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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.

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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 21 May 2016

Kathy Stickney will be our speaker at the May 2016 meeting. Her topic *Finding Out More About Your Ancestors Through Newspapers* will be a different type of newspaper presentation. The purpose is to introduce the wealth of information that can be obtained about the everyday lives of their ancestors. The talk will begin with a look at primary uses of newspapers for genealogists: obituaries, marriage announcements, and birth announcements. The talk will continue with a look at additional uses of newspapers for genealogists: education, occupations, political affiliation, community involvement, military service, and rattling the skeletons in the family closet. It ends with a few suggestions of online sources for newspapers, some free and some subscription.

Kathy graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelors degree in elementary education and a Masters degree in library science. She has been researching her family for 18 years. Her mother's father's family came from Germany and she has researched them extensively both in this country and in Germany. Most of her father's family fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War. She has methodically researched and written magazine articles about their involvement in the war. Her novel on them titled *For Those I Love* was released by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, LLC in August 2013. Kathy is a graduate of The National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C. and The Institute of Genealogical & Historical Research at Samford University. Kathy has had articles published in *The Florida Genealogist*, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, *The Patrick Henry Orator* (quarterly publication of the Henry County Historical Group),

the *Ohio Genealogical Quarterly*, the *UDC Magazine*, and the *NGS Magazine*. Kathy has combined her love of genealogy with her love of scrapbooking and has done several heritage scrapbooks. She is a member of the Florida State Genealogical Society and serves as a member of the FSGS Pioneer Descendant Certification Committee.

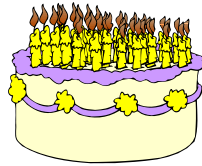
Membership Meeting 18 June 2016

Our speaker, Peter Mullen, will be presenting *Civil War Medicine: Infection Disease & Immunity* 150 years ago this nation inflicted upon itself four horrendous years of civil war, terrorism and murders which lead us down the path of self-destruction. This program is dedicated to all Americans who suffered physical and emotional injury or death related to the American Civil War. It features science and medicine of the 19th Century blended with history and culture of the period providing a panoramic view of the suffering endured by both military and civilians between 1861 and 1865.

Peter Mullen is a native born Kentuckian and a graduate of the University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University earning degrees in Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science and currently living in Callahan, Florida where he is a professor at Florida State College at Jacksonville. He is a member of the Speakers Bureau for the Georgia Historical Society, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial, Connecticut Civil War Sesquicentennial, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Anthropological Multicultural Association of the South, and Florida State College; he lectures to professional and historical societies nationwide promoting history and culture of the South. Professor Mullen was commissioned by Governor Steven L. Beshear of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a Kentucky Colonel on September 20, 2011 in the 220th year of the Commonwealth. He was inducted into the Golden Alumni Society of the University of Louisville by University President, Dr. James Ramsey on May 8, 2015 and recognized at the 2015 University Commencement Ceremony in Louisville, Kentucky.

Happy Birthday

We send a "Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who celebrated recent birthdays:



Connie Coward	March 10
Valerie Barney	March 14
Mary McCool	March 17
Pauline Holyfield	March 24
Grace Moran	April 4
Norma LeVey	April 9
Cheryl Leilani Smith	April 20
Richard Rousseau	April 21
Kathleen Krizek	April 23
Pamela Gibson	April 30
Linda Moffitt	May 13
Carol Norman	May 14
Corah Coward	May 19
Sandra Loughman	May 19
William Renner	May 23
Eunice Jones	May 24
Ralph McQuiddy	May 27
Georgeann Engel	June 6

Research in the States

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) recently announced the publication of two new books as part of their "Research in the States" series. The publication on Florida was written by our own members Ann Staley, CGSM, CGLSM, and Amy Giroux, PhD, CGSM, CGLSM. The books are available for purchase in the NGS store (http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research_in_the_states).

2016 Dues

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2016, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2016 are due.

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.

Mail and E-Mail Address Changes

Please notify us of any address change that you might have. Bounced e-mail is a bummer and the Post Office charges us a hefty fee for returned postal mail. A simple note to us at info@jaxgen.org can help save our funds.

IN MEMORY

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of our Life Member Olive Kaye Swilley Poplin. She passed away on February 24, 2016 at the age of 70. There was a graveside service conducted at Oakview Cemetery in Camilla, Georgia.

We extend condolences to her two sons, Mark and Gary, and her many grandchildren. We also extend condolences to her sister, Laura Jane Swilley, who is also our Life Member. We also have learned that Laura unfortunately has suffered a stroke and is currently in a nursing home.

Have you tried these websites?

Ingle, Cyndi. Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. "DNA, Genetics & Family Health."

(<http://cyndislist.com/dna> : accessed 16 May 2016) [over 330 links for DNA information]

Your Genetic Genealogist

(<http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/search/label/mtDNA> : accessed 16 May 2016) A blog (group of informative articles) written by professional genetic genealogist CeCe Moore.

Barber, Phil. *A Brief History of Newspapers*.

(<http://www.historicpages.com/nprhist.htm> : accessed 16 May 2016)

Beine, Joe. *Historical Newspapers and Indexes On The Internet - USA: A Genealogy Research Guide*.

(<http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm> : accessed 16 May 2016)

Bobbie's Genealogy Classroom. "Your Guide to Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research".

(<http://www.barbsnow.net/Newspapers.htm> : accessed 16 May 2016)

Chronicling America. Historic American Newspapers.

(<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> : accessed 16 May 2016) (Over 10 million historic newspaper pages from 1836-1922.)

National Genealogical Society 2016 Family History Conference

Over 1800 genealogists from around the nation converged on Ft. Lauderdale, FL for the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference, which ran from May 4-7. Chaired and Vice Chaired by Jacksonville Genealogy Society's own C. Ann Staley and Amy Lerner Giroux respectively, the event included more than 180 lectures on a wide range of topics including genealogy skillbuilding, research methodologies for different ethnicities, use of technology, and the use of DNA results to advance genealogical research. In addition to seminars, attendees were able to visit over 100 vendor booths to learn about various sources, software, organizations, etc. available to them. The conference provided an effective venue for educating beginners and expert genealogists alike.

Plan now for the 2017 conference to be held in Raleigh, NC May 10-13, 2017.

Apprenticeship and Indentured Servitude Agreements

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Apprenticeship agreements, also referred to as indentured servitude contracts, were common in the British Isles and later in Colonial America. An apprenticeship is defined as a service or condition in which a person is gaining instruction in a trade or art, under legal agreement. Historically, an apprentice served for a specified period of time varying from 7-10 years. While most apprentices began as children, some as young as ten years of age, circumstances such as helping pay for passage to the New World resulted in some adults in their 20s entering into these agreements as well. Apprentices often came from the economically poor levels of English and European society. Many were orphans who were bound out by a county court until the age of 18 for men and 21 for women.

The system of apprenticeship first developed in the late Middle Ages and was supervised by craft guilds and town governments. A master craftsman was entitled to employ young people as an inexpensive form of labor in exchange for providing food, lodging and formal training in the craft. While most apprentices were males, researchers may encounter female apprentices in fields such as seamstress, tailor, cordwainer, baker and stationer. In England, the Statute of Apprentices in 1563 made it illegal for anyone to enter a trade if they had not first served an apprenticeship.

Depending on the time period, place, and jurisdiction, these

agreements may be labeled apprenticeship agreements or indentured servitude contracts. Some apprenticeships were privately arranged and there is no documentation, but many indentures were officially recorded in court records.

Indentures were legal agreements and could be recorded even if the child served an apprenticeship under the father or a close family member. Information found in apprentice and indentured servitude agreements may include:

1. Apprentice's name
2. Name of craftsman or business entity responsible for agreement (might be individual craftsman, court appointed or private attorney dealing with indentured contacts, person, business entity, church parish or charity)
3. Names of parents or guardians (sometimes place of residence if known)
4. Name of wife and any children (if applicable)
5. Length of indenture term
6. Trade to be learned
7. Whether the apprentice was literate and/or allowed to attend school

If your ancestor engaged in a trade, you will want to look for indenture records in the appropriate locality. Often they are with the deeds, but may be found in probate or orphans' court records, with guardianships. You may find them in books labeled "Minute Books". In some New England towns, they may be in the town records.

Not all apprenticeships ran smoothly. Runaways were not uncommon and advertisements in local newspapers often named and described the absent apprentice. Not all indenture records are for true apprenticeships. Some record an agreement whereby a child, usually of a poor family, was "bound out" either to earn an income for the family, or to provide for the child if the family could not or if the child was orphaned.

Hurricane Season

We here in Florida are vulnerable to hurricanes, as we know so well. How safe are your "valuables". Do you have an evacuation plan? What would you take with you? Have you backed up your computer? Do you have copies of your photographs? Make your plans now so that you will be ready if disaster should hit here.

Creating a Genealogy Research Disaster Plan

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Genealogical research can be one of the most fulfilling experiences in a person's life. Yet it is also a time consuming endeavor. Disasters are a fact of life. Allstate Insurance Company puts this situation into amusing terms with their "mayhem" commercials. However, disasters, whether they are computer viruses, hard drive crashes, or weather related, are a fact of life. The bottom line is having a plan in place before they happen.

Here are some questions every genealogist should consider:

1. What will happen to your precious mementoes, heirlooms, documents, certificates, pictures, movies, DVD/CD's, and online information?
2. Will your genealogy research survive a computer hard drive crash, a theft of your whole computer system, a fire, earthquake, landslide, flood, or a nuclear catastrophe?
3. What will happen to your research, online data, personal book collection, etc, after your death?

Here are some guidelines that many professionals recommend:

1. Create an inventory of family documents, mementoes, heirlooms, etc, including their origin, general description and physical location.
2. Keep these items in a climate controlled environment preferably in a dark, dry, cool place, in a fire- proof safe or similar container.
3. All documents, heirlooms, photographs, etc. should be placed in archival quality folders and protective containers as applicable.
4. Scan all original documents and save the digital images on the computer. Make backup photocopies of the original documents and provide them to trusted family members for safe-keeping.
5. Scan family photographs and save the digital images on the computer.
6. Organize, date, and label photographs into family groups, giving them descriptive names if possible.
7. Backup your computer hard drive data regularly in order to protect against a hard drive or system crash. Having an external hard drive with many gigabytes is relatively cheap. Data saved is usually portable to another computer. It is usually easy to copy data from the computer hard drive to the external drive. You can choose which data to backup as in only the most important databases, documents, photos, etc.
8. Backups can be handled on a daily, weekly, monthly, yearly. Most experts seem to recommend monthly updates.
9. Send backup copies to trusted family or friends residing far from your place of residence.
10. Death is inevitable. To ensure that your research survives and is used in a manner that you feel is appropriate, you must prepare a genealogical will codicil specifying your wishes for the disposition of mementos, heirlooms, papers,

documents, photos, etc. Specify directives concerning the publication and/or use of your research.

11. If you want your research to go to a research repository make sure this is specified and that you have contacted them prior to your death and verified that they will accept the materials.
12. Most legal experts recommend appointing an heir to handle these details and make sure that you have left them a significant bequest to perform these tasks, or to have it done professionally.

GenealogyInTime Magazine

This free online "magazine" is devoted to letting you know the latest digital information that has gone up on the web. In the 8 March 2016 issue they provide information on the "Top 100 Genealogy Websites for 2016". Interesting results. The top ten sites are noted as:

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| 1. Ancestry.com | 6. Geni.com |
| 2. Find A Grave | 7. GeneaNet |
| 3. FamilySearch | 8. Newspapers.com |
| 4. MyHeritage.com | 9. Ancestry.com.au |
| 5. Ancestry.co.uk | 10. FindMyPast UK |

They first provide the full list with the rank, website name, category, country, free or pay and the website URL. They then break it down to the top 10 pay and the top 10 free websites and then they go into further explanations as to what the full results mean with charts and diagrams. You should read all 8 web pages. They are small pages chock full of useful information for performing meaningful searches.

http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/top-100-genealogy-websites-of-2016-page01.html?awt_l=MkjA6&awt_m=JwmZ4zMsuwk.Vy

Happy Summer!

Have a Safe and Fun Summer!
Tell us about your Genealogy successes. We would love to publish them for you.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 19, 2016

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD: *Using Free Third-Party Tools to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA*

Registration: FREE online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8511147259318077442>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Although DNA testing companies provide their own analysis of test results, there are free third-party tools that allow test-takers to learn even more about their genomic heritage, including admixture calculators and the identification of genetic cousins.

Together we'll explore some of these tools and learn how to separate the wheat from the chaff.

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Speaker: Jose Ramirez, Cuban immigrant

Topic: His experience in writing his family history book.

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society

Mandarin Branch Library, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, 32257

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm

Speaker: Carolyn Ford – LCLS Volunteer and Lee County Genealogical Society

Using Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition for Genealogical Research

This seminar will cover the latest updates and search capabilities using Ancestry for all aspects of genealogical research.

Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901

South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Sunday, June 12

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Speaker: Peter Summers; *Introduction to Roots Magic*

This presentation will familiarize you with the physical layout of the key Roots Magic screens within the program, and it will review the more popular features including the use of groups, reports, color-coding, web hints, facts, research logs, and more.

For more information contact: Sally Israel, sisrael@tampabay.rr.com, Ph: 727-343-1652

Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljgstb/>

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay - monthly meeting

Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services; 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, FL

Thursday, June 16, 2016

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Lisa Alzo, MFA: *Ten Ways to Jumpstart Your Eastern European Research*

Registration: FREE online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3313379761844256258>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Curious about your East European roots but don't know where to begin? This session will show you how to "jumpstart your genealogy!" Learn the basics of how to investigate your family's history using both traditional and online sources. Discover which records to tap into to identify your ancestral village, and how history impacts genealogical research. Tips for contacting possible relatives and writing to foreign archives, as well as strategies for overcoming the most common pitfalls and problems will also be discussed.

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Saturday, July 9, 2016

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Speaker: C. Ann Staley, CGSM, CGLSM; *"Will" They be There? Using Probate Records*

Probate records can be a rich source for finding that elusive piece of information concerning birth, death and relationships. They could also put some "meat on the bones" of your ancestors depending on the records found within the probate package. This lecture examines the many records created in the Probate proceedings. We will discuss what Probate Records are, the types of records that might be found (utilizing many examples from various counties/states), problems associated with the records and sources for finding the records.

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Saturday, July 9, 2016

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm

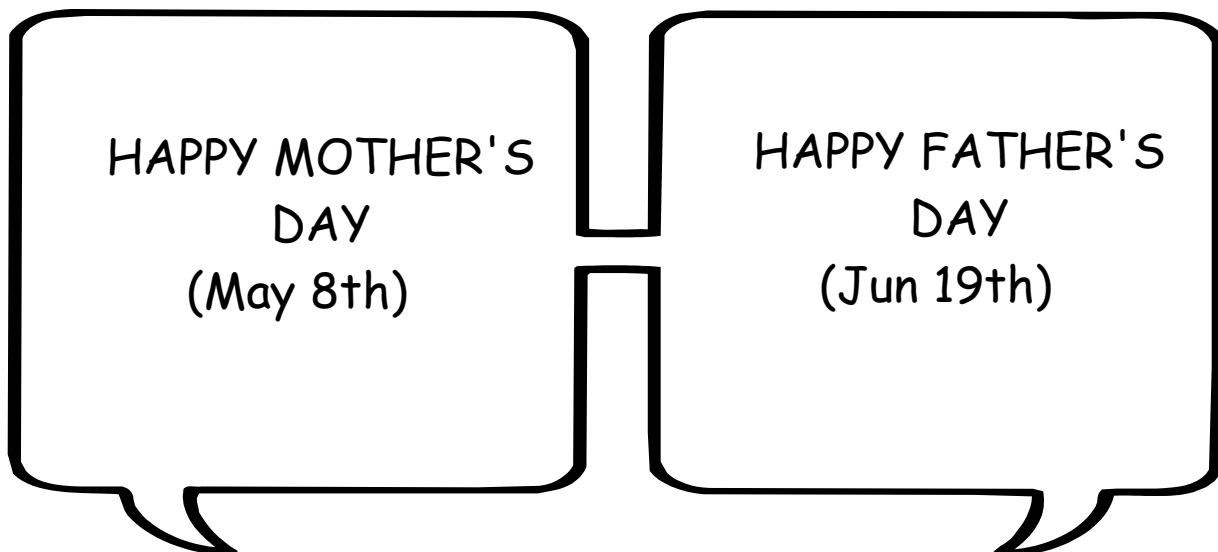
Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy-Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

Using Family Search for Genealogical Research

This seminar will cover the latest updates and search capabilities using Family Search for all aspects of genealogical research. We will also discuss the microfilm lending programs of which Fort Myers regional Library is a library borrowing affiliate partner.

Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901

South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B



To all of our
Mothers and Fathers
- - from your JGS family - -

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