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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.

Listed below are our upcoming meetings. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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Jeopardy: Genealogy and Social Gathering

Our last meeting of the year is going to be a Social Gathering. A time for us to get together, eat and be merry - before the holiday frenzy sets in.

We will also be playing a game of Jeopardy: Genealogy - so put your thinking caps on and join in the fun; there will be full participation by the audience.

We have so many good cooks in the Society (proof: the 40th Anniversary Cook Book) so I am looking forward to all of the finger foods that will be available for consumption! Please let AnnS (astaley@comcast.net) know what you are planning on bringing.

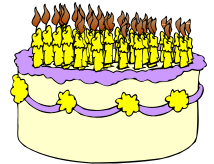
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Linda Moffitt
Marcia Jan Pertuz
Helen Olive Reid
Robin Berenberg
(previous member - welcome back!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



Nov 8	Charlen Hopton
Nov 16	Geraldine Cowart
Nov 18	Marcia Jane Pertuz
Dec 3	Mildred Dittman
Dec 12	Kay Sibert
Dec 15	Gayle Willis
Dec 23	Barbara Strength

JACKSONVILLE CITY DIRECTORIES ABSTRACTION PROJECT

If you are interested in working on this project, please contact AnnS (jaxgen@comcast.net) and she will put you to work! There may still be some data entry to do, and proofreaders are always needed.

The resulting product will be placed on our website member's only page. This is your reward for helping the society and the genealogy community - you get the first use. After about 6 months, we will make the data available to all website visitors. Thank you!

ADDRESS AND E-MAIL CHANGES

Please notify us of any address or e-mail change that you might have. The Post Office charges us a hefty fee for returned mail and a simple note to us can help save our funds.

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.

GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

We invite you to give the gift of Society memberships to your friends. We also have a way for you to remember a loved one - a Memorial Gift. A year's membership could not be spent wiser. The enclosed Membership Application has a check box for your convenience.

IT AIN'T EASY BEING GREEN!

By Connie Coward

Actually, this month, being green is extremely easy! If you are currently reading this newsletter on your computer or e-Reader, congratulations! You can consider yourself green. If not, let me encourage you to request to receive your JGS newsletter via e-mail. If you choose to do this, you will be saving your genealogical society approximately \$5-6 per year. The cost of mailing the newsletter includes paper, ink (cha-ching), and, yes, postage, amounting to about 75 cents to a dollar per edition – per copy. It may not seem like much, but it certainly adds up. And besides saving the society all this money, you will receive your newsletter much sooner. Sending the newsletter via e-mail takes mere seconds, instead of the 2-3 days it requires to print and mail the paper copies. The e-mailed newsletter is sent in a format that is readable by all computers, yes even Macs, using software that is available at www.adobe.com at no charge. So think it over, and consider taking a very important step towards Greendom.

ANCESTRY.COM INC. BEING PURCHASED

If you haven't heard the latest, this is the news: On 22 Oct 2012, Dick Eastman (Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at <http://www.eogn.com>) put out a Special Edition of his newsletter to forward the Wall Street Journal announcement.

Ancestry.com Inc and European private-equity firm Permira announced the buyout for nearly \$1.6 billion. He went on to report: "The Journal reports the buyout is a bet that family-history research is more than a niche market and that the subscriber base can swell with technological innovations, deeper archives and a wider international audience. People familiar with the buyers' plans said that expansion in western Europe is a goal." The whole thing is still on the table - the stockholders holding a majority of the outstanding shares still have to agree.

You can read more about the announcement at

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/10/ancestrycom-to-be-sold-to-investor-group-led-by-permira-for-16-billion.html#more

The Trail From You to Your Ancestor - Intermediate Genealogy Class

Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. (JGS) will be holding a three-session Intermediate Genealogy Class, featuring research in the U.S. It will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Bartram Trail Branch Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd, Fruit Cove, FL 32259, on the following Saturdays: December 1, 8, and 15, 2012

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 two of the three class dates.

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



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Registration Form

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*

 Name

 Address

 City, State, Zip Code

 Phone Email Address

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.

Wednesday, November 14

Jewish Genealogical Society of West Palm Beach, FL: Membership Meeting & Greater Poland SIG

11:00 am to 3:00 pm – South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, FL

Presented by Paul Baranik and Ron Arons – email: jackieblit@comcast.net

Poland Special Interest Group led by Paul Baranik; Guest speaker Ron Arons, topic “Finding Living People”

Guest Fee \$5

Jacqueline Fineblit, Public Relations Director, 561-738-3724

Thursday, November 15

Lee County Genealogical Society, Inc. Monthly Meeting (November)

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers, FL

Presented by Sharon Tate Moody, e-mail: president@lcsfl.org

“In the Wilderness and On the Battlefield with Your Civil War Ancestor”

Free and open to the public. Please note location of meeting for this meeting only.

Contact: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, 239-567-2686

Friday, November 16

Kinseekers Genealogical Society & Friends of the Leesburg Library (November)

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm – 100 E. Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748

Presented by Jack Butler, e-mail: Carol_Anderson@leesburgflorida.gov

Genealogy After Hours: Making Sense of the Census

\$15 include light refreshments. All library resources will be available for researching with library staff and volunteers on hand to assist.

Saturday, November 17

Bay County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting (November)

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm – Bay County Public Library, 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, Florida

Presented by Mary K. McGraw – email: mary.mcgraw@comcast.net

Researching Old Newspapers: There’s a wealth of genealogical information in old newspapers. First you need to find out if a newspaper exists in the location and time period that you are researching. Then you need to find out where those newspapers are located. This presentation will provide a roadmap for that research. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, November 18

Jewish Genealogical Society Regular Meeting (November)

9:30 am to 1:00 pm – Jewish Federation, 4200 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL

Presented by Garrie Regev – email: jgsmiami@comcast.net

By Webcast from Israel! Finding Your Relatives in Israel from Anywhere! Free to attend; light refreshments provided.

Tuesday, December 4

Manatee Genealogical Society December Meeting (December)

Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd West, Bradenton, FL

Web: <http://www.rootsweb.acnestry.com/~flmgs/>

“What’s In Your Attic?” A show and tell in which MGS members and other attendees can make a short presentation about their ancestor’s treasures, documents, or stories. Small plates of Christmas cookies are welcome

Contact Jean Morris at 941-722-5156.

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Thursday, December 13

Halifax genealogical Society Monthly Meeting (December)

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm – Ormond Beach Library, 30 South Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL

HGS Celebrates its 20th Anniversary and Holiday Party, No charge.

Contact Bernardette Zappala, 386-672-3806

Saturday, December 15

Bay County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting (December)

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Bay County Public Library, 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, Florida

Presented by BCGS Staff – email: mary.mcgraw@comcast.net

Election of Officers & Christmas Party, VOTING & VITTLES

It's time to elect BCGS officers and to celebrate the season with delicious food while attendees exchange ornaments.

Please bring your favorite dish to share and a wrapped ornament to exchange.

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