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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.

Membership Meeting – January 17, 2009

We are pleased to have as our speaker the societies historian, Mr. Dick Cardell. Mr. Cardell's topic, "When Was That Picture Taken," will include discussion on types of cameras, care of equipment, tips for taking good photos, and how to date old photos from clothing and hair styles of the subjects. Members and guests are encouraged to bring their ancestral photos. .

Spring Seminar 2009 - 28 Feb 2009

NOTE: We will not be having our membership meeting in Feb. We will be having our all-day Seminar on 28 Feb 2009. We have invited Genealogist, Amy Larner Giroux, CG,CGL, from Orlando as our guest speaker. Mark you calendars now for a day of wonderful knowledge building. You will find the flyer with the registration form in this newsletter, and also available on line at our website. Cost is \$35.00 for non-members and \$30.00 for members of the Jacksonville Genealogical Society. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., seminar beginning at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Crown Point Baptist Church in Mandarin, 10153 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, Florida. Lunch is included with early registration., by the 18th of February. Amy will present four lectures: (1)Cemetery Research—A City of Stones. (2)Listen to the Land—Understanding Your Ancestor's Property Records. (3) Pre-1850 Census Research—Determining Parentage. (4) Internet Research Techniques and Resources—The Internet has become a virtual library for most researchers. There are innumerable sites containing genealogical and

historical data. Each site usually has a search engine. Learn how to get the results you want and to find out more information than just names and dates.

We are also planning on having a "Trading Post" at the Seminar. If you have any "slightly used" genealogy materials, such as books, CDs, magazines, etc. that you are no longer using (or that you bought 2 of <g>), please consider donating them to the Society for the "Trading Post". We will add the raised monies to our general fund. Please bring what you have to donate to the January meeting.

There is a printable seminar form at: <http://home.comcast.net/~jaxgen/09semflyer.pdf>

Or you can go to our website... Thanks Ann.

2009 Dues Are Now Due

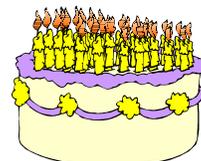
If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2009, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2009 are due now.

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

Happy Birthday!

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

Jan...8	Roberta Dill
Jan...16	Lynn Comiskey



Feb...2	Kathy Balistreri
Feb...13	Pamela Oglesby
Feb...18	Margaret Anthony
Feb...18	Alane LeMee
Feb...27	Joan Peck

Spring Genealogy Class "Researching in a Straight Line --- Backwards"

Dates for classes haven't been considered yet as Ann has been away and she now has to set her schedule with library under new guidelines. When it becomes available I will let you know.

**Submitted by Ann Staley
Education Chairman.**

Footnote Announces Release of Biggest WWII Collection Date.

Footnote.com is a subscription based website which has a partnership with the National Archives. On 11 Dec. 2008, they made the announcement that at collection of WWII records were posted to the site and that most would be free viewing.

The collection consists of 4 areas:

1. Explore the Arizona Memorial. This area is billed as an "Interactive USS Arizona Memorial" where you can view information and photos on the attack, see member contributions, create your own tribute, and search for names listed on the memorial. This area is Free.
2. WWII Hero Page. This area is devoted to your online tribute to your WWII relatives. 8.8 million pages have already been built from the WWII Army Enlistment Records. This area is free.

3. WWII Photos. This area provides the opportunity to search over 80,000 historical pictures from the National Archives and to upload your own pictures from that time. The website states, "Photos include captions highlighting people, places, events in the photo." This area is Free.

4. WWII Documents. Here you can search historical documents concerning WWII. Some of the records included are: Submarine Patrol Reports, Pearl Harbor Muster Rolls, Missing Air Crew Reports, Army JAG Files, etc. This area was free for the month of December.

Go to <http://www.footnote.com> for more information and to see the collection.

Membership and Telephone Committee Request

If your Email address, phone number, or postal address changes, please be sure to let Tina Frady, Membership Chair, and/or Norma LeVey, Telephone Sub-committee Chair, know as soon as possible. Their contact information is below in the list of Board Members for 2008.

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 │ The JGS Board fervently hopes that all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope in 2009 circumstances will permit, for all, to attend more meetings as Grace continues to provide excellent speakers with a solid variety of interesting and pertinent topics. │
 │ We hope you will join us at the Spring Seminar and the monthly meetings. │
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**North Fort Meyers Public Library,
Classes In Genealogical Research**

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10 A.M. Saturdays, January classes focus on how to locate valuable family history clues using the most common genealogical record types.
January 3: Using census records to establish an ancestor's place of residence.

January 10: Using census substitutes to “fill in the blanks” (city directories, newspapers, voter lists, etc.)

January 17: Using church records to document life events predating the keeping of vital records.

January 24: Locating courthouse records to provide a paper trail.

January 31: Locating wills; probate files; cemetery and funeral home records.

February Classes: Genealogy Beginners Series.
February 7: Using Home Sources and Organizing Your Research.

February 14: Finding your family in the United States Census.

February 21; Using Court House Resources and Vital Records.

February 28: Using Alternative or Hidden Resources for Locating Ancestors.

All sessions for January and February are being held at 10 a.m. on Saturdays at Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library, 2050 Central Ave., Fort Myers, Fl. (239) 479-4635.

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian
Fort Myers-Lee County Library
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Military Research

Serving in the military has always played an important role in the lives of many ancestors. This is especially true for male children of immigrant ancestors, males, and other than the first born, who were raised on farms. Wars and military conflicts have been part of American history from the

Colonial Period to the present. Many male ancestors will be found in records created as a result of military service or by application for veterans' benefits. Proof of military service was mandatory for the ancestor or his widow to qualify for benefits or bounty land grants. This process was cumbersome and generated paperwork which can be valuable for researchers today.

Before beginning your research, there are some basic factors that can help you limit your search. First, did any military conflicts occur during the period when your male ancestor was between the ages of 16 and 60? Focus your search on any military service and benefit records that cover this period in their lives. Many veterans served in several conflicts, so check ALL records for these years. There were many veterans who served in both the Civil War and the Mexican War, in spite of the large gap in time between the conflicts. Secondly, did your ancestor serve at the State, Federal, or both during a particular conflict? If the unit or militia in which he served was never called into federal service, his military records will likely be at the state archives rather than the national archives. Finally, you must also determine whose side your ancestor fought on. For instance, your Revolutionary War ancestor may have actually fought for the British (Loyalists).

None of these records are held by the National Archives. If he fought for the Confederate forces, most of these records are only available at the state archives where the unit was located. There are some Confederate records at the National Archives but in a separate series, and they are not complete.

Clues to your ancestor's service, the conflict he fought in, which side he was on, and the name of the military unit in which he fought may be found in a variety of places, such as old family records, letters, souvenirs, obituaries, tombstone inscriptions, and local histories.

Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library, 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, Fl. (Printed with permission.)

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Websites of Possible Interest

Genealogy Gems: A free newsletter provided by the Fort Wayne Indiana Library: To subscribe to “Genealogy Gems,” simply use your browser to go to the website: www.GenealogyCenter.Info. Scroll down toward the bottom of the first screen where it says, “Enter Your Email Address to Subscribe to “Genealogy Gems.” Enter your e-mail address in the yellow box and click on “Subscribe.” You will be notified with a confirmation e-mail.

Searching for land patents issued by the United States government is easy thanks to the General Land Office of The Bureau of Land Management website (<http://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>). An additional valuable source is the series of books produced by Arphax Publishing and Gregory Alan Boyd titled, “Family Maps of...” Each volume in this ongoing series focuses on an individual county. Although not yet complete, the series already features 363 titles for the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. All are available in the Genealogy Center, Fort Wayne Library. Melissa Shimkus, Family Maps. With permission.

Disasters—Natural and Manmade. Sometimes the factors involved in ancestral deaths could indicate that family members died as the result of a disaster. Disasters should be considered when multiple family members died at exactly the same time. A disaster could be an earthquake, flood, fire, shipwreck, mining accident, train wreck, etc. <http://www.cyndislist.com/disasters.htm>

Scottish Family Heritage: Family and local history sources from original documents and other sources concentrating on Scotland, dated from 16th century. <http://www.scottishfamilyheritage.co.uk>

Maine Divorces, 1799-1903. A database of 23,000 divorces granted in Maine from 1799 to 1903. http://www.maineGenealogy.net/divorce_search.asp

Jackson County Genealogy Library: Extensive collection of indexes and databases for Jackson County, Oregon. <http://www.rvgslibrary.org>

Polish Origins? Places Database: Search for people whose forefathers came from the same villages, towns or cities as your ancestors. Add your own surname and places of interest, by registering for free or editing your profile, to let other find you and enrich your mutual experience. <http://places.polishorigins.com>

New York Cemetery Records—Genealogy: New Horizons Genealogy New York cemetery records and Revolutionary War soldier burials in New York State cemeteries. <http://www.newhorizonsGenealogicalservices.com/cemetery-records-new-york.htm>

Atlas of Texas: A colorful, easy to read guide to the major events that have shaped Texas. Maps depict Texas as part of Mexico, the Battle of San Jacinto, military posts before the Civil War, military posts after the Civil War, Indian campaigns, cattle trails, railway systems, among others. <http://www.genealogymagazine.com/atlasoftexas.html>

Poplar Bluff Public Library: Homepage for the Poplar Bluff Public Library in Butler County, Missouri. <http://poplarbluff.org/library>

Ohio Genealogy Express: Free Genealogy Website for the State of Ohio, includes 4 counties in Illinois and Northwestern Pennsylvania. <http://www.ohiogenealogyexpress.com>

Selected records from the St. Matthew’s Church archives, Charleston, South Carolina: This collection includes a selection of birth, confirmation, marriage, and death records transcribed from church books at St. Matthew’s German Lutheran Church archives in Charleston, S.C. The period covered includes 1849-1910, and scanned images are also available. This site is not affiliated with St. Matthew’s Church in Charleston. <http://stmatthews.sakionline.net>

Saline County Kansas Headstone Photos: Cemetery and Headstone photographs in Saline County, Kansas, USA, Current through 2007. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kssvgs/salinecountykscemeteries.html>

Obsolete and Unfamiliar Occupational Terms: Unfamiliar occupational terms and obsolete occupational terminology often varies from country to country or even region to region within a country.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiashlan/occupations.html> (American.)

<http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/misc/occupations.shtml> (Medieval English and early New World.)

<http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/index.html> (United Kingdom.)

<http://www.worldroots.com/~brigitte/occupat.htm> (German occupations and illnesses.)

Illness, Diseases, and other Archaic Medical Terminology: The following websites are among many to learn the meanings of terms no longer in common use or with which are not familiar:

<http://rmhh.co.uk/illness.html> (Illnesses.)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~billinh/disease.htm> (Diseases.)

<http://www.neonatology.org/classics/old.terms.html> (Terms concerning neonatology.)

<http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/Index.htm> (Archaic Medical Terms.)

We Hope For All In 2009, Only The Best!!!

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