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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.

-- 19 November 2011 --

This meeting will be for election of Society officers for the 2012-2013 term. Please see the "Final Nomination Slate" in the column to the right.

Ann Staley will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be *The FamilySearch Website - Demystified*.

The FamilySearch website is made up of many parts; each one is essential to the research of a genealogist. However, many have never heard of the site or have not used it to its' greatest potential. Join us as we explore the wonderful possibilities! Among the topics, Ann will include information on:

- The Library Catalog - an underused and misunderstood piece of greatness
- Historical Books - tap into the Family History Archives digital collections
- Records Collection - millions of records going online for free
- Searching the Research Wiki - free advice for the community
- Finding Articles, Guidance, and Online Classes
- Indexing Records - share your time and talents in helping the community

-- December 2011 --

As we have done in the past, there will not be a meeting of the membership in December. We hope that each of you, and your families, have a safe and joyful Holiday Season.

FINAL NOMINATION SLATE

During our October 15th membership meeting, the Nomination Committee presented the previously announced slate and asked for nominations from the floor. There were none, the following will be voted upon by members during our meeting on November 19th, 2011. The newly elected officers will assume their duties on January 1st, 2012.

President:	Geraldine Kohn
First Vice President	Vacant
Second Vice President	Vacant
Recording Secretary	Grace Moran
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Chauncey
Treasurer	Harlan Dittman
Editor	Vacant
Historian	Dick Cardell

SPRING SEMINAR 2012 18 Feb 2012

Our 7th Annual Spring Seminar will be held next year on 18 Feb 2012. We have invited Genealogist, Lecturer and Librarian Pamela J. Cooper to be our speaker and she has accepted. It will be held at St. Paul's Hall in Riverside. Mark your calendars now for

a day of wonderful knowledge building. See the attached flyer for more details.

LINKEDIN HAS GENEALOGY GROUPS

By **Geraldine Kohn**

As a member of LinkedIn.com I was surprised recently to see that many genealogy groups have a page on it. Some of the groups are:

- Genealogical & Historical Research
- Genealogy Contest Giveaways
- Genealogy...Beyond the brick walls!
- Irish Genealogy
- New England Historic Genealogical Society
- Southern California Genealogical Society
- Ohio Genealogy
- History Enthusiasts Group
- Italian Genealogy

Plus many more! And the best part is that it is free to join for the basic plan. The website is www.Linkedin.com

FLORIDA DURING WORLD WAR II

The Exploring Florida: A Social Studies Resource for Students and Teachers produced by the Florida Center for Instructional Technology, College of Education, University of South Florida is a website not to be missed. It is very user friendly and most definitely informative. If you have a pair of 3-D glasses, you will enjoy the "Florida in 3D" page. There are also many movies, maps and music to choose from and you will not want to miss the bibliography. Well done!

2012 DUES ARE NOW DUE

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2012, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2012 are due now.

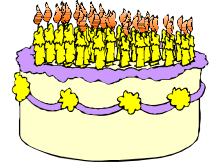
Please complete the enclosed Membership Application so that we will have your current information in our membership database. Applications are also available at our website.

Thank you for your continued support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We take this opportunity to send a "Happy Birthday" to our members who are celebrating in November and December:

Nov 4	Kim Peters
Nov 7	Charles Felder
Nov 16	Geraldine Cowart
Dec 1	Mildred Dittman
Dec 9	Gail Haas
Dec 12	Kay Sibert
Dec 13	Ramona Remy
Dec 15	Gayle Willis
Dec 23	Barbara Strength



If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know so that we can update our records.

FLORIDA MEMORY WEBSITE

Resources for the 2011-12 Florida History Fair (http://www.floridamemory.com/onlineclassroom/history_fair)

When I was asked to put the information concerning this website into the newsletter, my first thought was - Why? The page was announcing the Florida History Fair (FHF), "an annual, statewide activity that enhances the teaching and learning of history at elementary and secondary levels." However, one look at the website convinced me! It is an absolute goldmine to resources concerning Florida. But your research isn't in Florida? Look at the resources with an open mind. Where can they lead you in researching the same, or similar, events that happened in your area of research? The links leading to items in the State library and Archives of Florida just might give you clues to helping you find similar information elsewhere - and not all of the links to resources are in Florida. Don't know how long the website will be up so I would check it out as soon as possible.

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST:

History.com. "Thanksgiving"
(<http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving>)

Jerry Wilson. "The Thanksgiving Story"
(<http://wilstar.com/holidays/thankstr.htm>)

Plimoth Plantation. "Thanksgiving History"
(<http://www.plimoth.org/learn/thanksgiving-history>)

Beine, Joe. *Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records: A Genealogy Guide.*
(<http://www.deathindexes.com>)

CalendarHome.com. *The Calendar Home Page!*
(<http://www.calendarhome.com/tyc>) [You can view a month or year calendar for any year 1 to 10000 A.D. Date calculator capability for tombstone reading.]

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Where to Write for Vital Records.*
(<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>) [This is the online site for the publication "Where to Write for Vital Records"]

Linkpendium. The Definitive Directory.
(<http://www.linkpendium.com>) [Similar to Cyndis' List, except that it is only broken down to USA Localities and surnames. Within those links, however, are thousands more. Currently has over 8.6 million genealogy links.]

ProGenealogists, Inc. *United States Genealogy Sleuth™*
(<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>) [List of websites used by the genealogists from this company when doing U.S. research.]

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
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Lineage Charts Sub-Committee Chairman	Barbara Crissman	904-768-8166
Finance Chairman	Harlan Dittman	
Parliamentarian	Richard Cardell	904-730-2128

TAX RECORDS

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 --- BLM 10/4/2011 - Used with permission of the author.

Whether the issue is trying to overcome brick walls, or providing details about our ancestors, tax records can be a beneficial genealogical research tool. The collection of taxes has been mandated by law since colonial times. Colonial taxes were usually administered and collected at the local level. In many cases the detailed local tax lists were forwarded to the state as supporting documentation for the money collected. This can be a tremendous asset for researchers working in counties that have gaps in surviving records.

Tax lists for a single year are often published as substitutes for missing censuses. It is best to search for a continuous run of tax lists so that you can follow your ancestral family over a long period of time. This means locating tax lists on microfilm, online, or at the county courthouse. The process through which the tax rolls were created and the assets recorded varied. The county court was usually responsible for assigning assessors and defining geographical districts when a county was too large for one collector to administer.

Lists are generally semi-alphabetical, arranged by the first letter of the last name. Occasionally, we find a list that is semi-alphabetical by first letter of first name. This arrangement may have made sense to the assessor but it can be challenging for researchers. Tax lists were often prepared in advance, based on the previous year. Names often appear in the same order from year to year, and new names are added to the end of the list for that letter of the alphabet. Sometimes the assessor went to the taxpayer; sometimes the taxpayer came to a central location; sometimes there was a combination of both.

Different localities organized their lists differently. For example, Virginia separated lists for real property (land) from those for personal property. Pennsylvania had the unique structure of dividing the list into three sub-lists: one for property owners, one for married renters, and one for single men. Many lists have separate sections for delinquents, nonresident property owners, town dwellers, businesses, or special items such as business licenses. Entries for nonresidents may appear in the regular list under their name or the name of an overseer (no poll or tithe is counted for the owner). Technically, there were assessment lists and collection lists, but rarely do both survive.

Assessments were posted for taxpayers to review, and there was usually an appeal process. Appeals may be found in county court records. Neighbors often turned one another into authorities if they did not feel they were assessed their fair share in taxes which often lead to some lively court proceedings.

Tax records indicate that a person owned land or taxable personal property in a particular place or jurisdiction. They can provide clues such as:

1. Financial standing of the person or family.
2. Time period person resided in the area.
3. Description of land or personal property owned.
4. Fluxuations in a person's finances as they either acquired or disposed of holdings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SEMINARS FROM AROUND THE STATE

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

Looking for something "different" to do one weekend, check the Florida State Genealogical Society website calendar <<http://www.flsgs.org/events.php>> to see if there is another genealogy meeting or seminar in the area that you might like to attend. Most Genealogical Societies have meetings that are open to the public. If in doubt, just check with the contact person listed in the announcement.

Tuesday, November 1

Manatee Genealogical Society Regular Meeting

9:30 am to 12:00 pm - Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarotta Blvd., Bradenton FL

Presented by Karen Dwyer - *"Publishing Your Family History"*

For questions or additional information, contact: Jean Morris, 941-722-5156 www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flmgs/

Friday, November 4

Friends of the Leesburg Library; Kinseekers' Genealogical Soc. of Lake County Genealogy After Hours

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm - Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Leesburg, FL 34748

Presented by Kim V. Garvey - *Bring Out Your Dead: The Victorians, Funerals & Family History*

Web: www.treetrax.com

Cost: \$10 - includes light refreshments

For more information or questions contact: Carol Anderson, Carol.Anderson@leesburgflorida.gov/library, Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Leesburg, FL 34748

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Thursday, November 10

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 with Light Refreshments. Genealogical Class follows main program. Topic: "Scrapbooking Your Military Ancestor" For questions or more information, contact Bernardette Zappala 386-672-3806; www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhgs

Friday, November 11 thru Saturday, November 12

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

Saturday, November 12

Lee County Genealogical Society Saturday Quarterly Meeting

9:30 am to 12:00 pm - Fellowship Hall, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 4141 DeLeon Street, Fort Myers, FL

Presented by Judy Bishara, Carole Troup and Carol Rooksby Weidl - *Genealogy Software Fair*

Free and open to the public. For questions or more information contact: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, Genhelp@LCGSFL.org

Sunday, November 13

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay Monthly Meeting (November)

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida

Presented by Debbe Hagner, AG - *"Newspapers, Magazines And Specialized Publications Can Help In Genealogical Research"*

Free. For questions or additional information, contact: Sally Israel, sisrael@tampabay.rr.com, 727-343-1652 <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/>

Thursday, November 17

Lee County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Fellowship Hall, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 4141 DeLeon Street, Fort Myers, FL

Presented by Kathleen Callanan - *Finding Revolutionary War Era Records*

Free and open to the public. For questions or more information contact: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, Genhelp@LCGSFL.org

Saturday, November 19

Bay County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street, Panama City, Florida

Presented by Mary K. McGraw - *FOOTNOTE*

Join Mary K. McGraw to learn how she uses Footnote.com for advance computer-aided research. Priceless!

Free to All. For questions or additional information contact: Mary K. McGraw, mary.mcgraw@comcast.net, (850) 258-5813; <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flbcgs/>

Tuesday, December 6

Manatee Genealogical Society Regular Meeting (December)

9:30 am to 12:00 pm - Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarotta Blvd., W., Bradenton, FL

What's In Your Attic? A Show and Tell About Your Family Treasures

For questions or additional information, contact: Jean Morris at 941-722-5156 www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flmgs/

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

To you and yours!



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Date: 18 February 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Place:
St. Paul's Church Hall
2609 Park Street
Jacksonville, FL 32204
-free parking
-handicap accessible

Directions: The Church is located one block north of the intersection of Park and King Streets. The Hall is located in the back with the entrance on Forbes St. "Genealogy" signs will be posted.

Cost:
JGS Member \$30.00
Non-member: \$35.00
Price includes lunch, if registration is postmarked by 8 Feb 2012.
After 8 Feb 2012, refunds will not be given; however, a syllabus will be provided.

2012 Spring Genealogical Seminar

Pamela J. Cooper

Genealogist, Lecturer and Librarian

Since 1986, Pam has been the supervisor of the Archive Center (Florida/local history) & Genealogy Department for the Indian River County Main Library, Vero Beach, Florida and is a highly regarded speaker at national and local events. She has served as Director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies in 1995-1998, Director of the Florida Historical Society 1997-1999, and served as President of the Florida State Genealogical Society 1999-2003 and Co-Chair of the FGS/FSGS 2003 National Conference in Orlando. She is the recipient of the 2000 NGS Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship and author of the Florida Chapter in the *Red Book: American, State and County Sources*, published by Ancestry. In 2007, she received the Indian River County Laurel Award for Professional Leadership and is currently working on a book about Florida history.



Topics

- **How accurate are your senses? Getting past the errors in census records** - This is a great review of all questions on the 1930 census. It demonstrates an understanding of why the question was asked and why the answers may be wrong. It is applicable to the census years of 1900-1930 and will provide insightful knowledge of your ancestor as well as the person who knocked on their door to ask those objectionable and sometimes strange questions.
- **Border to border – Statewide sources and indexes** - Where was your ancestor born? "Somewhere in Pennsylvania!" Unfortunately, many researchers only have the state where their ancestor lived, died, married or born. How do you tackle the daunting task of finding them somewhere in that state? These same research methods can be applied to research in most any state or country.
- **Records of the War of 1812** - Although this war lasted only a few short years, the resulting records it produced are outstanding. This lecture will show how to access the service and pension records, and demonstrate a step-by-step process in locating the bounty land records. In addition, examples are shown of the final step of how the land was received and sold by the soldiers.
- **Stop the Ship! I Want to Get On!: Emigration, Immigration, Naturalization and Passports** - First they had to migrate, then immigrate and then become a naturalized citizen. In order to return home, a passport was necessary. All four of these records are now online and your ancestor may be in all four or just one. Learn how to access the records, what they contain and how to use the information for further research.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Registration must be postmarked by 8 Feb 2012 to have lunch included. Lunch cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Make check payable to JGS, Inc.

*Mail registration form and check to:
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