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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.

July-August 2021

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

21 August 2021

--- Virtual Meeting ---

Speaker: Kimberly Nagy, MD, PLCGS

Topic: *Dropsy, Quinsy, or Consumption: Just Exactly What Did My Ancestor Have?*

Time: 1:30-3:00 pm

You do not register. Use the link information below to join the Zoom meeting and presentation. Please join the society meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Also, plan on staying after the meeting for the online social; it doesn't last that long and is usually quite lively!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87337887009?pwd=Y0ozNFUzWFZhc2l3Mk9ZYVlEeklwZ09>

Meeting ID: 873 3788 7009

Passcode: 307528

Brief Description: Have you ever wondered what some of the medical terms found on old documents really mean? What is the modern term for those diseases? Was it treatable? Was it contagious? Was this an epidemic? This lecture discusses several commonly used terms for medical ailments.

Speaker Bio: Kimberly Nagy, MD PLCGS has been researching her ancestry for over forty years. Much of her experience predates the internet and she loves the smell of old books in libraries, courthouses, and archives. Now retired from her

career as a Trauma Surgeon, she can devote all of her time to her passion – Genealogy! She has extensive experience with Lineage Society applications and loves to lecture.

Membership Meeting

18 September 2021

--- Virtual Meeting ---

Speaker: Lisa A. Alzo

Topic: *No Easy Button: Using Immersion Genealogy to Understand Your Ancestors*

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

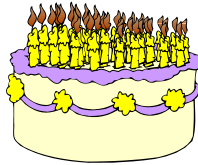
Brief Description: Family history is so much more than just names, dates, and places, or boxes, lines, and charts. For 21st century genealogists, it is easy to limit our research to the documents or other facts we find online, or to what others tell us to be true. Learn how to take your research a step further to understand your ancestors' lives through "immersion genealogy" — the process of discovering where they lived, worked, and worshipped, and experiencing those customs and traditions they passed down through the generations. Key resources, methodology, and tips for reaching out to relatives and repositories, and how to make the most out of a trip to your ancestor's hometown (whether in North America or across the pond) will be discussed.

Speaker Bio: An avid genealogist for 26 years, Lisa teaches online genealogy courses for Family Tree University and the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She is the recipient of the 2002 Mary Zirin Prize given by the Association for Women in Slavic Studies to recognize the achievements of independent scholars and is a speaker for national conferences, genealogical and historical societies. She is the author of ten books

and has published articles in *Ancestry Magazine*, *Family Chronicle*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *Genealogical Computing*, *Reunions Magazine*, *NGSNews Magazine*, and more.

Happy Birthday

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



Carole Barry	1 July
Connie Bradshaw	8 July
Kenneth Norwood	10 July
Clyde Stokes	10 July
Michael Ports	12 July
Barbara Crissman	17 July
Jill Shipp DAmato	18 July
Richard Bash	21 July
Nancy Davis	28 July
Marilyn Lear	2 August
Laura Swilley	15 August
Natalie Saienni	17 August
Alzina Warner	25 August
Shannon Fuller	27 August

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.

Webtember: All Genealogy. All September Long - Free

Yes, that is correct! MyHeritage and Legacy Family Tree Webinars are conducting a FREE online genealogy "conference." Each Friday during September they will present live and pre-recorded webinars – 30 in all. If you can't join the series live, they are being recorded so that you can view them at your leisure through the end of September. Check out the schedule and register at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webtember>

New Free Historical Records on FamilySearch

" FamilySearch expanded its free online archives in July of 2021 with over 9 million new indexed family history records from all over the world. New historical records were added from **Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada,**

Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, England, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Kiribati, Liberia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Samoa, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tuvalu, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the United States, which includes **Alabama, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, the Virgin Islands, and Washington**. Records from the **United States Bureau of Land Management** were included as well."

See an area of interest in the above listing? Check out the full information on the FamilySearch blog post "Monthly Record Update for July 2021" at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/author/administrateur/>

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 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 your check and the enclosed membership application to PO Box 440488, (the full address is on the application form).

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.

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.

Bi-Weekly Tip –Searching Old Church 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" 8 Aug 2021

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Riverton_FamilySearch_Library

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>

Many of our ancestors were religious, church-going people. No matter how small the community, there was always a little church close by.

Why Search Old Church Records?

The church was the social life of the community, so people met and married there. Churches kept some very good records, including marriage, birth and death records that wouldn't be available anywhere else. Vital records were not required in most places until the late 1800's to early 1900's, so these church records can fill in the gaps.

How Do You Find These Church Records?

One source would be the local church itself. Start calling around to see how long they have been there. Many of these old churches are still standing and they have archivists who are willing to help researchers. If the church is gone, try the local public library and/or the local historical society. They are repositories for many of these records.

Churchyard Cemeteries

There are often small cemeteries behind these churches where parishioners are buried. They are not online. They are not always known to courthouses but are known to historical societies and USGenWeb. Check these cemeteries through

the church and see if you have any ancestors buried there.

Brick Wall Search Options and Techniques

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Brick walls, also known as Dead-ends, are occupational hazards for genealogists. These challenges are an inevitable part of the genealogical research process. The good news is that many dead-ends can be overcome with patience and good detective work. Most genealogists usually find methods or strategies to overcome these roadblocks. The process involves creativity, knowledge of history of the ethnic group, and having confidence in your gut feelings.

The following search options and research techniques listed below have a proven record of accomplishment for helping patrons overcome these challenges.

1. Branch out from census and vital records and view different record types. Some examples would include military records, land, property and tax records, church and family Bible records, newspaper obituaries, and probate records.

2. Go back and review previous research looking for missed details or connections.

3. Whenever possible, view original documents, transcription errors are common with old records. Most original documents are created at or near the time of an event. Secondary sources are useful but may not be as accurate or complete. Someone who may have heard the information by a second-hand account usually generated them after the event.

4. Explore non-internet sources, like local history and genealogy centers, gravesites, books, and family Bibles (many of which contain information on families).

5. When you are unable to locate information about someone, try searching for their siblings or other close family members instead. Records that include family members often include the person as well.

6. There are many restrictions on public access to records about living individuals. When faced with

this issue, try searching social media. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and even LinkedIn can connect you with people who may be otherwise hard to find.

7. Try connecting with people who have overcome similar research issues to get clues for moving forward. Joining a local genealogical society is a good way to begin this process.

8. Talk to family members, especially people in older generations. Share the information you have and ask what they know.

9. Keep checking back for information you have already tried to find; new records are added to databases daily.

10. If you reside near a public library with a genealogy collection, contact the librarian in charge about setting up an appointment for a personalized online search. Please be advised that if possible, it is always better for you to be present at the time of the search.

11. Take a DNA test. DNA testing has become the go-to solution for longstanding roadblocks in family history research.

12. Maintain research and correspondence logs. Research logs document where you have searched, the sources you've found, and the information you have and still need. To accompany your research log, create a list of unsuccessful searches as well as a list of places you would like to search and what you want to find. Include comments about your search strategies, ideas you have, and questions you would like to revisit. Correspondence logs help you keep track of queries and important details sent to individuals, and entities such as churches, libraries, archives, and governmental offices, via email, snail mail, message boards, etc.

13. Search alternate spellings. The spelling of proper names and surnames have changed over time whether by accident or by intent. Wild cards are special symbols used in place of unknown letters in a word. They can be used in searches when you do not know an exact spelling. The two symbols used as wild cards are the asterisk (*) and the question mark (?). An asterisk (*) represents zero to five characters, and a question mark (?) represents one character.

For more information on this topic, please be advised that Bryan has multiple guides that can be sent to you electronically; they are free upon request.

1950 U. S. Federal Census – More Information

We've been looking at ways in which to get ready for the release of the 1950 census on 1 Apr 2022.

DearMYRTLE is helping us get ready for the census by providing CensusGenie Meetings via Zoom. Registration information and dates for the upcoming meetings can be found at <https://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/censusgenie.html>

Also available on the same website are links to the past meetings and handout materials.

1950 U.S. Census on Track for 2022, Despite Pandemic



The National Archives released an announcement that, despite the pandemic and what it has wrought, they are on track to have the census ready to be released to the public on 1 April 2022. The complete announcement can be found at <https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/1950-census-pandemic>.

Claire Kluskens, NARA Digital Projects Archivist, is providing information on the 1950 Census via the History Hub Blog, located at <https://historyhub.history.gov/content?filterID=all~objecttype~objecttype%5Bblogpost%5D&sortKey=all~recentActivityDateDesc>

1950 Census: From Paper to Microfilm Publication T628

The History Hub has an interesting article by Claire Kluskens which provides information on the how, why, and when of the microfilming and eventual destruction of the 1950 Census. See <https://historyhub.history.gov/community/genealogy/census-records/blog/2021/08/10/1950-census-from-paper-to-microfilm-publication-t628>



Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)

Denise Olson sent the following tidbit: The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) signed an agreement with Amazon Publishing to make the approximately 10,000 Amazon Publishing ebooks and audiobooks available to U. S. Libraries. You can get the details at <https://dp.la/news/dpla-signs-agreement-with-amazon-publishing-to-make-their-ebooks-available-to-u-s-libraries>.

MyHeritage to Acquire Filae

Do you have French ancestors? This could be exciting news for you.



Filae is a leading genealogy service in France, is run through subscriptions, and is reported to have more than one billion records. MyHeritage has signed agreements to acquire the service. The article indicates that the records will be loaded onto the MyHeritage website. See <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/08/myheritage-to-acquire-filae>

County Histories and Genealogical Research

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County histories can provide valuable data to help researchers extend their research back multiple generations. The term “county histories” can also include local or regional histories. The period between the early to mid-1800s through the early 1900s saw a significant number of county histories published, many of which covered the Eastern and Midwestern regions of the United States. The rise in popularity of genealogy in the 1970s triggered another spike in publishing county histories. In some cases, these were updates of earlier publications; in others, the county histories were the first ever published for a given area.

County histories typically provide useful information on the settlement patterns of the locality and origins of the early settlers. They shed light on economic,

educational, religious, and social conditions. While the quality and accuracy varies, this information is important to genealogists and historians. To properly conduct research, one must know something about the past. Even if some of the details are enhanced or some unpleasant events are “sanitized”, the basic facts and timelines usually are somewhat accurate.

The biggest issues with county histories usually involve the biographical sections, i.e., short historical sketches of prominent citizens and settlers. In some cases, biographical sections are long enough that they may be included in a separate volume. This can be a double-edged sword in terms of accuracy. On one hand, the information was often first-hand because it was provided by the families, close to the time the subject of the sketches was alive. The sketches were often accompanied by pictures. When accurate, this can be a bonanza of research information.

Many professionals caution users to take some of the information concerning profiles of individuals and families with a grain of salt because they often paid to be included in the county history. The publisher usually included the text verbatim from what was submitted by the person or family; therefore, much of the information is considered secondary research.

Don't be upset if your ancestor doesn't appear in the text. One must remember that in most cases, individuals and/or families had to pay to have their sketches included. However, many people could not afford this luxury, and not everyone wanted to be included for a variety of reasons. All surnames that your research indicates should have been in the area should be checked, including surnames of in-laws and siblings.

County histories also include information about businesses, churches, cemeteries, civic and social groups. The names mentioned may have enough historical context to identify occupation and social status.



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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
Contact: BartramTrailGenClub bartramtrailgenclub@gmail.com

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

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

19 Aug 2021
Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Speaker: Debra S Mieszala, CG
Topic: *U.S. Passport Applications*

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar
Online Webinar

US passport applications contain a wealth of information. Who, why, and when people applied for passports will be covered. Examples are shown.
Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/367365938230748430>

16 Sep 2021
Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Speaker: Paul Woodbury

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar
Online Webinar

Topic: *Organizational Strategies for DNA Analysis*

DNA test results are constantly changing and can therefore be overwhelming to analyze. Organizing DNA test results is akin to aiming for a moving target. Join us in this webinar as we explore ways of designing organizational systems that help to answer genealogical questions and achieve genealogical objectives. Learn to organize, filter, cluster, isolate and analyze the most pertinent genetic cousins for any given research question and gain the confidence to begin making genealogical discoveries of your own utilizing DNA evidence.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2876251361699373326>

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.

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: _____

Providing your name and contact information **AUTHORIZES** the Society to add the same information to our records and the MailChimp Email List – how you receive information and notifications regarding meetings, elections, publications, etc. You can opt-out of the MailChimp Email List at any time. We do not sell or share our mailing list.

Circle ALL areas below that interest you:

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

Surnames you are researching (up to 5):

SURNAME	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTRY	DATES
Example: Smith	Timbuktu	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

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: _____



Hope you and yours are
having a great summer!

Happy Ancestor Hunting

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