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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.

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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.

2018 Dues

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2018, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2018 are past due.

Membership Meeting

Date: 21 July 2018

Speaker: Thomas MacEntee - via a recorded 18 May 2017 FSGS Webinar

Topic: *After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research*

Brief Description: Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you're gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on. Through a combination of planning, common sense, and new technologies, we'll review how to create an action plan for preserving your genealogy research.

Speaker Bio: Thomas MacEntee is a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community. He is a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder and more. Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who has finally figured out what he does best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. Thomas is a big believer in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.

Membership Meeting

Date: 18 Aug 2018

Location: Please note meeting location change due to voting at the Webb Library. For this meeting we will meet at the Willowbranch Library, 2875 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Speaker: Amy Larnar Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL

Topic: *From Record Group to Community: Analyzing Data Sets*

Brief Description: Family history is not just finding specific records mentioning your ancestors. Since our ancestors did not live in isolation, we must focus on how their individual records fit within the context of the record groups. Examining the broader record group helps show characteristics of the community.

Speaker Bio: Amy Larnar Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL, is an award-winning author with articles published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Record*, and *The Genealogist* (American Society of Genealogists). Her interests include methodology, New York City, the Lower Hudson Valley, burial iconography, and ethnic studies.

Gift of Membership

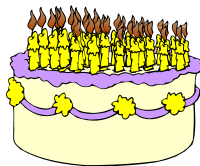
We invite you to give the gift of Society memberships to your friends. We also have a way for you to remember a loved one - a Memorial Gift. A year's membership could not be spent wiser. The enclosed Membership Application has a check box for your convenience.

Mail and E-Mail Address Changes

Please notify us of any address change that you might have. Bounced e-mail is a bummer and the Post Office charges us a hefty fee for returned postal mail. A simple note to us at info@jaxgen.org can help save JGS funds.

Happy Birthday

We send a "Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who will be celebrating birthdays in July and August:



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| Constance Joann Harris Bradshaw | July 8 |
| Kenneth G. Norwood | July 10 |
| Clyde E. Stokes | July 10 |
| Barbara Pauline Crissman | July 17 |
| Jill DAmato | July 18 |
| Richard Bash | July 21 |
| Natalie Gordon Saievini | Aug 17 |

Newsletter Information Needed

Have you found the most wonderful genealogy website? Did you go on an exciting genealogy research trip? Did you discover a "cousin" you didn't know you had? Have you been "under the weather"? Did you discover a new resource (a library, archive, national park, etc.)? Have you read a good "how to" book that you would recommend? If you answered "Yes" to any (or all) of the above, we would like to hear from you! The Society Editor needs your submission to the newsletter to make it truly your Newsletter.

We are looking for articles (can be as short as a paragraph) concerning genealogy news. Suggestions on how the newsletter could be improved are also welcomed. Articles can be submitted via email to info@jaxgen.org or via postal mail to Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756.

Pilgrims – What Were Their Surnames?

Like many others growing up I knew about the ship "Mayflower" bringing the Pilgrims to America in 1620. These were the people we thought about at Thanksgiving. The men in their big black hats with large buckles and the ladies in their black dresses with pure white aprons were an image only a child found wonderful. This images were so far from the truth. Only after I got interest in genealogy did I think about what were their names and why would they venture to a new land they knew very little about. This English lot was brave souls crossing the ocean in hopes of practicing their religion in the manner they believe was right. They had tried living in Holland, but still felt a change would be worth their journey, so returning to England they set out for the hopes of a better place and life.

I do not believe my family ancestor were in this group, but I am proud these individuals opened their hearts and minds to a journey with so much uncertainty.

I obtained my information from the website MayflowerHistory.com which was created in 1994. Caleb Johnson is the author and historian behind MayflowerHistory. There is much more on the site and it makes references to books regarding the Mayflower and has direct links to many sites. I really enjoyed reading through their information.

Could one of their surnames belong in your family tree?

View the original list of passengers from the handwritten manuscript of Gov. William Bradford, written about 1651 at <http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/bitstream/handle/2452/208249/ocn137336369-Mayflower-passengers.pdf>. Take a look at a typewritten list at <http://mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-passenger-list/>. If you would like to research these names in more detail, here are a number of societies and information that might help you.

Mayflower Societies

General Society of Mayflower Descendants

(<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>)

Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants

(<https://massmayflower.org/>)

California Society of Mayflower Descendants

(<http://camayflower.org/>)

Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants

(<https://sail1620.org/>)

New York Society of Mayflower Descendants

(<https://mayflowernewyork.org/>)

Museums

Plymouth Plantation Museum (<https://www.plimoth.org/>)

This excellent living history museum consists of a historical recreation of Plymouth Colony as it existed in 1627, complete with role-playing Pilgrims and historic breeds of livestock. There is a Wampanoag Homesite where visitors can meet modern-day Wampanoag and see examples of native houses, crafts, agriculture, and lifeway's. The museum also maintains the Mayflower II, a full-scale replica of the Mayflower anchored just a short distance from Plymouth Rock, as well as the Jenny Grist Mill in Plymouth.

Pilgrim Hall Museum (<http://www.pilgrimhall.org/>). This

museum in downtown Plymouth houses most all surviving Mayflower relics, including the Peregrine White cradle, the portrait of Edward Winslow, the Bible of William Bradford, the sword of Myles Standish, the original 1621 Pierce Patent, and numerous other artifacts ranging from dishes, to furniture, to maps and books, and even a few surviving articles of clothing including a beaver hat that once belonged to Constance Hopkins.

Let us know if your family tree contains a "Pilgrim" or two; we would love to write about it.

On the Sick List

Those we have heard about/from: Joan Peck, Grace Moran (still recuperating at St. Catherine Laboure Manor), Ivy Phillips, and Barbara Crissman. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep all of our members and their families who are ill in your prayers. We hope they continue to improve to good health. Please let us know of any members or family members you know of who are ill.

Hot Florida Weather Made Me Think of John Gorrie (1803-1855) Physician, Inventor, Scientist and Humanitarian

John Gorrie's life was very interesting and covers a time in history when Florida was just developing as a State. Florida statehood occurred March 3, 1845. I would encourage those interested in history to read up on him, but my article today is about his "mechanical refrigeration" built in 1842.

John Gorrie was a physician when he came to Florida. He came to Florida from South Carolina in 1831 after becoming a doctor. In 1833 he moved to Apalachicola, opened his medical practice, and worked a number of civic positions to supplement his income. In 1838 he married Caroline Francis Myrick and shortly after had two children. The Gorries left Apalachicola for a short time, but returned in 1841, the year that malaria and yellow fever broke out.

It was while treating patients with malaria and yellow fever he realized something more was needed. He was so dedicated to the cure and began to research the effects of the season's changes and its conditions on these diseases. He decided to make it a full time mission to finding a cure. He was experimenting with cooling his patients down by lowering their body temperature. Ice at this time was cut from the frozen lakes up North and transported wrapped in sawdust to Florida. This made cooling with ice impractical so he had to come up with a different idea. Dr. Gorrie developed a machine to cool the air in the patients' room. During the use of the cooled air machine it was accidentally left on overnight creating ice. The machine used compressed air that drew enough heat away from the water to bring the temperature below freezing which created ice. Dr. Gorrie was granted a patent for "mechanical refrigeration" in 1851. He received his patent, but did not live long enough to see his invention in mass production.

Dr. Gorrie has been said to have created "Air Conditioning" and his original machine is stored at the Smithsonian.

Probate Packets

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Probate records are important to genealogists because they provide evidence about family relationships. Many researchers make the mistake of being too literal when requesting probate documents such as wills. Some call this selective method the "cherry picking" concept. While this methodology works for some, the many requests I receive on a continual basis indicates a pattern of consistent failure. Until my follow-up contact with patrons, most have never heard that they have a right to request and/or examine the entire "probate packet". The comment below was received in my inbox recently as a reply to my recommendations cited in this column. I'm sharing them with her permission.

"At your last genealogy seminar, you talked about how to use land and tax records for genealogy research. One thing that caught my attention was that you said to request the entire probate package, not just the will for ancestors. I had a will for my gr-gr-grandmother but nothing else. When I got the rest of the probate papers, I found several excellent leads on two of her children (married names and addresses) and resolved several of my unidentified DNA matches. While I learned a lot of other things at the seminar, this one tidbit led me to a wonderful breakthrough."

The term "probate packet" refers to the court file containing all documents and legal papers pertaining to the settlement of an estate. Wills and probate packets are among the most interesting and revealing sets of records you can find for an individual. They are filed among the records of the probate court, usually in the state and county in which the person resided at the time of his or her death.

The information contained in probate packets varies by jurisdiction and time period. Some courts are very meticulous in their maintenance of the packets, in which case you may find vast amounts of documents. Other courts are less thorough, and documents may have been misplaced, incorrectly filed, lost, or even destroyed. Patrons have reported finding missing documents from one ancestor's probate packet filed in the packet of another person whose estate was heard in court the same day, due to misfiling by a clerk. It is important when examining probate packets to also review probate court minutes for details.

Examples of information and documents in probate packets include:

1. Will and codicil(s). These documents are the core of a probate packet and include names of heirs and beneficiaries

and often relationships to the deceased. Married names of daughters are great clues to tracing lines of descent; names of other siblings may only be located in these documents.

2. Letters Testamentary. Look for a copy of this document in the probate packet. If it isn't there, look in court records. The name(s) of the actual executor/executrix and/or administrator may well be different from that named in the will. You will want to determine the person(s) and their relationship (if any) to the deceased. It is important to know if and why the named executor did not serve. Was he/she deceased, or did he/she decline to serve?

3. Inventory of the estate. The inventory may reveal the financial state of the deceased, which is a good indicator of his/her social status. The inventory of personal property also will provide indicators to the person's lifestyle. The presence of farm equipment and livestock may indicate that the person was a farmer; an anvil and metal stock might point to blacksmithing as a profession; hammers, chisels, nails, a level, and other tools may indicate carpentry. In an eighteenth century estate inventory, the presence of books indicates education and literacy, and the possession of a great deal of clothing and shoes suggests an elevated social position. There are many indicators. You may even find items listed in the inventory that confirm family stories, such as military medals.

4. List of beneficiaries. The list of persons who collected an inheritance may differ from the list of names in the will. Beneficiaries may be deceased; they may have married and have a different name; they may not be locatable; or their descendants or spouses may have become inheritors. This list will provide details about the family.

5. Records of an auction. Sometimes all or part of an estate was auctioned. Assets were sometimes liquidated to pay bills or to raise money for the surviving family. Auction records may reveal details about estate contents and their value. It was common for relatives to participate as bidders/purchasers at an estate auction, and you may find participants with the same surname (or maiden name) as the deceased. These may be parents, siblings, or cousins you will want to research.

6. Deeds, notes, bills, invoices, and receipts. There may be a variety of loose papers in the probate packet that point to other persons. Deeds point to land and property records and tax rolls. Names appearing on other papers may connect you to relatives, neighbors, friends, and business associates whose records may open doors for you.

7. Accounting reports. Reports filed in the probate packet can provide names of claimants and anyone holding estate debts, including names of relatives.

8. Final disposition of the estate. This report is of vital importance. You may find the names and addresses of all the beneficiaries, and what each received from the estate. This will

ultimately point you to the locations where you will find other records for these persons.

Codicils and Genealogical Research

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Everyone has heard the old saying that the two most inevitable facts of life are death and taxes. Genealogy is a very time consuming but enjoyable activity for people of all ages, but especially for many people in their post-retirement life. Unfortunately, at some point the question will arise about what will happen to your records, documents, photographs, and other memorabilia when you are no longer able to continue your work due to illness or death.

While a growing number of younger people are becoming interested in genealogy, statistics indicate that interest for many will not match the levels that most genealogists have had in the past. Because surviving younger family members have to deal with the pressures of working and raising families, the amount of time they can spend settling estate matters and dealing with genealogy items and research will be limited.

Many professional researchers advise that the best way to make sure your genealogical materials survive instead ending up in the dumpster is to include a Genealogy Codicil as part of your will. By following these basic steps, you can ensure that your children will have a guide or plan that gives them specific options for preserving your materials. This plan will put you in the best position for success in terms of finding a place where your research will continue to be available.

The basic steps recommended by most professionals are listed below:

1. List the names and contact information for people in a local or regional genealogical or historical society that share interest in preserving genealogy materials.

2. If your research was specific to a given community, contact genealogy and local history repositories (public/academic libraries, or local/state archives or repositories) or national organizations such as the Family History Library or the Genealogy Center at Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana to make sure your genealogy materials will be accepted. These repositories have proven to be successful options and they often provide specific procedures that can be added to the Codicil. NOTE: There is one important caveat about donating your research materials to any library, archive, or society. The materials must be organized in such a manner that the information can be easily understood by anyone

conducting genealogy research, and not just a collection of pictures and charts that are only recognizable to immediate family members.

3. Designate an appropriate sum of money to facilitate the transfer of your materials to the selected repository. The following links contain additional information about preserving your genealogy materials:

Cyndi's List – Preservation and Conservation – After You're Gone – <https://www.cyndislist.com/preservation/after-youre-gone/>

Denise May Levenick – The Family Curator – www.theFamilyCurator.com

Family Search Wiki – United States Probate – Includes Section on Codicils – https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Probate_Wills

Gen-Legacy Planning – Codicil – Paul Drake http://www.scchqs.org/meetinghandouts/gen-legacy_codicil.pdf

Books & Websites that Might be of Interest for Probate Information

1. Ancestry.com. (<https://www.ancestry.com>) [Use the Card Catalog to do a search for "probate" in the Title or in the Keyword search box.]
2. Carter, Fran. Searching American Probate Records. Bountiful, UT: American Genealogical Lending Library, 1993
3. FamilySearch. Family History Research Wiki (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)
4. GenealogyToday. Wills & Probate. (http://dir.genealogytoday.com/wills_n_probate.html) [Links to many resources and databases.]
5. Ingle, Cyndi. Wills & Probate. (<https://www.cyndislist.com/wills>)
6. Powell, Kimberly. "How to Use Wills and Estate Records to Learn About Your Ancestors." (<https://www.thoughtco.com/probing-into-probate-records-1420839>)
7. Rose, Christine, editor. Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures. San Jose, CA: CR Publications, 2004
8. Smith, Kenneth L. Estate Inventories: How to Use Them. Columbus, OH: Privately printed, 1984
9. Tylcoat, Dave and Sue. Glossary. (<http://www.tylcoat.co.uk/gloss.htm>) ["A glossary of unusual words found in wills etc. followed by what we understand to be the meaning."]

"Introduction to Genealogy" Class

The four-session "Introduction to Genealogy" Class, featuring research resources in the U.S. was held at the Bartram Trail Branch Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd, Fruit Cove, FL 32259.

We had 25 students sign-up for the class which was for the beginner researcher and the experienced researcher looking for a refresher course. 21 received certificates, having been able to attend at least 3 of the 4 classes. Subjects included:

- Getting Started, Traditions, Research Sources, and a Handwriting hands-on session
- Census Returns, Court Records, and a Census Evidence Analysis hands-on session
- Church Records, Vital Records, and a Timelines and Research Plan hands-on session
- Documentation, Source Citations, and Various Online Research Sources

YouTube & Genealogy

Don't want to read but have a few minutes to think about genealogy! Pick up that smart phone and try listening to YouTube. There are free and subscription sites with videos for listening and some for watching regarding genealogy. Ancestry has many topics to visit. I suggest you just sit back and listen to "Genealogy Gems" with Lisa Louise Cook's Episode 219 for a great story. Enjoy!

Hurricane Season

We, here in Florida, are vulnerable to hurricanes. How safe are your "valuables". Do you have an evacuation plan? What would you take with you? Have you backed up your computer? Do you have copies of your photographs? Make your plans now so that you will be ready if disaster should hit here.

Genealogy Bargains

Genealogy author and educator, Thomas MacEntee, has a website devoted to providing information on genealogy bargains. He provides information on the latest bargains, Amazon lightning deals, coupons and promo codes, contests, and DNA Bargains. The website can be found at <https://www.genealogybargains.com/>

You can sign up for email alerts using this link: <https://www.genealogybargains.com/maillinglist>

My Genealogical Will For Preserving My Family History

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament:

To my spouse, children and/or heirs, guardian, administrator or executor:

Upon my death, it is requested that you **DO NOT** dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those prepared by others, which may be in my possession. This includes but is not limited to books, paper and/or computer files, notebooks, correspondence, audio/visual items, photographs, and documents, for a period of two years.

During this two-year period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

Parties to contact regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but are not limited to:

| Name | Address | Telephone |
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In the event that you find no one to accept these materials, please contact the institutions listed below, in order, and determine if they will accept part or all of my genealogical materials.

| Institution Name | Address (Contact Person) | Telephone |
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Please remember that my family history studies consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my strong desire that the product of these efforts be preserved and allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

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| Signature _____ | Witness _____ |
| Date _____ | Date _____ |

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Upcoming Events

First Saturday of every month

Time: 10:00

DNA Study Group

Murray Hill Library, Jacksonville

Second Saturday of every month

Time 2 p.m.

Bartram Trail GenClub at Bartram Trail Branch Library

60 Davis Pond Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32259

Saturday, July 21, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Southeast Branch Library located at 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine

SAGS Birthday Party "Tribute to Member Sue Gill" – English Tea

Society meetings are free and open to the public. Visitors are welcome to our meetings at no charge.

Visit their website for details at <https://sagsonline.org/society-calendar/>

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Speaker: Diahn Southard – *Organizing Your GENETIC Genealogy*

Most individuals have hundreds of genetic cousins. Come learn a few methods you can start using today to help you organize your genetic genealogy research.

Registration: FREE online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3941526371016695041>

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society

Edgewater at Sunbeam Club House

Speaker: Ann Staley, CG®, CGLSM – *"Shore to Shore" – 20th Century Immigration Research*

Between 1607 and 1980 approximately 50 million immigrants arrived, with the peak year in 1907 when 1,285,000 people arrived. How are we to find our ancestors among those millions? This presentation discusses immigration History for the 20th Century; 4-step Research Strategy; Emigration Records; Border Crossings (Mexico and Canada); Alien Registration; and Repatriation (when they decided not to stay).

Refreshments and chat time will follow the presentation.

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Speaker: Margo Fariss Brewer – *Sharecropping or Tenant Farming? The System and Its Records*

Was your ancestor a farmer without land? Maybe he was a sharecropper or tenant farmer. Learn how this system worked and where the records are.

Registration: FREE online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5255796808953191681>

Saturday, August 18, 2008

Summer Break – No Meeting

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Amelia Island Genealogical Society

Fernandina Bch Branch Library, Community Room, 25 N 4th St., Fernandina Bch

Visit their website for details at aigensoc.org

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