



## JACKSONVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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### MISSION STATEMENT:

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

#### Membership Meeting – July 11, 2009

Please note this is a date change from our regular schedule for meetings. For our July meeting we are fortunate to have as our speaker Mr. Richard Minor, Jr., Regional Director of the Jacksonville Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum. His presentation will be “Original Manuscripts and the Karpeles Collection.” This should be an interesting meeting, especially for those of us who enjoy a little history. Please place to attend.

#### Membership Meeting—August 22, 2009

Please note this too is a date change from our regular schedule for meetings. For our August meeting we are extremely pleased to have as our speaker, Mr. James Mitchell Brown, MA. Mr. Brown’s program will be “Federal-Land States and Their Land Records.” “These records often contain critical evidence that can be used in serious genealogical investigation.” Mr. Brown will have a power-point presentation and provide a detailed syllabus. Please plan to attend.

**THANK YOU, AGAIN, GRACE.**

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As you probably remember The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., is having their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September. Celebration will be held on our regular meeting date of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend this one. You will be hearing more on this.

### A COOKBOOK.

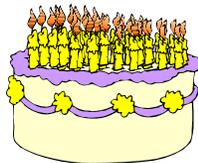
Part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is the making of our JGS Cookbook. Sorry, don’t know the cost yet. Most of this next material most all of you know by now but it is worth repeating. Members are asked to supply five or more family favorite recipes. You can send to via e-mail to Ann Staley at [astaley@comcast.net](mailto:astaley@comcast.net), or to me, [jlaird@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlaird@bellsouth.net). If you send them to me I will send them on to Ann. You can also use our e-mail address at [jaxgen@comcast.net](mailto:jaxgen@comcast.net)

No computer, no problem. Just send them to the address above. Do you wish to add a note or antidote about your

recipe. Again, not a problem. Just place those comments at the end of the recipe. Make sure you check all ingredients for accuracy and directions for completeness. I think I remember Joan Peck saying she has sent in over a dozen recipes. So... don't be bashful. There is a July 15 deadline for recipes. This so Ann Staley can get all the recipes organized for the printer and for the printer to be able to his/her job.

### Happy Birthday!

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



July 1	Irene Ritch
July 12	Anne Morabito
July 16	Irving Bailey
July 17	Barbara Crissman
July 31	Jim Laird
August 2	Jean Henry
August 5	Gloria Southerd
August 7	Laura Jane Swilley
August 14	Bertha Powe
August 17	Mary Lane Hartshorn
August 23	Carole Anne Barry
August 26	William Hoey
August 28	Robert Severance
August 29	Pat LeMee

**Ann has been very excited over this next article so I think I will leave it for all to read again and perhaps investigate.**

**Submitted by Ann Staley  
Education Chairman.**

Footnote Announces Release of Biggest WWII Collection Date.

Footnote.com is a subscription based website

which has a partnership with the National Archives. On 11 Dec. 2008, they made the announcement that at collection of WWII records were posted to the site and that most would be free viewing.

The collection consists of 4 areas:

1. Explore the Arizona Memorial. This area is billed as an "Interactive USS Arizona Memorial" where you can view information and photos on the attack, see member contributions, create your own tribute, and search for names listed on the memorial. This area is Free.
2. WWII Hero Page. This area is devoted to your online tribute to your WWII relatives. 8.8 million pages have already been built from the WWII Army Enlistment Records. This area is free.
3. WWII Photos. This area provides the opportunity to search over 80,000 historical pictures from the National Archives and to upload your own pictures from that time. The website states, "Photos include captions highlighting people, places, events in the photo." This area is Free.
4. WWII Documents. Here you can search historical documents concerning WWII. Some of the records included are: Submarine Patrol Reports, Pearl Harbor Muster Rolls, Missing Air Crew Reports, Army JAG Files, etc. This area was free for the month of December.

Go to <http://www.footnote.com> for more information and to see the collection.

### 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.

Kathy Balistreri, our Corresponding Secretary has moved to Virginia. She did a remarkable job at her duties as corresponding secretary. Thank you too, Kathy for all the other wonderful help you provided in many areas for the society. Kudos to you. While it is sad to see her leave our midst we do wish only the best for her in the future. Again, Kathy, Thank you for all you have done for the society.

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Library; Fort Myers-Lee County  
Florida.**

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**Naming Patterns and  
Genealogical Research.**

Most Ethnic and religious groups have their own unique naming pattern customs. Names are critical since they define an individual's identity, both within the family unit and the community. Researchers who take the time to study naming patterns in their family lines often find clues to locate ancestors as they work through the process. While a variety of factors play roles in naming practices, the most common are based on individual family traditions, religious beliefs, and ethnic customs. Family naming traditions have often followed some or all of the patterns listed below.

1. First born son for the father, or the father's father.
2. Second born son for the wife's father.
3. Third born son for the father's older brother.
4. Fourth born son for the father's grandfather.

5. First born daughter for mother, mother's mother, or father's mother.
6. Second born daughter for the wife's mother.
7. Third born daughter for the wife's older sister.
8. Fourth born daughter for the mother's grandmother.

Families with strong religious traditions/beliefs often name children after notable religious persons. The names often come from the Bible, Torah, or Koran. Catholics are famous for naming children after saints, while many Protestants often limit their names to the most famous of the twelve apostles. Jewish families often name children after the patriarchs mentioned in the Torah and the Old Testament.

Ethnic groups often have customs and traditions governing naming patterns. Ethnic specific how-to-books usually offer detailed information on this subject. Genealogical societies with ethnic specific special interest groups offer expertise and guidance in this area. Ethnic specific historical and/or genealogical societies are additional links for learning the cultural, geographic, economic, historical, religious, and linguistic factors governing naming patterns. Some examples of these would include: 1. Place Names; 2. Ancestors' occupations; 3. Nicknames; and 4. Patronymics/Matronymics.

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3917.

## OFFICERS, STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (terms expiring at end of 2009):

President	Mary S. Chauncey	904-781-9300
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Finance Chairman	Harlan Dittman	
Parliamentarian	Richard Cardell	904-730-2128

## From Yesterday's Newspapers.

The Journal Free Press, Osage City, Osage County, Kansas. Page 8. March 8, 1944.

## Postal Rates to Increase April 1.

Under the new tax bill just passed by congress, postal rates will increase along with an increase in luxury taxes on several articles beginning April 1.

The new postal rates will remain 3c for first class letters for each ounce as in the past but 3c will be the minimum on letters. Under the rates now a letter to go in town is 1c and on the routes is 2c but this will be abolished.

The big change which will be the hardest for people to get accustomed to is the increase in Air Mail rates. The rates are now 6c but will be advanced to 8c for each ounce to someone in the United States or 8c for each half-ounce to anyone outside the United States including the ones in service.

The Mayetta Journal, Jackson County, Kansas, Front page, April 1, 1915

## Hard On Peddlers.

Under a new law just passed, all persons with no fixed place of abode, who shall be engaged in horse trading, fortune telling or selling or disposing of curios upon the public highways of Kansas shall be deemed guilty of vagrancy and for the same, or for them to camp-upon public highways, will be punishable with a fine of \$500, six months in jail, or both.

The Enterprise-Chronicle, Burlingame, Osage County, Kansas, Page 6, January 2, 1941.

#### Home-Made Lotion.

Here is a hand lotion recipe that will help keep rough hands soft these cold wintery days: 1 ounce gum of tragacanth (soak for a day in 2 pints of soft water); 3 ounces of bay rum, 3 ounces glycerine, 10c oil bergamont (or other perfume); juice of 3 lemons, and 4 pints of soft water. After the gum of tragacanth has soaked, run through a sieve to remove hard pieces. Mix all ingredients and whip to improve texture.

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### Long Distance Genealogical Research

Genealogical research involves searching multiple varieties of historical record types, manuscripts, documents, and publications. The research process involves searching multiple jurisdictions in different states and overseas. When doing any type of genealogical research, there is no substitute for being present in person at the facility and examining the record yourself or in the presence of a qualified and experienced researcher. However, this is easier said than done. While some genealogists are comfortable financially, retired, and have the spare time to travel to these destinations, many are in the position where this is either cost prohibitive or impossible due to physical/health limitations. Furthermore, for some people, the thought of relying on someone else to locate family information is uncomfortable. Even if you overcome this challenge, knowing what to ask for, and if it is available, can be another source of anxiety.

For this type of research situation, the only option available is long distance research. On Saturday, July 11, 2009, we will conduct a two hour seminar on this important topic. In order to successfully research ancestors in this manner, the following steps have been recommended in countless seminars and books on the subject. We will go into greater detail on each step in our July seminar. Step One: Learn as much as possible about your ancestors using family resources.

Step Two: Determine the various jurisdictions where ancestors resided.

Step Three: Make each locality the subject of a basic search outline.

Step Four: Determine what types of genealogical records may have been generated by the ancestor and or family.

Step Five: Why church records may be your initial source.

Step Six: Join a local genealogical society and consider joining a genealogical/history society in each jurisdiction where you will be searching.

Step Seven: Locate some good print and Internet sources to describe the types of records available for a given county or state.

Step Eight: Locate the best sources to access information and request copies of ancestral documents and records.

Step Nine: Keep track of your research and correspondence.

Step Ten: Should I consider hiring a professional genealogist?

As in the case with any type of research process, there are steps that should be followed. While there is no strict rule that each step needs to be followed in exact sequence, these options are considered the best by many genealogical instructors. There are no guarantees of 100% success in genealogy. However, following these steps will put you in the best possible position for success.

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### **Websites of Possible Interest**

<http://www.halgal.com/>

Genealogy of Halychyna/Eastern Galicia: An excellent starting point for researching in Ukraine/Galicia.

<http://www.afriquest.com>

A free online site for African American Documents, family stories and pedigrees.

<http://genrootsblog.blogspot.com/2009/03/tips-for-finding-german-genealogy.html>

Suggestions for finding German genealogy records at the Family History Library, in German archives and on the Internet.

<http://german-genealogy.org/germanamerican-genealogy.html>

Learn about German emigration to the USA.

<http://genealogytrail.com/ill/clay/>

Clay County, Illinois genealogy information for Flora, Xenia, Clay City, Louisville, Sailor Springs, etc. Biographies, cemetery listings, military data, etc.

<http://genealogytrails.com/kan/norton>

Norton County, Kansas Genealogy Trails.

A genealogical site for those researching in Norton County, Kansas. This site contains transcriptions of data, such as cemetery listings, obituaries, biographies, etc. New information is added regularly.

<http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/nmaps>

North Carolina Maps.

North Carolina Maps is a comprehensive online collection of historic maps of the Tar Heel State. The maps range in date from 1584 to 2000 and include at least one detailed historic map for each of North Carolina's 100 counties.

[http://blacksheepancestors.com/usa/georgia\\_lisbon.shtml](http://blacksheepancestors.com/usa/georgia_lisbon.shtml)

Lisbon Convict Camp, 1900 Index of Prisoners.

Free database from the year 1900 of inmates at Lisbon Convict Camp, Georgia.

<http://www.andreafiles.com>

South Carolina Genealogy: The Andrea Files.

An abstract of the records in the research files of Leonardo Andrea. Focus on South Carolina families. The full collection is located at the South Caroliniana Library in Columbia, S.C.

<http://webpages.charter.net/hondapotamus/jasper.htm>

The Jasper County Mississippi Historical Pages.

A collection of historical and genealogical pages that relate to Jasper County, Mississippi, USA.

<http://american-rails.com>

An informational and educational resource guide detailing in the history of the American railroad industry. The site also offers useful and helpful tips for those researching a past relative's railroad career.

<http://www.gravers.info>

Stories, humor, true experiences concerning cemeteries and graveyards. Voice files. Hear the stories.

<http://genealogy-software-review-toptenreviews.com/>

A review site of the top ten genealogy software programs.

<http://www.familylore.com>

Familylore Game.

Great fun for all ages in the family; family history that is not boring to younger members.

Time to mention here that we need a corresponding secretary!!!!!!!!!!  
Not a difficult position to fill but nonetheless an important one for our society. Interested?? Contact any board member but best yet is to contact our wonderful President.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites you to the 2009 FGS Conference for the Nation's Genealogists. Our 2009 host, the Arkansas Genealogical Society, joins FGS in welcoming you to Little Rock as we celebrate "Passages Through Time."

Why should you make plans to be there?

- . More than 160 educational presentations with well-known speakers from all over the U.S.
- . Lectures that appeal to beginning, intermediate and experienced genealogists
- . Sessions for officers, board members, and other volunteers in genealogy societies
- . Many lectures for professional genealogists
- . Lectures about archives, historical societies, and courthouses
- . A large exhibit hall with exhibitors and vendors
- . Vendors loaded with genealogy and history books, magazines, databases, software, maps, CDs, magazines, journals, and more
- . The host hotels, the Peabody and the Doubletree Hotel, are wonderful
- . The Statehouse Convention Center is connected to the Peabody Little Rock
- . Shopping, historic sites, libraries, and more in the city
- . Daily meal functions with exciting speakers and time for networking
- . A free Ice Cream Social the day before the conference begins
- . Two workshops on the day before the main conference begins
- . You save \$50.00 off the full registration price if you register by July 1, 2009

To learn more

- . Check the FGS Conference Website at <[www.FGSConference.org](http://www.FGSConference.org)>
  - . View the continually expanded Conference Blog at <[www.FGSConferenceBlog.org](http://www.FGSConferenceBlog.org)>
  - . Visit the Arkansas Genealogical Society at <[www.AGSGenealogy.org](http://www.AGSGenealogy.org)>
  - . See the Statehouse Convention Center layout at <[www.littlerockmeetings.com](http://www.littlerockmeetings.com)>
  - . See more about the Peabody Hotel <[www.peabodylittlerock.com](http://www.peabodylittlerock.com)>
  - . See more about the DoubleTree Hotel at <[www.doubletree.com](http://www.doubletree.com)>
  - . Check out the Trolley System at <[www.cat.org/rrail](http://www.cat.org/rrail)>
  - . Check the many topics and speakers at <[www.FGSConference.org](http://www.FGSConference.org)>
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  - . Plan for visiting Little Rock at <[www.LittleRock.com](http://www.LittleRock.com)>
  - . Learn about the great things in the Little Rock River Market District <[www.RiverMarket.info](http://www.RiverMarket.info)>
- . Prepare for research at the Arkansas History Commission at [www.ark-ives.org](http://www.ark-ives.org)
- . Learn about the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies at <http://www.butlercenter.org>
- See you in September!

***We Hope For All, Many Genealogy Happy Dances.***

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