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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.

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 23, 2010

As he did for our first meeting last year, Mr. Cardell, our historian and parliamentarian, will be our speaker. He has chosen for his topic a discussion of his latest genealogical trip to Europe. Always Mr. Cardell gives our members and guests an informative and fun program. Please plan to attend.

Spring Seminar 2010 - 27 Feb 2010

NOTE: We will not be having our membership meeting in Feb. We will be having our all-day Seminar on 27 Feb 2010. Please see the enclosed flyer in this newsletter for detailed information. Mr. Drew Smith, MLS, Genealogy lecturer, author and researcher will be our speaker. Topics are: (1) The Family History in Your Cell: Using DNA for Genealogical Research; (2) Where is the Book with My Family In It; (3) Social Networking for Genealogical Researchers; (4) Beyond Database Programs: Technology Tools to Help Manage Your Research. Cost is \$30.00 for JGS Members and \$35.00 for Non-members. Price includes lunch if registration is postmarked by 16 Feb. 2010. No refunds will be given; however a syllabus will be provided. It is again at the Crown Point Baptist Church, 10153 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with lectures beginning at 9 a.m. with seminar ending at 4 p.m.

We are again planning on having the "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, or you can bring them to the "Trading Post" table at the seminar. As always, items will be priced to sell.

Thank You, as in, BIG, is extended to Ann Staley as she *always* does a wonderful job of setting up our seminar each year.

2010 Dues Are Now Due

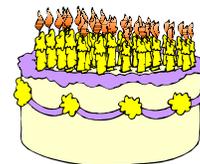
If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2010, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2010 are due now.

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 Ann Staley's classes have now been firmed up with the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library. They are May 22, and 29; June 5, 12 and 19, 2010. A flyer will be sent with March and April newsletters, but place the dates on your calender now.

Cookbooks Are Here!!

The cookbooks are \$10.00 each with \$2.25 for shipping and handling. By picking them up, you will be saving the \$2.25 per book for shipping and handling.

We ordered a limited number; when they are gone, they are gone. Don't forget - order additional copies of this cookbook as an ideal gift for family and friends.

Please see enclosed flyer. Ann will also bring them to the January meeting at the library and to the seminar.

Thanks again to Ann Staley for all her hard work.

Membership and Telephone Committee Request

If your Email address, phone number, or postal address changes, please be sure to let Tina Frady. With the departure of Norma LeVey as our Telephone Committee, Tina is in need of volunteers to call members to remind them of the meetings. Please see Tina if you can call four or five our members .

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a wonderful New Year!!

The January meeting date has been moved to January 23, 2010 due to the library needing the space on our regular time.

From Tina Frady: It is time to pay dues for the 2010 membership year. There is traditionally a grace period so members can pay at the January or February meetings. After this time members will be marked as "inactive" and will not receive notices or benefits from the society. You may also mail checks to the society post office box, PO Box 60756; zip code 32236-0756.

Thank you in advance for your renewal.

Naturalization Records

Naturalization records pertain to foreign born aliens who went through the process of becoming American citizens. The process grew out of an Act of Congress in 1790 and has undergone numerous revisions over time. Prior to January 1906, the process was not standardized. While the federal government mandate took over control of the naturalization process in 1820, enforcement was often in the hands of state authorities. This resulted in cases where researchers find multiple types of paper trails and procedures in different jurisdictions.

Researchers may find documents in different courts within a jurisdiction, local or regional archives and libraries, private collections, or private record repositories. Lack of standardization and consistent oversight also provided local officials and political machines with opportunities to manipulate elections using immigrants who magically became "instant citizens" in exchange for their votes. In January 1906, standardization of record keeping procedures came under the full jurisdiction of the federal government and federal court system.

The first step in the process was the "Declaration of Intention" also known as "First Papers". These were often completed shortly after arrival in the country. While the usual residency requirement was five years after the filing of these papers, numerous exceptions

occurred depending on the time period and jurisdiction. Once the immigrant met the applicable residency requirement, he or she could proceed to the second step and apply for a "Petition for Naturalization". These petitions are also known as "Second or Final Papers". The petition was filed in the court of record based on the jurisdiction and time period. All of the supporting documentation is found in the "Naturalization Packet" which was compiled by the court of record. The final document of the process which was generated at the time of petition was the "Oath of Allegiance". This oath is also included in the "Naturalization Packet". After the "Oath of Allegiance" was sworn and accepted, the immigrant was issued the final "Certificate of Naturalization".

Migration can complicate the search for naturalization records. It is not uncommon to discover that the immigrant ancestor and family moved soon after arrival, after filling out the "Declaration of Intention/First Papers". Beware that the "Petition for Naturalization" may have been filed in another jurisdiction in a different state.

Two of the best ways to track these movements are census and church records. Census enumerations were conducted every ten years. By the 1880s, the census questionnaire included a growing number of questions related to immigration and naturalization. Since religion was often a critical component of most immigrants' lives, church parish or congregational records may be the only record type where individuals are fully documented. Church records are often the best option to fill in gaps found in public records and census enumerations.

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Land Transfer Process in Colonial and Post-Revolutionary America

The concept of land ownership by individuals has always separated American from the rest of the world. Since the right to own land was, and still is non-existent in many parts of the world, the possibility of owning land attracted many of our ancestors to America. The transfer process has gone through a variety of stages, some of which overlapped.

Prior to the colonial era, all land was in the possession of Native Americans, the original inhabitants of North America. Beginning with the Colonial Era from the early 1600's through 1776, many of the early English, Dutch, Spanish, and Portuguese settlers acquired land from the various Indian tribes by bartering, bargaining, or sadly by force. When any type of compensation or relevant consideration was given, it was usually cheap because the concept of ownership of land was alien to the Native Americans. They regarded land as sacred communal property. In the English colonies most land was owned by the British Crown. In the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, the Dutch West India Company or the wealthy Burghers of Amsterdam controlled ownership of land. Gradually, the individual colonies began to distribute land to individuals through various grants, bounties, and other well documented historical arrangements.

In the aftermath of America achieving independence from Great Britain, the Federal Government came into possession of large amounts of land. However, the original 13 colonies, now states, along with newly formed states like Kentucky, Maine, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia retained state ownership. The Federal Government began to transfer land to individuals via edicts such as

land ordinances, and bounty land grants for military service. On the state level, all land transactions between individual parties, which were under the jurisdiction of the state, county, or other local governmental entity, were recorded. There are the records that provide the largest amount of relevant genealogical information.

Locating land records often depends on the time period and jurisdiction. For instance if you are looking for bounty land grants fro the period prior to 1830, this was done in conjunction with the federal government. Thus the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) website would be the most appropriate first step. Land transactions

between individual parties or state/local entitles would be more likely to be found in county courthouses where the land was located.

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OFFICERS, STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (terms expiring at end of 2009):

President	Jim Laird	904-264-0743
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Finance Chairman	Harlan Dittman	
Parliamentarian	Richard Cardell	
Telephone Sub-Committee Chairman	Tina Frady	

As all know, elections were held on November 21, 2009 for the Jacksonville Genealogical Society.

Ballots cast: 17
Dissenting Votes: 0

New Officers include:
President: Jim Laird
First Vice-President: Tina Frady
Second Vice-President: Remains Open.
Recording Secretary: Anne Morabito
Treasurer: Harlan Dittman
Historian: Dick Cardell
Editor: Jim Laird

Corresponding Secretary: Ramona Remy

First Vice-President is also Membership Chairman.

Second Vice-President is also Publicity Chairman. (Jim Laird will continue to fill the position until a replacement is found.)

++Did you notice: From the JGS On-line to this newsletter I learned how to spell dissenting? ++ I amaze even myself.

Websites of Possible Interest

URL: <http://www.heraldictimes.wordpress.com>

TITLE: Heraldic Times Blog

DESCRIPTION: A Blog about Heraldry, family Crests, Coats of Arms and Medieval Life in general.

URL: <http://sites.google.com/site/1790censusotherfreepersons/home>

TITLE: 1790 Census: Slave Holders, Other Free Persons and Slaves

DESCRIPTION: Slave holders, other free persons (ofps) and slaves listed in the 1790 census records for New Hampshire and Vermont, with other states being added asap.

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URL: <http://freegenealogytools.blogspot.com/2009/10/world-of-free-newspaper-archives.html>

TITLE: Free Newspaper Archives Online

DESCRIPTION: There are thousands of free newspaper archives on the internet, both in the US, and in many places around the world. They are fascinating sources of family history information, but finding them can be a challenge. Here's a resource that can really help.

URL: <http://freegenealogytools.blogspot.com/2009/10/free-lookups-in-dictionary-of-american.html>

TITLE: Free Lookups in the Dictionary of American Family Names

DESCRIPTION: DAFN is an important resource for genealogists, and ordinarily costs hundreds of dollars. But you can access its content online, at no cost. Lookup your family name to learn its origin, geography and the context in which the name first came into use.

URL: <http://www.linlinks.co.uk>

TITLE: Lincolnshire and Fenland Families

DESCRIPTION: My Lincolnshire Ancestry and those linked to it. 172,000 individuals, 42,000 marriages and circa 11,000 Surnames. Lincolnshire rare names gentry and gateway ancestors to medieval times.

URL: <http://scottishgenealogyblog.blogspot.com/>

TITLE: SCOTTISH GENEALOGY BLOG

DESCRIPTION: A blog keeping you up-to-date with Maxwell Ancestry?s genealogy projects. Starting with our census mapping project.

URL: http://www.histopolis.com/Place/US/SC/Horry_County/

TITLE: Horry County, South Carolina, United States - Genealogy Resources, Cemeteries and Cities - Histopolis

DESCRIPTION: Genealogy resources for Horry County, South Carolina, United States with links to Genealogy Resources, Cemeteries and Cities. From Histopolis.com, a guide to genealogy resources.

URL: <http://sites.google.com/site/twoquakercemeteries/>

TITLE: Two Quaker Cemeteries-Old Facts In a New Light

DESCRIPTION: An up-to-date research study of two Quaker cemeteries in Freeport Township, Harrison County, Ohio (1804-1966).

URL: <http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>

TITLE: Digital Library on American Slavery

DESCRIPTION: This resource provides an easy means to search through thousands of county court and legislative petitions (1775-1867) from fifteen states and the District of Columbia that relate to race and slavery. The Digital Library provides detailed information on more than 150,000 individuals who are party to the petitions, including 80,000 individual slaves and 10,000 free people of color.

URL: <http://www.genhound.co.uk/lancs.php>

TITLE: Lancashire Records Collection

DESCRIPTION: Useful collection of genealogy records for Lancashire, England including old directories, will indexes, marriage licences, Lancashire Catholic Estates Register and Manchester Court Leet records. Genhound is a pay per view site that offers a value for money alternative to subscription sites.

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URL: <http://www.libraryireland.com/AnglicisedSurnames/Contents.php>

TITLE: Some Anglicised Surnames in Ireland

DESCRIPTION: The origins of over 450 anglicised surnames in Ireland.

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URL: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wishawa4/>

TITLE: Shawano County Genealogy

DESCRIPTION: Shawano County, Wisconsin, USA, Obituaries, Cemeteries, Census Records, Vital Records, Tombstone Pictures, Civil War, Native Americans, Newspapers, Maps, Naturalization's and Family Books.

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URL: <http://www.friendsofthecemetery.org>

TITLE: Minneapolis Pioneers & Soldiers Cemetery-Layman's Cemetery

DESCRIPTION: Search 21,000 burial records in Minneapolis' oldest cemetery, active from 1853-1919.

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URL: <http://www.pagenealogy.org/>

TITLE: Genealogy in Pennsylvania

DESCRIPTION: Church and Cemetery Records for Berks, Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties in Pennsylvania.

URL: <http://wmdangilbert.web.officelive.com/CEMETARIESWHITLEYCOKY.aspx>

TITLE: kentucky cemeteries

DESCRIPTION: Gilbert, Jones, Cornett, Carr, Eastern Kentucky cemeteries. Especially Whitley county, Bell County, Harlan County.

URL: <http://jacobusbooks.blogspot.com/2009/09/vigilantes-to-verdicts-stories-from.html>

TITLE: Vigilantes to Verdicts

DESCRIPTION: Sherri Knight's book about justice in nineteenth century Texas. 'Vigilantes to Verdicts' follows the stories of men and women such as John Wesley Hardin and Tom Wright as they faced judges and district attorneys determined to bring law and order to the Wild West.

URL: <http://freegenealogytools.blogspot.com/2009/10/public-records.html>

TITLE: Offbeat Public Records

DESCRIPTION: Public records, whether recent or centuries old, are some of the best sources of family history information. For hard-to-find ancestors and relatives, some of the more obscure and offbeat records may be your best bet. Ever did a lookup in car crash report databases, or bankruptcy filings? Now's your chance to give it a try.

URL: http://www.ehow.com/how_5507663_genealogy-courses-online.html

TITLE: How to Find Free Genealogy Courses Online

DESCRIPTION: To do the very best family history research we should learn as much as possible about our hobby. Brigham Young University offers several free online genealogy courses that are open to anyone.

URL: <http://www.searchpeopledirectory.com/>

TITLE: Search People Directory - Online People Search Engine

DESCRIPTION: Search people by last name, address, phone number or email address. Search for businesses with the yellow pages directory. International people search includes world phone books and reverse phone number lookup.

URL: <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/jeffery.knaggs/Welwyn.html>

TITLE: Monumental Inscriptions Welwyn Cemetery, Hertfordshire

DESCRIPTION: MIs of the civic cemetery in Welwyn, Hertfordshire, England.

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URL: <http://www.whilbr.org/CandOCanal/index.aspx>

TITLE: The economic impact of the C&O Canal on canal communities in Washington County, Maryland

DESCRIPTION: Covers canal towns, families and business along the C&O canal in Washington County, Maryland.

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URL: <http://freegenealogytools.blogspot.com/2009/08/new-york-city-ancestors-and-family.html>

TITLE: New York City Ancestors and Family History

DESCRIPTION: At one time or another, it seems that almost every family in America passed through New York City. Most typically, this was the major port for newly-arrived immigrants, passing through Ellis Island (and earlier, Castle Garden) on their way to Manhattan or the outer boroughs. This site describes some unusually rich resources, like the New York City Death Index (1891-1948) for researching your NYC ancestors.

We Hope For All, Only The Best!!!

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