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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 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

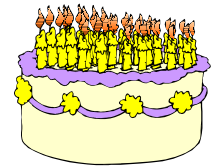
Membership Meeting – 12 July 2008

Please make note of the meeting date change. Our meeting will be held at the same place, Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville. At 1:30 p.m. This is one week earlier than our regular schedule. We are very pleased to have Mr. Louis Zelenka, now retired from the Genealogy Department at the Jacksonville Library, but still working part-time. Mr. Zelenka will present his program, "A History of Rural Cemeteries in Northeast Florida." Mr. Zelenka is a wonderful speaker and extremely knowledgeable in all his presentations. Please make time to attend.

Our August meeting will be a Field trip to the Clay County Archives. Mr. Claude Bass, archivist for Clay County, will provide a tour to the archives and be ready to answer any and all questions for you. This will be August 16th, 2008. Mr. Bass is always a very congenial individual and extremely knowledgeable in historical events, with many interesting stories. Please plan to attend.

Happy Birthday!

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



July 12	Ann Morabito
July 17	Barbara Crissman
July 31	James Laird
August 02	Jean Henry
August 05	Gloria Southerd
August 07	Laura Jane Swilley
August 17	Mary Lane Hartshorn
August 19	Marge Gray
August 19	Eddie Ansley
August 26	William Hoey
August 28	Robert Severance
August 29	Pat LaMee

Spring Genealogy Class "Researching in a Straight Line --- Backwards"

The next Society sponsored genealogy class will be held **3, 10, 24, 31 May and 7 Jun 2008**. This class is great for the beginner and for the experienced researcher looking for a refresher course. The flyer with registration form is enclosed.

Notes from our Members

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Joe Hunter in their time of bereavement.

We hope Jean Henry is getting along much better now. She mentioned she tripped. Fell on her shoulder.

Dislocated it. She mentioned it took four people to get it back in working order. She is, of course, going through a certain amount of rehabilitation at the moment.

Our always congenial treasurer, Harlan Dittman, has had carpal tunnel surgery on his left arm and is doing nicely. He had the same surgery on the right side some time ago. His wife, Mildred, who has had heart by-pass surgery continues to do well.

Grace Moran, for those who haven't heard has fallen in her home and was hospitalized. She is presently undergoing rehabilitation at the Brooks Rehabilitation Center, at 3599 University Blvd., South. Her room number is 3644.

Quilters?? I know of two in our society which means there has to be more. Carole Barry and Mary McCool. Carole, a member of the American Quilters Society just came back for Paducah, Kentucky where the AQS held a convention. There is also a museum devoted to quilting and quilters in Paducah. For more information contact Carole Barry or Mary McCool.

Membership and Telephone Committee Request

If your Email address, phone number, or postal address changes, please be sure to let Tina Frady, Membership Chair, and/or Norma LeVey, Telephone Sub-committee Chair, know as soon as possible. Also, a really good idea is that Jim Laird be notified as well. Jim is the editor of JGS On-line now and the JGS Newsletter. Their contact information is below in the list of Board Members for 2008.

A Special Thank You!

Our new recording secretary, Anne Morabito deserves a round of applause. With gusto please. With much trepidation, she took over the position without any previous knowledge of the job. Fearless, she jumped right in and has done marvelous work in what can often be a difficult position to fill under the best of circumstances. Excellent work Anne.

Micelleaneous; But Still Important!!

The Topeka Daily Capital, Wednesday, April 14, 1920. Page 2. Topeka, Kansas.

Irish Girls Coming.

More Than 1,000 Arrive In New York—Aids Servant Problem.

New York, April 13.—More than 1,000 girls today inaugurated what is expected to be a great influx of immigrants from Ireland. The girls, most of whom arrived on the steamship Baltic, went to the homes of friends or relatives here and Rev. Anthony Grogan, of the Home of Irish Immigrant Girls, said their arrival would help relieve the domestic servant shortage.

The Oskaloosa Independent, Thursday, October 15, 1942, Front Page. Oskaloosa, Kansas. Rubber.

There will be no new tires for civilian use until after the war. The best way to save tires is to limit their use. When you must use your car or truck see that it has a full load. Co-operate with your neighbors and pool your car.

The Topeka Daily Capital, Sunday, March 28, 1920
Oil Prices Increase.

The growing demand for oil and the knowledge that production continues to fall short of the demand has brought an increase in prices of crude oil in all of the fields. Refiners, large and small, are engaged in a scramble to obtain supplies, whereas a year ago producers were glad to get \$1.60 a barrel for their crude oil, which is now bringing \$2.50 to \$3.50 per barrel in Kansas and Oklahoma field and \$2 and better in Wyoming. Kansas crude oil at the end of February was selling at

\$1.25 more than in December and on top of this a raise of 25 cents per barrel was made the first week in March.

Heirloom Day.

Heirloom Day for our society is held in November of each year. We have refreshments on hand and members are encouraged to bring in and discuss any family treasures they may have at home. Begin now by thinking of any treasures you may have at home to share with society members and guests.

Two websites of importance or certainly worthy of a look are www.rootsweb.com and www.cyndislist.com

When you visit both, do yourself a favor and really take the time to explore those websites as there is plenty of information available to those willing to do the work, and spend the time.

For those interested in finding and documenting a Revolutionary War (1775-1783 patriot ancestor in your lineage, the following tutorial will be helpful.

Researching Your Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor;

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/>

Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. Interactive map showing the Great Fire's destruction of the Baltimore business district in 1904.

<http://www.mdch.org/fire/>

Free People of Color of Texas. The Free People of Color of Texas Project is an attempt to identify all Free People of Color who were born or lived in Texas prior to the Civil War. The list of surnames on this website include people of many counties in Texas and numerous other states.

http://micbarnette.bravepages.com/fpc_texas.html

Cherokee Heritage Documentation Center.

<http://cherokeeregistry.com>

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DNA TESTING AND NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTRY

John LaCoste is our Wednesday afternoon volunteer at Fort Myer-Lee County Library. Dr. LaCoste is considered our local expert on DNA testing and has first hand experience with the most current battery of tests. His knowledge of these tests also extends to help patrons interpret their results. DNA testing for Native American Ancestry (NA) is one of the fastest growing areas of interest nationwide. This article was in response to a recent patron query. Feedback or questions may be forwarded to Dr. LaCoste at his e-mail address: Drellsworth@wmconnect.com . Based on your answers to various questions, Dr. LaCoste may be able to provide some recommendations on what test, or tests, to have conducted, and what companies offer such tests.

There are three different tests that you can have conducted which may prove your Native American ancestry. The first would be the Y-DNA test, which tests your ancestry from your father's lineage. If you believe that you inherited you Native American ancestry through your father, or your father's father, ancestry going back on your paternal line can be tested from the Y-DNA test. The second test would be the MtDNA test. You inherit your MtDNA from your mother; thus, if you believe that your mother brought the NA into your family or her mother. Both tests limit the number of ancestors, the Y for male ancestors only, and MtDNA for female ancestors. The third type of test is the Autosomal DNA test. This test tests your Genome for all ancestors within a modern ancestral context. Your results would indicate Native American ancestry. If your NA ancestry came into your lineage through any of your distant ancestors who married into your Y-DNA lineage, or who married into your MtDNA ancestry, the Autosomal DNA test could bring this out. In my case, I knew the Great-Grandparent who had my NA influence on my lineage and after having the Y, and MtDNA tests conducted, these tests showed no NA ancestry. However, my Autosomal DNA results did show 14% NA ancestry within the last 1000 years or so. Although this test could not tell me which tribe, it did prove that the family stories were correct, and it proved that I did have NA ancestry.

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