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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.*

Find us on the web at <http://ljaxgen.org>

Join Us!

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society meets on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month, except December, at 1:30 pm at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, in Jacksonville, Florida. Members are strongly encouraged to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

March 2014 Monthly Meeting

Date: March 15, 2014

Due to a conflict with the North Florida Genealogy Conference on March 15th, our regular meeting day, the regular meeting has been cancelled. In lieu of attending this meeting, the Board of Directors strongly encourages you to attend the conference, to be held in Orange Park. Visit www.nfgenealogyconference.com for more information about this ever-growing event.

April 2014 Monthly Meeting

Date: April 19, 2014

Time: 1:30 PM

Topic: TBA

May 2014 Monthly Meeting

Date: May 17, 2014

Time: 1:30 PM

Topic: TBA

Happy Birthday to You!

Heidi Bash	January 6
Kathy Balistreri	February 7
Patricia Carter	February 13
Joan Peck	February 27
Lisa Broddle	March 1
Connie Coward	March 10
Mary McCool	March 17
Pauline Holyfield	March 24
Nancy McPherson	March 30
Grace Moran	April 4
Norma LeVey	April 9
Richard Rousseau	April 21
Kathleen Krizek	April 23

It Ain't Easy Being Green!

by Connie Coward

Welcome to March! In honor of St. Patrick's Day – and the Irish in all of us, I hereby declare that ye all are GREEN – at least for this month. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Which begs the question, what will April bring, will you give paperless a try?

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Muster Rolls

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Muster rolls are lists often prepared monthly or quarterly, containing the names of soldiers and officers assigned to any type of military unit or naval vessel used in military service. Military units may appear in records labeled as militia, National Guard, Marine Corps, regular army or navy, or affiliated volunteer units. The information may be organized by company, regiment, special detachment, band, platoon, battalion or naval vessel. For soldiers and officers serving on ships, the terms muster rolls and crew lists are interchangeable. The amount of information found on these records varies by time period of conflict or service, as well as existing circumstances where the militia or military unit was stationed. Researchers have found information dating back to the 1600s through the Vietnam War.

Muster rolls were often created when a specific unit was organized, merged with another unit, or when a unit was disbanded. Servicemen and officers listed on muster roll records indicate those that were present and/or accounted for on a given date, at which time all troops in the unit assembled for review and inspection.

In the best case scenario, researchers will find listings of all officers, servicemen, ranks, date and place of enlistment for each individual, by whom enrolled, length of service, date and muster into the unit, date of last payment, and related information along with absences, recent deployments, combat engagements, and other related information that may have impacted the strength or size of the unit. If they were discharged from the unit or from military service, the date would be included. If the discharge was medical in nature, the cause is often listed.

Examples of additional related information that may be gleaned from the sources include the types of military equipment used, occupations of soldiers prior to enlistment,

some descriptions of their duties at the time of service, and the size of the unit. Muster rolls were created for all branches of the military in the United States, England, and most European military entities.

In the case of state or community run militias, one may encounter the term Muster Day. There was a law in most communities that on a designated date, determined by governing authorities, all able bodied men, ages 16 to 60, were required to assemble at a designated place for military inspection and training. In the United States, this directive was enforced until it was repealed after the Civil War.

When used in the context of maritime law, the term muster roll refers to a shipmaster's account listing the name, age, nationality, and quality of each and every employee on the ship. The muster roll is kept by the master or the person responsible for the care of the ship. In wartime, it has been used in ascertaining a ship's neutrality.

The main purpose behind muster rolls was to keep track of pay due the individuals. The names are arranged by ranks. The commissioned officers appear first, followed by the non-commissioned officers, and then regular soldiers, most of whom would be privates. Muster rolls are available for research in numerous print sources and Internet sites such as Ancestry, Fold3, and Family Search.

Upcoming Events

Friday & Saturday, March 14-15, 2014

Friday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, doors open at 3:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

www.nfgenealogyconference.com

Registration: \$25 through March 10th (includes lunch), \$30 at the door March 15th (lunch is not guaranteed)

North Florida Genealogy Conference

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

461 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32073

email contact: nfgenealogyconference@gmail.com

Saturday, March 15, 2014

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

www.mcgensociety.org

Presenter: Dick Eastman

Topic: Four (4) Presentations (TBD) & Lunch

Contact Shirley Pizziferri if needed, gypsygal2009@gmail.com

Martin County Genealogical Society Seminar

Stuart Yacht and Country Club, SE Fairway East, Stuart, FL

Cost: TBD

Sunday, March 16, 2014

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

www.jgsswf.org

Speaker: Sabrina Silverberg

Topic: *From Madrid to Marrakesh*

No cost. No refreshments will be served. Contact Kim Sheintal for more information, klapshein@aol.com or 914-302-1433.

Jewish Genealogical Society of SW Florida

Kobernick House, 1951 N. Honore Avenue, Sarasota, FL

Thursday, March 20, 2014

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Free and Open to the Public

Speaker: Robin Seidenberg

Topic: *Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers*

While researching a family scandal involving her great aunt, referred to as the "Kissing Blonde", Robin B. Seidenberg realized that historical newspapers were a fantastic resource.

Contact: Shirley O'Donnell at 239-284-0072

Lee County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 4141 DeLeon Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Saturday, March 22, 2014

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Presenter: Dick Eastman of EOGN

Topics: *Genealogy Searches on Google, Genealogy Apps for Mobile Devices, The Organized Genealogist, Wikis for Genealogists*

Snacks and Drinks provided. Member Pre-Registration \$40, non-member \$45. All registrations after March 15 - \$50
Lunch Included. Check-in begins at 8:30 am.

Bay County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

Forest Park United Methodist Church, 1401 W. 23 St, Panama City, FL 32045

Friday through Sunday, March 28-30, 2014

Hilton University of Florida Conference Center

Speakers: Varied Speakers will be announced

Registration is required. See website for registration and speaker information.

Florida State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

1714 SW 34st Street, Gainesville, FL 32607

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Tallahassee Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Tallahassee Comm. College, Center for Workforce Devlmt., 444 Appleyard Dr., Bldg 38, Tallahassee
tgsseminar@gmail.com or call TGS President Jay P. Collins at 850-566-8479

Speaker: Ann Mohr Osisek

Topics: *Legends, Lies, and Lineages*
Not Just A Clockmaker
Calico and Cornbread
Out of the Census, Into the Bookstacks

Registration is \$55 for TGS members (as of 10/1/13) and \$65 for all others
Continental breakfast and lunch are provided, if registered by March 17th.

Tuesday, April 1

Manatee Genealogical Society April Meeting

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd W., Bradenton, FL

treich43@aol.com

FREE

Speaker: Edward Sandbach

Topic: *Photography and How it Relates to History and Genealogy*

Saturday, April 12

Imperial Polk Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Highland Park Church of the Nazarene, 4477 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland, FL

Speaker: Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist

Topic: *Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows and Orphans*
Staying Out of Trouble – Rights and Responsibilities of Today's Genealogists
Where There Is – or Isn't – A Will
No Vitals? No Problem! – Building a Family Through Circumstantial Evidence

Registration \$40 for IPGS members; \$45 for non-members; \$50 all walk-ins –continental breakfast and box lunch included

Registration form and additional information available on the society website, www.ipgs.org

Contact: John Randle, randejar@tampabay.rr.com, or 863-646-5333

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Jewish Genealogical Society of SW Florida

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Kobernick House, 1951 N. Honore Avenue, Sarasota, FL

www.jgsswf.org

Topic: *Show and Tell*

No cost. No refreshments will be served. Contact Kim Sheintal for more information, klapshein@aol.com or 914-302-1433.

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Jewish Genealogical Society of SW Florida

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Kobernick House, 1951 N. Honore Avenue, Sarasota, FL

www.jgsswf.org

Speaker: Donna Moughty

Topic: *Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are! Hide and Seek on the Internet!*

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