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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 – March 20, 2010.

March Meeting: Saturday, the 20th. At our usual place the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library.

Grace has made available two guest speakers for this meeting. First, Mr. Charles Felder, one of our members has a “project” he will take a few minutes discussing regarding his ancestors and others. Next Kathleen Krizek, Senior Librarian, Government Documents/Genealogy Collection with the Main Library, will discuss how federal documents, not just the census, can assist all of us in tracing your family’s history.

(Kathleen also became a member of the Society at our January meeting.) We hope you can find time to attend and pick up some valuable information.

Membership Meeting—April 17, 2010

Grace has managed to once again find an rather interesting topic and update to topic for your enjoyment. Using the Global Positioning System (GPS). Mr. George Bass’ theme presentation is to leave geographic information that will permit you to locate sites of interest; such as old home, buildings, graves, tombstones, etc., of your ancestors. The strategy for the Global Positioning system will be discussed as well. The meeting is at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd street, Jacksonville, at 1:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend.

2009 Dues Are Now Due

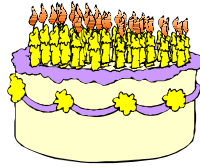
If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2010, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2010 are due now.

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.

Happy Birthday!

We send a "Happy Birthday" to our members who are celebrating in March and April:



March 11.....Laurie Caulk
 March 12.....Christine Pataranick
 March 17.....Mary McCool
 March 22.....Mary Craft
 March 26.....Marion Parvin
 March 30.....Nancy Kalbach
 April 1.....Kevin Flood
 April 9.....Norma LeVey
 April 9.....Grace Moran
 April 26.....Carolyn Hartman
 April 30.....Brenda Brubeck

(If I have forgotten anyone I am truly sorry and be sure to let me know.)

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

Dates for Ann Staley's classes have now been firmed up with the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library. They are May 22, and 29; June 5, 12 and 19, 2010. A flyer has been included with this newsletter, but be sure to place the dates on your calender now.

Family Search Pilot Project

One of the newest additions to the Family search website is the pilot record search project. The pilot search project is an outgrowth of the Churches plan to digitalize all of the Family History Library's microfilmed records and make them available on-line. This project involves members of the Family History library staff assisted by 100,000-plus volunteers world-wide who index an average of one million names per day from these records. The pilot project includes scans of millions of actual source records such as census returns, vital records, naturalizations, passenger lists, just to name a few. These images are from original sources records from all over the world.

The pilot project is another search tool that allows patrons free access to a growing number of useful genealogical records. In many ways, the pilot project parallels Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition albeit on a smaller scale. However, new information is being added on a regular basis. Furthermore, the Family history Library is committed to digitalizing as many records as possible. This will be especially helpful for researchers using records that were originally microfilmed by the church in the pre-1990 era. These images were made on equipment which may have been state of the art for the time period but totally inferior to what is available today thanks to technological advances. This is resulting in far superior image quality which often leads to better search results.

Researchers may search the site using two options:

1. The "**Search**" feature includes a number of record collections you can search to locate specific ancestors. Each entry offers a summary of the information found in records about the ancestor and digital images of the records.
2. The "**Browse**" feature includes collections you can browse to see digital images of records from specific areas within a city, town, county, or church parish.

In addition to the obvious research benefits, the Pilot Search program offers the average person a chance to be part of the most comprehensive and ambitious research project launched in recent memory. The site actively solicits feedback from users. Users may report issues, request enhanced images, become volunteers, or simply offer comments.

Users may access the Pilot Search site at the following website address::

<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start>
 or go to Family Search at <http://www.familysearch.org>, click on the "**Search Records**" icon. This will give you a pop-down menu. Click on the "**Record Search Pilot**" icon and you are ready to begin.

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Membership and Telephone Committee Request

If your Email address, phone number, or postal address changes, please be sure to let Tina Frady, 1st Vice President and Membership Committee Chairman know. Tina and her sister Anne Morabito have, we believe, worked out a solution for the Telephone Committee. This is surely a blessing.

Once again a Very Big Thank You is extended to Ann Staley along with her seminar committee, Grace Moran, Anne Morabito and Tina Frady for all the hard and successful work with the Seminar. An additional thank you to Harlan Dittman, Ramona Remy, and Mary Chauncey for their help. I am truly sorry if I have left anyone out.

Military Bounty Land Grants

Bounty land grants issued by the government refer to tracts of land which were given outright by the states, and later by the federal government, as partial compensation for service in times of military conflict. Bounty land grants were also intended to attract men to serve in the military. Bounty land warrants were issued from the colonial period until 1858, when the program was discontinued, and five years later, in 1863, the rights to locate and take possession of bounty lands ceased.

The colonies promised land for service in the colonial wars. This was especially true during the French and Indian War, 1754-1763. When the American Revolution began in 1775, some of the colonies promised land to men who would serve in state militia units and in the Continental Army. Land allotments varied by colony. The Continental Congress promised land to soldiers who served in the Continental Army. Soldiers who were privates or

noncommissioned officers were allocated 100 acres, Lieutenant – 200 acres, Captain – 300 acres, Major, Colonel, General – 400+ acres, depending on various circumstances. In some cases, officers above the rank of captain received as much as 1,000 acres.

Between 1788 and 1855, there were more bounty land applicants than pension applicants. The U.S. Military District in Ohio was the only federal land where warrants could be used from 1796, when it opened, until 1830. A second reserve that encompassed what is now the southern end of Illinois was proposed, but never created. The military district of Ohio was enlarged. The War of 1812 saw the bounty land process offered again as an inducement to bring men into the military. After the War of 1812, Congress created three new military districts to handle the future redemptions of new soldiers. One was in Illinois, one in Michigan, and one in present-day Arkansas (then Louisiana). These were the last “federal reserves” created.

The United States began granting land via a number of land acts issued between 1811 and 1818 in Missouri, Virginia, and Ohio. Warrants that could be used in the Virginia and United States Military Districts in Ohio were made redeemable by “scrip acts” in 1830 and 1832 at any general land office in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. By 1842, all federal bounty land warrants were honored at any land office. Other later acts of Congress, until 1855, continued to address the needs of soldiers wishing to redeem their bounty land warrants.

The warrant market became a thriving business. More warrants were used in Iowa than in any other state. To receive federal bounty lands between 1788 and 1855, the soldier or his heirs had to apply. To obtain the land, the warrants were surrendered. These surrendered warrants are in the Eastern States Office of the Bureau of Land Management located in Alexandria, Virginia. There were 598,599 bounty land warrants issued during the period between 1788 and 1855.

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**Cookbooks are still available for those
of you who would like an extra one or
three, or four. Just contact Ann
Staley.**

**If anyone is interested in the 2nd Vice-
President/Publicity Chairman position
contact Jim Laird. Should anyone have
an interest in being Editor of
Publications, primarily doing the
newsletter can also contact Jim Laird.**

**From the Colby Tribune Newspaper,
Thomas County, Kansas, Thursday,
July 29, 1915.**

**WE WANT WOMEN!
Genuine Cupid Cry From Kansas Wheat
Fields.**

There isn't the slightest reason why love
dreams should not reap a full harvest in
Kansas. Out at Sitka, Clark county, there is a
real demand for young women with love in their
hearts and an ambition for a good home. In
fact, the demand for female companions at
Sitka is so great that one bachelor has written
to Governor Capper urging him to use his
influence and that of his publications in
promoting the Sitka love game.

Nearly every girl who goes to Sitka draws a
husband, says the unknown Sitka
correspondent. What is more, there is a
steady increase in the visible supply of
available Sitka husbands. Many of these own
land in the big western wheat belt and long for
some woman to cuddle them and help build a
home on the western prairies.

Governor Capper's correspondent is original in
spelling and construction of sentences. But who
knows? Maybe he is the ideal candidate for
some fair maiden's hand. Here is his letter
just as it was received and free from the cruel
corrections of a heartless, inhuman city editor:

"Governor Sir"

"all girls who some sitka or nearly so get
married soan after they become acquainted
please Direct wimen to Sitka as Marrage town
there are meney Old bachelors who wish some
woman's company through life, as you run a
paper pleas give notis to all who wish to marry
well? As we have some prosperous farmers who
are on the market for a wife."

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

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Two of our members are recognized: Kudos to Kathleen Krizek and Marie Santry:

The Charlotte Freels Duvall/FSGS Librarian Scholarship 2009 - Kathleen Krizek

Kathleen Krizek is doing the job of two librarians at present. With the crunch in finances, Jacksonville's Main Library has assigned her as head of two departments. She is currently Senior Librarian for both the Government Documents and Genealogy Sections of the library. Her recent acceptance of the supervisory role in the Genealogy Section provides a unique opportunity to expand the services available to the public by enhancing her knowledge of genealogical research techniques and resources. Her experience includes having been a children's, teen and reference librarian as well as a branch manager and assistant branch manager. Having been head of the Genealogy Department for only a few months, she is eager to learn and to take advantage of the scholarship opportunity to enhance her skills to help her patrons. Ms. Krizek plans to attend the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in Salt Lake City, UT, January 11-15, 2010.

And

Florida Genealogy Outstanding Achievement Award - Marie Santry

Marie Santry is currently the president of the Amelia Island Genealogical Society and has served as a member of the Board of Directors since 2004. She is a Florida Pioneer and does extensive research for her own interests as well as helping others and is a specialist in "brick walls." Marie organized and produced the 2004 "Spirit of Bosque Bello" and the 2005 "Spirit of Fernandina" tours of the Bosque Bello and St. Peter's Episcopal Church cemeteries to increase awareness of Amelia Island and Nassau County history. The development of these programs included detailed new research into the families and social history of the tour subjects; recruiting docents, and the first-person dramatists' scripts and conducting their training. These highly successful tours resulted in a combined attendance of over 400 people and raised over \$3500 for ancestry.com and Heritage Quest institutional subscriptions for the Nassau County Library System.

Websites of Possible Interest

URL: <http://www.rvgslibrary.org>
 TITLE: Jackson County Genealogy Library
 DESCRIPTION: Jackson County Oregon private genealogy library. Extensive collection of Oregon records as well as books applicable to general US genealogy.

URL: http://www.hearthstonelegacy.com/southeast_missouri_region.htm
 TITLE: Goodspeed's 1888 Genealogy and History of Southeast Missouri

DESCRIPTION: This history was originally published in 1888 and has over 1000 pages of history and genealogy including 1705 biographies in 15 Southeast Missouri Counties. In addition, well over 15,000 persons are made mention of within the text. Counties that are included are: Bollinger County, Butler County, Cape Girardeau County, Dunklin County, Iron County, Madison County, Mississippi County, New Madrid County, Pemiscot County, Perry County, St. Francois County, Ste. Genevieve County, Scott County, Stoddard County, and Wayne County.

URL: <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/funeral>

TITLE: African American Funeral Programs from the East Central Georgia Regional Library

DESCRIPTION: The African American Funeral Programs from the East Central Georgia Regional Library online collection consists of over one thousand funeral programs ranging from 1933 to 2008 (with the bulk of the collection beginning in the 1960s) from the Eula M. Ramsey Johnson Memorial Funeral Program Collection. A majority of the programs are from churches in Augusta, Georgia, and the surrounding area, with a few outliers in other states such as New York and Florida. The programs typically contain a photograph of the deceased, an obituary, a list of surviving relatives, and the order of service. The collection provides extensive genealogical information about the deceased, including birth and death dates, maiden names, names of relatives, past residences, and place of burial. Alongside this genealogical information, the obituaries provide a rich source of local history about African Americans. Many of the people included in this collection were prominent in their communities, and many were involved locally in the struggle for civil rights.

URL: <http://www.glostern.org.uk/>

TITLE: Soldiers of Gloucestershire

DESCRIPTION: The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum (SOGM) is pleased to announce that following eighteen months of hard work by our staff and a devoted band of volunteers, the content our web site <http://www.glostern.org.uk/> has been very significantly upgraded:- The online collection of the Gloucestershire Regiment has been updated with approximately 5,000 new records and about 1,800 new photographs, and the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars by a further 300 new records and about 150 new photographs. - The 28th spent 7 years throughout Eastern Australia in the early 19th century and many soldiers settled in Australia. The free on line searchable database of soldiers names is available on the web site.- New, much higher quality images have also been added to most items, both new and existing and all such images are now available for download in an improved form.- Most item descriptions have also been rewritten and extended to aid readability.

URL: <http://www.freegenealogytools.com/2009/07/immigration-and-passenger-records.html>

TITLE: Free Genealogy Tools: Immigration and Passenger Records

DESCRIPTION: If you haven't visited Stephen Morse's family history website yet, it's an absolute must for genealogy researchers. Millions of immigration and passenger records are available here in easy-access format. Wherever your ancestors called home, there's something here to shed light on family history.

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URL: <http://www.freegenealogytools.com/2009/08/world-war-ii-wwii-enlistment-records.html>

TITLE: Free Genealogy Tools: World War II (WWII) Enlistment Records

DESCRIPTION: With more than 9 million records of enlistees on file, this WWII lookup is one of the largest and most powerful genealogy databases for recent US family history. Be sure to check it out.

URL: <http://pulynyaleg.myplus.org>

TITLE: Pulyn-Yr-Aleg Castle

DESCRIPTION: Historic castle site on the Welsh coast.

URL: http://www.genealogybuff.com/ne/nuckolls/webbbs_config.pl

TITLE: Nuckolls County, Nebraska Obituary Collection

DESCRIPTION: A collection of obituaries ranging from 1998 to 2008 from the Nuckolls County area.

URL: <http://uclue.com/?xq=1639>

TITLE: Georgia Genealogy

DESCRIPTION: Interesting genealogical research for a University of Georgia family. Shows good use of major online family history research sources.

URL: <http://www.selectsurnames2.com>

TITLE: Select surnames website

DESCRIPTION: History and genealogy of surnames of English, Scottish, Welsh, and Irish origin. Surnames include Barlow, Farrell, Fletcher, Griffiths, Kramer, McKenzie, Owen and Robson.

URL: http://www.ehow.com/how_4875949_run-criminal-background-check-online.html

TITLE: Criminal Records

DESCRIPTION: An often-overlooked resource for family history researchers are criminal records databases. Unless everyone in your family tree is squeaky clean (hah!), then prison, court, and arrest records can be a goldmine. Here's how to go about it.

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URL: <http://www.everystateindex.com/AlleghenyCoPA.html>

TITLE: Every Name Index to A Genealogical and Biographical History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2010. Excerpted from Part II of History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, edited by Dr. Thomas Cushing, et. al, Chicago 1889. This new every name index contains over 42,700 entries.

URL: <http://www.freegenealogytools.com/2010/02/black-history-month-and-beyond.html>

TITLE: Free Genealogy Tools: Black History Month and Beyond

DESCRIPTION: Some surprisingly deep and revealing new resources are available for both African-American family history research, and for descendants of the white families who owned them as slaves, or who worked to set them free.

URL: <http://www.charleston.scgen.org/index.htm>

TITLE: Charleston Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society

DESCRIPTION: Society information and useful genealogical information for Charleston County, South Carolina.

URL: http://www.ehow.com/how_2263807_newspaper-archives-pennsylvania.html

TITLE: Pennsylvania Newspaper Archives

DESCRIPTION: There are many online newspaper archives from PA covering the Civil War era in depth, as well as much of the rest of US history. Excellent resources for family history research in this area.

URL: <http://www.digitalstatearchives.com/west-virginia>

TITLE: Digital State Archives: West Virginia

DESCRIPTION: The WV state archives have some great family history tools, including Civil War records, other military lookups, online BMD (birth, marriage, death) certificates, and that whole Hatfields and McCoys thing they had going on. A fine bit of Americana.

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URL: <http://www.littlechutehistory.org>

TITLE: Little Chute Historical Society

DESCRIPTION: Little Chute Historical Society, Little Chute, Wisconsin.

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URL: <http://www.digitalstatearchives.com/new-jersey>

TITLE: Digital State Archives: New Jersey

DESCRIPTION: NJ gets a huge thumbs-up for one of the best of the online state archives. There are some terrific family history tools, dating back to Colonial days, and even a very unusual (and very useful) database of legal name changes recorded in the state. If you want to see what a good online archive looks like, check out New Jersey.

URL: http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.org/VirtualLibrary/vl_Maps.aspx

TITLE: The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Virtual Library - Downloadable Maps

DESCRIPTION: The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's Virtual Library has downloadable full color Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

URL: <http://www.freegenealogytools.com/2009/11/vive-la-revolution-vive-la-france.html>

TITLE: Free Genealogy Tools: Vive La Revolution! Vive La France!

DESCRIPTION: If you had an ancestor who perhaps lost their head during the French Revolution, this is the site for you...a name lookup of everyone who fell before the guillotine (including Ms. Antoinette, of course) during the Reign of Terror. It's not pretty, but then again, family history often isn't, n'est ce pas?.

URL: <http://letter.ie/0017/>

TITLE: Letters from the Great War

DESCRIPTION: Letters from Private Lewis Driscoll of the 1st Recuit Company to family and friends during the 1st World War.

We Hope For All, Only The Best!!!

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