



# JACKSONVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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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.

--- 19 May 2012 ---

#### 1940 U.S. Population Census - The Ins and Outs!

Our speaker will be Ann Staley CG, CGL. She will be providing information and a presentation on the 1940 Census - a continuation of her short presentation given in March. This newly released census is full of possibilities for extending your family knowledge. However, at the present time it is not fully indexed; so, with over 132 million people enumerated and only 20% indexed, how do you find who you are looking for? What do all the codes and lines mean? How did the tabulators tampered with it? And what information does it really tell us about the "Greatest Generation"?

### 2012 DUES ARE PAST DUE

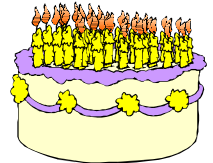
If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2012, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2012 are past due.

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

**Thank you for your continued support**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



May 7	Ann Pederson
May 11	Gina Norstedt
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 1	Julie Byrd
June 6	Georgeann Engel
June 16	Kay Swilley Poplin
June 27	Perry Russell
June 29	Bonnie Bass

### GOOD NEWS

We haven't heard that anyone has been sick! If you have, you need to let us know. We care about you.

## **JACKSONVILLE CITY DIRECTORIES ABSTRACTION PROJECT**

As mentioned at the last meeting, JGS is embarking on a Jacksonville City Directory Abstraction project.

One of the questions we are often asked is: What [doctors, lawyers, cemeteries, etc.] were in Jacksonville in [1897, 1900, 1930, etc.]? What would give clues/provide the answer? The Jacksonville City Directories.

Where are the Directories? At the Jacksonville Public Library, downtown, in paper format and some are online in JPG format (one page at a time). Not easy to access for most out-of-towners. So, with the help of you, the members, we will be providing that easy access - online.

We have already photocopied about 14 of the books and have started typing the data. We had a good turnout of members, with their laptops, at the library on our workday. They helped get everything set-up. Now, we would like to provide those who would like to do typing from home a way to do so. It is a straight typing job in a word processor, no complicated forms.

If you would rather proofread, we can accommodate you, also. Just let AnnS (jaxgen@comcast.net) know which task you can help with.

The resulting product will be placed on our website member's only page. This is your reward for helping the society and the genealogy community - you get the first use. After about 6 months, we will make the data available to all website visitors.

Our volunteers on 28 April 2012 were:

Eddie Ansley  
Carol Norman  
Connie Coward  
Ann Staley  
Ken Norwood  
Gina Norstedt  
Grace Moran (proofing)

**Thank you!**

## **A NOTE ABOUT PAM COOPER**

For those of you who attended our 2012 Spring Seminar, we thought you might like to know that Pamela J. Cooper, our speaker at the event, will be having surgery in May. If you would like to send her a get well card, contact Ann Staley (astaley@comcast.net) for the address.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX**

DonsList.Net has placed a searchable SSDI on their website that is current as of mid-2011; the database has been made available by Tom Alciere. The website is:  
<http://www.donslist.net/PGHLookups/SSDIM.htm>

## **DONSLIST.NET**

If you made it to the SSDI noted above, you have stumbled onto a nifty website. I have to admit that it is not a very pretty website and somewhat difficult to get around, but it does hold some really useful information. Take the time to explore it and you will find not only indexes but, some digital images also.

## **SPRING 2012 GENEALOGY CLASS**

The Spring Genealogy Class, traditionally our Beginner Class, Researching in a Straight Line - - - Backwards, will be starting on May 26th. We will be having 4 sessions this year.

This class is for the beginner researcher and the experienced researcher looking for a refresher course. Subjects include: Back to Basics; Research Documentation; Sources-What are they?; Dates, Places & Relationships; Use of Vital, Court, Church and Military Records; Record Keeping; and much more.

See the attached flyer for all of the details.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF CEMETERIES TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

By Bryan L. Mulcahy ([bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com)), Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library; 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901-3917, Tel: (239) 533-4626, Fax: (239) 485-1160 (BLM 3/6/2012) --- Used with permission of the author.

Newcomers to genealogical research often voice amazement with the “obsession” many genealogists have when visiting cemeteries. The notion of taking a “cemetery vacation” is beyond their comprehension. There are numerous reasons why visiting cemeteries is beneficial to genealogical research. The seven most important reasons are:

1. Tombstone inscriptions can be goldmines of genealogical information.
2. Many old tombstones contain mini-biographies of the deceased.
3. Cemetery records may contain significant amounts of information that may or may not appear in the more common record types.
4. Some genealogists, provided they obtain proper permission, have left messages on tombstones in hopes of contacting surviving family members, and, have been successful.
5. Plot placement, tombstone inscriptions, and cemetery records may fill in missing blanks in your research, lead you in new directions, or add insight to your knowledge of your ancestors as people.
6. Researchers often find out about children who died in infancy that they never knew about or discover a grave marker containing a symbol that suggests other records which may contain additional information.
7. Children who died in infancy may suggest clues to unknown family relationships.

Cemeteries fall into a variety of categories. Each type has its own unique characteristics. The main types are listed below.

1. **City and County:** These are of fairly recent origin, some of them beginning about 1850, but most of them around 1900 or the time of state registration.
2. **Federal:** Usually associated with war veterans. You will have to depend upon Sexton's records to find the plots here because they are too large to attempt searching without help.
3. **Private:** These usually begin in the 1900s. You **must** obtain permission from the land owner to gain access.
4. **Church:** These are the most common in America, British Isles, and Europe. The Sexton's records would be the burial registers, if they exist. Recently some of them have been indexed by the tombstones that are still in existence. If there is no stone now, there is no record. Researchers are strongly advised to study the local and state cemetery laws prior to visitation. When in doubt, local genealogical or historical societies are reliable sources for obtaining this type of information.
5. **Family:** These are quite popular in the Eastern and Southern parts of the U.S., Canada as well as parts of the British Isles and Europe. Researchers **must** obtain permission from the land owner for access. Often the only record, other than the tombstones, would be the record in a family Bible.
6. **Fraternal Organizations:** Organizations in this category will either have their own private cemeteries or a special section within a larger cemetery. The burial records may or may not be accessible to the public. In some cases, researchers can get the standard death certificate from the locality, but an official burial record must be obtained from the organization.

## WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

- Barber, Phil. *A Brief History of Newspapers*. (<http://www.historicpages.com/nprhist.htm> : accessed 30 Apr 2012).
- Beine, Joe. *Historical Newspapers and Indexes On The Internet - USA: A Genealogy Research Guide*. (<http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- Encyclopedia of Associations. (<http://library.dialog.com/bluesheets/pdf/bl0114.pdf> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- Fraternal Organizations. (<http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Organizations/Fraternal> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- Genealogy Research Associates, Inc. "City Directories of the United States of America." (<http://www.uscitydirectories.com> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- Hartzog, Richard. *Genealogy Research: Complete List of Fraternal Organizations*. (<http://www.exonumia.com/art/society.htm> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- Hinckley, Kathleen W. "Advanced Use of Telephone Directories." Article. Genealogy.com. ([http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/55\\_kathy.html?Welcome=1082495551](http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/55_kathy.html?Welcome=1082495551) : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- Library of Congress catalog. (<http://catalog.loc.gov/> : accessed 30 Apr 2012) [This site can be used to discover media that has been produced that might be available in your own library or through inter-library loan.]
- Library of Congress, *American Memory Historical Collections for the National Digital Library*. (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html> : accessed 30 Apr 2012) [Provides "more than 100 collections and more than 9 million individual items".]
- Library of Congress, *Newspaper & Current Periodical Reading Room*. "Newspapers". (<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/lcnewsp.html> : accessed 30 Apr 2012).
- Library of Virginia. *Using the Collections*. ([http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/using\\_collections.asp#\\_guides-BusinessandEconomics](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/using_collections.asp#_guides-BusinessandEconomics) : accessed 30 Apr 2012) [Search under "Business and Economics.]"
- Meyerink, Kory L. "Effective Use of City Directories." Article. ProGenealogists, Inc. (<http://www.progenealogists.com/citydirectories.htm> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- Midkiff, Miriam Robbins. *Welcome to the Online Historical Newspapers Website*. (<http://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- NewspapersOL.com. *U.S. Newspapers, Radio & TV Directory*. (<http://www.newspapersol.com/index.html> : accessed 30 Apr 2012) [Includes links to the newspapers' home pages.]
- Place Names (<http://www.placenames.com> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- The Library of Virginia. *Legacies of the New Deal in Virginia*. (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/exhibits/newdeal/vainventory.htm> : accessed 30 Apr 2012)
- The Newberry Library. *Fraternal Organizations*. (<http://www.newberry.org/research-guides> : accessed 30 Apr 2012) [This URL is to the available Research Guides. Click on "Fraternal Organizations" to see the PDF file.]

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/SEMINARS FROM AROUND THE STATE**

**Source: Florida State Genealogical Society Website (<http://www.flsgs.org/events.php>)**

Looking for something "different" to do one weekend, check the Florida State Genealogical Society website calendar <<http://www.flsgs.org/events.php>> to see if there is another genealogy meeting or seminar in the area that you might like to attend. Most Genealogical Societies have meetings that are open to the public. If in doubt, just check with the contact person listed in the announcement.

### **Tuesday, May 1**

#### **Manatee Genealogical Society Regular Meeting:**

Expert Panel Q & A

Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flmgs/> or Contact Jean Morris 941.722.5156

### **Thursday, May 10**

#### **Halifax Genealogical Society: Monthly Meeting**

Presented by George G. Morgan - Bits About Obits: Reading Between the Lines \_ Learn How Obituaries Speak to You.

Email: [zappala7@yahoo.com](mailto:zappala7@yahoo.com)

### **Saturday, May 12**

#### **Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society Monthly Meeting: What's New at Family Search**

Presented by Miles Meyer

Website: [www.sgesjax.com](http://www.sgesjax.com) or Email: [publicity@sgesjax.com](mailto:publicity@sgesjax.com)

### **Saturday, May 19**

#### **Jacksonville Genealogical Society**

Presented by C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL - 1940 U.S. Population Census-- The Ins and Outs

Website: <http://home.comcast.net/~jaxgen> or Email: [jaxgen@comcast.net](mailto:jaxgen@comcast.net)

### **Sunday, May 20**

#### **Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida: Delta Jews of Mississippi**

Presented by Rabbi Allan Schwartzman

Email: [klapshein@aol.com](mailto:klapshein@aol.com)

### **Sunday, May 20**

#### **Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay Monthly Meeting**

Presented by Debbe Hagner - Emerging Technologies to improve your Genealogical Research

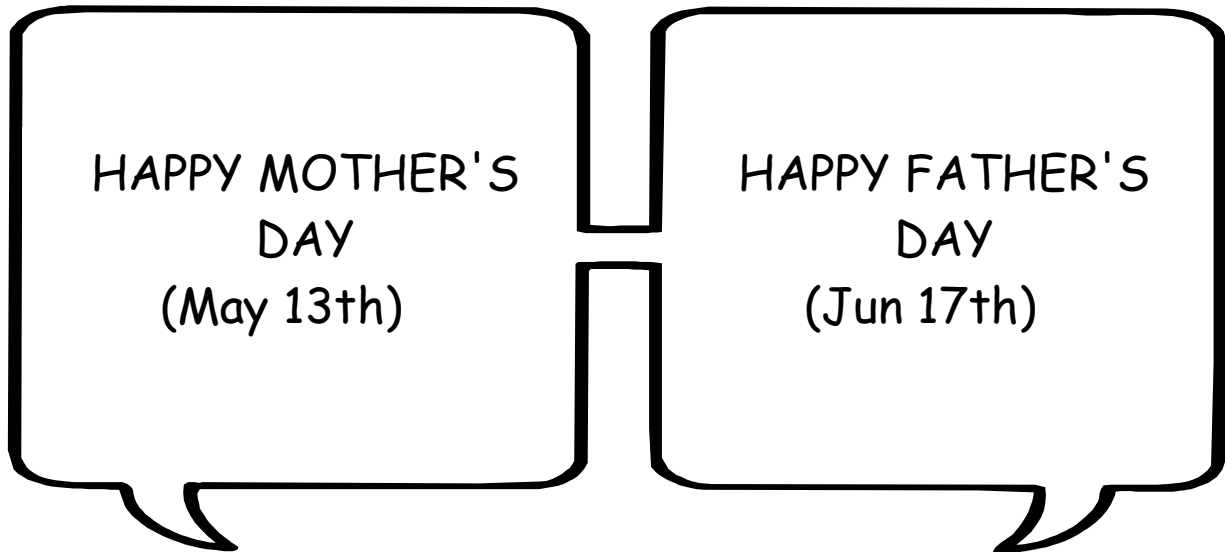
Email: [sisrael@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sisrael@tampabay.rr.com)

### **Saturday, June 9**

#### **Southern Genealogy Exchange Society Monthly Meeting**

Presented by David Larry - Tillotson Family

Web: [www.sgesjax.com](http://www.sgesjax.com) or 904-778-1000



To all of our  
Mothers and Fathers  
- - from your JGS family - -

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### Application for Membership

Dues are paid on a Calendar year basis. Dues received after 31 October are credited with dues paid for the following year. Please check one of the following categories:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Principal membership: \$25.00         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual membership: \$ 5.00 *                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life (Principal) membership: \$260.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life (Dual): \$65.00 *                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student: \$10.00                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial: \$25.00 ** - In memory of _____ |

\* A Dual Member is a person residing at the same address as the Principal Member.

\*\* (Memorial Membership does not include issuance of Newsletters or Quarterly issues.)

- New Member**   
  **Renewing Member**   
  **Previous Member**   
  **Gift**   
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First                                  Middle                                  Nickname                                  Maiden                                  Surname

Dual Member (First, Middle, Last Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 digit): \_\_\_\_\_ —

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ (Work): (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Principal): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Dual): \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames you are researching (up to 5):

SURNAME	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTRY	DATES
Example: Smith	Timbuctu	Smithers	FL	USA	1880-1900
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

You are encouraged to submit a 5-generation pedigree chart with your application for our JGS Pedigree Charts Project

Circle ALL areas below that interest you:

- |             |              |           |           |              |                   |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|
| Abstracting | Audit        | Education | Historian | Newsletter   | Cemetery Research |
| Programs    | Publications | Publicity | Quarterly | Refreshments | Secretary         |
| Research    | Telephone    | Treasurer | Typing    | Website      | Other _____       |

By signing below, you grant the Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. permission to use your name, address, email address, and surname data on the JGS Website, in the JGS Website Search Engine, and in the JGS Membership list/directory (which is available to members). Telephone numbers will not be published on the internet but will be listed in the JGS Membership list/directory.

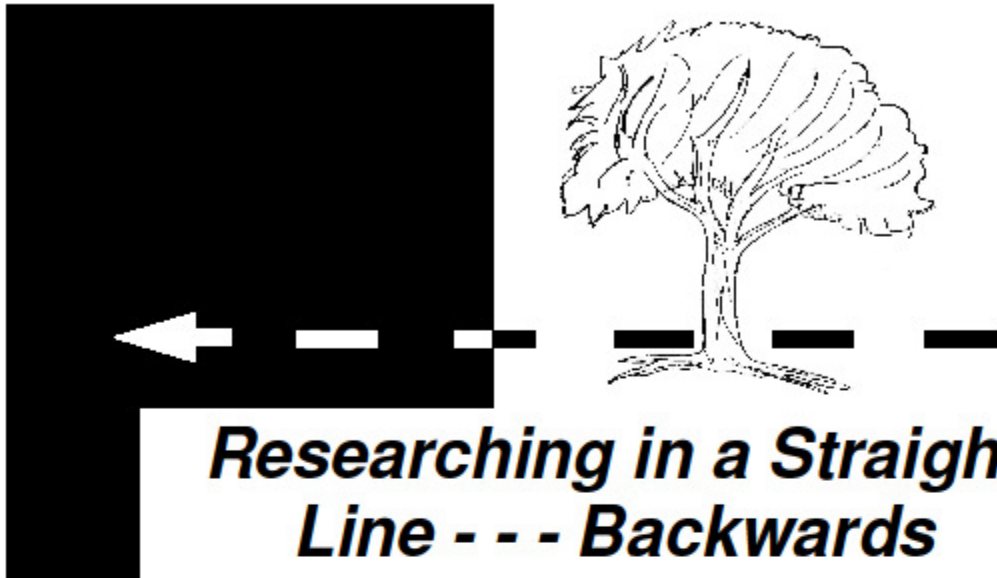
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this application, along with your payment, to:**

**Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756**

**For Office Use only:** Date Paid: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1st Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. (JGS) (<http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net/~jaxgen/>) will be holding a four-session Genealogy Class, featuring research in the U.S. It will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL on the following dates: <http>

**Saturdays: May 26 and Jun 2, 9, and 23, 2012**

This class is for the beginner researcher and the experienced researcher looking for a refresher course. Subjects include: Back to Basics; Research Documentation; Sources-What are they?; Dates, Places & Relationships; Use of Vital, Court, and Church Records; Record Keeping; and much more. Certificates of Completion will be given to those persons who attend at least three of the four class dates.

Free parking is available at the Library and there is no charge for the class.

**Registration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

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Phone                      Email Address

*Register online: send an email to [jaxgen@comcast.net](mailto:jaxgen@comcast.net) Include your name, address, and phone number.*

*Or mail this registration form to:*

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