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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.

--George Bass--

On June 18, 2011, we will bring back Mr. George Bass. You will remember Mr. Bass presented a program about using GPS in genealogy research. Rave reviews come to Mr. Bass in his presentation offered to us this time, "World War II Photograph Album."

--Debra Fleming--

On July 16, 2011, we will have Debra Fleming as our speaker. Her topic will be "The Three D's, Deeds, Death and Divorce." Debra is managing member and speaker of the Ancestry Detective, LLC, from Lakeland, Florida. Her presentation will also be extremely informative.

Grace continues to work hard to bring all of us interesting speakers and programs. Often

there are numerous difficulties to overcome. Grace meets the challenge each and every time and deserves much applause.

For additional information on any of these meetings please feel free to contact: Geraldine (904-886-9754, 904-894-5488) Email: genealogygerri@comcast.net

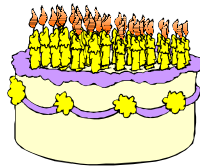
Let us not forget Ann Staley's Genealogy classes:

Ann's five-session Genealogy Class, featuring research in the U.S. will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room C at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Fl. They will be held on Saturdays. The remaining dates will be: **June 4, 11, and 25, 2011.** Be sure to mark your calendars. There is no other word for Ann's classes than EXCELLENT.

There is no charge to attend these classes and free parking is available at the Library.

Happy Birthday!

We send a "Happy Birthday" to our members who are celebrating in May and June:



May 7	Ann Pederson
May 14	Carol Norman
May 16	Clifford Kohn
May 19	Lori Waugh
May 24	Eunice Jones
May 27	Marie Santry
May 27	Ralph McQuiddy
May 31	Margaret Wolson
June 6	Georgeann Engel
June 16	Kay Swilley Poplin
June 27	Perry Russell
June 29	Bonnie Bass

If I have forgotten anyone I am sorry; also, please, let me know.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We can not stress enough how much we need YOUR help. A new year always offers a chance for change and for incorporating new ideas and vision.

Are we, Society wise, volunteer compliant? **No.** Too few are doing the work of the Society; the Society needs **YOUR** help to make it the best it can be.

This year we had a large number of resignations, due to health problems of members who held key positions.

Our Society has many local members. Let us all do our part in helping to make these next years a time for change

Currently there are five very important positions VACANT, and our Standing Committee Chairmen could use your help also. Please read the following committee explanations and see if you can find one which fits your talents.

Please contact me..... Gerri's informationor the committee chairmen listed. We would like to hear from you.

1st Vice President and Membership Chairman

As 1st Vice President - assume and discharge the duties of the Office of the President in the absence of, or when called upon to do so by the President.

As Membership Committee Chairman - shall be responsible for maintaining the official Society membership list and mailing lists. They shall meet the members/guests at the Society meetings and sign them in.

Telephone Sub-Committee Chairman

Telephone Sub-Committee shall be responsible for calling the membership, when needed, to keep them informed of meetings, etc.

2nd Vice President and Publicity Chairman

As 2nd Vice President - shall assume and discharge the duties of the Office of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President

As Publicity Committee Chairman - shall be responsible for publicizing the activities and accomplishments of the Society and to keep the name and purpose of the Society before the public. They shall work together with the Education and Program Committees.

Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping an accurate record (minutes) of the proceedings of the Society;

report the approved minutes of the Council meeting at the following regular meeting; and provide the Historian with a copy of the approved minutes taken at Council and Society meetings.

Corresponding Secretary

Prepare such correspondence as the president shall direct and answer routine queries to the Society concerning its organization and benefits.

Publications Chairman

Publications Committee shall be responsible for compiling, publishing, and distributing the Society publications (i.e.: Newsletter, Books, etc.). We need typists and production help (using a copier, proofing, putting on labels, etc). You do not have to write articles, but they would be appreciated.

Education Chairman

C. Ann Staley 904-771-1865

Education Committee shall be responsible for planning and recommending genealogical courses of study to be presented to Society members and the general public. Currently, there are two classes given each year (Spring and Fall). Continuing education and conferences/seminars are also a responsibility of this committee. You

do not have to teach! There are plenty of tasks that this committee needs help with.

Genealogical Research Chairman

Barbara Crissman.

904-768-8166

Genealogical Research Committee shall be responsible for locating and securing copies of unpublished genealogical records/data from reliable sources for publication by the Society. They also write articles for the Newsletter, promote solicitation of materials from members, and conduct field trips to gather data.

Program Chairman

Grace B. Moran

904-384-3847

Program Committee shall be responsible for planning programs (Society monthly meetings, field trips, etc.) to further the knowledge of the members and the general public. Let her know what topics you would like to have speakers on - and if you know of a speaker. Also do you have a place you would like to visit for research or just for learning history? Let her know and maybe even help plan the trip.

OFFICERS, STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

(Terms expiring at end of 2011):

President	Geraldine Kohn	904-894-5488
First Vice President/ Membership Chairman	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-894-5488
Telephone Sub-Committee Chairman	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-894-5488
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Corresponding Secretary	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-894-5488
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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

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (NGS) 2011 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The NGS conference was held in Charleston, South Carolina on May 11-14, 2011. This was the first conference I have ever attended. There were so many classes with so little time. It seemed overwhelming to me at first. I met a great group of people, I even had lunch with Ann Staley and Marcie at the Association of Professional Genealogist Luncheon (the food was great.) I would have loved to have been there for the whole week but time would not allow me to. I arrived on Wednesday night and attended the classes starting on Thursday. I could not get over how many people were there. I thought I heard someone state about 5000 in attendance but I am not sure. There was one room with all types of associations and vendors. I ended up joining I think about three groups. The New England Genealogical Society, International Society for British Genealogy and Family History; I went their luncheon also.

Even though the conference was great, I had a genealogical discovery; well actually it was of a verification I guess. While doing research for my family on my dad's side I learned of a grandfather 4 times back who was in the Revolutionary War in South Carolina. I went to the Charleston Public Library to see if I could learn anything. The librarian was very nice and she had several books for me to look in. There was one book South Carolina Revolutionary War Solider Roster. The soldier surnames were listed in alphabetical order and under V was my

great grandfather James Veatch Jr. with a microfilm number 809. As luck would have it the library had the microfilm. I looked at the film and there he was on two pages regarding his service. The librarian helped and we printed a copy of it. I was so excited here in my hands are actually copies of my grandfather 4x.

He fought in the Battle of Camden. Camden was 2 hours from Charleston. So Saturday I got up, did my volunteer work and drove to the Camden where I found the Battle of Camden Marker. I got teary eyed just thinking that I am standing on land where history was made all those years ago and I have a relative who took part in it.

Geraldine Kohn

Locating Ancestors in United States Serial Set Records

Genealogists who discover ancestors involved in activities that coincided with interests of the United States government should consult the United States Serial Set. Publication of the Serial Set began with the 15th Congress, 1st Session (1817). The Serial Set contains House and Senate Documents and House and Senate Reports dating from 1789 through 1969.

The reports are usually from congressional committees dealing with proposed legislation and issues under investigation. The documents also include other papers ordered printed by the House or Senate. Documents cover a wide variety of topics and may include reports of executive departments and independent organizations, reports of special investigations made for Congress, and annual reports of non-governmental organizations. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, executive-branch materials were also included.

Women, African Americans, Native Americans, students, soldiers and sailors, pensioners, landowners, and inventors are all represented in the various records. The key factor that determines the likelihood of finding your ancestor in these records is their interactions with federal departments, the military, or life events that involved some contact with a federal jurisdiction.

In the post Revolutionary War (1789-1820), printing of congressional documents had been haphazard, and the Serial Set was an effort designed to rectify that situation. In 1831, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House ordered the publication of many early congressional and related federal documents. A total of 6,278 documents were published in 38 volumes between 1832 and 1861. In print format, the Serial Set is also known as the American State Papers. Because it was a retrospective effort, these 38 volumes were arranged chronologically within 10 subject areas: Foreign Relations, Indian Affairs, Finance, Commerce & Navigation, Military Affairs, Naval Affairs, Post Office, Public Lands, Claims, and Miscellaneous.

Important genealogical information may include: 1) Information concerning land claims, especially those related to bounty grants for service to the government as well as to contested lands once under the jurisdiction of another nation; 2) Lists of names and

addresses for individuals who applied for patents and documentation related to the inventions; 3) Lists of army and navy pensioners including their rank, place of residence; and amount of pension; 4) individual claims for damages after military conflicts (such as the Civil War) or other incidents involving federal personnel; 5) Personnel information for non-governmental agencies and other private entities that provided outside services.

The Heritage Quest database, available through many public libraries, offers free access to this information. The best comprehensive print index is the Congressional Information Service's (CIS) *U.S. Serial Set Index*, produced in conjunction with their microfilming of the volumes through 1969 beginning in the mid-1970s. In this index, a two-volume subject index covers groups of Congresses, with a third volume providing an index to individual names for relief actions, as well as a complete numerical list in each report/document category.

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Good Evening: I thought you would find this information concerning the 2012 Salt Lake Institute of significant interest. The Salt Lake Institute has a proven track record throughout the genealogical research profession for providing quality instruction on a wide variety of research topics for genealogists at all stages of the research process. My seven trips to the Institute have benefited me in many ways not only in my job but in my own family research. I am passing this information on for your own benefit and interest.

Thanks.

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy 2012 Genealogy Research Announcement

After much deliberation, the Utah Genealogical Association has made arrangements for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) to adjoin RootsTech next year. The new dates for SLIG 2012 are January 23-27, 2012; the conference will again be held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City.

Though traditionally SLIG has been held during the second week of January, we felt that changing the date to the end of January would allow attendees two full weeks of genealogical education. It is hoped that this will be especially beneficial to instructors who will be attending both SLIG and RootsTech.

"It just made sense for us to connect ourselves to RootsTech in this way," said Adele Marcum, Director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. "We hope this union of scheduling will offer genealogists the best educational experience: first at Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and then at RootsTech."

Although not affiliated with RootsTech or any of its sponsoring organizations, the Utah Genealogical Association sees the importance of collaborating with RootsTech to provide varied and valuable educational opportunities to genealogists.

"We applaud what RootsTech has done in their inaugural year; we want to share what they've done with our attendees at SLIG--and now that the schedules for SLIG and RootsTech align, we can begin discussions with RootsTech to determine how our two conferences can work together to provide greater value to attendees. Working together, I think we will see some magnificent synergy," said Marcum.

The courses for the 2012 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy include:

1. American Research and Records: Focus on Families with Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FUGA
2. Welsh Research with Darris Williams, AG
3. Scandinavian Research with Geoffrey Morris, AG
4. Genealogy Software and Research with George Morgan
5. Advanced Research Tools: Land Records with Rick Sayre, CG and Pam Sayre, CG, CGL
6. Principles of Effective Genealogy Librarianship with Drew Smith, MLS
7. Beyond the Library: Using Original Source Repositories with John Phillip Colleta, Ph.D, FUGA
8. Advanced Methodology with Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS
9. Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis Practicum with Thomas W. Jones and others
10. NEHGS: Advanced New England Research with D. Joshua Taylor
11. Midwest research with Kory Meyerink, AG, MLS, FUGA
12. Problem Solving with Judith Hansen, AG, MLS

Registration for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy 2012 vacants June 4, 2011 at www.ugagenealogy.org

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The Federation of Genealogical Societies
Pathways to the Heartland

with local host The Illinois State Genealogical Society

September 7-10, 2011
 Springfield, Illinois



Be part of an exciting, educational, inspiring & historic genealogy conference!

The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites you to the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference for the Nation's Genealogists. Our local host, the Illinois State Genealogical Society, joins FGS in welcoming you to historic Springfield, 7-10 September 2011, as we celebrate "Pathways to the Heartland."

Why should you make plans to be there?

- More than 150 educational presentations with well-known speakers from all over the U.S.
- Lectures that appeal to beginning, intermediate and experienced genealogists.
- Topics that cover almost every aspect of genealogy as well as libraries, archives, and repositories.
- Sessions for professional genealogists.
- Attend sessions to help your genealogical society grow, prosper, develop, and educate.
- Meet your favorite genealogical lecturers, authors, librarians, software developers.
- Door prizes galore!
- Keynote address by David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (NARA).
- 35th Anniversary Celebration speaker Harold Holzer, noted Lincoln scholar.
- Large exhibit hall with exhibitors and vendors.
- Vendors loaded with genealogy and history books, magazines, databases, software, maps, CDs, magazines, journals, and more.
- Librarians Day on Tuesday, 6 September 2011, sponsored by ProQuest.
- Ancestry.com Beginner's Day.
- The host hotel is across the street from the Prairie Capital Convention Center.
- Visit historic sites, libraries, and more in the Springfield area.
- Daily meal functions with exciting speakers and time for networking.

To learn more

- Check the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference Website at <www.fgs.org/2011conference>.
- View the continually expanded FGS Conference News Blog at <www.FGSConferenceBlog.org>.
- Visit the Illinois State Genealogical Society at <www.ilgensoc.org>.
- Follow the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference on Facebook at <www.facebook.com/fgs2011> and on Twitter at <www.twitter.com/fgs2011>.
- Check the many topics and speakers at <www.fgs.org/2011conference/program/>.
- Prepare for Illinois tourism at <www.enjoyillinois.com>.
- Plan for visiting Springfield at <www.visit-springfieldillinois.com>.

Websites of Possible Interest

GenealogyBuff.com <http://www.genealogybuff.com> has recently placed several considerable data collections online.:

ALABAMA	-	Madison	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/al/madison/webbbs_config.pl					
ARKANSAS	-	Clark	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/ar/clark/webbbs_config.pl					
ARKANSAS	-	Lafayette	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/ar/lafayette/webbbs_config.pl					
FLORIDA	-	Manatee	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/fl/manatee/webbbs_config.pl					
GEORGIA	-	Cherokee	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/ga/cherokee/webbbs_config.pl					
KANSAS	-	Johnson	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/ks/johnson/webbbs_config.pl					
MISSOURI	-	McDonald	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/mo/mcdonald/webbbs_config.pl					
NEBRASKA	-	Dawson	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/ne/dawson/webbbs_config.pl					
NEBRASKA	-	Nuckolls	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/ne/nuckolls/webbbs_config.pl					
NEW YORK	-	Chautauqua	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/ny/chautauqua/webbbs_config.pl					
NORTH CAROLINA	-	Lee	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/nc/lee/webbbs_config.pl					
PENNSYLVANIA	-	Cumberland	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/pa/cumberland/webbbs_config.pl					
PENNSYLVANIA	-	Lycoming	County	Obituary	Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/pa/lycoming/webbbs_config.pl					

VIRGINIA - Smyth County Obituary Collection
http://www.genealogybuff.com/va/smyth/webbbs_config.pl

Each of these data sets are searchable from the upper part of each page. The Manatee County, Florida collection is great because many "snowbirds" from the northern and New England states are

Books of Possible Interest

The Battle of Camden: A Documentary History Jim Piecuch (Author)

This engaging new book presents the Battle of Camden as never before: through the eyes and words of American and British participants and contemporary observers. The events leading up to the conflict, the combat itself and the consequences of Camden are all described in striking detail.

We Hope For All, Only The Best!!!

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