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To promote the sharing of genealogical knowledge;
to provide assistance to members and the public;
to foster preservation of historical records;
and to champion and sustain ethical genealogical standards.

Membership Meetings

The Society meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Membership Meeting – May 16, 2009

Grace has been able to arrange as our speaker for May, Mr. Kevin Hooper. His topic will be a discussion about the Seminole Indian Wars. Mr. Hooper is a very able and interesting speaker, so let's plan to attend. Same place, Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library. Same time, 1:30 p.m.

For the June meeting Grace has been talking to Mr. Claude Bass. Presently he is on vacation and we will let you know. She has several options at the moment.

40th Anniversary!!

In September JGS will be celebrating their 40th anniversary. If anyone has any plans on how to celebrate this wonderful event please let us know.

One idea that we hope will get everyone's attention is that of a JGS "Family" Cookbook for our 40th anniversary.

We would like each member to send us 4 family recipes for the cookbook. More if you

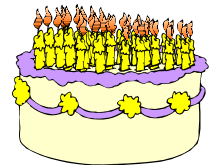
like. E-mailing them will save us countless hours of typing. In the subject line please place **JGS Recipe**. E-mail them to Ann Staley at astaley@comcast.net or Jim Laird at jlaird@bellsouth.net or to the society website at jaxgen@comcast.net. No computer or email, no problem. Send them to JGS at P.O. Box 60756, Jacksonville, Fl., 32236-0756.

Writing recipes is often times not as easy as it sounds so please double check all measurements and ingredients. If you care to put a short note about the recipe you may do so at the end of the recipe with "Note."

In this case it would be good if we could have those family treasures soon as the publisher will need time to work his magic for us.

Happy Birthday!

We send a "Happy Birthday" to our members who are celebrating in November and December.



- May 9th.....Lee Weiland
- May 14th.....Carol Norman
- May 24th.....Eunice Jones
- May 27th.....Ralph McQuiddy
- May 27th.....Marie Santry
- May 31st.....Margaret Wolson
- June 6th.....Georgeann Engel
- June 8th.....Tom George
- June 15th.....Jean Bish

June 16thKay Swilley Poplin
June 29thBonnie Bass

Spring Genealogy Class "Researching in a Straight Line --- Backwards"

Dates for classes haven't been considered yet as Ann has been away and she now has to set her schedule with library under new guidelines. When it becomes available we will let you know.

**From Yesterday's Newspapers.
The Thomas County Cat, Thomas County, Kansas, Page 3, February 11, 1886.**

Wanted: A woman, a widow, old maid, or any thing wearing a dress. Wanted on the south west quarter of section 21, town 7, range 33. none need apply only those that are matrimonially inclined and mean business.

The Effingham New Leaf, Atchison County, Kansas, Front Page, March 23, 1905.

New Marriage Law: A new marriage law, which was passed by the last legislature and is now in effect requires parental consent where the groom is under twenty-one and the bride is under 18. The father's consent is first required. If he is dead or incapacitated then the mother's consent is necessary and if she be dead or incapable then a duly appointed guardian. Even then the law gives the probate judge the power to refuse the license where the groom is under 17 and the bride is under 15.

The Independence Daily Reporter, Monday, Page 2, January 16, 1911.
How Often One Should Bathe. Editor Brighton of the Coffeyville Herald says he has

discovered that keeping the feet clean is a great satisfaction and in the controversy which followed the Reporter asked how often a bath is necessary. To this the following reply has been received from Chanute:

Chanute, Kan., January 15, 1911. Editor, Reporter.

Dear Sir: Newspaper reports say you are desirous of knowing how and when to take a bath. The writer is one of the biggest chumps that every had sense enough to know his own ignorance. On bathing the following advice may be taken seriously by wise men: Bathing was invented to prove to folks the power and beauty of water. Thousands of persons in Kansas are ashamed to show their tongues in public and some hesitate to look at them in private. If more water was used by such persons to bathe the mouth and stomach, liver and all the other ropes and junk inside the body, the whole, including the tongue would be cleaner. Futhermore if folks would cease putting dirty, greasy, pasty, ugly kinds of food stuffs into their bodies the secretions of every kind from the body would be cleaner. In this particular it is well to remember that Adam was informed to take his food from trees. Keep away from useless and unnecessary dirt is the first principle to regard in the consideration of bathing. After that there is only one thing to do and that is to keep yourself clean whether you need it or not.

Yours truly, Duplex.

Membership and Telephone Committee Request

If your Email address, phone number, or postal address changes, please be sure to let Tina Frady, Membership Chair, and/or Norma LeVey, Telephone Sub-committee Chair, know as soon as possible. Their contact information is below in the list of Board Members for 2008.

We could use a major increase in attendance at our monthly meetings. Grace works hard and does well to get qualified speakers on a variety of topics for our enjoyment and education. Please plan to attend our next meeting.

Don't forget the Cookbook and send in those recipes.

North Fort Meyers Public Library, Classes and Seminars

Adoption Research Techniques and Strategies.

10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2009.

This seminar is designed for adoptees searching for their biological parents or researchers assisting them. Our focus will be on providing an overview of the process, strategies to follow in locating clues, and how to prepare for dealing with the various legal entities.

Long Distance Genealogical Research.

10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009.

Speaker, Bryan L. Mulcahy.

Locating genealogical information about ancestors presents many challenges. When you live hundreds or thousands of miles from their place of residence, it sometimes feels impossible. This seminar will focus on options that researchers may use when trying to conduct genealogical searches in other parts of the United States and overseas.

Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library, 2050
Central Ave., Fort Myers, Fl., (239) 533-
4600.

Delayed Birth Certificates: Their Genealogical Research Significance.

In the aftermath of the Great Depression, President Roosevelt instituted a variety of government programs to get the economy back on its feet. Most of these programs required enrollment in order to eventually qualify for benefits. The major requirement that all applicants had to prove was their legal birth and the presentation of a formal birth certificate. Two of the most comprehensive acts that impacted most Americans were the Social Security Act and The Railroad Retirement Act, both of which came into play in 1937.

The necessity of having to present a formal birth certificate presented problems for people who were born in remote or rural areas of the country where the formal registration of births may or may not have taken place even if state laws existed that mandated registrations. Compliance with these birth registration laws wasn't complete in some areas until the late 1920's.

Applicants were required to furnish proof of birth date or age, birthplace, and parentage. The records that could be used as proof were entries on federal census returns that were obtained by the Department of Commerce, family Bibles, marriage licenses, children's birth certificates, and affidavits of older relatives or others with personal knowledge of their birth, insurance policies, school records, voter registration records, military records, and other sources.

When completely filled out, these delayed birth certificates would show the registrant's name at birth, sex, and date of birth; attendant at birth, (if known); birthplace (city & county); full name of father, his color and birthplace; maiden name of mother and her color and birthplace; signature of registrant or his/her representative; relationship of representative to registrant; dated notarization of the registrant's oath of the truth of the statements; abstracts of the supporting evidence identifying the proofs by description, location and date; statement of the facts given in each proof on the subjects

birth date or age, birthplace, parentage; signature of deeds; and date of filing. As helpful as these documents can be for research, they have one major drawback. These documents were issued where the person applied, not necessarily where they were born. However, in most cases, they provide enough

information to provide clues as to where the actual birth took place.
Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library, 2050 Central Ave., Fort Myers, Fl., 33901-3917.

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Websites of Possible Interest

<http://gtkorea50blogspot.com/> Military in Korea. The men and women who served in Korea from the Grand Traverse (MI) Region with some neighboring county areas. The only known date online about this area for Korea.

<http://famhist2.blogspot.com> Fam Hist. Genealogy Research Tips, Stories, Hints and Insights.

<http://lineagekeeper.blogspot.com> Lineagekeeper. Ancestral Stories, Letters, Photos, Histories and Research Tips.

<http://surnames.polishorigins.com/> Polish Origins Surnames Database. Search for people whose forefathers had the same surnames or came from the same places as your ancestors. Add your own surnames and places of interest, by registering or editing your profile, to let others find you and enrich your mutual experience.

<http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/1670-ct-state.htm> 1670 Connecticut State Census. The 1670 Connecticut state census is a reconstructed listing of 1,544 household heads and 824 freeman. Data for the census was found in household, estate, tax, landowner, church and freeman lists between the years 1660 and 1673.

<http://fayestoneposs.tripod.com/> Genealogy Books of Northeast Georgia. Genealogy research books on the Georgia counties of Clarke, Hancock, Jackson & Wilkes.

<http://www.keeptabsonit.com/countieuk/index.php> Search England's counties for your ancestors. Town and parish transcriptions and family records, by county.

<http://www.genealogy.com/users/s/h/e/Jerry-Sherard/> Mine accidents U.S., Canada and Australia. Fatal and nonfatal mine accidents from the late 1800's through the early 1900's.

<http://www.forsythnchistory.com/> Forsyth County Historical Association. The best place to research Forsyth County! Features Deeds, Wills, Newspapers, Obituaries, and Military...just to name a few records.

<http://www.jolietgenealogy.synthasite.com> Joliet Genealogy. The following will be looked up for a fee. Obituaries and city directories for Joliet, Will County, Illinois. United States Federal Census records for the state of Illinois. Revolution War Pension and Bounty Land Warrants.

<http://genealogytrails.com/sdak/mellette> Mellette County, SD Genealogy and History. Mellette County, SD. Find information on cemeteries, burials, family histories, photo, funeral programs and much more.

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~maine7thregiment/index.html> The Gallant 7th Maine Regiment. New link for the previous The Gallant 7th Maine Regiment web page that was on AOL. Now on rootsweb freepages.

<http://www.southwesterexplorations.com> Southwest Explorations. Early exploration and emigrant trails across Arizona in maps and photographs.

Excommunications and Genealogical Research.

During my recent lecture on Catholic Church Records, several patron evaluations raised questions about excommunications. While many identify this action solely with the Catholic Church, many other denominations practice the same procedure, even if they don't call it ex-communication.

The Catholic Church, in most instances, maintains no formal records of this action. However, in historical terms, some records were maintained by the parish or diocese if the action or incident was significant in nature. If the ex-communication involved a divorce, that may add certain complications since strict Catholic doctrine usually mandated an automatic ex-communication. In the case of most ex-communications within the Catholic Church, avenues exist where the act can be reversed under a variety of situations. In some cases, this simply meant moving to another parish in another state. Some parishes and priests will interpret situations differently than others. Even if you have technically violated a doctrine of the church, if there are mitigating circumstances, and/or you show repentance, there are many roads to overcoming an ex-communication. In Judaism, the equivalent action would involve the issuance of either a Cherem or Sirav. In most historical Protestant denominations, ex-communications often

followed the same general pattern as those in the Catholic Church. However, the same penalty among the Quakers, Mennonites, Huguenots, and some fundamentalist Christian denominations not only meant the termination of membership and fellowship rights within the congregation, often it includes permanent spiritual condemnation as well. Historically, those members excommunicated may have faced additional sanctions including banishment, shunning of the entire family, regardless of their involvement or lack thereof, and economic retaliation. This was particularly true if the church exercised influence over the economic priorities, of a town, village, or region. References to excommunications may be found in a variety of sources including church minutes, congregational or parish registers, dairies or journals of priest and other clergy, church or congregational disciplinary meetings or reports, etc.

If you wanted to check to see if some form of a record concerning excommunication took place, here are some suggestions based on feedback from patrons and classes that I have attended:

1. Determine the date and name of the priest, pastor, rabbi, or representative of a bishop who issued the directive.
2. Contact the church, parish, or designated archives and inquire about a records search.
3. Contact someone in a local genealogical or historical society. They often have members who are familiar with churches in the area and how to search for records.

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