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

Membership Meeting – September 19, 2009.

Our September meeting, on the 19th, is our 40th Anniversary. It will be held at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887, 103rd Street, in Jacksonville. It will begin at 10:30. The special speaker we have arranged is Mr. Jack Butler from Orlando, Fl. He will give his first lecture at 11 a.m., entitled, Territorial Records; An Untapped Resource. His second lecture will be at 2:00 p.m., entitled Read All About It; Finding Kin in Early Newspapers. A lunch will be served at noon. Refreshments and Birthday Cake at 3:00. The event is free but

an RSVP is requested. This should be done prior to the 9th of September. Please do using our Post Office Box 60756, Jacksonville, Fl.; our website, <http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net>; or our e-mail address: jaxgen@comcast.net; or contact any member of the society. Members of the society and many others should have received an anniversary flyer in the mail. We hope you will be able to attend our celebration.

Grace is working on our program for October. She has tried three speakers so far and each has been busy, but she is still working diligently to find us a speaker. Grace always does well for the society.

The November meeting, in the talking stages, will be of a little

different format. As you remember our November meeting is normally one of the "Show and Tell," variety. We thought/think it would/will perhaps be a good idea to have a meeting devoted to "recall to mind a long-forgotten experience or fact." You know, Reminisce. Or as some may like to think, sitting around, chewing the fat about the old days and our relatives and their adventures. Could be yours too for that matter. Think about it. Could be fun!!

We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in December vice having a meeting.

2009 Dues Are Now Due

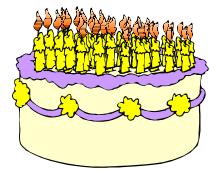
If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2009, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2009 are due now.

Please complete the enclosed Membership Application so that we will have your current information in our membership database. Thank you for your continued support. Applications are also available at our website.

Why Yes; I continue to experiment.

We send a "Happy Birthday" to our members who are celebrating in September and October:

September 11	David Hartshorn
September 13	Mary Chauncey
September 14	C. Ann Staley
September 14	Richard
Cardell	
September 27	Faye
Schoenemann	
September 28	Terry Ann
Ray	
September 28	Anne Leyden
September 30	Dorothy
Cabanillas	
October 9	Tina Frady
October 15	Gerri Kohn
October 23	Betty Fairchild
October 24	Harlan Dittman, Sr.



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 Subcommittee Chair, know as soon as possible. Their contact information is below in the list of Board Members for 2008.

It is time for selecting the following new board members: President, 1st and 2nd VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Historian. The Nominating Committee is: Jim Laird, Chairman, Committee members include: Carole Barry, Mary McCool, Pam Oglesby, and Marie Santry.

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

President	Mary S. Chauncey	904-781-9300
First Vice President/Membership Chairman	Tina M. Frady	904-695-9139
Telephone Sub-Committee Chairman	Norma J. LeVey	904-264-5614
Second Vice President/Publicity Chairman	Jim Laird	904-264-0743
Recording Secretary	Anne Morabito	904-695-9139
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Peck	
Treasurer	Harlan A. Dittman	904-778-0213
Editor/Publications Chairman	Jim Laird	
Historian	Richard Cardell	904-730-2128
Program Chairman	Grace B. Moran	904-384-3847
Education Chairman	C. Ann Staley	904-771-1865
Genealogical Research Chairman	Barbara Crissman	904-768-8166
Lineage Charts Sub-Committee Chairman	Barbara Crissman	904-768-8166
Finance Chairman	Harlan Dittman	
Parliamentarian	Richard Cardell	904-730-2128

Now then, about those elections and the nominations. Mary Chauncey, after ten years as President of our society is taking some time off from those duties. Personally, I don't think there are enough positive superlatives available to commend Mary's job as society President. She has overseen the society through some very tough times with very difficult issues and handled each one superbly. It will be extremely challenging for the next president to do a quarter as good a job of handling the society's business. Mary has certainly done a remarkable job. If we wish to label Mary, in this arena, it would be very close to "Wonder Woman."

Nominations for 2010 include: President; Jim Laird; 1st Vice President, Tina Frady; 2nd VP, Is Open; Recording Secretary, Anne Morabito; Treasurer, Harlan Dittman; Historian, Dick Cardell. First Vice-President is also Membership Chairman. Second Vice-President, is also Publicity Chairman.

We are fortunate to have our 'World Traveler', Dick Cardell remaining as the society's historian. It wouldn't hurt the society to have Dick talk more about his travels. Harlan Dittman, Thank Goodness, has said he will stay on as Treasurer. Harlan always does a great job for the society and we are very lucky to have him remain for us in this position. Anne Morabito has said she will remain as our recording secretary. This is good. Anne is on her way to becoming a very good recording secretary. She likes to get things right and she is very conscientious in all that she does for the society, and that, is a winning combination. Tina Frady has also said she will continue as 1st Vice-President, this too is very good. She has been doing this particular job for a long time now and has been doing a remarkable job while working through some trying personal family problems. Tina always does her best, and will certainly continue to do so for the society.

That being said, all these positions are still open for additional nominees. I am sure you noticed that there was no nominee listed for the 2nd Vice-President/Publicity chairman. The positions are held for a 2-year period.

It is a good idea here too to mention our Board appointed positions. Grace Moran has said she will remain as Program chairman for the time being. This is very good. Grace is a tireless worker for the society and has been for 40 years and more. Barbara Crissman has said she too will remain on the board as our Genealogical Research and Lineage Committee chairman. This is also very good. Norma LeVey has been our Telephone Sub-Committee chairman and has asked to be released from that commitment. Norma has done a good job in this position for a number of years and we are thankful for her presence. Ann Staley has said she will remain as Education Committee chairman; again this is very good. Jim Laird will remain as Editor/Publication chairman, which is the society's newsletter. Joan Peck became our corresponding secretary with the departure of Kathy Balistreri; no word yet if Joan will remain in that position for the next two years.

That should bring everyone up to date on officers and board appointed members.

Articles That May Be Of Interest

The following two articles are contributed by Carol Hansing living in California. She does quite a bit of family research in the Kansas area. I hope she is not being hurt by the forest fires. Thank You Carol for the articles.

From the Wamego Times; Present Day.

This article first appeared in the Wamego Reporter of July 19, 1934. It concerns 3.2 beer, which is all Kansas sells outside of state run liquor stores. Jackson County, Kansas is Northeast Kansas.

"Because Jackson County officials hold to a tight laced policy of crusading that looks like any infringement on the state liquor laws, the annual Catholic picnic at Delia is to be moved into Shawnee County. The Rev. J. Townmey has taken charge of affairs connected with the big picnic event and members of his flock who wish some temporary relief from the heat will find it at the picnic grounds four miles east of Delia where, good dependable soft beer will be on tap. The Rev. Townmey applied to the Jackson County officials for permission to relieve the heat situation by providing some of this new style white collar stuff. The state supreme court has said there was nothing illegal about setting the three period two brew unless there was some evidence showing the consumer was confused in understanding the traffic signals. But up in Jackson County beer is beer and this mathematical plan doesn't appeal to the county officials in the least. So the county is

going through the summer on creek water and if some germs get into the systems of the a citizen and taxpayer, he will simply have to see the doctor about that.”

From The Kansas Agriculturist, September 2, 1909.

“There is a superstition to the effect that a sneeze before breakfast indicates that you will receive money before the week is out. A sneeze on Sunday indicates that you have a good excuse for not attending church. To sneeze early Monday morning indicates bad luck. Tuesday indicates more bad luck. To sneeze all day Wednesday means worse luck than on Tuesday. To sneeze on Thursday indicates no change in your luck, and if you should sneeze the greater part of Friday and Saturday it means that you are in a class with the editor, William H. Simmons and many others, and have the hay fever.”

Then we have the next two:

From the Oskaloosa Independent
Thursday, September 30, 1875, Page 3.

“Girls, whatever other folly you may commit, don’t flirt with strangers on the street!! Such a habit is full of danger and often ruinous in its consequences. In most cases the practice is indulged in out of a spirit of fun, but the evil-disposed put the worst construction possible on such conduct, a construction which, if known to you, would shock and horrify. Again we say, don’t flirt, girls.!!”

From the Arkalon News, Front Page, Wednesday, April 15, 1890; Seward County, Kansas.

The habit of gum chewing in this country is producing a race of hollow-cheeked young women. The constant exercise of the masseter muscle hardens it and removes the fatty covering that produces the roundness. Not only is the fullness of the cheek destroyed but there is a tendency to wrinkling of the skin, a natural result to the falling away of the parts beneath it.—Stewartsville, Ind.

How Organized are You?

The ultimate goal of most genealogists is to locate as much information as possible about their ancestors. The research process generates paperwork. Your long term success will depend on organizing this accumulated

information into a readily accessible format. At one of the seminars I attended given by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, who is regarded as one of the foremost authorities on the topic of organization, she stated that if it takes you more than one minute to find a specific document or source, your methods need improvement.

The following questions listed below may help you determine the effectiveness of your organizational abilities:

1. Do you know exactly what information you have for each ancestor?
2. Do you have a complete list of information you are missing for each ancestor?
3. Do you know exactly what resources you've checked, and what results you found?
4. Do you know every book you've ever searched?
5. Do you remember whom you've contacted and what response you received?
6. Can you locate a specific piece of information in your files in one minute or less?

If you answered yes to the questions above, consider yourself above average. If you are with the majority of genealogists who feel their information is all over the place take comfort from the fact that you are in good company. To be successful in genealogical research, one must have the ability to plan each research step and organize the information you find. Taking the time to organize the results of your research allows you to focus on specific research goals. Organized results allow you to evaluate and analyze information quicker and more thoroughly, freeing your time for more research.

As the research process expands from home sources, the amount of accumulated information you must analyze will also increase. Clues found in multiple types of primary and secondary records, indexes, and sources must be investigated. This investigation process will lead through a variety of political jurisdictions, social and religious institutions and organizations, employers, and educational resources.

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library,
2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, Fl.

Websites of Possible Interest

Hero Letters. Has actual WWI Letters from various Camps, Forts, and France. Would be useful for people wanting to get a feel for what their family member went through.

<http://www.heroletters.com>

Gage County(Nebraska, United States)-Histopolis. Genealogy resources for Gage County, Nebraska with links to townships, cities and cemeteries. From Histopolis.com, a guide to genealogy resources.

http://www.histopolis.com/place/us/ne/gage_county

also for Holt County, Nebraska:

http://www.histopolis.com/Place/US/NE/Holt_County

Ohio Genealogy Express: Free Genealogy Research for the State of Ohio with a few other states.

<http://www.ohiogenealogyexpress.com>

Genealogy in Ukraine. Genealogical and probate research, location of lost relatives in Ukraine and other countries of the former USSR.

<http://www.genealogy.kiev.ua>

Croatian Genealogy & Family History Web Site. Comprehensive resource for genealogy and family history researchers in areas where Croats are indigenous people.

<http://www.croatian-genealogy.com>

Hat's off to the East Central Georgia Library puts its African American Funeral Programs Collection online. Over 1,000 programs; 1933 to 2008. they are mostly from the Augusta, Ga. area.

This site is easy to search; download; print and save.

See: <http://bit.ly/16vgUS>

See: <http://funeral.galileo.usg.edu/funeral.index.html>

Alabama Freedman Marriages. Alabama marriage records of former slaves. Includes index of marriages recorded in Barbour County, Alabama, 1865-1869 and links to other counties.

<http://www.alabamafreedmenmarriages.com>

African Roots Podcast. The only weekly African American Genealogy Podcast Online.

<http://africanrootspodcast.com>

Relationship charts online:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/chart_relations.htm

We Hope For All, Only The Best!!!

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