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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 – March 21, 2009

Who Is The Doggie in the Photo? Do you have photos scattered in boxes and drawers of people in your family, but you have no idea who they are because they are not labeled? Were you once an album keeper or scrapbook maker but found it overwhelming? Do you have digital images everywhere? This presentation will provide you with some needed information on organizing and preserving your memories. Learn organizational tips and safe storage. Presented by Mrs. Barbara Banks, consultant for Creative Memories will discuss this at the Jacksonville Genealogical Society's monthly meeting, March 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Bored? Need to Get Out of the House? Seeking an adventurous but fulfilling

learning experience? By golly, Ann Staley is providing the answer to your dilemma. Meet with Ann on the following dates in Clay County, at the Headquarters Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd, Orange Park, in the Computer Lab:

On Monday, March 2nd, Ann Staley, CG-SM, CGL-SM will be conducting a computer workshop for the Fleming Island Genealogy Group (FIGG). Topics: Footnote.com and Googling Your Family; Using the Whole Website, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Chris Mochocki at cmohocki@ccpl.lib.fl.us; pre-registration is required due to limited number of computers.

On Monday, May 4th, Ann again will be conducting a computer workshop at the Headquarters Library at Orange Park. Her topic will be: Using Search Engines Effectively and USGenWeb Digital Library (USGenWebArchives) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Use contact stated above for all the same reasons.

On Monday, June 1st, Ann will again be teaching at the above library with her topic: FamilySearch.org and WorldVitalRecords.com. Times remain the same as above and contact person also remains the same and for the same reasons.

Come learn from one of the best!

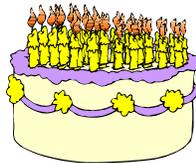
2009 Dues Are Now Due

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 March and April:



March 11,	Laurie Caulk
March 12,	Christine Pataranick
March 17,	Mary McCool
March 22,	Mary Craft
March 26,	Marion Parvin
April 1,	Kevin Flood
April 9,	Grace Moran
April 26,	Carolyn Hartman

**Submitted by Ann Staley
Education Chairman**

Footnote by Ann Staley, CG-Sm, CGL-Sm

In January 2009, while at the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, UT., I was able to attend a presentation given by Roger Bell, President of footnote. The website, www.footnote.com celebrated its 2nd birthday on 19 Jan 2009 and is dedicated to providing America's historical documents to subscribers. The Utah-based company has a partnership with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in which they purchase NARA's microfilmed documents, digitize the, and then place the digital images on the

subscription website. Free viewing is available at the National Archives and in 5 years the images will be on their website free to the public. The indexes are always *free* to view.

They also have contracts with FamilySearch, Pennsylvania Archives, Harris Co., Texas Archives, Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne IN., and others. They are trying to concentrate on the Military, Naturalization, Newspaper, Civil War, City Directories, etc.

The website is two-pronged. One is the subscription part as stated above; the other aspect of the website is that you are encouraged to post your own "historical documents and work with collaborators." This is a *free* service in which you can upload historical documents you have found in your research and photographs. One example, for Craig L. Christiansen, can be found at http://www.footnote.com/page/71802616_craig_l_christensten.

Scared about starting your own page on the website? You don't have to be; a page may have already been started for one of your ancestors by someone else who is also related to them or by the Footnote Team. In September 2008, the Footnote Team created a page for every person in the Social Security Death Index. The one for my mom, Elizabeth Staley, is located at http://www.footnote.com/pgae/51988927_elizabeth_s_staley. With the page already set-up all I have to do is enter information.

Another thing about the website is that although it is a paying site (subscription or pay-per-view), the indexes and Quick Look feature are *always* free. Hint: Leave your mouse cursor *in* the preview screen while looking for information; otherwise, the screen will disappear. You can obtain a lot of information in the Quick Look view—for free.

With 2 million records being posted every month, this is a must-see website to add to your list.

While some assigned to poor houses were heavily in debt for a variety of reasons, if they had the means to work off their debt, they could reside in the poorhouse and continue to have a certain level of freedom. Furthermore, even for those in debt, if they could provide themselves with the necessities for remaining independent they might avoid the poorhouse altogether.

Poorhouses have also been identified in various records and historical accounts by several other names. The most common were Poor Farms and Almshouses. The concept of the poorhouse began as an alternative adapted by various jurisdictions to provide a less expensive means of public assistance or "outdoor relief." Taxpayers were just as angry with anyone considered indigent and/or poor of that era as many are today with those whom they perceive as abusing the various welfare programs.

The procedure for indigents used for obtaining assistance usually involved the following steps:

1. The person requested help from an elected local official who was often identified by one of the following titles: a.)

Community Overseer of the Poor or b.) Poor Master.

2. Need was evaluated based on the legal criteria in effect at that time.
3. If the need was considered small, they were issued that amount or other consideration, depending on circumstances, and sent on their way.
4. Only in cases where the need was determined to be significant and/or deemed as likely to be a long-term issue, were they assigned to enter the poorhouse.
5. In cases where they were found guilty of begging in public or some similar circumstance, they might be sent to a poorhouse even if they never following the official procedures. This situation was usually limited to extreme circumstances such as an unforeseen personal or local disaster.

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

The Soldiers of Shockoe Hill; The story of more than 500 Civil War Union soldiers originally buried near Richmond's Shockoe Hill Cemetery, including almost 100 whose names are known, are chronicled on this website(updated web address—August 2008.) <http://soldiersofshockoehill.com>

Aspects of Jersey history: list and dates of photographers operating in Jersey in the Channel Islands from 1842-1939. <http://jerseyfamilyhistory.co.uk>

Jackson County (MO) Genealogical Society. This is the official website of the Jackson County, Missouri Genealogical Society. <http://www.jcgs.org/>

War of 1812: Privateers. This site includes both American and British privateers where possible accompanied by images of original documents, includes some crew lists of American privateers captured by the Royal Navy. <http://www.1812privateers.org/>

American Indians. With a long history, rich culture, and more than 300 spoken languages, the wisdom of the Native American Tribes has been passed down through the centuries. http://factasy.com/american_indians/index.shtml

Georgia Genealogy. Thousands of Genealogies, bibles, cemeteries, obituaries, county wills and estates, civil war database, revolutionary war pensions, books written by Jeanette Holland Austin. <http://www.georgiaioneers.com>

Genealogists Notes. A genealogy blog on Georgia Research; includes tips and featured pioneers not normally published anywhere else. <http://georgiapioneers.com/wordpress>

Genealogy Links On Canada's Best Search Engine; The Canuckster Portal. <http://genealogy.canuckster.com/>

Live Roots Genealogy Search Engine. Live Roots is a free genealogy search engine that allows visitors to search through thousands of database titles from subscription sites, book publishers and a variety of online sites. <http://www.liveroots.com/>

Knott County Kentucky Kinfolk; Over 15,000 files including cemetery readings many with photos, death certificates, births, photos, family trees, transcribed court records and more for Knott County Kentucky and surrounding areas. <http://www.knottkentuckykinfolk.com/>

North Carolina Genealogy Forum. Forum for posting queries related to North Carolina Genealogy. There is statewide forum and sub-forums for each county. <http://forums.northcarolinagenealogy.net>

Armagh County Directory for 1862. A statistical description of County Armagh, together with lists of office holders, taken from Thom's Irish Directory of 1862. <http://www.libraryireland.com/Thom1862/Armagh.php>

Belfast Borough Directory for 1862. <http://www.libraryireland.com/Thom1862/BelfastBorough.php>

Carlow County Directory for 1862. <http://www.libraryireland.com/Thom1862/Carlow.php>

Sorted By Name. Genealogy facts derived from transcription projects on other websites. <http://SortedByName.com>

Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Naturalization Declarations of Intention. Cook County is in Illinois, and includes the City of Chicago. The Clerk of the Court of Cook County Archives is home to more than 500,000 naturalization petitions covering the years 1871 to 1929. More than 400,000 of these records are Declarations of Intention, 1906-1929 which were usually the first papers filed by those who wished to become U.S. Citizens. After searching for someone, the listing does not now give the pointer indication that the person's listing is clickable, but each IS clickable. This leads to more information for the person. <http://198.173.15.34/NR/default.aspx>

Cypress Cemetery—Old Saybrook, Connecticut. The Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions, Cypress Cemetery-Old Saybrook, Middlesex County, Connecticut. <http://www.hale-collection.com/cypress-cemetery.htm>

OneLook Dictionary Search. Enter a word and it lists multiple dictionaries that have a definition. Useful for older words and occupations since it often lists dictionaries from the 1800's and early 1900's. <http://www.onelook.com>

The Netherlands. BMD from the Netherlands online. <http://NETHERLANDS.FAVOS.NL/>

Institut genealogique Drouin (Drouin Institute) exists since 1899, and still produce tools for genealogists who are looking for their french-canadian ancestors. <http://www.institutdrouin.com>

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