



# Jacksonville Genealogical Society

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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.

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Find us on the web at <http://jaxgen.org>

## Join Us!

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society meets on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month, except December, at 1:30 pm — normally at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, in Jacksonville, Florida. However, we do have to move the meetings some months; change of location will be in the Meeting Information below. Members are strongly encouraged to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

### Membership Meeting September

**Date:** 21 September 2019

**Speaker:** Kathy Stickney

**Topic:** *Researching Your War of 1812 Soldiers*

**Brief Description:** This talk begins with a brief sketch of the War of 1812, including sayings and songs that came out of the war. It then explores the various records available on War of 1812 soldiers. Topics included are: where to begin your research, discovering your soldiers' unit (muster rolls), military service records, pensions, and military bounty land grants. Attention is given to the genealogical gems that can come from the various records. Information is provided on what is available online and how to order copies of records from the National Archives.

**Speaker Bio:** Kathy Stickney graduated from Florida State University with undergraduate and graduate degrees and has been researching her family for 26 years. Kathy's family traces back from Alabama to England (her father's side) and from Indiana to England and Germany (her mother's side). She has attended the National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C. and the Institute of Genealogical & Historical Research; she has had numerous articles published in

genealogical and historical magazines. Kathy is active in her local genealogical society, the DAR, and Daughters of the War of 1812. Both Kathy and her husband are members of the Florida State Genealogical Society and serve on the FSGS Pioneer Descendant Certification Committee as reviewers and records administrators. Kathy has proven several family lines as First Families of Ohio and First Families of Pennsylvania.

### Membership Meeting October JGS 50th Birthday Celebration

**Date:** 19 October 2019

During this meeting, we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of our society! We will have two speakers – Ann Staley and Karen Rhodes. And what's a party without lots of good food and a birthday cake!

Please make plans to attend this wonderful event and help us celebrate the birthday of the great society we are blessed to be members of.

**Speaker:** C. Ann Staley, CG®, CGL<sup>SM</sup>

**Topic:** *America's New Deal: The WPA's Federal Project Number One*

**Brief Description:** The Works Progress Administration (later changed to Work Projects Administration) (WPA) carried out many public works projects (many still visible today); however, the smaller projects were just as effective. Federal Project Number One consisted of 5 separate divisions/projects employing artists, musicians, actors and actresses, historians, researchers, and writers, to name a few. The Federal Art Project, Federal Music Project, Federal Theatre Project, Federal Writers Project, and the Historical Records Survey contributed to the success of the WPA and to the employment record of the US. This presentation will provide information on each division/project and

their contributions; however, the focus will mainly be on the last two the Federal Writers Project, and the Historical Records Survey and some of the publications and inventories they created.

**Speaker Bio:** C. Ann Staley, CG®, CGL<sup>SM</sup>, is an educator, consultant, and co-leader of Ann-Mar Genealogy Trips. She is the Education Chair for the Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.; the Membership Chair of the Genealogical Speakers Guild; on the faculty of The National Institute for Genealogical Studies; and a Director of the Florida State Genealogical Society. Her specialties are Methodology, Research Sources, Computer Resources, Conference Planning, and Assisted Research Trips to the Family History Library and the Allen County Public Library. She is the author of several articles for the *NGS Magazine* and the co-author of the *NGS Research in the States Series-Florida*.

**Speaker:** Karen Rhodes

**Topic:** *Humans of Old St. Augustine: The Tragic Death of Dr. Darcy*

**Brief Description:** In 1809, the Irish physician John Darcy, resident of St. Augustine, took his own life by an overdose of laudanum. The tale of the hours leading up to this event, and the history of Dr. Darcy, presents a mystery story from St. Augustine's past, taken directly from the inquest into the death.

**Speaker Bio:** Karen Packard Rhodes went back to college at 60, earning two post-baccalaureate degrees in Spanish and History at the University of North Florida. She then earned a Master of Liberal Arts in Florida Studies at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. She has been the principal investigator for St. Augustine, 1784-1821, for the website, *La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas*, and is the author of *Non-Federal Censuses of Florida: A Guide to Sources* (McFarland, 2010).

## Gift of Membership

We invite you to give the gift of Society memberships to your friends. We also have a way for you to remember a loved one - a Memorial Gift. A year's membership could not be spent wiser. The enclosed Membership Application has a checkbox for your convenience.

## Membership Meeting November

**NOTE: There is a time change for this meeting. The meeting will start at 2:30 pm.**

**Date:** 16 November 2019

**Speaker:** Paul Howes

**Topic:** *Crossing the Atlantic – for Beginners*

**Brief Description:** Most of our families came here from somewhere else, usually Europe, of course. Often we might know the country, but just knowing that is rarely enough, especially if your name is Smith or Andersen, or if national borders have since changed. How do we find the actual location where the person came from so we can visit or engage a local researcher? Paul will review the available resources to help you figure out the detail. There are many more than you might think.

**Speaker Bio:** An actuary by profession, before retiring almost ten years ago and moving to Florida, Paul had been a senior partner in a global consulting firm. He has lived in six countries and worked in over fifty. Paul has been a keen genealogist for twenty years and started his One-Name Study in 2008, since building a database of 160,000 people in reconstructed families. In March 2018 Paul was awarded the Guild of One-Name Studies Master Craftsman award "in recognition of his service to the Guild as Chairman and for steadfastly promoting the ethos of members helping members and the concept of One-Name studies and surname research". Paul has spoken at major conferences on both sides of the Atlantic. In his other lives, Paul is a proud grandparent, an executive coach, a keen yachtsman, and a member of many genealogy societies in the UK and US, including JGS.

## 2020 Dues

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2020, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2020 are due.

Please complete the enclosed Membership Application so that we will have your current information in our membership database.

## In Memory

### Grace Byrne Moran 1919-2019

We are saddened to have to tell you of the passing of Grace Moran, Life Member, on August 28th.

She was one of the 20 founding members of our society and remained a member for 50 years. Grace served in various positions in the society, but especially as president in 1978 and 1988-1989 and as the long-time editor of the JGS Quarterly. Once she was sick for a number of months and could not "put out" the quarterly. Before she went in for her surgery, she edited and compiled the newest issue into typed pages. It was then up to volunteers to "print it" (250 copies via stencils and a mimeograph machine), collate, bind, address, and get them all to the post office – and we kept track of the time. 75 man-hours were expended and this didn't count the many hours Grace spent in compiling the pages – for each quarterly for approximately 20 years! Yes, we did owe her.

She had a long-lasting friendship with many of you and will be greatly missed. For those of us who did not have the privilege of knowing her we are grateful for her services and desire to educate people in genealogy and help our society continue for the past 50 years. Recently Grace celebrated her 100th birthday and we can only image all that she saw and the changes she enjoyed during her years of doing genealogy.

You can review her obituary on Legacy.com (<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesunion/obituary.aspx?n=grace-byrne-moran&pid=193874539>) At the end of the obituary there is a Guest Book if you wish to leave a message.

## Mail and E-Mail Address Changes

Please notify us of any address change that you might have. Bounced e-mail is a bummer and the Post Office charges us a hefty fee for returned postal mail. A simple note to us at [info@jaxgen.org](mailto:info@jaxgen.org) can help save JGS funds.

## Thank You

We want to thank Denise B. Olson for her presentation on Digital Storytelling at the August meeting.

## Free Lecture Announcement

**Date:** 22 September 2019

**Place:** St. Paul Catholic Church Auditorium,  
2609 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

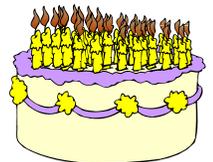
Family Tree Maker is coming to Jacksonville to put on a presentation about what's new and exciting in the newest version, to be released later this summer. Along with the introduction to the newest features, they will discuss the basic how-to of Family Tree Maker and give you an insight into the partner printing products, Charting Companion and Family Book Creator. They will also dive into how to use your DNA results to validate your current family tree.

Please join in for a great event! Come with questions and be ready to learn. To register, please go to the link below at Eventbrite and click on the green "Register" button. This will help them plan for seating.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-tree-maker-event-with-the-jacksonville-genealogy-society-tickets-71762362157>

## Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who celebrated birthdays in September and October:



Joel Warner	September 9
Loita Ivy Phillips	September 13
Mary Chauncey	September 13
Ann Staley	September 14
Dick Cardell	September 14
Brenda O'Neil	September 16
Mary Jane McKnight	September 23
Sandra Robinson-Adkins	September 24
Ann Leyden	September 28
Deannie McVeigh	September 28
Terry Ray	September 28
Robin Barenberg	October 4
Jane Argo Romeo	October 5
Martha Poarch	October 27
Katheryn Lofton	October 29

If anyone was omitted, we apologize and wish you a wonderful day of celebration. Please let us know so we can include you in the future.

## **Jacksonville DNA Study Group Special Guest September Meeting**

By: Deannie McVeigh

The Jacksonville DNA Study Group holds their meetings on the first Saturday of every month at the Murray Hill Library with Connie Bradshaw moderating. I attended the September meeting and it was awesome! Their guest speaker was Michael Moreschi, Special Agent with the Organized Crime II – Genetic Genealogy Investigations from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Orlando Regional Operations Center.

Agent Moreschi was there to discuss law enforcement and DNA used to identify the perpetrators of murder and rape. He explained how they acquire the DNA and the individual in their office who helps use genealogy research to locate family members needed to find the correct individual. This team is committed to their work and his talk may help clear up any thoughts or questions you have on using DNA to solve crimes. He also explained the relationship between DNA copies and law enforcement. It was a great lecture and we hope to have him as a speaker at one of our meetings next year.

## **Genetic Study Shows Deep Norwegian Lineage in People of Northern Scotland**

Dick Eastman · September 5, 2019 · DNA

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I doubt if this will surprise anyone from northern Scotland as the history of what is now Scotland and Norway has been linked together for centuries. However, a new DNA study confirms what many people have long suspected.

A team of researchers from Scotland and the U.K. has found via genetic study that many people in modern Scotland are of Norwegian descent. In their paper published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the group describes their study and what they found.

As the researchers note, many genetic studies have been conducted with people living in England, Wales and Ireland—but little has been done with people living in Scotland. To remedy the situation, the researchers gathered and analyzed genomic data from 2,544 people from across Britain, Ireland

and many of the islands that surround them. The team focused most specifically on people in Scotland who lived within 50 miles of their parents.

You can read more in an article by Bob Yirka in the *Medical Xpress* web site at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/eogn190905>.

### **Dick Eastman, author**



Dick Eastman has been writing this genealogy newsletter for 22 years. He has been involved in genealogy for more than 35 years. He has worked in the computer industry for more than 40 years in hardware, software, and managerial positions. By the early 1970s, Dick was already using a mainframe computer to enter his family data on punch cards. He built his first home computer in 1980.

## **Visiting Other Genealogy Societies Websites**

By: Deannie McVeigh

I decided to look on the internet and see what other States have on their websites and decided to start with Rhode Island. I don't have any relatives or know one single person from Rhode Island but thought it would be a good way to see what's out there as far as research might go. The smallest State in the U.S. has a wonderful site. Like most sites it would love you to join, but they had plenty for non-members to read. I loved reading a few of their newsletters. Give it a try and give us a review of a site you find.

## **Nominations Open in October for 2020-2021 Term**

It will soon be time for Elections! Can you believe it has already been two years? Time does fly by.

Nominations will be opened in October to the membership to participate in the running of the Society. We vote on all of the Officer positions, so please take a look at the information below and think about how you can best serve the society. Want to know more about the day-to-day needs of a particular position? Ask us – we have a policy and procedure document on each position. We would love to have fresh new faces on the Board!

President - The President is the chief executive officer with responsibility for the general supervision of the affairs of the Society and for community and public relations. The President shall be the official spokesman of the Society and shall preside at meetings of the Board and Society.

### 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. The committee shall meet the members/guests at the Society meetings and sign them in.

### 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. The committee 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 Board and Society meetings.

Treasurer – The Treasurer has custody and accountability of the funds of the Society and shall deposit them in proper accounts in the Society's name; keeps an itemized record of all funds received into or disbursed from the account(s); and promptly pays all authorized bills or charges against the Society and secures a receipt or bill for each disbursement.

### Editor – and Chairman of the Publications Committee

As the Editor - advises the Board on matters concerning Society sponsored publications; recommends the format and other editorial policies; responsible for editing genealogical submissions to be included in the Society publications; and responsible for the timely publication or printing of the Society publications, such as newsletters, books, programs, pamphlets, directories, etc.

As the Chairman of the Publications Committee - responsible for the publishing, distributing, mailing and housing of all Society publications.

Historian - maintains a repository of copies of records including accomplishments and history of the Society and its members.

Corresponding Secretary - Prepares such correspondence as the President shall direct and answers routine queries to the Society concerning its organization and benefits.

## Upcoming Events

### First Saturday of every month

Time: 10:00 am

### DNA Study Group

Murray Hill Library, Jacksonville

### Second Saturday of every month

Time: 2:00 pm

### Bartram Trail Gen Club at Bartram Trail Branch Library

60 Davis Pond Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32259

### Second Saturday of each month

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

### The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society

Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, 32257

### Third Saturday of each month

Time: 1:00 pm

### St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086

Sept 21, 2019 – Margaret Nicholson – *Mastering the Art of DNA Cousin Identification*

Oct 19, 2019 – Members Presentation or Family History Faire

### Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

### Amelia Island Genealogical Society

Fernandina Beach Public Library Community Room, 25 N 4th St.

### Thursday, 19 Sept 2019

Time: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Speaker: J Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

### FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Topic: *Making Those Early Census Records Talk*

Federal census records are one set of the most widely used genealogical resources. Many researchers do not take full advantage of the information contained within their statistical framework. In fact, census records before 1850 are often ignored. These population schedules are especially helpful to genealogists because of their availability, genealogical value, and data consistency. Although they require more analysis on our part, the pre-1850 census records can answer a large number of our genealogical questions and provide additional clues. Perhaps, the key to using these records is the development of an adequate plan of action on our part. The proper use of census records requires consistent handling, analysis, and documentation. Case studies will show how they may be used effectively.

### Thursday, 17 Oct 2019

Time: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Angela Packer McGhie, CG

### FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Topic: *History, Records, and Context: Researching the Locations Your Ancestors Lived*

Learning about the places where our ancestors lived helps us put them in social and historical context, as well as locate relevant records. For each location our ancestors lived, we need to learn about history, geography, customs, laws, and records. This session will demonstrate the process and provide resources on where to locate this type of information so that we can better understand our ancestors and interpret the records they left behind.

## 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:

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| <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**    **Memorial**      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 | Refreshments | Secretary  | Proofing          |
| 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 440488, Jacksonville, FL 32222-0005**

**For Office Use only:**

Date Paid: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1st Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

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