p.m. Meeting Room B
African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne Meeting. Open to the public.

Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12, 2013 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meeting Rooms A&B
Beyond the Basics - Margery Graham & Steve Myers - Space is limited. Fee. For registration or more information, see the brochure at <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Events.aspx>

Sunday, October 13, 2013 - 1 to 2 p.m. Meeting Room A
Mapping Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana - John Beatty

Monday, October 14, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. The Genealogy Center

Tech Talk I - Delia Bourne - Space is limited. Registration required. Call 260-421-1225 or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - 2 to 4 p.m. The Genealogy Center
One-on-One Consultations - Space is limited and an appointment is required. Email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to schedule a consultation.

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
How to Look at Your Photographs, Analyze and Organize - Kay Spears

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 - 2 to 3:30 p.m. Meeting Room A
Writing Your Family History - John Beatty

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 - 7 to 8 p.m. Meeting Room B
ACGSI Computer Interest Group Meeting. Open to the public.

Thursday, October 17, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A
Gateway to Your Pre-20th Century Immigrant - Melissa Shimkus

Friday, October 18, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A
Finding Your Ancestral Homeland - Sara Allen

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. The Genealogy Center
The Genealogy Center Tour - Space is limited. Call 260-421-1225 or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

Sunday, October 20, 2013 - 1 to 2 p.m. Meeting Room A
Introducing the New PERSI - Delia Bourne

Monday, October 21, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. The Genealogy Center
Tech Time II - Delia Bourne - Space is limited. Call 260-421-1225 or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
Same Name, Same Person? - Dawne Slater-Putt

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
Allen County in Print - John Beatty

Thursday, October 24, 2013 - 2 to 4 p.m. The Genealogy Center
One-on-One Consultations - Space is limited and an appointment is required. Email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to schedule a consultation.

Thursday, October 24, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A
Helping Our Families Tell the Stories of Their Lives: Basics of Interviewing - Curt Witcher

Friday, October 25, 2013 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (1 hour break for lunch). Computer Classroom
Basics of Adobe Elements Workshop - Kay Spears - Space is limited. Call 260-421-1225 or email

Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

Friday, October 25, 2013 - 6 p.m. - Midnight. The Genealogy Center
Midnight Madness Extended Research Hours - Must be in The Genealogy Center by 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 26, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A
Overlooked Records for Hurdling the Census Chasm - Melissa Shimkus

Sunday, October 27, 2013 - 1 to 2 p.m. Meeting Room A
Making the Best Use of Citations & Notes - Dawne Slater-Putt

Monday, October 28, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
Finding Research Facilities Using the Internet - Cynthia Theusch

Tuesday, October 29, 2013 - 2 to 4 p.m. The Genealogy Center
One-on-One Consultations - Space is limited and an appointment is required. Email
Genealogy@ACPL.Info to schedule a consultation.

Tuesday, October 29, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
Telling Our Story - Melissa Shimkus

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 - 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A
Beginning Chicago Research - Sara Allen

Thursday, October 31, 2013 - 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A
Murphy's Law Applied to Genealogy - Dawne Slater-Putt

For more information about any of these events, see the brochure at
<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Events.aspx>. We hope to see you there!

Keep Warm! Come to WinterTech!

WinterTech is The Genealogy Center's way to encourage you to keep your family history research skills in shape through the cold (in Indiana) winter months. These programs are held every second Wednesday of the month (to coincide with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana's monthly meeting), November through February, at 2:30 p.m.

The first WinterTech event is "Take it With You: How to Print or Save Records from Genealogy Databases," Wednesday November 13, 2013, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Globe Room. After you make a great family history discovery in one of The Genealogy Center's on-site databases such as Ancestry or Heritage Quest, you will need to print or save the record for future reference. Sara Allen will lead you on a comprehensive tour through all our databases demonstrating how to take a copy of that exciting record with you when you leave.

Future WinterTech classes will include "Researching Indiana Digital Collections," on Wednesday

December 11, 2013; "Net Treats" on Wednesday January 8, 2013; and "Apps & Programs for Genealogy" on Wednesday February 12, 2014.

Call 260-421-1225 or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to register for any of these free classes.

Out and About

Curt Witcher

October 12, 2013 - Wilson-Cobb History & Genealogy Research Library, Roswell Convention Center, 912 North Main Street, Roswell, NM. Theme: "Mining the Motherlode: Overlooked Genealogical Resources." Topics:

- *Historical Research Methodology: Engaging the Process to Find All the Answers
- *Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature
- *Using Church Records in Your Genealogical Research
- *More Than Surname Surfing: Best Practices for Using the Internet for Genealogists

November 2, 2013 - San Mateo County Genealogical Society, Menlo Park LDS Church, 1105 Valparaiso, Menlo Park, CA. Topics:

- *Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research"
- *Doing Effective Research In Libraries
- *Doing the History Eliminates the Mystery
- *Fingerprinting Our Families: Using Ancestral Origins As a Genealogical Research Key

John Beatty

October 2, 2013 - Four Presidents Corners Historical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., ACPL Monroeville Branch. Topic: "General Overview of The Genealogy Center and Its Holdings."

Area Calendar of Events

Allen County Genealogical Society

9 October 2013 - ACPL Meeting Room, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 6:30 p.m. Gathering time, followed by business meeting and presentation, "Research by Reading Abstracts," presented by Debbie Muntz.

ACGSI Genealogy Technology Group

16 October 2013 - ACPL Meeting Room, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 7 p.m.

Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road

5 October 2013—5705 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1-4 p.m. Miami Indian Heritage Days featuring the Miami Indian Alliance of Miami Indians (MIAMI) on "Wikiami Building and Cattail Matting."

Allen County History Center

Through 14 October 2013 - 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne, Indiana. Indiana Historical Society's "Auto Indiana" Traveling Exhibit.

Allen County History Center

6 October 2013, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2 p.m. "Battle of Lake Erie" presented by Neil O'Brien.

Historic Fort Wayne

19 October 2013—1201 Spy Run Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 6:30-10 p.m. "Lantern Tours."

Historic Fort Wayne

26-27 October 2013—1201 Spy Run Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday & 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. "Camp Allen Muster, 1861-1865."

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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