



# Jacksonville Genealogical Society

*Vol. 31, No. 1*

*January - February 2015*

*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.*

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

## 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.

## Membership Meeting 17 January 2015

Speaker: George Bass

Topic: "Identifying Family Relationships with Obituaries"

The objective of the presentation is to promote interest in using obituaries as a tool for family history research. I will give examples of a variety of interesting obituaries that I have encountered in my family research. There will be a short discussion on cousin relationships within a closed community when cousins marry each other. The presentation will be concluded with a case study that was initiated by an obituary of a cousin's wife. I have incorporated the use of family group sheets and time-line analysis in the case study.

George Bass was born and grew up on a farm in Western North Carolina. He has lived in Orange Park since 1972. Attended college at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Retired from the Navy as a pilot performing aeronautical engineering duty in 1981. Adjunct Professor in Engineering Technology for Florida A&M University 1986 - 1993. Retired as a Computer Scientist and small business owner in 2006. Started working in Genealogy in 1972. Has given presentations on: Alternatives to Publishing Family History, WW II Photo Album, Burgin Family Names, Global Positioning System and Genealogy, Ancestry DNA, Identifying Family Relationships with Obituaries. Published "Global Positioning System (GPS) and Family History" in "The Florida Genealogist" 2012.

## Membership Meeting 21 February 2015

Speaker: Paul Howes

Topic: "Howes That? One-Name Studies, the Howes study in particular and how the internet makes it all now possible"

What is a One-Name Study? Why would you want to study a surname? How has the internet helped, and hindered, the efforts of the studies? How do we do it at HowesFamilies.com? Come and see how participating in a One-Name Study of your name can benefit your research. If technically possible, Paul will demonstrate his website as a part of the presentation.

An actuary and former partner in a global human resource consultancy, Paul is now an executive coach. He has lived in 6 countries and worked in over 50. After helping his son with a class project to map his family tree, he wanted to extend his interest. With three different lines of Howes ancestors, looking at the surname itself seemed interesting.

He started [www.howesfamilies.com](http://www.howesfamilies.com) in 2008 and now has a database approaching 100,000 individuals in reconstructed family trees. Paul served two years as a trustee of the Guild of One-Name Studies and moved to Ponte Vedra in 2014.

## Membership Meeting March 2015

We will not be having a Membership Meeting in March. As one of the sponsoring organizations of the North Florida Genealogy Conference, we will be attending the conference on 21 March 2015. Please see the article later in the newsletter. We hope that Society members will take this opportunity to hear speakers talking on a number of topics and to visit with fellow genealogists.

## 2015 Dues Are Now Due

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2015, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2015 are due now.

Please complete the enclosed Membership Application so that we will have your current information in our membership database.

## 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.

## Introduction to Genealogy Class

We are planning on holding the "Introduction to Genealogy" Class, featuring research resources in the U.S., in the spring of 2015.

This class is for the beginner researcher, and the experienced researcher looking for a refresher course. Subjects included Back to Basics; Research Documentation; Sources-What are they?; Dates, Places & Relationships; Use of Vital, Court, and Church Records; and much more. Watch for further information.

## North Florida Genealogy Conference

*[NOTE: this conference replaces the regular March meeting of JGS]*

JGS is proud to be one of the sponsoring organizations of the North Florida Genealogy Conference. Teaming up with the Southern Genealogists Exchange Society and the Family History Centers in the area, we have put together a series of conferences which have received very positive feedback and attendance through the years of 200-300 participants. The 2015 Conference promises to be as good as the predecessors. Here are a few highlights of the conference.

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015. Doors open at 8:00 am for check-in and the opening session is at 8:45 am.

Location: The LDS church located at 461 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, 32073. This is South of the Orange Park Mall and immediately adjacent to Orange Park High School. We

again thank the Orange Park congregation for allowing us to use this building.

Registration: [nfgenealogyconference.com](http://nfgenealogyconference.com). Online registration and payment is available this year through Eventbrite. Cost is still \$25 and includes lunch for those who pre-register.

The [nfgenealogyconference.com](http://nfgenealogyconference.com) website contains information about the conference and bios of the presenters. We are fortunate to have Patti Kirk back with us and, this year, she is conducting a 2-hour session entitled "Meet Me at the Courthouse." Miles Meyer is also back and has two interesting sessions scheduled. Denis Olsen will do two sessions, as will Linda Buck Ellwood. Go to the site to get more particulars.

One feature of this year's conference is some one-on-one help in the Family History Library. They are mostly aiming at helping less experienced folks get some traction and direction, but you can always stop by and see what they have to offer.

The full schedule and registration flyer is in this newsletter for your convenience.

## What Is It?

Front:



Back:



Did you figure out what it is, how it is used, and what website can be used to find images of items?

Well, the item is a USB Desk Charging Stand. In the top photo, the section on the left is a non-slip surface that grips the device to be charged. The section on the right is the charging station. It has a USB port that you charge up before hand and then you can use the stored power to charge your cell phone, etc. The spine rotates to make it a stand.

The website is TinEye (<http://www.tineye.com>). You can upload an image file or you can enter the URL of an image or a page. Interesting!

## ***Genealogy Roadshow*** **Second Season**

The second season of the *Genealogy Roadshow* started last Tuesday evening. Look for it at 8:00 p.m. on the PBS station. They filmed in New Orleans, LA, Philadelphia, PA and St. Louis, MO. If you missed the presentation, don't despair. The full episode is now playing at <http://www.pbs.org/genealogy-roadshow/home/>

## ***Who Do You Think You Are?*** **The Next Season**

And, yes, there will be another season of WDYTUA. There are going to be eight episodes with the premiere scheduled for Tuesday, 24 Feb 2015. If you add it up, with the *Genealogy Roadshow* this will be 14 weeks of genealogy on Tuesday evenings.

Four of the celebrities will be Julie Chen, Angie Harmon, Sean Hayes and Bill Paxton.

## **New Website** **Mapping The Freedman's**

This website, created by Angela Walton-Raji and Toni Carrier, is for all researchers searching for records during and after the Civil War. The records served by this website are the records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. As noted on the website: "But the Bureau however, served all who needed intervention. The "Freedmen" were Black, the "Refugees" were white and the "Abandoned Lands" once owned by the landowners were eventually re-settled, after oaths of allegiance from former secessionists were taken." So, the records are for everyone.

One of the pages on the website is dedicated to an interactive map noting the locations of the Field Offices. Each is marked with note indicating where records for that office can be found. Another page is listings of Research Guides

that are available, some online. The website is located at <http://mappingthefreedmensbureau.com>.

## **Why Keep a Research Log?**

By Jill Crandell ([support@researchties.com](mailto:support@researchties.com)), ResearchTies (<http://researchties.com>), ResearchTies December Newsletter, 23 Dec 2014  
Used with permission of the author.

Why is ResearchTies working so hard to create a friendly, usable research log for genealogists? Many beginners don't understand why they should keep a log--until they run into the problems that every genealogist has in tracking what they have done and in analyzing their documents. The "pile" of papers can get large, and nobody has the necessary memory to know everything they have done for every member of their ancestral families. So, why keep a log?

Here are some of the most important reasons:

1. Writing a research objective and recording it in your log keeps your efforts focused on a specific goal.
2. A log can be used to make a list of records to be searched so you never forget what you need to do.
3. Your log of "to do" items will make you efficient in the library or archive, or working on a website.
4. Recording a full bibliographic citation before conducting research will guarantee that you will never forget an important citation element for future footnotes and bibliographies.
5. While researching, be sure to record all "nil" searches. It's important to know what was **not** found, as well as what **was** found.
6. Including a hyperlink URL or digital image of the results of all research will eliminate the paper "mountain." These links also make it extremely easy to view previously found documents.
7. An online research log like ResearchTies provides a powerful search engine to locate specific documents relevant to a person, to-do's specific to a repository, etc. This capacity facilitates analysis of our research.
8. Knowing the dates of specific searches helps researchers to determine whether they need to return to that source again. If you have uncovered a new detail about a family that "changes everything," some searches conducted before that point may need to be repeated.
9. Recording the scope of each search on a log gives meaning to a nil search. If you were looking for a specific

person or every entry for a surname, you need to remember that in order to know what "nil" means.

10. Tracking repositories and call numbers will remind you of where you have located sources.

11. Using a log to analyze research provides the opportunity to plan your next session of work. Because I found this document, what do I need to look for next?

12. Documented research helps others to know that you do quality work. Your research will be more accurate through logging the details of your efforts.

13. A log will help prevent duplication of your efforts. You will know when you have already searched a source and when you have not. You'll know when you searched it for one family, but not for another one.

Take a look at what FamilySearch says about research logs: [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Research\\_Logs](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Research_Logs)

Here is an article on the Geni.com blog: <http://www.geni.com/blog/geni-podcast-genealogy-research-logs-369091.html>

And, one on About.com: <http://genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintro3f.htm>

Take a few minutes to learn more about research logs and why they are so helpful to your research. If you spend a few minutes recording your work now, you'll save hours and hours of work down the road. In the process, we hope you'll see the value of ResearchTies and its many powerful features.

## Happy Birthday To You!

These JGS members are celebrating birthdays during the months of January and February:

Raymond "Ray" Williams	January 13
Kathy E. Balistreri	February 7
Patricia Carter Arrendale	February 13
Mary Jean Allen torda	February 23
Joan A. Peck	February 27

## Magazine Changing Names

The publishers of the magazine *Family Chronicle* recently announced that starting with the March/April 2015 edition, the magazine name will be changed to *Your Genealogy Today*. The website name is also changing and will be [www.YourGenealogytoday.com](http://www.YourGenealogytoday.com).

## Local Histories

Ancestry.com has about 10,000 local histories. They can be searched for by going under the "Search" tab and click on "Card Catalog." In the search box on the left, in the "Keyword(s)" box type in "place histories". Once the results are shown (about 14,000 results) you can filter by state and timeframe in the filter boxes on the left hand side.

Another place to find local histories is Google Books at <https://books.google.com>. In the "Researching a topic?" search box put in your search criteria. I put in "duval county history" (without the quotation marks) and the first result was the *History of Duval County: Including Early History of East Florida*. This book was published after 1923 so an e-book was not available.

A Google Books search for "morgan county indiana history 1880..1900" (without the quotation marks) resulted in finding *Counties of Morgan, Monroe and Brown, Indiana: Historical and Biographical*. This book was published before 1923 so an e-book was available on Google.com.

Google Book searches the "full text of some 20 million books" and can also search for content from magazines. The books come from:

1. The Library Project – partnership with over 40 libraries worldwide
2. The Partner Program – partnership with 20,000+ publishers and authors

Results can be from books

- In print and in or out of copyright
- Out-of-print but in or out of copyright
- Out-of-copyright (normally before 1923)

For books in-print and out-of-print books still in copyright, you will be able to see the relevant page or a few snippets of text. You might be able to see a few more pages and you will learn where to borrow or buy the book.

For Out-of-copyright books, you will usually be able to see and download the whole book

You never know what you might find!



## A LITTLE LUCK IS ALWAYS WELCOME

By Joel Warner

The story begins in a rather commonplace way. "Didn't you say you would help me if I ever needed it?" Well, yes I did. I have those moments of weakness. And, I might add, I am not an accomplished genealogist. If real researchers are stuck, they are probably stuck further down the road than I have ever travelled. But I am willing and naively optimistic, so I agreed to help if I could.

Here is the scenario -- a not uncommon one. The family line is back a ways and then we are a little stuck. My friend, call her Lonni, is working hard to make the next connection. Here is the information she has on the family:

Frederick Hohensee, born in Germany about 1857, marries Mary E Wirth, born in Wisconsin, in 1859. They have a splendid family which consists of four children: Hattie C., Mae Irene, Louis F., and Carl. This results, a few generations down, in producing Lonni, our friend.

Lonni has searched in the census records to see what she can find about the lives of Fred and Mary. She has found a Wirth family in Wisconsin with a daughter named Mary who looks a lot like our Mary Wirth. If this is her, we have a nice connection to the next generation and, perhaps, beyond. Here are the records for the Wirth family in the 1860 and 1870 census files:

1860 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com search results<sup>1</sup>:

Name:	<b>John Wirth</b>	
Age in 1860:	40	
Birth Year:	abt 1820	
Birthplace:	Bavaria	
Home in 1860:	Racine Ward 3, Racine, Wisconsin	
Gender:	Male	
Post Office:	Racine	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View Image</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">John Wirth</a>	40
	<a href="#">Margaret Wirth</a>	31
	<a href="#">Catherine Wirth</a>	9
	<a href="#">Elizabeth Wirth</a>	6
	<a href="#">John Wirth</a>	2
	<a href="#">Mary Wirth</a>	9/12

1870 United States Federal Census - Ancestry.com search results<sup>2</sup>:

Name:	<b>John Woith</b> <i>[John Wirth]</i>	
Age in 1870:	49	
Birth Year:	abt 1821	
Birthplace:	Hesse-Darmstadt / Hessen-Darmstadt	
Home in 1870:	Kenosha Ward 4, Kenosha, Wisconsin	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Post Office:	Kenosha	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View Image</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">John Woith</a>	49
	<a href="#">Margaret Woith</a>	40
	<a href="#">John Woith</a>	13
	<a href="#">Mary Woith</a>	11
	<a href="#">Frederick Woith</a>	8
	<a href="#">Andrew Woith</a>	7
	<a href="#">William Woith</a>	4
	<a href="#">Margaret Woith</a>	4
	<a href="#">Anna Woith</a>	1/12

This looks promising and Lonni has the idea that this is her Mary E Wirth. But she is keenly aware that the evidence is circumstantial. Can I help her find the link which will put this family together?

There are a lot of ways to attack this, of course, and many of you might be kind enough to tell me several I did not think of, which will help my genealogical education. The first thought I have is finding a marriage record which says Fred and Mary (daughter of John and Margaret Wirth of Kenosha, Wisconsin) were married on such and such a date in such and such a place. Which, presumably, Lonni would have found if it exists. But I did look and found this information: Fred Hohensee and Mary Wirth were married on 19 December 1878 in Adams County Nebraska. Could this be our Fred and Mary? If so, I need to know a couple of things. For example, how did Fred get from Germany to Nebraska? How did 11-year-old Mary, living in Kenosha, Wisconsin, get to be a 19-year-old bride in Adams County, Nebraska? And why do the Wirths disappear from the census records after 1870?

You will recall, as a youngster, the connect-the-dots pictures which had numbered dots on a page. When you connect these dots sequentially, it makes a recognizable picture of a dog or a firetruck or whatever. My problem, I reasoned, was I did not yet have enough dots to see this picture clearly. If these were our people, something had happened to change the trajectory of their lives to get us this Nebraska wedding.

So I started with the Hohensee family name just to find out what I could. Briefly, I find out the following interesting things. Fred was born in Germany, possibly Bavaria, possibly in Hesse-Damstadt. Checking maps, the Hesse-Damstadt was consistent and maybe helpful. Census data gives his birth year as follows:

- U.S. 1880 census -- about 1853
- Nebraska 1885 census -- about 1854
- U.S. 1900 census -- October 1857
- U.S. 1910 census -- about 1854

The specificity of the 1900 census is always intriguing, but its 3 against 1. And unless there were two Fred Hohensees in Thayer County, Nebraska who had children in the same year four times in a row and named them identical names, we have one Fred Hohensee who is not terribly concerned with his age. But you know that on census records the “about” birth years are inferred from the age data given by *someone* in the family.

The 1910 census says he immigrated in 1869. Though fuzzy, the naturalization entry appears to say that he had been naturalized. No date given.

We also learn, from the 1910 census, that this “Fred and Mary” fit pretty well with all we know or think we know about our Fred and Mary who were given us at the starting gate: including names and birth order of their children. We also learn that Mary had 6 children, four of whom were living in 1900. And we find one child, Lottie, on the 1885 Nebraska Census, but not mentioned thereafter. No other child record has been discovered as of this writing. We do note a 10 year break between the births of Louis F. (September 1887) and Carl E. (June 1897) which gives us a logical period to investigate the loss of the missing child.

Many other interesting facts, some trivial, some important, were gathered but should not clutter this summary. But we now need to keep looking around for more information on this family, because we have not yet connected Mary Wirth from Wisconsin to Mary Wirth from Nebraska.

The next notable find was for a man who might be the brother of Mary Wirth. This was found on [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) under the heading of *Wisconsin Men of Progress*. Entered here was a biography of Andrew Charles Wirth, son of John and Margaret Wirth. The opening paragraph is very interesting for our inquiry:

WIRTH, Andrew Charles, a resident of Milwaukee, is the son of John Wirth, who was engaged in the shoe business in Syracuse and Utica, New York, from 1848 to 1859, but came to Wisconsin in the year last named, and was engaged in the same business in Kenosha and afterward in Racine. He enlisted in the army in 1863, but the examining physicians rejected him and he returned to Kenosha. In 1871 he moved to Fond du Lac, where he died, in 1891, at the age of seventy-one years. A. C. Wirth's mother was Margaret Rock, a descendant of the Rock family, prominently identified with the mail service in Germany before the days of Railroads. She died in 1875, at the age of forty-six.<sup>3</sup>

This turns out to be a treasure trove of information on our Wisconsin Wirths. Everything fits. Their first two children were born in New York. Mary's youngest brother was Andrew. His father, John, was in the shoe business. Both parents were born in Germany. The census information places them in Kenosha and Racine. The father's death in Fond du Lac was later confirmed by another record. The mother's maiden name was given, along with her death date in 1875.

This death date of Mary's mother gives us our first clue about how Mary *may* have gotten to Nebraska. As we continue reading about Andrew, we find that he was adopted by a farmer. The farmer is called his foster-father later in the document, so exactly what kind of adoption this was is unclear. It was an unpleasant turn of events for Andrew, who ran away and thereafter made his own way in the world.

So, with the mother dying in 1875, it might pave the way for Mary to get to Nebraska in time to marry Fred in 1878. Since Mary's parents were both born in Germany and Fred was born in Germany, was there some connection between the families or within the German-American community which brought them together? It's not unthinkable. And even if not, we can readily see that Mary would have an affinity to marrying a German immigrant. After all, she was born to and raised by German immigrants, with all that entails.

But we have not linked her yet with the Nebraska version of Mary Wirth. And we have looked at a lot of records. What we need is a little luck -- and we got some.

I decided to try Google. For my first search I entered “Hohensee Thayer County Nebraska.” Not a very sophisticated search. But among the first few listings was “Hattie C. Hohensee Soldan.” Wait a minute, didn't Fred and Mary have a daughter named Hattie? Yes they did! So click on that one! And here was Hattie's grave marker. It was pretty sparse, with just the name and years of birth and death. But someone had added her obituary to the page. Here are some selected bits of information from that obituary.<sup>4</sup>

She was born March 19, 1883 in Hebron, Nebraska. (Yes!)

Her parents preceded her in death. (No mention of names or anything else about them.)

She is survived by one sister, Mrs W.T. Cook of Lincoln (This has to be Mary/Mae Irene) and two brothers,

L.F. Hohensee and C. E. Hohensee (absolutely, these are the right brothers) and Mrs. Anna Malowney, her aunt.

There is a lot more very useful genealogical information in her obituary and we have the right person, Fred and Mary's daughter. And now we start to get really lucky. Hattie had a surviving Aunt named Anna, maiden name unknown. Since her married name is not Hohensee or Wirth, she did not become an aunt by marrying into the family. Therefore she had to be the sister of either Fred or Mary. And -- Mary had a sister named Anna! Since I was already on the page of the Chester Cemetery of Thayer County, Nebraska, I clicked on the link that said Chester Cemetery. This gave me the "look-up page" for the cemetery. So I entered the last name of Malowney and up popped, drum roll, Anna Elizabeth *Wirth* Malowney! She had died in Denver, Colorado after she had become a widow, and was brought back to Thayer County, Nebraska to be buried by her husband. And here is part of her obituary.<sup>5</sup>

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Malowney was born April 15, 1870, at Fondulac (sic), Wisc., the daughter of John and Mary Wirth. She was one of ten children. Her four brothers, John, Andrew, William, and Fred, and five sisters, Sybila, Elizabeth, Kate, **Mary** (emphasis added), and Margaret are all deceased.

She came to Flandreau, S. D., at an early age to live with foster parents and began teaching at the age of 15. Later she came to Hebron, Neb., to live with her sister Mary Hohensee. (!!!!!!! [exclamation points added])

We have now tied Mary Wirth of Kenosha and Racine Wisconsin to the Mary Wirth who married Frederick Hohensee in Adams County Nebraska when she was nineteen years old. One can see the family broke up after her mother's death and she found herself, as a teenager, in Nebraska. There is some fun research yet to do on this question, but the tie has been made.

We also uncovered a lot of information which should keep our friend Lonni busy for a while. We know the maiden name of mother Margaret *Rock* Wirth. We have discovered our John Wirth had the middle name *Andrew*. We know much more about some of Mary's siblings and offspring, especially from the obituaries, and can start to fill in gaps and do more research. So this was a fun search and we are grateful for a couple of lucky hits which tied Mary E. Wirth Hohensee back to her Wisconsin Family.

#### Footnotes;

1. 1860 US Census Search Results, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed Jan 2015); citing National Archives microfilm M653, Roll 1427 for Racine County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Racine, Ward 3, Page 90-91, dwelling 712, family 656; John Wirth household.
2. 1870 US Census Search Results, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed Jan 2015); citing National Archives microfilm M593, Roll 1720 for Kenosha County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Kenosha, Ward 4, Page 5 (handwritten)/247 (stamped), dwelling 35, family 36; John Woith household
3. *Wisconsin Men of Progress*; database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed Jan 2015), Citing: Aiken, Andrew J. *Men of Progress, Wisconsin*. Milwaukee, WI: Evening Wisconsin Co., 1897.
4. Hattie C Hohensee Soldan, Find A Grave Memorial # 46443361, <http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed Jan 2015, Chester Cemetery, Chester, Thayer County, Nebraska. Memorial created by Peggy Bargen Duey (#46873059).
5. Anna Elizabeth Wirth Malowney, Find A Grave Memorial # 26772302, <http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed Jan 2015, Chester Cemetery, Chester, Thayer County, Nebraska. Memorial created by Peggy Bargen Duey (#46873059).

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, January 24, 2015**

**Researching Your Italian Ancestors, Part Two: Research Techniques in Italy**

9:30 am - 12:15 pm (ET)

South Building, 1651 Lee Street; Meeting Rooms A & B

Speaker: John Bifano – Genealogy Volunteer – Fort Myers Regional Library

*This is a follow-up to the beginner's session held in September. Millions of Americans identify themselves as having Italian ancestry. Italy is rich in genealogy and family history resources. John Bifano will cover research topics covering sources, repositories, and agencies in Italy. Program will cover procedures for obtaining records in Italy via mail, Italian sources within the Family History Library, and specific Italian research sites on the Internet highlighting how to extract pertinent information from these records. The lecture will be via Power Point featuring sample letter request for records, samples of Napoleonic records, Italian civil records from 1866 forward, and some ecclesiastical records.*



**Saturday, January 24, 2015**

9:00 am - 3:30 pm (ET)

RSVP to Joanne Ryder at ryder.joanne@gmail.com

Speaker: Kory L. Meyerink

Topics: *Accessing Records in Germany: Local Repositories*  
*Has It Already Been Done? German Compiled Records*  
*Internet Sources for German Research*  
*U. S. Sources for Learning the German Hometown*

**SW Florida Germanic Genealogy Society Annual Seminar**

24 Twenty-One Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL

Cost: \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members (no walk-ins)

Full home-cooked German lunch included

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Speaker: Drew Smith: Front Page News (and Beyond): Finding Archived Newspapers.

**Manatee Genealogical Society February Meeting**

Bethel Baptist Church, 1805 30th Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34206

Free to Visitors

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For more info contact Debbie Garber, seminar@irgs.org or go to www.irgs.org

Speaker: Lisa Louise Cooke

Topics: *Ultimate Google Search Strategies & Tips*  
*Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers*  
*Time Travel with Google Earth*  
*How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case*

**Indian River Genealogical Society Annual Valentine Seminar**

Richardson Center, Indian River State College Mueller Campus, 6155 College LN, Vero Beach, FL 32966

\$45 includes a catered lunch

**Sunday, February 8, 2015**

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Bruce Hadburg at 727-796-7981, or email bhadburg@tampabay.rr.com

Costs: \$25 which will include membership; free to members; \$10 charge for book summarizing material presented.

Speaker: Dr. Emil H. Isaacson:

The JGSTB 2015 Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay Seminar part 1 of a 2 part seminar**

14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, FL

Coffee and dessert will be provided

**Saturday, February 14, 2015**

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Contact: Diana Lynn at gwdalynn@gmail.com

Costs: \$40.00 for members ahead of time; \$45.00 for non-members and \$50.00 at the door - Breakfast, lunch and beverages all day

Speaker: John Philip Colletta

Topics: *Lesser Used Federal Records*  
*Library of Congress*  
*Case studies in Reconstruction Real Life Events*  
*Discovering Real Stories of Immigrant Ancestors*

**Pinellas Genealogy Society, Inc Educational Seminar**

Library - 120 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Jacqueline Krieps Schattner

Topic: *A Guide to Overseas Genealogy*

*Crossing the pond is easier than you think. We'll present the history of immigrant travel into the US and how to find genealogical records in most European countries. A list of books and over 70 American and European websites for genealogical research and a guide for translating records will be provided. This presentation covers five areas of overseas genealogy: 1) emigration 2) voyage details 3) immigration, 4) naturalization and 5) websites both American and European.*

**FSGS Poolside Chat FREE WEBINAR**

On line

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

10:00 am to 2:30 pm

**Citrus County Genealogical Society Seminar**

Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, FL

Contact: Mary Ann Machonkin 352-382-5515; [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com)

Cost: Advanced registration required!; \$12 for members, \$16 non-members; no lunch

Speaker: Dick Eastman

Topics: *Genealogy Searches on Google*  
*Using Online Genealogy Programs*  
*The Organized Genealogist*

**Saturday, February 28, 2015**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Florida Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference**

Hampton Inn Melbourne, 194 Dike Rd., West Melbourne, FL

Contact: Yolanda Lifter, [yliifter@ohiofamilyresearch.com](mailto:yliifter@ohiofamilyresearch.com); <http://ogsfl.org>

Cost: \$45 members, \$50 non-members, boxed lunch and snacks included

Speaker: Craig Roberts Scott, CG

Topics: Quaker Migration  
 Pension Research: You Stopped Too Soon,  
 Finding Women: Maiden Name not Known

**Friday & Saturday, March 6 - 7, 2015**

9:30 am - 4:30 pm (ET)

**Huxford-Spear Genealogical Library Seminars**

Huxford Genealogical Society, Homerville Municipal Complex, 20 S. College Street, Homerville, GA

Cost: \$25 per person for GGS Members and \$35 for Non-Members.

Details will be posted on the Georgia Genealogical Society website by late January 2015.

For updates and a contact, go to [www.gagensociety.org](http://www.gagensociety.org).

Thursday, March 19, 2015

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**FSGS Poolside Chat FREE WEBINAR**

On line

Speaker: Claire V. Brisson-Banks, BS, MLIS, AG®

Topic: *Attacking Brick Walls Using Technology and Traditional Methods*

*Inevitably there are brick walls in genealogy. These situations take extra time, effort and money to solve, giving up isn't the answer. Unusual and little known resources can make all the difference. We will use step-by-step processes using various substitutes and thinking out of the box to facilitate assistance in breaking through difficult brick walls.*

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

8:45 am - 4:00 pm

**North Florida Genealogy Conference**

LDS Church, 461 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, 32073

See brochure in this newsletter

\$25 and includes lunch for those who pre-register.

**Application for Membership**

Dues are paid on a Calendar year basis. Dues received after 31 October are credited with dues paid for the following year. Please check one of the following categories:

- Principal membership: \$25.00
- Life (Principal) membership: \$260.00
- Student: \$10.00
- Dual membership: \$ 5.00 \*
- Life (Dual): \$65.00 \*
- Memorial: \$25.00 \*\* - In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\* A Dual Member is a person residing at the same address as the Principal Member.  
\*\* (Memorial Membership does not include issuance of Newsletters or Quarterly issues.)

- New Member**    **Renewing Member**    **Previous Member**    **Gift**   Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                                  Middle                                  Nickname                                  Maiden                                  Surname

Dual Member (First, Middle, Last Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 digit): \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Principal): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Dual): \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames you are researching (up to 5):

SURNAME	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTRY	DATES
Example: Smith	Timbuctu	Smithers	FL	USA	1880-1900
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

You are encouraged to submit a 5-generation pedigree chart with your application for our JGS Pedigree Charts Project

Circle ALL areas below that interest you:

- Abstracting      Audit              Education          Historian          Newsletter          Cemetery Research
- Programs          Publications      Publicity          Quarterly          Refreshments      Secretary
- Research          Telephone          Treasurer          Typing              Website              Other \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, you grant the Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. permission to use your name, address, email address, and surname data on the JGS Website, in the JGS Website Search Engine, and in the JGS Membership list/directory (which is available to members). Telephone numbers will not be published on the internet but will be listed in the JGS Membership list/directory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this application, along with your payment, to:**  
**Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756**

**For Office Use only:**  
Date Paid: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1st Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

Online Registration and payment is available at <http://nfgenealogyconference.eventbrite.com>

Early Registration - \$25 (includes lunch)  
Registration after Mar. 1, 2015 - \$30 (lunch is not guaranteed)

If not registering online at <http://nfgenealogyconference.eventbrite.com>, please complete the following form. Mail the form with your check (made payable to N FL Genealogy Conference) to:

N FL Genealogy Conference c/o Tom  
Visher  
601 N. Newnan St. #1709  
Jacksonville, FL, 32202

Please print name as it should appear on the conference name tag. Use a separate form for each person. This form may be duplicated.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Selections      Session 1 \_\_\_\_\_      Session 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
   Session 3 \_\_\_\_\_      Session 4 \_\_\_\_\_

For detailed information about classes and speakers, visit the website at [www.nfgenealogyconference.com](http://www.nfgenealogyconference.com).

For more information or questions, email us at [NFGenealogyConference@gmail.com](mailto:NFGenealogyConference@gmail.com)

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nfgenealogy.conference](http://www.facebook.com/nfgenealogy.conference)

I agree and acknowledge that my participation in the North Florida Genealogy Conference is of my own free will and that I assume responsibility for my own well being. I also agree and acknowledge that representatives of the North Florida Genealogy Conference may take photographs and/or videos that might include my image during the 2015 conference and my registration for the conference grants the North Florida Genealogy Conference committee permission and consent for use of these photographs and videos.

©Copyright 2015 by the Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756

5TH ANNUAL  
NORTH FLORIDA  
GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2015

8:45 A.M- 4:00 P.M.

461 BLANDING BLVD. ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 AT  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY  
SAINTS

REGISTRATION

**\$25** EARLY REGISTRATION  
(INCLUDES LUNCH)

REGISTRATION

AFTER MARCH 1, 2015

**\$30** (LUNCH IS NOT GUARANTEED)



# North Florida Genealogy Conference

Sat. March 21, 2015 8:45 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

*(Doors open at 8:00 A.M.)*

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
461 Blanding Blvd. (2.7 miles So. of I-295 Blanding exit, on the left)  
Orange Park, Florida, 32073

The twenty classes listed below will be offered in two morning and two afternoon sessions. There are five different presentations each hour with a midday break for lunch, served in the gym from 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Throughout the day, the library will be staffed by Family History Consultants for "one-on-one" questions.

Please **mark your 1st choice** for each of the four sessions to help with room size planning and to adhere to fire codes. More information about these classes and speakers is available at [www.nfgenealogyconference.com](http://www.nfgenealogyconference.com).

Online registration and payment is available at <http://nfgenealogyconference.eventbrite.com>. You will also have the opportunity to provide information on your lecture choices. Registering by 1 March 2015 guarantees a lunch

## Session One 9:15 A.M.- 10:15 A.M.

- A.\_\_\_\_\_ Meet Me At The Courthouse *by Patti Kirk*  
(Part 1)
- B.\_\_\_\_\_ Mitochondrial DNA *by Peter Mullen*
- C.\_\_\_\_\_ The Mother who Never Stopped *by Marcia Pertuz*  
Searching- An Orphan Train Story
- D.\_\_\_\_\_ History of New Netherlands *by Linda B. Ellwood*  
(New York 1599-1664)
- E.\_\_\_\_\_ My Pioneer Ancestors *by Jane P. Collins*

## Session Two 10:45 A.M.- 11:45 A.M.

- A.\_\_\_\_\_ Meet Me At The Courthouse (Part 2) *by Patti Kirk*
- B.\_\_\_\_\_ Methodology *by Marlene Thomas*
- C.\_\_\_\_\_ The Researcher's Digital Toolbox *by Denise Olson*
- D.\_\_\_\_\_ Researching in New Netherlands *by Linda B. Ellwood*
- E.\_\_\_\_\_ Grannie was a Cherokee Princess: Native American Ancestors *by Arnold Weeks*

## Session Three 1:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M.

- A.\_\_\_\_\_ Mining the Census to Write Your Family Story *by Miles Meyer*
- B.\_\_\_\_\_ Intro to FamilySearch Family Tree *by Joel Warner*
- C.\_\_\_\_\_ The Joys of Geneablogging *by Denise Olson*
- D.\_\_\_\_\_ Photo Preservation *by Chris Bass*
- E.\_\_\_\_\_ Germans to America *by Patti Kirk*

## Session Four 2:30 P.M.- 3:30 P.M.

- A.\_\_\_\_\_ Finding Genealogy Info in the Second Hand Store *by Miles Meyer*
- B.\_\_\_\_\_ FamilySearch Family Tree (Part 2) *by Joel Warner*
- C.\_\_\_\_\_ The Patriot War in Spanish East Florida *by Jim Vearil*
- D.\_\_\_\_\_ Identifying Family Relationships in obituaries *by George Bass*
- E.\_\_\_\_\_ Liverpoolians they were: How the Platts became Americans in South Jacksonville *by Ray Foster*





Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.

P. O. Box 60756

Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756