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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.

November-December 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

20 Nov 2021

--- Virtual Meeting ---

Speaker: C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

Topic: *It's Coming! Getting Ready for the 1950 Population Census.*

You do not register. Use the link information below to join the meeting and presentation via Zoom. Please join the society meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668074992?pwd=cHBLMmtWUlpRWE0zNVRQekJhMGNTQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 6807 4992
Passcode: 317393

By phone dial +1 929 205 6099 US
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Plan on staying after the meeting for the online social; it doesn't last that long and last few months it has been quite informative!

Brief Description:

When this census is released in April 2022, it will be full of possibilities for extending your family knowledge. However – it will not be indexed, at least not for a few months. The major players in indexing haven't said how it will be accomplished, but one entity has hinted at using Optical Character

Recognition (OCR) for the 1st scan. So, with over 150 million people enumerated and nothing indexed, how do you find who you are looking for? What do all the codes and lines mean? What does the form look like? How did the tabulators tamper with it? And what information does it tell us about the "Silent Generation" (those born from 1928-1945)?

Speaker Bio: Ann Staley, CG®, CGLSM, 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

December 2021

**--- NO Membership Meeting ---
Enjoy the holidays with your family**

2022 Dues

It's That Time Again!!!

Now is the time to renew your yearly membership. Jax Genealogy Society membership runs from January to December and 2022 is just around the corner.

We hope you have been enjoying the Webinars that we have provided for you each month throughout this year. They have been full of information, ideas, and tips about how to make your research easier and more productive.

Your \$25.00 membership fee keeps us going and allows us to be able to continue to provide these free of charge. As long as we are unable to meet in person, we will continue using this virtual medium.

Why not renew now before you get caught up in the Holiday magic and forget. We also invite you to give a gift of membership to a friend, start out a young family member, or as a memorial gift for a loved one. The enclosed Membership Application has a checkbox for your convenience. How easy it is to solve "what to get" for people on your list.

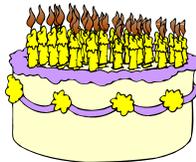
To RENEW, fill out the application form in this newsletter and mail it with your \$25.00 check to Jacksonville Genealogical Society. PO Box 440488, Jax, FL 32222-0005. This is our only means of payment at this time, but we're working on it. Do it NOW lest you forget.

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.

Happy Birthday

We send a "Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who are celebrating birthdays in November & December:



Christine Bass	2 November
Charlene Hopton	8 November
June Paula	1 December
Ronald DeGrove	4 December
Jeanne Carter	7 December
Christa Snow	10 December

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.

Historical Records on FamilySearch

In Oct 2021, FamilySearch had almost 10 million new indexed records go online from around the world – including records from GenealogyBank obituaries and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. For specific information go to <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/record-collection-october-2021/>

Wishes for Improved Health Issues

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

Please keep all of our members and their families who are ill in your prayers. We hope they continue to improve to good health. If you have been ill, or know of a member who is, please let us know. We care about you.

Bi-Weekly Tip – Return to Sender

By Riverton (Utah) FamilySearch Library
3740 West Market Center Drive

Riverton, Utah 84065-8026 - Phone: 801-240-9601

Copied from "Tip of the Week" 19 Sep 2021

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

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Have you ever sent a letter or package through the mail, only to have it come back marked "Return to sender; address unknown"? If it was important to you, you would do everything possible to find the new address.

This is what happens when a URL disappears. The URL is where a website resides. If you find important records on a site and it changes or goes away, this can be very disconcerting. The answer is in the way you save the record. Don't just put in the URL...record the complete name of the record and the place where you found it, such as "Massachusetts Early Wills, Book 2, page 46". This way, if the address changes, you can always find the record again. The more information you put in, the easier it will be for others to find where your information came from. Also, capture an image or a picture of the record.

Thanksgiving Holiday & Family History – 2021

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Statistics identify the Thanksgiving holiday period as being the most popular time of the year when most families have the opportunity to get together

in one place. Some families deliberately schedule family reunions during this holiday period. Because of the presence of so many family members of all ages, the occasion may present various opportunities for research gathering, especially with aging family members who are often more reflective and approachable. Some examples may include:

1. Remembering holidays past, traditions no longer practiced, and family members long since deceased.
2. Memories of the past often become stronger as we age, especially when we begin losing friends and elderly family members.
3. Feelings of nostalgia often motivate older family members to talk about the past.
4. Many genealogists use this opportunity to encourage parents and grandparents to write down information pertaining to family traditions and help them complete family group sheets and pedigree charts about the family.
5. Because children and young adults usually are present, family gatherings are a perfect opportunity to help design historical and/or family activities to help generate interest in family history. A number of print and online sources specialize in planning these events.

Some other popular strategies that many professionals recommend to stimulate conversation and interest include the items listed below. These suggestions may prompt discussion about the origin of the holiday and how traditions are passed along from one generation to another.

1. Bring photo albums or photocopies of old family pictures to the get-together for family members to identify. Photocopies that can be written on work well for this purpose.
2. Display some family keepsakes such as handmade linens, family heirlooms, knick-knacks, clothing, antiques, and other items, as they often provide opportunities to share family history details.
3. Suggest that you would be willing to sit down with family members at their convenience and record the information, take pictures, make photocopies, or assist with other activities.

Here are some website links that may provide some additional hints for combining genealogy with the festivities.

Grimaud, Jessica. Family Search Blog. 5 Activities to Foster Gratitude and Strengthen Family

Connections. 2019

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/5-activities-to-foster-gratitude-and-strengthen-family-connections>

Nulsen, Charise Rohm. Family Education .com - How to Use Thanksgiving to Jumpstart Your Genealogy and Family Tree Research. 2021

<https://www.familyeducation.com/how-to-use-thanksgiving-to-jumpstart-your-genealogy-and-family-tree-research>

Who Are You Made Of? Blog-Genealogy and Thanksgiving: Connecting the Past With the Present. 2021

<https://whoareyoumadeof.com/blog/genealogy-and-thanksgiving-connecting-the-past-with-the-present/>

I hope all of you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

1950 U. S. Federal Census – More Resources

FamilySearch has a very nice blog article at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/1950-us-census-release-date/>

United States Census 1950

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Census_1950

"1950 Census: Procedural Studies of the 1950 Censuses No. 2: the 1950 Censuses – How They Were Taken." *United States Census Bureau*. <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/1955/d/ec/procedural-study-02.html>

"1950 Fast Facts." *United States Census Bureau*. https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/fast_facts/1950_fast_facts.html

1921 England & Wales Census Launches 6 Jan 2022

While we, here in the U.S., are looking forward to the release of the 1950 U.S. Federal Census, those in England and Wales are eagerly anticipating their 1921 Census – which is held for 100 years before being released. Some statistics:

- 8.5 million households
- 38 million individuals identified
- 18+ million color images to be published
- 3 years of work by a whole lot of people to get it ready for release

The census is being made available digitally on FindMyPast. Read more about this endeavor at <https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/page-18080/12016697> and www.findmypast.com/1921-census

North Florida Genealogy Conference

JGS is proud to be one of the five sponsoring organizations of the North Florida Genealogy Conference. Together we have put together a series of conferences which through the years have been attended by an average of 250-300 participants and have consistently received positive feedback.

Due to the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic and the presentation of RootsTech Connect 2022 (see article below), the decision has been made to not hold a conference in March 2022. One of the strengths of the NFGC is its social and mingling aspect - we like getting together and having fun! Thus, we have decided to try to hold a conference in the Fall of 2022. We will keep you posted.

RootsTech Connect 2022

This coming year marks the 12th anniversary of RootsTech. Due to last year's success, they decided to provide the whole conference virtually and free again. We can now attend without the cost of registration, travel, or lodging!

Mark the dates – 3-5 March 2022

The recorded sessions from 2021 are still available at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/>

The Holidays, Family, & Genealogy

Families will be gathering for the many festivities that will be occurring. This is a great time of the year to gather genealogy, oral or otherwise, while you have your families together. In conjunction with Thanksgiving Day being National Family History Day, the Surgeon General put together a Family Health History Initiative at <https://www.cdc.gov/genomics/famhistory/index.htm>. This is a national public health campaign to help

families learn more about family health. On the website, they provide more information about the initiative, an online tool for gathering and saving family health history, and forms that can be downloaded.

Another website to look at is the Illinois Department of Public Health. They have a "Celebrate this Thanksgiving by Discussing Your Family's Health History" at http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/family_history.htm

You might also want to check out a Christmas present idea. Just put "family history christmas gift ideas" into your favorite search engine and you might be amazed at the options. Etsy has a good number of great ideas.

MyHeritage – Filae French Records Online

In August, MyHeritage announced that they were acquiring Filae, a genealogy service in France. Filae has been around for a while under the names NotreFamille.com, Genealogie.com, and then Filae in 2016. They specialized in "collections of digitized and transcribed historical records from France" and have over one billion records.

On 27 Oct, MyHeritage announced "the publication of 463 million historical records from France in 5 collections: birth, marriage, death, and two censuses. The collections provide the most comprehensive coverage available for vital records from France in the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries." You can read more about the collections on their blog <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/10/myheritage-publishes-huge-collection-of-463-million-historical-records-from-france/>

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Celebrates 100th Anniversary 11 Nov 2021

Originally for honoring fallen unknown soldiers from WWI, today the tomb holds unknown soldiers from WWII and the Korean War. The empty Vietnam War crypt was rededicated to honor all missing U.S. service members from that war. Fold3 has an article about it at <https://blog.fold3.com/100th-anniversary-of-the-tomb-of-the-unknown-soldier-november-11-2021/>

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

Contact: BartramTrailGenClub <bartramtrailgenclub@gmail.com>

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

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

Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Amelia Island Genealogical Society

Fernandina Beach, FL

Website: <https://aigensoc.org/index.php>

Third Saturday of each month

Time: 1:00 pm

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

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

Website: <https://sagsonline.org/>

Sunday or Wednesday each Month

Jewish Genealogy Society of Northeast Florida

Cohen Auditorium, River Garden Hebrew Home, Jacksonville, FL

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

18 Nov 2021

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Judy Nimer Muhn

Topic: *Native, First Nations, Indian: Researching Indigenous Peoples*

Researching tribal peoples can be difficult without basic history and records information. While this session will review and provide guidance on basic methods of the rich resources of information for Native/First Nations peoples, this session will focus on the variety of records that will document Indigenous peoples as well as share content about the culture, spiritual traditions, and aspects of Indigenous societies that can impact how and where records can be found. NOTE: This session will not discuss the tribal enrollment process. Each tribe, as sovereign nations, create their own enrollment information. Once you are reasonably sure of your relevant Native lineage, you should contact the tribal "Enrollment Office" or tribal council for information on enrollment requirements, procedures, and necessary documents. Most tribes have this information also on official websites.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2812389527335083022>

16 Dec 2021

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS

Topic: *Organize Like an Archivist*

This presentation helps you put your family history research in order. Learn simple and effective strategies to organize and link your digital files and paper records, using the same principles as professional archivists. No need for color codes, numbering systems, or other complicated schemes with this archives-based system. And when your records are organized, you can spend more time on research.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2978814905850037262>

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.

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Genealogical
Season of
Hunting Ancestors



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