



Jacksonville Genealogical Society

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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.

September-October 2021

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

Join Us!

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, the JGS Board has decided that the meetings for 2021 will be held virtually until it is safe to return to in-house meetings. Members are strongly encouraged to attend and visitors are always welcome. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Membership Meeting

16 Oct 2021

--- Virtual Meeting ---

Speaker: Tamara Hallo

Topic: *My Black Sheep: A Case Study*

You do not register. Use the link information below to join the meeting and presentation via Zoom. Please join the society meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84086630689?pwd=RVJrQXgxcXB2TnZjd3dFVXlydWVUQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 8663 0689

Passcode: 484585

By phone dial +1 929 205 6099 US

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Plan on staying after the meeting for the online social; it doesn't last that long and last month it was quite lively!

Brief Description: Take a walk with me through my great-grandfather's life and the records he left behind to discover what truth lies in the family stories that were told.

Speaker Bio: Tamara is an educator, librarian, and genealogist. She has over 25 years of experience as an educator and holds a Master in Library

Science degree. Genealogy is her passion and a perfect complement to her repertoire. She has earned a certificate of genealogical research from Boston University and has completed ProGen, an 18-month professional genealogy study program. Recently, she completed the Advanced Genealogical Methods and Public Speaking courses at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Academy for Professionals and the Fundamentals of Hispanic Genealogical Research, Writing and Publishing for Genealogists, and Beginning DNA courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. In addition to client work, Tamara presents on genealogical topics to both in-person and virtual audiences and regularly teaches genealogy classes through her website, www.hallogenealogyservices.com, and in-person throughout the tri-county area of South Florida. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the National Genealogical Society (NGS), she specializes in Southern United States and Miami, Florida research and is passionate about sharing genealogy with the community.

Membership Meeting

20 Nov 2021

--- Virtual Meeting ---

Speaker: C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

Topic: *It's Coming! Getting Ready for the 1950 Population Census.*

You do not register. A link for a Zoom meeting will be provided. Also, plan on staying after the meeting for the online social.

Brief Description:

When this census is released in April 2022, it will be full of possibilities for extending your family knowledge. However – it will not be indexed, at least not for a few months. The major players in indexing

haven't said how it will be accomplished, but one entity has hinted at using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for the 1st scan. So, with over 150 million people enumerated and nothing indexed, how do you find who you are looking for? What do all the codes and lines mean? What does the form look like? How did the tabulators tamper with it? And what information does it tell us about the "Silent Generation" (those born from 1928-1945)?

Speaker Bio: Ann Staley, CG®, CGLSM, is an educator, consultant, and lecturer. She is on the faculty of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies; Education Chair, Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.; Vice-President, Genealogical Speakers Guild; author of several articles for the *NGS Magazine*; and co-author of the *NGS Research in the States Series-Florida*. Her specialties are Methodology, Research Sources, Computer Resources, Vital Records and their Sources, Conference Planning, and assisted genealogy research trips.

Mail and E-Mail Address Changes

Bounced e-mail is a bummer and the Post Office charges us a hefty fee for returned postal mail. A simple note to info@jaxgen.org of your address change can help save JGS funds.

2021 Dues

They are wayyyy past due!

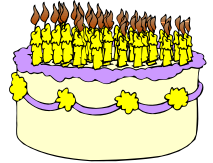
Membership dues for 2021 are past due. Please mail your membership fee of \$25.00 with the enclosed membership application to PO Box 440488, (the full address is on the application form). We are only able to accept cash or check; currently, a personal check is recommended since sending cash through the mail is not advised.

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 checkbox for your convenience.

Happy Birthday

We send a "Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who are celebrating birthdays in September and October:



Susan Santos	2 September
Joel Warner	4 September
Lolita (Ivy) Phillips	13 September
Mary Chauncey	13 September
Ann Staley	14 September
Richard (Dick) Cardell	14 September
Brenda O'Neil	16 September
Mary Jane McKnight	23 September
Georgia Pribanic	24 September
Sandra Robinson-Adkins	24 September
Ann Leyden	28 September
Deannie McVeigh	28 September
Terry Ray	28 September
Roberta (Robin) Berenberg	4 October
Jane Argo Romeo	5 October
Eleanor Meagher	18 October
Aline DeGrove	23 October
Martha Poarch	27 October
Katheryn Lofton	29 October

If anyone was omitted, we apologize and wish you a wonderful day of celebration. Please let us know so we can include you in the future.

Wishes for Improved Health Issues

We are sending best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ivy Phillips, Deannie McVeigh, and Barbara Crissman.

If you have been ill, or know of a member who is, please let us know. We care about you.

Please keep all of our members and their families who are ill in your prayers. We hope they continue to improve to good health.

Historical Records on FamilySearch

FamilySearch was working hard this summer. In August 2021, over 44 million new indexed family history records from all over the world were added, including "Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, England, Finland, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Guatemala, Ireland, Jamaica, Kiribati,

Liberia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Samoa, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the United States, which includes Arizona, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. Records from the United States Bureau of Land Management and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were included as well."

For specific information go to <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/record-collection-august-2021/>

Well – They Did it!! Microfilm Digitization

FamilySearch announced on the 21st of September that they had completed one massive microfilm digitation project – over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm!

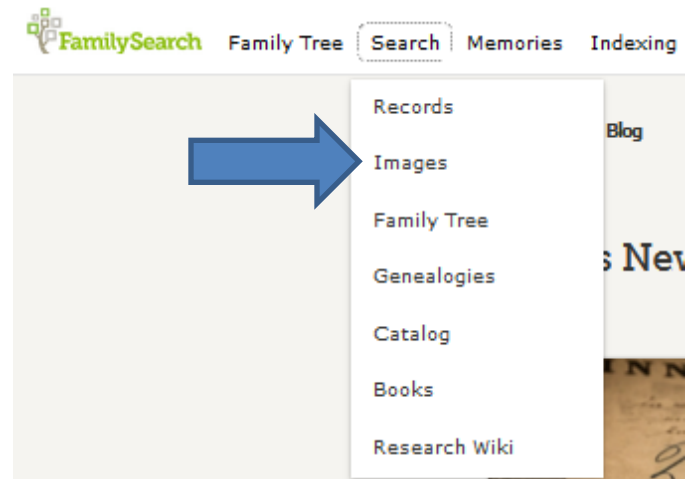
What they did not say in the blog and announcements, but were noted in the comments, is what we have heard before – not everything that was digitized on those 2.4 million rolls of microfilm will be available to us – "Accessibility is determined based on contractual agreements with the record custodians."

To read the announcement and comments go to <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-microfilm-collection-digitized/>

FamilySearch.org – Finding Digitized Images Before They Have Been Indexed

How can I get to all of those records that have been digitized when it might take months or years to get them indexed?

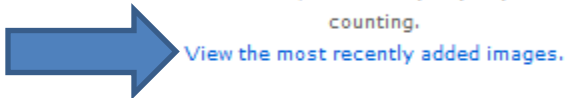
Once you are on the FamilySearch.org website and logged in, go to Search and then click on Images.



The 1st option is to "View the most recently added images."

Explore Historical Images

Search groups of images in the world's largest collection of historical documents, with over 4,756,631,979 images and counting.



[Show More Search Options](#)

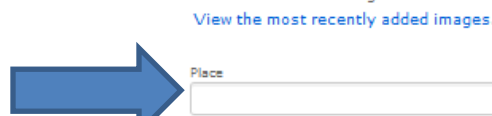
[Search Image Groups](#)

[Why can't I search names?](#)

The 2nd option is by "Place." Personally, I have found this the best place to start with.

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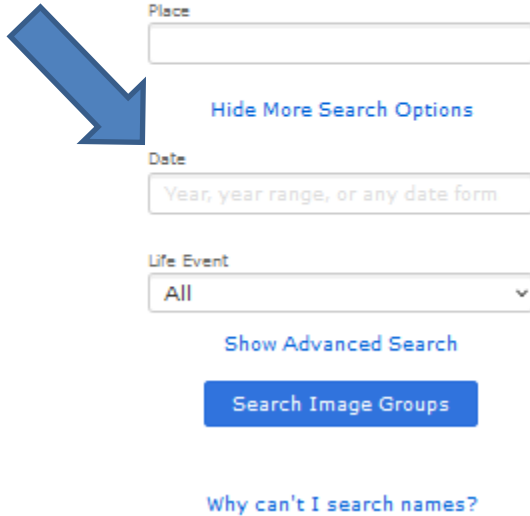
[Why can't I search names?](#)

The 3rd option is to "Show More Search Options." Here you will be able to search by date and life event.

Explore Historical Images

Search groups of images in the world's largest collection of historical documents, with over **4,756,633,905 images** and counting.

[View the most recently added images.](#)



Place

[Hide More Search Options](#)

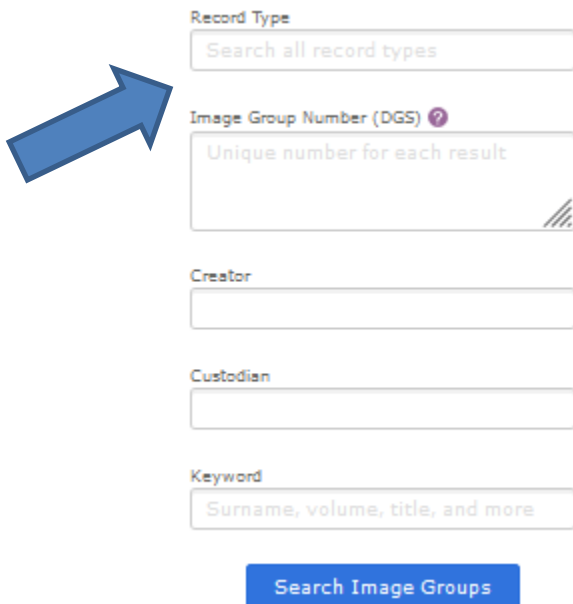
Date

Life Event


[Show Advanced Search](#)

[Why can't I search names?](#)

The last option is to complete an Advanced Search:



Record Type

Image Group Number (DGS) 

Creator

Custodian

Keyword

So, your search capabilities are numerous – and with over 4 billion records, the possibility of finding something is very good.

Bi-Weekly Tip – FamilySearch and Google Books

By Riverton (Utah) FamilySearch Library
3740 West Market Center Drive

Riverton, Utah 84065-8026 - Phone: 801-240-9601

Copied from "Tip of the Week" 25 July 2021

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Riverton_FamilySearch_Library

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>

FamilySearch and Google not only have books, but journals, diaries, and family histories. They are constantly adding them to their ever-growing collection.

For FamilySearch, go to the "search" drop-down on the home page to "books" and enter the name you are looking for.

For Google, go to the little checkerboard at the top right, drop down to "more" and click on books. Enter the name you are researching.

You will be amazed at what they have. Remember that family history NEVER stands still...it is always growing, changing, and adding new records so it is worth looking at these places regularly.

Family Traditions and Stories

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Very few people today are lucky enough to live in a home with an attic or basement overflowing with generations of family paper or memorabilia. On the other hand, thanks to advances in medical testing and treatments, many of our parents and grandparents are living longer lives. Before beginning the research process for family records and documentation, the best time-tested strategy is to inquire about family stories that have been passed down from generation to generation by word of mouth. The best sources for access to these traditions are the oldest surviving family members whether they be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or long-time family friends.

While it is easy to be skeptical about whether these stories and traditions have been enhanced, in most cases, there turns out to be more truth than fiction.

These stories have been part of our growing up process. It is truthful to say oral traditions often become distorted as they pass through the generations. Events of little significance may be magnified in the process of repetition. Facts may become mixed or confused. Some may be bogus.

So, what is the place of family tradition in genealogy? Events and relationships mentioned in oral traditions should not be considered solid genealogical data until verified by supporting documentary evidence. However, even if a traditional account is not verifiable, it should never be dismissed as worthless. Every tradition and story some level of truth. Admittedly some more than others. Family traditions and stories should be considered as clues for further research.

In evaluating the accuracy of family traditions there are several factors to keep in mind.

1. What was the source of the tradition?
2. How much time has elapsed since the event was supposed to have occurred?
3. What is the actual probability of such an event having happened?
4. Is the event something that happened to your grandmother or father and was told to your parents or you directly?
5. Is there any surviving documentation, pictures, memorabilia, etc. that proves the legitimacy of the event, incident, or claim?

Oral tradition lends color to a family history and is rightly a part of the family's heritage. They legitimately deserve to be part of the family record. However, do not present them as fact unless you have the documentation. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

1950 U. S. Federal Census – More Resources

1950 United States Census—Release Date and Research Help

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/1950-us-census-release-date/>

U.S. Census Bureau – 1950 Overview

https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1950.html

U.S. Census Bureau – Decennial s Office Publications

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/decennial-publications.1950.html>

Fun Genealogy Quiz

Submitted by Joel Warner

The following quiz is based on finding words that are somehow related. The eight words below can each be reorganized to form a word related to genealogy and family history. You might need to change the letters around in each word, BUT you must also drop one letter. Give it a try! Answers are at the end of the newsletter.

LAND	COURSES
LINK	SURINAME
SWILL	LUNCHES
TUNAS	THREAD

Finding Social Security Death Information Online

The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is a database created from the Social Security Administrations Death Master File (DMF). In March 2014 restrictions were placed on access, so the public available versions have not been updated.

Ancestry.com – file is updated to 20 March 2014; a subscription is needed.

Genealogy Bank – file is updated to Feb 2014; free to search with registration.

FamilySearch.org – file is updated to Feb 2014; free to search with registration.

MyHeritage – file is updated to 20 March 2014; free to search; however, SSN's are not provided for any record.

The Social Security Death Index. A Genealogy Guide for Searching Online.

<https://www.deathindexes.com/ssdi.html>

If you find someone in any of the indexes, you can usually order a copy of the SS-5 from the Social Security Administration for a fee of \$21.

<https://www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html>

Fun Genealogy Quiz - Answers

How many did you get correct?

Answers: DNA, Kin, Will, Aunt, Source, Surname, Uncles, Death

JGS Nomination of Officers 2022-2023 Nominations Slate

30 Sep 2021

In accordance with the JGS bylaws, the Nominations Committee presents the following slate of nominees:

President: Joel Warner
First Vice President: Brenda O'Neill
Second Vice President: Vacant
Recording Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Chris Bass
Editor: Vacant
Historian: Vacant
Corresponding Secretary: Carole Barry

We need your help.

As you can see, we have many vacant positions on the Board.

We usually have good turnouts at meetings and people seem to enjoy what we are able to offer, but without a Board we can't continue to do that. We have been running on bare bones for a number of years. Several of our positions were never filled and the work has been getting done by people who were not even elected to those particular offices.

If you want the society to continue, if you want to have excellent presentations each month, if you want to attend activities (once we can meet together again) – it is up to you to come forward and help. We are not asking for half of your life! These jobs usually take less than a few hours a month and we meet before the meeting, so you only have one day a month to attend a meeting.

Members, it is your Society. Do you want us to continue to exist? It's up to you! You may email us at info@jaxgen.org or email the president, Joel Warner, personally at joel.w.warner@gmail.com to volunteer or to give any helpful input.

At the October meeting additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member present and the nominations will then be closed. Please step forward and volunteer.

Sincerely,
JGS Nominating Committee
and Joel Warner, President

Upcoming Events
With the Covid-19 restrictions still in place,
please contact these groups regarding their schedule.

First Saturday of every month

Time: 10:00 am

DNA Study Group

Murray Hill Library, Jacksonville

Second Saturday of every month

Time: 2:00 pm

Bartram Trail Gen Club at Bartram Trail Branch Library

60 Davis Pond Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32259

Contact: BartramTrailGenClub <bartramtrailgenclub@gmail.com>

Second Saturday of each month

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society

Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, 32257

Website: <https://sgesjax.org/>

Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Amelia Island Genealogical Society

Fernandina Beach, FL

Website: <https://aigensoc.org/index.php>

Third Saturday of each month

Time: 1:00 pm

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL

Website: <https://sagsonline.org/>

Sunday or Wednesday each Month

Jewish Genealogy Society of Northeast Florida

Cohen Auditorium, River Garden Hebrew Home, Jacksonville, FL

Website: <https://jgsoneflorida.wordpress.com/>

21 Oct 2021

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Speaker: Sharon Cook MacInnes, PhD, CG

Topic: *Migration Patterns of Germans within America*

We'll explore how historical events channeled Germans into certain areas and how chain migration drew allied families together. Many migrated from NY/MD/PA down the Shenandoah Valley into VA, NC, and SC. Accessible rivers and railroads led to the establishment of the German Triangle between Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and St. Louis. The National Road and German-language advertisements channeled them to Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin, and points west. The 1848 Revolution led them to the Texas German Belt. Knowing where your ancestors settled in the mid-1800s can often lead you backwards by considering the migration routes of other Germans, particularly allied families.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2978814905850037262>

18 Nov 2021

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Speaker: Judy Nimer Muhn

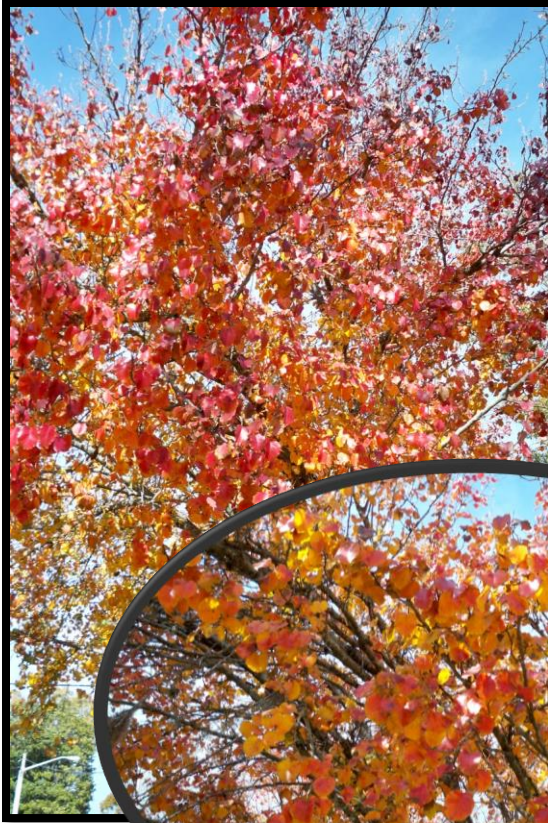
Topic: *Native, First Nations, Indian: Researching Indigenous Peoples*

Researching tribal peoples can be difficult without basic history and records information. While this session will review and provide guidance on basic methods of the rich resources of information for Native/First Nations peoples, this session will focus on the variety of records that will document Indigenous peoples as well as share content about the culture, spiritual traditions, and aspects of Indigenous societies that can impact how and where records can be found. NOTE: This session will not discuss the tribal enrollment process. Each tribe, as sovereign nations, create their own enrollment information. Once you are reasonably sure of your relevant Native lineage, you should contact the tribal "Enrollment Office" or tribal council for information on enrollment requirements, procedures, and necessary documents. Most tribes have this information also on official websites.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2812389527335083022>

Conference Keeper (<https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>) and GeneaWebinars

(<http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/calendar.html>) both offer calendars with all kinds of events (individual webinars, conferences, and institutes). Some events are offered free; others have an admission fee.



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*Fall — in all its glory —
will soon be upon us!*

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