



# JACKSONVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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

**--- 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.

### **SEMINAR--SEMINAR--SEMINAR** **18 February 2012**

If you missed this event, you missed a great event! We welcomed back Pamela J. Cooper, Genealogist, Lecturer and Librarian, as our Speaker. Her topics included the Census, statewide sources, War of 1812 and Immigration/Naturalization. We had over 40 attendees networking at this event. We also had, for the 1st time, a vendor from Mishawaka, Indiana - Fun Stuff for Genealogists, Inc. Bev and her husband gave us plenty of genealogy goodies to drool over.

### 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.

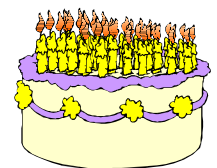
Please complete the enclosed Membership Application so that we will have your current information in our membership database. Applications are also available at our website.

### Thank you for your continued support

Please renew by your membership by March 31, 2011; after that date the password for the "members only" section of the website will be changed.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



March 1	Lisa Broddle
March 10	Connie M. Coward
March 12	Christine Pataranick
March 14	Barbara Carpenter
March 17	Mary McCool

March 22	Mary Craft
March 26	Marion Parvin
March 30	Nancy McPherson
April 9	Grace Moran
April 9	Norma LeVey
April 23	Kathleen Krizek
April 26	Carolyn Hartman

## WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

"Wikimedia Commons is a **media file repository** making available public domain and freely-licensed educational media content (images, sound and video clips) to everyone, in their own language." This is a quote from the Wikimedia Commons website at [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

Among its partners you will find the National Archives and Records Administration with over 100,000 images; Tropenmuseum with over 45,000 photos "taken in former Dutch colonies"; Geographicus Rare Antique Maps with 2,127 images; and many other images from collections around the world.

In the National Archives collection, one of the items you will find is 220 fraktur documents from "Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, compiled ca. 1800 - ca. 1912, documenting the period ca. 1775 - ca. 1900"

## 1940 U. S. POPULATION CENSUS

Less than a month to go till the 1940 census is 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."

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

## WAR OF 1812

iArchives, in collaboration with the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is digitizing 180,000 pension applications, or an estimated 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. The collection will be available on Fold3.com - free.

How you can help, you ask? iArchives is providing a dollar-for-dollar match of each donation through a provision of services. Therefore, FGS is trying to raise \$3.7 Million. A \$25 donation will digitize 50 images (50 cents a page). A \$500 donation will digitize 1,000 images! With 2% complete (162,252 pages online) more help is needed.

To learn more and to contribute to the project, visit [www.fgs.org/1812](http://www.fgs.org/1812).

## Project Gutenberg

Are you trying to find a public domain (out-of-copyright) book? How about an epub or kindle book - for free?

The answer might be at Project Gutenberg (<http://www.gutenberg.org>) where over 38,000 ebooks reside, free for download. No fee or registration is required. They also offer over 100,000 more books through their Partners, Affiliates and Resources ([http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Gutenberg:Partners%2C\\_Affiliates\\_and\\_Resources](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Gutenberg:Partners%2C_Affiliates_and_Resources))

Ann Staley noted that she has found a number of interesting books. The slave narratives, part of the Work Projects Administration, are a fascinating read. Do a search of the "Bookshelves" for "christmas" and the possibilities are staggering!

## NEHGS Members

The New England Historic Genealogical Society recently announced, via Vol. 19, No. 9, of *The Weekly Genealogist* newsletter, dated 29 Feb 2012 that their "members now have access to the Historic Map Works database through our website,

[AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org). Historic Map Works is a third-party database produced by ProQuest and subscribed to by NEHGS. It contains a collection of over 1.4 million high-resolution, full-color historic maps of places in the United States and around the world. The contents include more than 800,000 U.S. property maps from the late 1700s to the present

day; more than 100,000 antiquarian maps covering the world from the 15th to 19th centuries; city directories; atlases; bird's-eye-view maps; and more.

## TIMELINES AND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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Genealogists use charts and forms to organize their research. Pedigree charts, family group sheets, and descendant list charts form the foundations for building family trees. Timelines are critical in helping genealogists search for and verify information gathered during the research process.

Timelines are defined as a chart that graphically shows events listed chronologically. Depending on the type of timeline that is generated, these events may be for an individual, a family, or several generations. Some timelines show personal events in comparison with another person (or persons), such as birth and death. Others compare a person's life against a backdrop of historical events.

The usefulness of a timeline may not be immediately apparent. While they can be compared to the lives of two people, they may not be the best charts to use if several people are being compared or if the people are not related. Details can be overlooked in the lines of text on a family group sheet, pedigree chart, or descendant list chart. The basic format of a timeline, as opposed to traditional text-based charts, can be an aid to research and analysis. Timelines often help researchers detect inconsistencies and questionable circumstances before time and effort is wasted on false leads.

Because family historians strive to understand their ancestor's lives beyond the dates noted on a pedigree chart, a timeline can be used to place ancestors' lives in historical perspective. Understanding the historical context is important for three reasons:

1. Historical situations often impacted the decision making process of our ancestors.
2. Knowing the historical circumstances that existed at the time our ancestors lived will often help determine the accuracy of information
3. In the absence of facts (proven or speculative), the historical circumstances may provide clues that could lead to new avenues for research or the ability to make an educated guess.

Timelines used in conjunction with an examination of the historical issues which our ancestors faced by matching a person with key events in a given period of time, can enrich our understanding of an ancestor's life. Genealogists rely on dates, facts, lines, and charts to progress through the research process. The use of timelines is a natural outgrowth of this process yet many genealogists fail to take advantage of this tool until they are well into the process. Timelines provide many useful benefits for those who utilize them:

1. Making sense of how two families became one.
2. Proving (or disproving) family stories.
3. Understanding how historical events influenced an individual or family.
4. Interpreting migration patterns

## BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Contrary to popular belief books are still very useful; therefore, we offering something a little different this month - a list of books/articles that you might want to review.

- Caplan, Jeremy and Don Willmott. "Are you a good Googler?" *Yahoo! Internet Life*. (Ziff Davis Media, June 2002)
- Eichholz, Alice, Ph.D., CG, editor. *Ancestry's RedBook: American State, County & Town Sources*. 3rd edition. Provo, UT: Ancestry, 2004.
- Fleming, Ann Carter. *The Organized Family Historian: How to File, Manage, and Protect Your Genealogical Research and Heirlooms*. Nashville: Rutledge Hill Press, 2004
- Greenwood, Val D. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978
- Harland, Derek. *A Basic Course in Genealogy, Volume 2: Research Procedure and Evaluation*
- Hinckley, Kathleen W. *Locating Lost Family Members & Friends*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 1999.
- Harris, Maurine and Glen, compilers. *Ancestry's Concise Genealogical Dictionary*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing, 1989
- Lynch, Daniel M. *Google Your Family Tree: Unlock the Hidden Power of Google*. (Provo, UT: FamilyLink.com, Inc., 2008)
- Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997
- Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2007
- National Archives and Records Service, *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*. Washington: National Archives Trust Fund Board, 1982
- Renick, Barbara. "Search Tools for the Internet. Part I: Search Engines". *National Genealogical Society NewsMagazine* Volume 27, Number 3, May/June 2001.
- Rose, Christine. *Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case*. Dexter, Michigan: Thomson Shore, Inc, 2005
- Rubincam, Milton, FASG. *Pitfalls in Genealogical Research*. Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry Publishing, 1987
- Smith, Drew. "Cybrarian: Genealogy Search Engine Showdown". *Genealogical Computing: A Quarterly Journal*. Summer 2000, Volume 20.1 (Provo, UT: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2000)
- Smith, Drew. *Social Networking for Genealogists*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2009.
- Smith, Kenneth L. *Estate Inventories: How to Use Them*. Columbus, OH: Privately printed, 1984
- Stevenson, Noel C., *Genealogical Evidence: A Guide to the Standard of Proof Relating to Pedigrees, Ancestry, Heirship and Family History*. Laguna Hills, CA: Aegean Park Press, 1979
- Szucs, Loretto Dennis and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, editors. *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. Revised edition. Salt Lake City, Utah: Ancestry Inc., 1997.
- The Handy Book for Genealogists, United States of America*. Eleventh Edition. Logan, Utah: The Everton Publishers, Inc., 2006.

## 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.

### **Saturday, March 10 - Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research Seminar**

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/>

**P.O. Box 60756 \* Jacksonville, Florida 32236-0756**

The Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Inc. presents an all-day seminar with the following topics:  
*300 Years of German Immigration; Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research; Getting the Most Out of FamilySearch.org; 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](mailto:joanne@charleyslady.com), (941) 625-6443

**Sunday, March 11 - Genealogical Society of Greater Miami**

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm - 5855 SW 111 Street, Pinecrest, FL

Presented by Debbie Duay - Web: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/debbieduay.htm>

*"Kings, Queens, Pilgrims, And Tavern Keepers"*

If you have questions, contact GSGM at [GSGMFL@gmail.com](mailto:GSGMFL@gmail.com) or 786-519-GSGM (7476)

**Sunday, March 11 - Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay Seminar (March)**

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

Presented by Dr. Emil H. Isaacson - Email: [sisrael@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sisrael@tampabay.rr.com)

*"The JGSTB 2012 Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers"*

Free to Members, \$25 to non-members, but this will include membership, \$10 for book Coffee and dessert

Contact: Sally Israel, [sisrael@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sisrael@tampabay.rr.com) <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/>

**Saturday, March 17 - Tallahassee Genealogical Society Spring Seminar**

9:00 am to 4:30 pm - St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida

Presented by Debra S. Fleming a.k.a. "The Ancestry Detective" - Email: [tgsseminar@gmail.com](mailto:tgsseminar@gmail.com)

*Obscure Records, Social Networking, Census Analysis, Genealogy Bank*

[www.theancestrydetective.net](http://www.theancestrydetective.net)

\$45.00 – TGS Members, \$55.00 – Non-TGS Members (Before March 1), \$55.00 – TGS Members, \$65.00 – Non-TGS Members (After March 1, 2012)

Includes continental breakfast; lunch may be available but cannot be guaranteed.

Visit the TGS web site to view and print a registration form. [www.talgen.org](http://www.talgen.org)

**Tuesday, March 20 - South Bay Genealogical Society Monthly Luncheon: An Irish Program**

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm - South Shore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin, FL

Presented by Donna Moughty

meeting=free,

Reservation required for luncheon (cost = \$13: Tuna Salad/Ham & cheese sandwiches OR a Salad Plate)

Contact: Beth Clarke: Email: [bethnles@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bethnles@tampabay.rr.com)

[rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flsbgs](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flsbgs)

**Saturday, March 24 - Lee County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar: The US Federal Census**

9:15 am to 2:30 pm - Fellowship Hall, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church,

4141 DeLeon Street, Fort Myers, FL

Presented by George G. Morgan - Email: [President@lcsfl.org](mailto:President@lcsfl.org)

\$20.00 per person by March 17, 2012 includes box lunch.

Lectures to include (1) *All About the Census: Becoming an Expert*; (2) *US Agricultural Census Schedules: Placing Your Farming Ancestor in Context*; (3) *The 1940 US Federal Census: How to Find Your Family*.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED. See website for registration form [www.LCSGFL.org](http://www.LCSGFL.org).

Carol Rooksby Weidlich, [President@lcsfl.org](mailto:President@lcsfl.org), 239-567-2686

**Tuesday, April 3 - April Meeting: Using Maps and Gazetteers for Genealogical Research**

9:30 am to 12:00 pm - Manatee County Central Library, 13 Barcarotta Blvd., W., Bradenton, FL 34205

Presented by Bryan Mulcahy - Email: [treich43@aol.com](mailto:treich43@aol.com)

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

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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