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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.

--Mary S. Chauncey--

Mary S. Chauncey will be our guest speaker for the September 17, 2011. Her topic will be *Primitive Baptist Church - Their Religious Beliefs, Traditions and Music*.

Mary is a member of JGS and a professional genealogist. Her program will center on the Primitive Baptist Churches in the Georgia counties of Charlton, Brantley, Pierce and Ware. Her father is a Deacon in his Primitive Baptist Church and Mary was brought up in it.

-Marie Santry-

Our October 15, 2011 meeting guest will be Marie Santry. Marie's topic will be *Sorting Fact from Fiction in Family Stories*. Stories passed down through generations usually become distorted and may not reflect the actual events or circumstances that make up your ancestor's experience. These stories

are important to us. They give us insight into who our ancestors were, how they lived, and what was or was not important to them; so these stories should never be dismissed as improbable. It is up to us to sort the fact from the fiction in our family's stories and preserve these stories for future generations. Our guest speaker, Marie Santry, will demonstrate how you can break a story down to parts, ask the right questions, and do the research necessary to find the truth in every story. Marie has been researching her family history for twenty years, concentrating her research stateside in Florida, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and overseas in Ireland, Scotland, Portugal, Menorca (Spain), and Bohemia. She is Past-President of the Amelia Island Genealogical Society, 1st Vice-Regent of Amelia Island NSDAR, and a member of numerous genealogical and historical societies. She has presented programs for the Duncan Lamont Clinch Historical Society, Amelia Island Museum of History, and for genealogical societies in Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida. She is also one of the

instructors for the Amelia Island Genealogical Society Beginner's Course offered annually.

1940 U.S. CENSUS TO BE FREE ON ANCESTRY.COM

Ancestry.com announced on 17 Sep 2011 that it was going to make both the images and the indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census "free to search, browse, and explore in the United States when this important collection commences streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012." It will be free through the end of 2013. They go on to say that "When complete, more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million plus records will be available to search by more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth. It will be Ancestry.com's most comprehensively indexed set of historical records to date."

FOOTNOTE.COM CHANGES NAME

Back in September of 2010, Ancestry.com acquired Footnote.com. In August of 2011, Footnote.com announced their name was being changed to fold3.com. They state that since they are refocusing their efforts "on gathering the best online collection of military records and stories we wanted a name that would reflect military history and honor. So what does it mean? Traditionally, the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world." Although fold3.com is a subscription site they have 43 databases that are free to use. See the article at [GenealogyBlog \(http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=13368\)](http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=13368) for more information on the databases with links to them.

Let us not forget

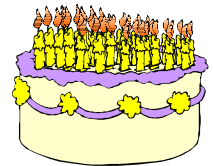
Ann Staley's Genealogy classes:

Ann's four-session Intermediate Genealogy Class, featuring research in the U.S., will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room C at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL on October 15, 22, and 29 and November 19, 2011. There is no other word for Ann's classes than: EXCELLENT. See the attached flyer for more details.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!

We send a "Happy Belated Birthday" to our members who celebrated in July and August:

July 1	Carole Barry
July 2	Julie Byrd
July 12	Anne Morabito
July 12	Sandra Dunnavant
July 16	William McPherson
July 17	Barbara Crissman
July 21	Richard Bash
July 24	Thomas Berry
July 31	Betsy Powers
August 7	Laura Jane Swilley
August 17	Mary Lane Hartshorn
August 18	Irene Ritch
August 19	Eddie Ansley
August 26	William Hoey
August 28	Robert Severence



We send a "Happy Birthday" to our members who are celebrating in September and October:

Sept. 13	Ivy Phillips
Sept. 13	Mary Chauncey
Sept. 14	C. Ann Staley
Sept. 14	Richard Cardell
Sept. 27	Fay Schoenemann
Sept. 28	Anne Leyden
Sept. 30	Dorothy Cabanillas

Oct. 9 William Wolson
 Oct. 9 Tina Frady
 Oct. 15 Geraldine Kohn
 Oct. 23 Betty Fairchild
 Oct. 24 Harlan Dittman, Sr.
 Oct. 27 Martha Virginia Poarch

If I have forgotten anyone, I am sorry; also, please, let me know so that we can update our records.

MEMBERSHIP AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

We are currently working on creating a telephone committee. If you wish to help out in this area, contact a Board member or me (genealogygerri@comcast.net or 904-894-5488). Also, please keep in mind that if you have an address change, a phone number change and/or an e-mail address change, let us know as soon as possible. If you have an e-mail address and you are not receiving the JGS newsletters or other information please email at the listed email address. Also, if you don't have e-mail, please send your name and address to Geraldine Kohn, President: PO Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We can not stress enough how much we need YOUR help. A new year always offers a chance for change and for incorporating new ideas and vision - and we need your input.

Our Society has many local members. Let's all do our part in helping to make next year a time for change.

Currently there are five very important positions VACANT, and our Standing Committee Chairmen could use your help also. Please contact the Nominations Committee

(Harlan Dittman, 904-778-0213) and let him know you would be interested.

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.

Telephone Sub-Committee Chairman

Telephone Sub-Committee shall be responsible for calling the membership, when needed, to keep them informed of meetings, etc.

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 Council and Society meetings.

Corresponding Secretary

Prepare such correspondence as the president shall direct and answer routine queries to the Society concerning its organization and benefits.

Publications Chairman

Publications Chair - Advise the Board on matters concerning Society sponsored publications; recommend the format and other editorial policies; be responsible for editing genealogical submissions to be included in the Society's newsletters and be responsible for the timely publication or printing of the newsletters and other Society publications.

Publications Committee shall be responsible for compiling, publishing, and distributing the Society publications (i.e.: Newsletter, Books, etc.). We need typists and proofers. You do not have to write articles, but they would be appreciated.

Education Chairman

Education Committee shall be responsible for planning and recommending genealogical courses of study to be presented to Society members and the general public. Currently, there are two classes given each year (Spring and Fall). Continuing education and conferences/seminars are also a responsibility of this committee. You do not have to teach! There are plenty of tasks that this committee needs help with.

Genealogical Research Chairman

Genealogical Research Committee shall be responsible for locating and securing copies of unpublished genealogical records/data from reliable sources for publication by the Society. They also write articles for the Newsletter, promote solicitation of materials from members, and conduct field trips to gather data.

Program Chairman

Program Committee shall be responsible for planning programs (Society monthly meetings, field trips, etc.) to further the knowledge of the members and the general public. This includes getting topics and speakers for the monthly meetings and possibly helping plan research trips.

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST:

www.deadfred.com

Free genealogy search for your family history in photos. Search by surname, state, country and more.

www.billionsgraves.com

Another good site researching graves, tombs and pictures of ancestor's graves.

Genealogy on Social Networks:

Most of us are familiar with Twitter and Facebook. Here are some other social networks that can be used for researching, networking and making friends of other persons interested in genealogy.

Genealogywise - www.genealogywise.com

Join surname groups . Explore your ancestry. Do family research. Find ancestors; discover your family tree, forums, blogs and video.

Ancestral space - <http://ancestralspace.com>
Create a profile, upload images, post blogs, and create and join groups. It is one community devoted to genealogy.

OFFICERS, STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

(Terms expiring at end of 2011):

President	Geraldine Kohn	904-894-5488
First Vice President/ Membership Chairman	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-894-5488
Telephone Sub-Committee Chairman	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-894-5488
Second Vice President/Publicity Chairman	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-894-5488
Recording Secretary	VACANT (Grace Moran)	904-384-3847
Corresponding Secretary	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-894-5488
Treasurer	Harlan A. Dittman	904-778-0213
Editor/Publications Chairman	VACANT (Geraldine Kohn)	904-264-0743
Historian	Richard Cardell	904-730-2128
Program Chairman	Grace B. Moran	904-384-3847
Education Chairman	C. Ann Staley	904-771-1865
Genealogical Research Chairman	Barbara Crissman	904-768-8166
Lineage Charts Sub-Committee Chairman	Barbara Crissman	904-768-8166
Finance Chairman	Harlan Dittman	
Parliamentarian	Richard Cardell	904-730-2128

USING MAPS AND GAZETTEERS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

By Bryan L. Mulcahy (bmulcahy@leegov.com), Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library; 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901-3917, Tel: (239) 533-4626, Fax: (239) 485-1160 --- Used with permission of the author.

Maps and gazetteers are very important tools for locating ancestors and understanding their geographical surroundings. Obtaining the knowledge of where to look for your ancestors is the most important part of family history research. Without knowing where they resided, accessing their records is virtually impossible.

While home sources may provide clues as to previous residence, maps and gazetteers identify the specific place or places of residence, including the surrounding hills, valleys, and waterways. All of these factors may have impacted life decisions made by the individual or family of interest. Geographical features often impacted migration routes and may have determined where and why they ended up in various localities.

Home sources and genealogy books dealing with specific ethnic groups usually contain chapters dealing with migration patterns in North America. Gathering these types of clues involves patience and skill. Once the process has been started, maps and gazetteers often provide the

next step in research. Genealogical research using maps can intimidate researchers. Following the simplified strategies below can make it easier.

1. Locate each place on your list using a current road atlas, making note of its current county or parish. Note the major roads that pass through or close to the area.
2. If you cannot locate the site, consult a gazetteer for the state, city, or county. Determine where the town or community was originally located and then try to find a map from the period that shows the original site name. Local and state historical societies are a good source for these types of queries. Make note of the date of the gazetteer and/or map that listed the place and what county or parish it was located in at that time.
3. County, parish, and state borders have changed over time. The town or community is usually,
4. Not finding various places is common for a variety of reasons:
 - a. Small towns or unincorporated communities may not appear on many road maps.
 - b. Towns may no longer exist or were swallowed up by adjacent communities.
 - c. Name may have changed due to an event that occurred long ago.
 - d. The community may have been a postal drop with a few adjacent houses for workers and their families.
5. When researching sites in the United States, two excellent sources to utilize are:
 - a. *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses 1790-1920* by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide. Compare the location of the town or community, as you know it, against the appropriate map in the book. This book will help you to find the current county and the town, city, or county that existed at the time your ancestors lived there.
 - b. *Ancestry's Red Book*. This book provides detailed information about each county or parish, it's records holdings, and contact information, including the websites for many courthouses. This enables the user to contact the correct jurisdiction for queries.

(BLM 9/2/2011)

DNA TESTING

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DNA testing and genealogical research is one of the fastest growing trends in genealogy. New information continues to appear which has debunked countless old stories and theories about migration, ethnicity, race, and personal identity. Tests results have been especially helpful for proving kinship or sibling relationships, or addressing brick walls in our research that seemed impossible to overcome using traditional methods. While the tests can provide names, the information from the results may provide valuable clues for research and follow-up strategies.

There are many different types of tests available, the most useful for purposes of genealogical research are:

1. The first is male driven: Y-DNA Test
2. The second is primarily female driven: Mitochondrial (MTDNA) DNA.
3. The third is Geo-Ethnicity, or distant ancestry: Autosomal DNA.

The Y-DNA and MTDNA tests in particular will provide names of related individuals. Contacting them may provide additional clues and strategies for research.

Dr. John LaCoste is our branch genealogy volunteer who specializes in DNA and its implications for genealogical research. Patrons are welcome to contact him directly via e-mail at drellsworth@wmconnect.com with any questions or comments. When assisting patrons with questions of this nature, two key issues help determine what tests are applicable and how they will be interpreted:

1. Who will be tested?
2. What do you want to find out about the person who is tested?

For males, the Y-DNA test would test him for his male driven ancestry from his father, where his male ancestry is placed on the Y-DNA ancestral tree, and who is related to him on a Y-DNA level. Currently, the company with the largest Y-DNA database is Family Tree DNA. To achieve the most comprehensive results, Dr. LaCoste has recommended no less than a Y-25 marker test, with a 37 maker test advisable as well.

The Mitochondrial DNA test can be taken by both males and females. It shows the mother's ancestral tree. All children, regardless of their sex inherit their mother's MTDNA exactly the same, with rare exceptions. However, only a woman can pass on her MTDNA whereas a man cannot. For the most comprehensive results, the HVR 1 and HVR2 tests should be taken. Taking both will assign the results to specific Haplogroups which are branches on the male and female specific family trees. The results could provide enough details so that a visit to the National Geographic Genographic Project Homepage could most likely provide you with the most probable patterns of both the MTDNA haplogroups, and the Y-DNA haplogroups. Their website is: <https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/index.html>.

The Autosomal DNA can test for many markers. The more markers the better of course, and the size of the database samples that your test results are compared to matters greatly. The larger the database the better chance of your results being more in line with probable statistical averages of where in the world you have living distant cousins today. The company "DNA Tribes" has a database of 300,000+ samples in over 1300 different Geo-ethnicity populations all over the world. The results will provide guidance to your deep ancestral fingerprint of where your ancestors may have lived from about 500-many thousands of years ago.
(BLM/JELC 7/30/2011)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SEMINARS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Source: Florida State Genealogical Society Website (<http://www.flsgs.org/events.php>)

Thursday, 13 October 2011

Halifax County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm - Ormond Beach Public Library Auditorium 30 South Beach Street Ormond Beach

Presented by Ann Mohr Osisek - "Calico and Cornbread" Finding Your Female Ancestor
Free, Light Refreshments. For questions or more information, contact Bernardette Zappala
386-672-3806 www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhgs

Saturday, 15 October 2011

Free Mini-Seminar - Bay County Genealogical Society

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm - Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street, Panama City, Florida
Presented by Jerry Merritt

"Introduction To African American Genealogy" and
"Using The Internet for Genealogy Research"

Free; Refreshments. For more information, contact: Mary K. McGraw,
mary.mcgraw@comcast.net, (850) 258-5813

Thursday, 10 November 2011

Halifax Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm - Ormond Beach Public Library 30 South Beach Street Ormond Beach
Presented by Linda Vivian - QUAKER MINUTES: A TREASURE TROVE The Society of Friends
kept thorough records. Learn about their minutes, the gems they contain, and where to find
them.

Free; Light Refreshments. For questions or more information, contact Bernardette Zappala
386-672-3806 www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhgs

Friday & Saturday, 11-12 November 2011

Florida State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

Sheraton Orlando North, 600 North Lake Destiny Drive Maitland, FL 32751

Presented by Lloyd D. Bockstruck, many others

Join us for FSGS' 35th Annual Genealogy Conference. See
<http://www.flsgs.org/aem.php?eid=2> for more information.

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Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. (JGS) will be holding a five-session Intermediate Genealogy Class, featuring research in the U.S. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL on the following Saturdays:

October 15, 22, and 29; November 19, 2011

Topics will include: Genealogical Identification; Records & Sources-Analysis & Evaluation; Vital Records (Government & Church); Land Records; Immigration & Naturalization; Often Overlooked Sources; Planning a Research Trip; Publishing Your History, and more. Certificates of Completion will be given to those persons who attend at least three of the four class dates.

There is no charge to attend this class and free parking is available at the Library.

Registration Form

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Email Address

Register Online at
<http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net>

Or mail the registration form to:

*Jacksonville Genealogical
Society, Inc.,
P. O. Box 60756
Jacksonville, FL 32205-0756*

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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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 Gift 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 | Quarterly | Refreshments | Secretary |
| Research | Telephone | Treasurer | Typing | Website | |

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 60756, Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756**

For Office Use only:

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

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