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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.

--- January 21, 2012 ---

Due to the setup of voting equipment in the Auditorium we will **not** have a membership meeting this month. Please plan on attending the Seminar in February (see below)

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This year we will be welcoming back Pamela J. Cooper, Genealogist, Lecturer and Librarian, as our Speaker. Those of you who attended our very first seminar will recognize her name as being our speaker then. This year she will increase our knowledge in a number of areas as her topics are:

- How accurate are your senses? Getting past the errors in census records
- Border to border – Statewide sources and Indexes
- Records of the War of 1812
- Stop the Ship! I Want to Get On!: Emigration, Immigration, Naturalization and Passports

The time is 9:00 with registration beginning at 8:30. JGS members can attend at a cost of \$30.00; the non-member cost is \$35.00. Price includes lunch if registration is postmarked by 8 February 2012. After February 8, 2012, refunds will not be given; however a syllabus will be provided.

This year we will return to St. Paul's Church Hall, 2609 Park Street, Jacksonville, free parking and handicap accessibility is provided. You will find a registration form in this newsletter and at our website: <http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net>. For additional information please feel free to contact our president, Geraldine Kohn at 904-894-5488.

17 March 2012

This will be a meeting held to critique our seminar. In addition to a critique of the seminar, we wish to continue to receive ideas regarding topics of interest.

Ann Staley will also provide a short presentation on the 1940 Census - what it contains and how to use it before the indexes are finished. The census will be released online on 2 April 2012.

2012 DUES ARE NOW DUE

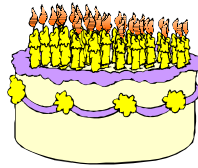
If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2012, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2012 are due now.

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 send a "Happy Birthday" to our members who are celebrating in January and February:



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| January 6 | Heidi Bash |
| January 8 | Roberta Dill |
| January 16 | Lynn Comiskey |
| January 22 | Joanne Hull |
| February 7 | Kathy Ballistreri |
| February 13 | Patricia Carter |
| February 13 | Pamela Oglesby |
| February 18 | Margaret Anthony |
| February 27 | Joan Peck |

Public Death Master File (DMF) (aka Social Security Death Index (SSDI))

Well, it seems that Congress - in an effort to protect "us" against fraud - has deemed it necessary to propose bills to that effect. The Senate version would delay posting of the social security number (SSN) for 2 years after death. See pages 6 & 7 titled "SEC. 9. RESTRICTION ON ACCESS TO THE DEATH MASTER" at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112s1534is/pdf/BILLS-112s1534is.pdf>

In the meantime, Ancestry.com has placed the following notice on their SSDI web page: "If the Social Security Number is not visible on the record index it is because Ancestry.com does not provide this number in the Social Security Death Index for any person that has passed away within the past 10 years."

In regard to the Social Security Administration (SSA), they would receive information, voluntarily, from state death certificates. They would then compare the information that they had and correct their records as necessary. (http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title02/0205.htm)

Effective this past November 1st, SSA decided that they did not have the right to provide, publicly, information from the state death certificate that the state did not provide. For instance, if the state has "closed" death certificates until 50 years after the death, the SSA will honor that state's rule and also will not disclose information about an individual. They will continue to provide, publicly, information they gather from various other sources. This means that about 1 million records per year will no longer be used. See the fact sheet at http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/149/kw/death%20master%20file for more information.

The SSA has also extended the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) restriction to 100 years for the parents of an individual. What this means is the person would have had to be born before 1912 in order for you to get an application without the parents names blacked out. If you can prove that the parents are dead, you can receive the application unaltered; however, that is why we want the application - to find the parents. See Megan Smolenyak's post and the SSA letter at <http://megansmolenyak.posterous.com/social-security-administration-extends-foia-r>

Dick Eastman has a very good post at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/12/genealogists-are-losing-access-to-ssdi-mostly-due-to-misinformation.html

Necrology

We are saddened to hear of the death of a member of our Society, Ramona Remy. She most recently served on the Board as First Vice President/Membership Chairman. We extend our sympathies to her family.

Nadine Ferguson, wife of Jon Ferguson, passed away recently, also. Jon was the president of SGES. We extend our sympathies to Jon and her family.

1940 U. S. POPULATION CENSUS

The 1940 census will be released on 2 Apr 2012 - online. At this time, NARA noted that "the digital images will be accessible free of charge at NARA facilities nationwide through our public access computers as well as on personal computers via the internet."

In preparation for the 1940 census, the National Archives has placed online a number of films created in 1940 concerning the taking of the census. The first film is "A dramatized review of the major questions relating to general population on the census schedule, this film demonstrates to enumerators how to accurately identify and enter the names of all members of a household, determine employment status, and identify categories of employment."

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=OwZk6rASC8k&feature=endscreen>)

The next film "emphasizes the responsibility of all citizens to participate. It review the three main parts of the census, including the population, agriculture, and housing schedules, and delves into the background of the census and the reasons behind the questions."

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&v=cImIIPSuyR8>)

The National Archives has also placed information concerning the release of the census on their website (<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html>).

FamilySearch and Ancestry.com have both committed to creating an index with the help of volunteers. Your help will be needed in this endeavor.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES PUTS WORKSHOPS ONLINE

On the 4th of January 2012, the National Archives announced that it was placing "Know Your Records" videos on the National Archives YouTube Channel

Didn't know they have a YouTube Channel? Neither did I. It is located at www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives

The announcement at <http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2012/nr12-47.html> states "The National Archives-produced *Know Your Records* video shorts cover the creation, scope, content, and use of National Archives records for genealogical research. The National Archives is proud to make our most popular genealogy lectures available online and ready for viewing by anyone, anywhere, at any time," said Diane Dimkoff, Director of Customer Services."

Currently showing are
Genealogy Introduction: Military Research at the National Archives: *Volunteer Service* (8:22)
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zgKBrsvpxY]

Genealogy Introduction—Military Research at the National Archives: *Regular Service* (6:11)
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OMO-PbmMEw]

Genealogy Introduction—Military Research at the National Archives: Pension Records (9:04)
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT-AgYFhX1k]

Genealogy Introduction—Immigration Records at the National Archives (11:57)
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCZTSrsvxyc]

Genealogy Introduction: Census Records at the National Archives (11:57)
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI54NX_H1ko]

At the channel itself, there are also a number of other videos available. Check it out!

OFFICERS WITH STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
(terms expiring at the end of 2013)

President	Geraldine Kohn	904-894-5488
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Lineage Charts Sub-Committee Chairman	Barbara Crissman	
Finance Chairman	Harlan Dittman	
Parliamentarian	Richard Cardell	

Cookbooks are still available. Ann Staley's Spring classes are in the works and we hope to have the dates soon.

Websites of Possible Interest

<http://www.many-roads.com/>

This first one is a blog written by Mark Rabideau. He covers a number of topics; however, you might like to check out "Topics" where he covers Search Tricks & Tips, German Genealogy Pointers, Quebec Genealogy Pointers and Ancestry.com Pointers. Under Links he says he provides "more than 1,000 downloadable files..." There are many other items of interest on the blog as well.

<http://books.google.com>

If you are looking for pre-1900 state statutes (state laws), there are a number of them listed on Google Books.

https://www.gwest.org/gen_libs.htm

Are you looking for a listing of Genealogy Libraries in the U.S.? Then this is the site to visit first. It is not complete but it covers a wide range.

<http://mdah.state.ms.us/>

If you are working in the state of Mississippi, then this site is a must-see. Under "Archives & Records Services" you will find the "Digital Archives" which is a goldmine.

<http://www.blm.gov/cadastral/meridians/meridians.htm>

Cadastral Survey Home Page. This website, by the Bureau of Land Management, provides maps of the principal meridians and base lines.

<http://www.gedcomlibrary.com/vitals.htm>

Vital Records and Census Transcriptions in GEDCOM format.

<http://www.genealogybuff.com>

GenealogyBuff.com. Have your speakers turned down; some ads are vocal. Contains links to death, cemetery, obituary and vital records.

<http://www.familytreelegends.com/records/list/1>

Family Tree Legends. Listings of Birth, Marriage & Death records online.

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/snb-intr.html>

The Regents of the University of California, U C Berkeley Library. *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*. [Finding and Using Sanborn Maps]

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/maps/sanborn/symbols.html>

University of Virginia Library. Geospatial and Statistical Data Center. *How to Read Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*.

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.

Sunday, January 22**Tallahassee Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting (January)**

1:30 pm - Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library, 200 W. Park Avenue, Tallahassee
New England Records (Barbour Records)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fltgs/index.htm>

Saturday, January 28**Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County Winter Program (January)**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm - The Crowne Plaza Hotel 1601 Bellvedere Rd., West Palm Beach
Presented by Paul Enchelmayer

1) A Gaggle of Goodies for Genealogists, 2) The Deceptive Ancestor, 3) Storing and Restoring Family Photos, 4) Ten Ways to be the Better Ancestor

Cost: \$45.00 and Meal included. Seating is limited. For questions or additional information, contact: Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County at 561-616-3455

www.gensocofpbc.org

Wednesday, February 1**Genealogical Society of North Brevard Monthly Meeting (February)**

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room, Titusville Public Library, 2121 South Hopkins Ave
Presented by Members - *Family Treasures - Show and Tell*

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flgsnb/>

Tuesday, February 7**Manatee Genealogical Society February Meeting (February)**

9:30 am to 12:00 pm - Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarotta Blvd. W., Bradenton, FL
Presented by Sharon Tate Moody - *In the Law Library: Legal Research for Genealogists*

Use 2nd Avenue entrance to the Library. For questions or additional information, contact:
Jean Morris 941-722-5156 or **<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flmgs/>**

Saturday, February 11

Charlotte County Genealogical Society One Day Seminar (February)

8:00 am to 4:00 pm - Faith Lutheran Church - 2005 Palm Drive - Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Presented by Paula Stuart-Warren

1) A Baker's Dozen: Easy Ways to Begin Writing Your Family History, 2) Genealogical Goldmine: The Records of Old Settlers Organizations, 3) Finding Ancestral Places of Origin, 4) Organizing Your Genealogical Materials

Cost: \$35 members; \$40 non-members; includes a Buffet lunch

For questions or additional information, contact: Joanne at ryder.joanne@gmail.com or go to www.ccgis.org

Saturday, February 11

Pinellas Genealogy Society, Inc. Annual Educational Seminar (February)

8:00 am to 4:00 pm - Largo Library, 120 Central Park Dr., Largo, Florida 33771

Presented by Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick - Web: www.forensicgenealogy.info

1) Forensic Genealogy-CSI Meets Roots; 2) Who is Benjamin Kyle?; 3) Dead Horse Investigation and 4) Database Detective

Members - \$42.00, Nonmembers \$47.00 until Feb. 4, 2012.

For questions or additional information, contact: Larry Hosmer, Ch., lhosmer@yahoo.com

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flpgs

Saturday, February 18

Citrus County Genealogical Society Half-Day Seminar (February)

10:00 am to 2:30 pm - Crystal River Moose Lodge, 1855 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa

Presented by George G. Morgan - Web: <http://ahaseminars.com>

1) Alternative Record Types You May not Have Considered; 2) Sidestep Genealogy and 3) New Ways to Research Our Roots

Members: \$12 Non-members: \$16. No meal is provided, so bring a brown-bag lunch if you like.

Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided

For questions or additional information, contact: Mary Ann Machonkin, (352) 382-5515

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flccgs2

Saturday, March 3

"A Saturday with Dick Eastman" (March)

9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Unity Church of Melbourne, 1745 Trimble Rd., Melbourne, FL 32934

Presented by Dick Eastman - Web: blog.eogn.com

1) Better than Soundex, 2) The Organized Genealogist, 3) Mocavo: A Comparison of the Best (?) Genealogy Search Engine versus Google, 4) Putting the Genes in Genealogy

Jointly Sponsored by: Brevard Genealogical Society, North Brevard Genealogical Society, & South Brevard Genealogical Society

Early Registration: \$20; After Feb 19: \$25. Includes lunch and light refreshments

For questions or additional details, contact: Dianne Marcum, dmfla@cfl.rr.com, 321-431-9528

www.flbgs.org

Imperial Polk Genealogical Society 2012 Seminar (March)

9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Florida Southern College Columbia Way Lakeland, FL 33803

Presented by George K. Schweizer

1) North South Colonial Migration Routes, 2) Rivers to Trails to Roads to Canals to Trains, 3) Obscure Genealogical Sources, 4) Question & answer session

IPGS members \$40; non-members \$45; walk-ins \$50. Continental breakfast and lunch included

For questions or additional information, contact: Kay Stone (863)858-2738 kaystone@prodigy.net

www.IPGS.org

Saturday, March 10

Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research Seminar (March)

8:15 am to 3:30 pm - Faith Lutheran Church, 4005 Palm Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Presented by Leslie Albrecht Huber - Web: <http://www.understandingyourancestors.com/>

The Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Inc. presents an all-day seminar with the following topics:
1) *300 Years of German Immigration*; 2) *Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research*; 3) *Getting the Most Out of FamilySearch.org*; 4) *Eight Ways to Cross the Ocean*

Members: \$30 Non-members \$35. Buffet luncheon included if registered by March 5, 2012

Pre-registration is required. No Walk-ins. Registration begins at 8:15 am, seminar begins at 9:15 am.

See our website, <http://www.swflgg.org/>, for registration form and driving instructions.

For questions or additional information, contact: Joanne Ryder, joanne@charleyslady.com, (941) 625-6443

Bay County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar (March)

9:30 am to 3:30 pm - Panama City Marina Civic Center, 8 Harrison Avenue Panama City, FL 32401

Presented by George Morgan

1) *Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile*, 2) *Push and Pull: The Reasons for Migration*, 3) *The Genealogist as CSI (Crime Scene Investigator)* 4) *Genealogy Orienteering: Using Maps to Find the Right Place*.

Members \$36 members; Non-members \$40. Seminar with new membership: \$45

Registration at 8:30am; Seminar begins 9:00 am. Seating is Limited. Early Registration Ends March 1, 2012.

For questions or additional information, contact:

Suzanne at Suzshay@bellsouth.net, (850) 235-4848 or Diana, dbcochran@bellsouth.net, (850) 236-6240

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE NEW YEAR

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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:
 Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.
 Attn: Seminar Registration
 P. O. Box 60756
 Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756*

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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:

- Principal membership: \$25.00
Dual membership: \$ 5.00 *
Life (Principal) membership: \$260.00
Life (Dual): \$65.00 *
Student: \$10.00
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):

Table with 6 columns: SURNAME, CITY, COUNTY, STATE, COUNTRY, DATES. Includes an example row for Smith and five numbered rows for input.

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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