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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 15, 2010

Our May 15th meeting, same time, 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, will feature Adele Adams, discussing the Jacksonville Memorial Cemetery for a short time, entertaining questions and providing material for at least 30 guests. Please place to attend.

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Our June meeting is not complete yet as to speaker but Grace is working diligently, as always, to provide us with good subject material. Grace continues to work miracles.

What is new for our June meeting is the date.

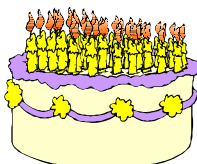
The library needs the room we use so the June meeting date will be the 26th. Our same time slot, of 1:30.

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Did you say you need another cookbook or two?? We have that covered for you. Contact any board member for help in procuring one or several.

Happy Birthday!

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



May 14.....Carol Norman

May 24.....Eunice Jones
 May 27.....Ralph McQuiddy
 May 27.....Marie Santry
 June 6.....Georgeann Engel
 June 16.....Kay Swilley Poplin
 June 29.....Bonnie Bass

If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know, and I am sorry if I did.

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 calendar now.

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.

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 │ Tina Frady and Anne Morabito continue to │
 │ hold their own in their health related │
 │ problems. Anne's shoulder is healing │
 │ albeit not as fast as Anne would like │
 │ and Tina's use of her left arm and │
 │ leg is getting better, again, albeit not │
 │ nearly as fast as she would like. They │
 │ say thank you to all for your concern, │
 │ calls, and cards, all is very much │
 │ appreciated. │
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Importance of Delayed Birth Certificates

One of the most common research problems encountered by patrons is the lack birth certificates for ancestors. This problem is especially significant for those researching ancestors born prior to 1900 even though most states had enacted specific laws mandating that births had to be registered. However, implementation was far from consistent, especially in many rural and remote areas of the country. This was particularly true in the south and west. In many of these areas, if officials saw the baby present, that was proof enough for them!

The election of Franklin Roosevelt and his implementation of the Social Security and Railroad Retirement Acts exposed numerous problems throughout the county with lax enforcement and the problems that it created. It marked the first time that the United States required citizens to prove their legal date and place of birth.

To obtain benefits or be issued a social security card, the most common types of documents or methods used as proof included:

1. Baptismal/Christening certificates
2. Family Bible record entries
3. School attendance records
4. Military service records and discharge papers
5. Naturalization papers
6. Any miscellaneous legal or church generated documents that showed birth related information
7. Information on the 1880, 1900-1930 censuses if the person could be located (this situation led to the development of Soundex and Miracode Indexes).
8. Affidavit from a relative who had personal knowledge of the birth
9. Affidavit from a midwife or medical person who assisted with the actual birth
10. Affidavit from a neighbor or family member who had personal knowledge of birth

It is important to note that the county where the delayed birth certificate was issued was often different then the county where the actual birth took place. In most cases, delayed birth certificates were issued in the place of residence at the time of application. This was perfectly legal at the time.

During World War II, many defense related industries required certain classifications of workers with delayed birth certificates to obtain additional decrees from a court of record. They had to provide the same type of documented proof as the classifications listed above. While this was not a common occurrence it should be noted as a possibility when all else fails.

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Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from County Employees and officials regarding County business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your email communication may be subject to public disclosure. Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

**The Dawes Rolls and Native American Genealogical Research
Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes: 1893-1914**

The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, usually referred to as the Dawes Commission, was appointed by President Grover Cleveland in 1893 to negotiate land with the five primary historical tribes encompassing Native American nations in the United States at that time. The commission was named after its chairman, Henry L. Dawes. The Native American nations named in the administrative directives were:

1. Cherokees
2. Chickasaws
3. Choctaws
4. Creeks
5. Seminoles

The United States considered these tribes "civilized" because they had adopted many of the colonists' customs and had generally good relations with their neighbors. The Five Civilized Tribes lived in the Southeastern United States before their removal to other parts of the country, especially the area now known as Oklahoma. The tribes were uprooted from their homes east of the Mississippi River in a series of Indian removals sanctioned by federal authorities over several decades and moved to what was then called Indian Territory and is now the eastern portion of the state of Oklahoma.

The Five Tribes were divided during the Civil War as to which side to support. The Choctaw and Chickasaw fought predominantly on the Confederate side, while the Creek, Seminole and especially the Cherokee were split between the Union and the Confederacy. The Cherokees fought a civil war within their own nation between those who supported the opposing sides.

Once the tribes had been relocated to Indian Territory, the United States government promised that their lands would be free of white settlement. Some settlers violated the agreement with impunity even before 1893, when the government opened up the area known as the Cherokee Strip to outside settlement by the Oklahoma Land Run. In 1907, the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory were merged into the new state of Oklahoma where ancestors of all the Five Civilized Tribes have a major presence there today.

Patrons interested in the Dawes Commission and other aspects of Native American Research are invited to attend our seminar at Fort Myers-Lee County Library on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:30am-2:30pm. For more information, feel free to contact Bryan L. Mulcahy at (239) 533-4626 or via e-mail at bmulcahy@leegov.com.

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Websites of Possible Interest

African American Newspapers 1827-1999. Freeman's Lance. 1891. (Peru, Kansas). Now online. Search historical newspapers @ <http://bit.ly/9gS9wR>

URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/DecaturCoIN.html>

TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Decatur County, Indiana

DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 17,200 entries. Original text by Lewis A. Harding; published by B. F. Bowen, (1915).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/ElkhartCoIN.html>

TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Elkhart County, Indiana

DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 17,300 entries. Original text by Chas. C. Chapman & Co., (1881); reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc., (1971).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/FayetteCoIN.html>

TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Fayette County, Indiana

DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 16,000 entries. Original text by Frederic Irving Barrows, (1917); reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc., (1973).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/JohnsonCoIN.html>

TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Johnson County, Indiana (1888)

DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 13,700 entries. Original text by D. D. Banta, (1888); reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc., (1970).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/JohnsonCoIN.html>

TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Johnson County, Indiana (1913)

DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 10,100 entries. Original text by Elba L. Branigin, (1913); published by B. F. Bowen, (1913); reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc., (1972).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/KosciuskoCoIN.html>

TITLE: Every Name Index to Biographical and Historical Record of Kosciusko County, Indiana

DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 15,000 entries. Original text by Lewis Publishing Company, (1887); reproduction by Kosciusko County Historical Society, (198?).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/LaPorteCoIN.html>
 TITLE: Every Name Index to History of LaPorte County, Indiana
 DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 9,800 entries. Original text by Chas. C. Chapman & Co., (1880); reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc., (1974).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/StJosephCoIN.html>
 TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Saint Joseph County, Indiana, Volumes One & Two
 DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 20,000 entries. Original text by Timothy Edward Howard, (1909); reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc., (1971).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/SullivanCoIN.html>
 TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Sullivan County, Indiana, Volume One
 DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 2,300 entries, Original text by Thomas J. Wolfe, (1909); published by The Lewis Publishing Company, (1909).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/SullivanCoIN.html>
 TITLE: Every Name Index to History of Sullivan County, Indiana, Volume Two
 DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 11,100 entries. Original text by Thomas J. Wolfe, (1909); published by The Lewis Publishing Company, (1909).

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URL: <http://www.everynamesindex.com/WhiteCoIN.html>
 TITLE: Every Name Index to A Standard History of White County, Indiana, Volumes One & Two
 DESCRIPTION: Compiled by Cathy L. O'Connor, © 2007. This index contains over 15,400 entries. Original text by W. H. Hamelle, (1915); published by The Lewis Publishing Company, (1915); reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc., (1971).

URL: http://www.hearthstonelegacy.com/macon_county_missouri.htm
 TITLE: Macon County Missouri Genealogy and History including Macon, La Plata, Bevier, Callao, New Cambria, Elmer, Ethel, Atlanta, Excello, Ten Mile, Anabel, Sue City, Walnut, Redman, Cash, Barnesville, Civil War
 DESCRIPTION: CD for sale. A collection of resources on CD for genealogy research in Macon County, Missouri. Includes 529 pages with 366 family biographies. Includes the full 1884 National Historical Company History of Macon County, Missouri. Also included are 9 maps showing the location of 61 communities in Macon County. Some of the areas that are included are Macon, La Plata, Bevier, Callao, New Cambria, Elmer, Ethel, Atlanta, Excello, Ten Mile, Anabel, Sue City, Walnut, Redman, Cash, and Barnesville, MO.

URL: <http://www.transylvaniagenealogy.com>
 TITLE: Transylvania County North Carolina Genealogical Society
 DESCRIPTION: 'The Transylvania Genealogical Society shall research, cultivate, and preserve the family lineages and history of Transylvania County, NC'.

URL: <http://www.prospecthillcemetery.com/>
 TITLE: Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket, MA
 DESCRIPTION: Founded 1810. Located Nantucket, Massachusetts.

URL: <http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/1840-census-of-pensioners-ct.htm>
 TITLE: 1840 Census of Pensioners - Connecticut | Genealogy
 DESCRIPTION: The Connecticut 1840 Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services with their names, ages, and places of residence, as returned by the marshals of the several Judicial Districts, under the act for taking the sixth census.

URL: http://www.ehow.com/how_4447260_check-companys-business-reputation.html

TITLE: Finding Company Information

DESCRIPTION: Now that you've learned where your family members or ancestors worked, find out more about the company itself. There are some wonderful online tools for researching a business's history and reputation.

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URL: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/Obituaries.aspx>

TITLE: Washington State Library Obituary Requests

DESCRIPTION: A free obituary look-up service for obituaries in Washington State newspapers.

URL: <http://www.digitalstatearchives.com/new-york-state-digital-archives>

TITLE: Digital State Archives: New York

DESCRIPTION: It sometimes seems as if everyone's family lived in New York at one time or another. The State Archives just might be the place to unearth some unexpected family history. Included here are some odd records, like inmate files, WWI muster rolls, and veterans' pension claims.

We Hope For All, Only The Best!!!

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