



# 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.

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

## Join Us!

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, the JGS Board has decided that the meetings for 2021 will be held virtually until it is safe to return to in-house meetings. Members are strongly encouraged to attend and visitors are always welcome. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

### Membership Meeting

15 May 2021

--- Virtual Meeting ---

**Speaker:** C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

**Topic:** Evaluating the Whole Schedule – Complete Census Research

**You do not register. Use the link information below to join the meeting and presentation.**

Please join the society meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/668928533>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122)

Access Code: 668-928-533

Also, plan on staying after the meeting for the online social; it doesn't last that long and last month it was quite lively!

**Brief Description:** First – we will focus on the available state and federal censuses that name everyone living in the household (the population schedules). Second – we will show why looking at and evaluating the whole census schedule is important to your research and why not to only use the transcriptions given online. Third – we will look at ways to overcome the creative transcriptions and indexing we find online (and I think I have some good ones!). And Fourth – we will review the benefits of analyzing the neighbors. It will be a fun and informative journey showing how to use the census data we locate more effectively.

**Speaker Bio:** Ann Staley, CG®, CGL<sup>SM</sup>, is an educator, consultant, and lecturer. She is on the faculty of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies; Education Chair, Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.; Vice-President, Genealogical Speakers Guild; author of several articles for the *NGS Magazine*; and co-author of the *NGS Research in the States Series-Florida*. Her specialties are Methodology, Research Sources, Computer Resources, Vital Records and their Sources, Conference Planning, and assisted genealogy research trips.

### Membership Meeting

19 Jun 2021

--- Virtual Meeting ---

**Speaker:** JGS Panel

**Topic:** *Research Q & A*

**You do not register. A link for GoToMeeting will be provided.** Also, plan on staying after the meeting for the online social.

**Brief Description:** We are bringing it back! By popular demand, in place of a speaker, we will have a JGS panel to help with your research questions. We know you have brick walls - that ancestor that is just plain eluding you. Start now to make your list of research questions. Don't forget to add their birth, marriage, and death date and place; parent's names; siblings; etc. as it relates to your problem. Be prepared to join in the discussions; we all have knowledge that we can share. A great way to meet and share with others this research passion we have.

### Mail and E-Mail Address Changes

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

## 2021 Dues It's That Time Again!

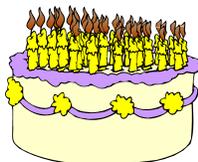
Membership dues for 2021 are past due. Please mail your membership fee of \$25.00 with the enclosed membership application to PO Box 440488, (full address is on the application form). We are only able to accept cash or check and that currently a personal check is recommended since sending cash through the mail is not advised.

### 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.

### Happy Birthday

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



Bill Chandler	7 May
Carol Norman	14 May
Naomi Waters	15 May
Elizabeth O'Donnell	17 May
Ralph McQuiddy	27 May
Robert Lear	2 June
Georgeann Engel	6 June
Dorothy Laird	9 June
Charles Young	9 June
Johnnie Ingram	22 June
George Bass	25 June

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.

### Wishes for Improved Health Issues

We are sending best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ivy Phillips, Deannie McVeigh, and Barbara Crissman.

If you have been ill, or know of a member who is, please let us know. We care about you.

Please keep all of our members and their families who are ill in your prayers. We hope they continue to improve to good health.

### New Free Historical Records on FamilySearch

FamilySearch announced on the 1st of May that they have expanded their online archives with "nearly 32 million new indexed family history records and over 3 million digital images from all over the world." To search go to: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

To read about the latest records – which are too numerous to list here – go to <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/record-collection-april-2021/>

### Bi-Weekly Tip – Guardianship Records

By Riverton (Utah) FamilySearch Library  
3740 West Market Center Drive  
Riverton, Utah 84065-8026 - Phone: 801-240-9601  
Copied from "Tip of the Week" 2 May 2021  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Riverton\\_FamilySearch\\_Library](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Riverton_FamilySearch_Library)  
<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>

Did you know that in the 1700s & 1800s in America, if a woman's husband died, she was sometimes appointed a guardian to conduct her affairs & that guardian could be her oldest son? Remember that women had few legal rights then and we followed English Common Law in most places in America.

Also, minor children were appointed guardians if they inherited property even if one parent was still alive. Inheritance could include such things as houses, land, and even horses or a feather bed.

These important records (dockets, bonds & record books) can reveal the names of parents, grandparents & other relatives & may even give the birth dates of the children. You will not find them online...you need to contact the local courthouse where you found your family. Be persistent, look at the web page for the courthouse to see what kinds of records they have & who to contact.

## Mother's Day 2021

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The celebration of Mother's Day allows us to reflect on who we want to be as a family and how we're all connected to one another. Whether it's your mom, grandma, a favorite aunt, teacher, or friend, the women in our lives shape and define us in ways both large and small. Our ability to connect with the world around us begins with our connection to mom.

Mother's Day is also a perfect opportunity to talk about her family memories. What questions could you ask her related to life experiences and memories? If you are a mom, what could you share? Many researchers tend to plan their questioning strategies around the theme of feelings not just facts.

Genealogists can always research names and dates and events. Unless you are lucky enough to discover a diary belonging to your mother or grandmother, the process of researching the "why" behind some of life decisions is difficult. Examples of this type of challenge would include questions such as how they felt when their husband proposed, when their first child was born, when their mother died (how did they cope?), when various historical events happened, etc.

The concept of oral history can be critical to research success. There is no substitute for hearing the facts directly from your mother or grandmother. If they are deceased there are other potential options. Two examples of potential options include if she had a sister, a very close friend, or grown children of a friend or sibling that remember first hand experiences with your mother or grandmother or secondhand stories from their parents. Asking family members about the feelings they experienced around specific events helps us get to know them on a more personal level. It's a benefit of interviewing that you just can't get when you are only researching facts.

Questions can cover many different subjects.

1. What were their favorite foods? Your questions could cover anything from foods prepared for holidays to the everyday. For those with family members who lived during World War II, you can

ask what foods they ate and how rationing affected their families.

2. Many mothers at one time or another worked in some aspect of the food industry. If that applies to your situation, ask them about their work and their day-to-day tasks. One patron many years ago lamented that she wished she learned about this fact sooner so she could have asked her great-grandmother about working as a chef in restaurant kitchens, especially since very few women achieved positions of this nature.

3. Go through the Family Photo Album. For many mothers and grandmothers, one of their greatest wishes and sources of happiness is when their grandkids ask to look at the family photos and wanted to know who everyone was. Mother's Day is a great day, while you have everyone's undivided attention, to break out the photo albums. Use the day to identify ancestors in photos, and tell stories about the event the photo was taken at or where it was taken. Let your family know what you know about those familiar to you but not known to the younger generation. If you don't say something, those deceased ancestors won't be remembered. One way to get your family interested in family history is to share photos.

4. Some additional questions that can be conversation starters include the following:

- a. Tell me about your childhood (toys, friends, sibling relationships, chores).
- b. Who was the oldest relative you knew? Describe that person. What were they like?
- c. Did you know your grandparents? Tell me about them.
- d. Describe living through a historical event or disaster (i.e. the Great Depression, WWII, a big earthquake, assassination of President Kennedy).
- e. What was it like to come to America (if she was an immigrant)?
- f. What was life like in the country you grew up in (if she was an immigrant)?
- g. Who was your first celebrity crush?
- h. What advice would you give to your 16-year-old self?
- i. What did you learn later in life that you wished you'd realized/learned much earlier?
- j. If you had your life to live over again, what would you do differently?

My study guides on Oral History and Interviewing Strategies and Techniques go into greater detail on this subject. If you wish to receive free copies of

these guides, feel free to email me and I'll send electronic copies which you can save and share.

## **1950 U. S. Federal Census – Obtaining the Enumeration District Number**

We've been looking at ways in which to get ready for the release of the 1950 census on 1 Apr 2022. The census will not be indexed on the day it is released; it may be many months before that is accomplished. How will you find those ancestors (or yourself) that you are looking for? You will need to look for the address. Now is the time to prepare for that scenario.

First, make a list of your ancestors' names and their addresses. You might find those addresses by:

- ✓ looking at where they lived on the 1940 census
- ✓ looking the family up in the city directory (if one is available)
- ✓ checking for any letters from that time period with an address on it
- ✓ checking for any ancestors that might have been in the WW2 draft and what address was given
- ✓ checking any birth, marriage, and death certificates from that time period for an address
- ✓ checking for any old address books

Next, you will need to check those addresses to see if they are still viable for the 1950 census and what the enumeration district number will be.

You can then look at the Stephen P Morse One-Step Website Unified Census ED Finder for 1950 (<https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>) and locate the ED number for the 1950 census. They have done that hard part for you!

In the panel on the left on the website home page (<https://stevemorse.org/>), under "Census", there are many wonderful resources. One of them is a paper on "Getting Ready for the 1950 Census" (<https://stevemorse.org/census/1950census.htm>) that provides even more information and resources.

## **World Family History Day Family History Day**

May and June are going to be two busy months for celebrating family!

15 May is World Family History Day  
14 Jun is Family History Day

May 15th is also the day that the United Nations observes International Day of Families. For more information and ideas on how to celebrate with your families see:

World Family History Day  
<https://sites.google.com/view/lfsafa/wfhd>

Kids Out and About.com  
<https://rochester.kidsoutandabout.com/content/family-history-day-how-celebrate-it-your-kids>

15 Ways to Celebrate "World Family History Day" on 15 May  
<https://www.gouldgenealogy.com/2019/05/15-ways-to-celebrate-world-family-history-day-on-15-may/>

## **Hurricane Season**

We, here in Florida, are vulnerable to hurricanes. How safe are your valuables? Do you have an evacuation plan? What would you take with you? Have you backed up your computer? Do you have copies of your photographs? Make your plans now so that you will be ready if disaster should hit here.

A downloadable 16-page "Weather the Storm – Hurricane Preparedness Guide" is available from the Florida Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division at their website  
[http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/TDGT-BPUP9W/\\$file/2020+Hurricane+Preparedness+Guide+v3.pdf](http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/TDGT-BPUP9W/$file/2020+Hurricane+Preparedness+Guide+v3.pdf)

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has a Disaster Supply Kit Checklist in PDF version that can be downloaded at their website  
<https://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/hurricane-supply-checklist/>

**Upcoming Events**  
**With the Covid-19 restrictions still in place,**  
**please contact these groups regarding their schedule.**

**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  
Website: <https://sgesjax.org/>

**The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society**  
Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, 32257

**Third Tuesday of each month**  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Website: <https://aigensoc.org/index.php>

**Amelia Island Genealogical Society**  
Fernandina Beach, FL

**Third Saturday of each month**  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Website: <https://sagsonline.org/>

**St. Augustine Genealogical Society**  
Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL

**Sunday or Wednesday each Month**

**Jewish Genealogy Society of Northeast Florida**  
Cohen Auditorium, River Garden Hebrew Home, Jacksonville, FL

Website: <https://jqsofneflorida.wordpress.com/>

**27 May 2021**

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Speaker: Annette Burke Lyttle

**FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar**  
Online Webinar

Topic: *Probate Records: Wills and a Whole Lot More*

Probate records can be some of the richest genealogical resources. Yes, they can contain wills, but often the best information comes from the other records in the packets—and our ancestors didn't even have to die to make an appearance in a probate action. Learn about how to find probate records online and mine them for genealogical gems.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1261729586984250123>

**17 Jun 2021**

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Speaker: Jill Morelli, CG

**FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar**  
Online Webinar

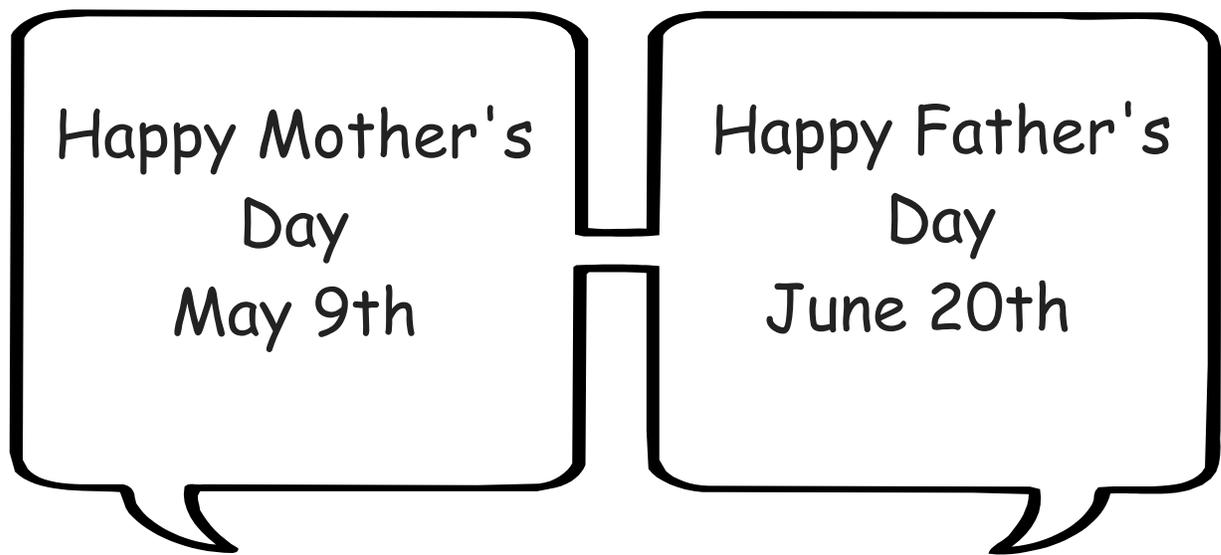
Topic: *Finding Treasures in Academic Libraries*

You may think that academic libraries will not hold genealogical information for you. You are in for a surprise! We will review holdings in three academic institutions, -- their general collections, special collections, and archives. Topical research will be covered. Discover how to find the right institution, how to use their catalog, how to prepare for your visit, and once there, how to research most efficiently. Even if your ancestor was not a student, or on faculty or staff, records pertaining to your ancestor may be there.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1090652174772148491>

Conference Keeper (<https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>) and GeneaWebinars (<http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/calendar.html>) both offer calendars with all kinds of events (individual webinars, conferences, and institutes). Some events are offered free; others have an admission fee.





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

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