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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.

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

A Plea From Your President

On its webpage, the Federation of Genealogical Societies makes this statement, "A national genealogy society doesn't run itself nor can it provide a meaningful membership experience without the help of its volunteers." If it is true on a national level, it is even truer on a local level where everyone involved is a volunteer.

JGS has eight elected officer positions, six of which are currently filled. We also have eight standing committees, three of which presently have functioning chairmen (and one of those chairmen is also an elected officer). That means that eight people are shouldering the entire burden, and many of the jobs are getting done only because some of these eight have graciously taken on work that is not even within the scope of what they agreed to do. And quite frankly, some of the jobs are simply not getting done.

We hope that you enjoy the programs which we are able to provide on a monthly basis as well as occasional special events and educational classes. Just please remember that each time you attend one of these, someone has put hours of volunteer time into making it happen. And there is so much more that we could do as a society if there were enough volunteers. Our Board has several projects in mind that we would like to do, but the Board itself simply cannot do it all.

At our April meeting we were thrilled when eight people came forward to help with our WWII project. In commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of WWII, we are attempting to identify and publish the names of every veteran from Duval County who served in that war as part of the "greatest generation". To those of you who volunteered, thank you so much! We can still use more people helping. The job involves basically proof reading two lists of names to check one against the other. You do it at home at a time that is convenient for you. You can do as little or as much as you feel you are able. If you wish to help, just send a message to info@jaxgen.org or let us know at the next meeting.

And then we come to a very urgent need. In November we will be electing new officers. At least one of our current and very faithful officers will not be returning due to personal family needs. There are several others who are not yet sure if they can return. The future of your Society depends upon people stepping forward and helping fill the void. We need people who can express themselves well in writing, people who understand and can manage finances, people who have some computer skills and can keep accurate records, people who have some people skills and can contact potential speakers, and people willing to do occasional research at the downtown library. If you have any of these skills or interests, we need you. Please be assured that you would not be just thrown into something without a lot of instruction and help from those of us already doing the jobs. Our Board meets at noon before each monthly meeting, so it would not involve coming out on another day of the month. Just come a little early on the regular meeting day. And if you can't make every meeting, that's OK. After all, volunteers have that option! If you would be willing to just CONSIDER helping in some capacity as a Board member, let us know, and we can talk with you personally in more detail. If you then don't think it is for you, we won't pressure you.

I am sure we have untapped talent in our Society. Anyone who is capable of finding ancestors who have been dead for 200 years has skills! Please consider using those skills to keep JGS not only functioning, but moving on to new heights. Do you remember the old recruitment posters that said "Uncle Sam needs you"? Well, JGS needs YOU!! Again, if you wish to help, just send a message to info@jaxgen.org or let us know at the next meeting.

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 20 May 2017

Speaker: Denise Mortorff, M.O.B.

Topic: *YOU FOUND IT WHERE? Organizations: How to Find Them & Access Their Collections for Genealogy Research*

Brief description: Thousands of organizations around the world house materials that can enable researchers in furthering their ancestry. Learn about organization types, how to identify those pertinent to your research needs, and ways to access their collections. Considerations in creating effective research queries will be discussed if there is time.

Speaker Bio: 44 years of genealogy and counting. Employed by the Tampa Public Library years ago, in their Special Collections Department, Denise helped patrons research about Florida including early state and Tampa Bay history, along with the use of materials in the vast genealogy collection, at that time, ranging from New England to Florida. She became entrenched in tracing her own family history and from that point on she has given presentations for many organizations and major conferences, published in periodicals, and done in depth research in England and its' early institutions particularly in London. She is a member of the Pipe Roll Society and other organizations. She has had two courses on FamilySearch.org and published a family history that was one of a small group of materials in the late 80s that was used to establish the copyright laws that are used for family histories in our Country today. NGS in their Qrtly described it as "among the best of its genre" in the Country that year. She also has Scot, Dutch and German ancestry but has not limited her understanding of how to do research to those areas. She has two children, and two grandchildren, and is currently enjoying life in Georgia. A graduate of BYU's Management School in Organizational Behavior with experience leading her to teach at a university for several years. She collects seashells since a child, Depression era pewter, Colonial bank notes and friends.

2017 Dues

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2017, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2017 are past due.

Membership Meeting 17 June 2017

Speaker: Melody Porter

Topic: *Tribal Member or Just Indian?*

Brief description: Always heard that you have Native American ancestry and think you want to join the tribe? Learn the difference between researching for ancestry and actually being eligible for Tribal membership. Federally recognized Native American Tribes have guidelines to enroll new members. Find out who can and cannot be a Tribal Member and why. Melody discusses her Cherokee and Choctaw ancestry, why she is a member of only the Western Cherokee Tribe and how research will be different depending on your goals.

Speaker Bio: Melody's background started in banking and mortgage finance, but as businesses transformed and began using computer software, she became a business analyst and project manager. She is a lover of history and family stories. In her spare time, she has been researching her genealogy for over 30 years. Escaping to Thomasville, Georgia, she made her getaway and is pursuing genealogy fulltime as a genealogy and history researcher, lecturer and writer. Melody specializes in Florida, Georgia and Native American research, but has a soft spot for French and English history. Proud to be a Native American (both Cherokee and Choctaw), Melody is a voting member of the Western Cherokee Tribe in Oklahoma. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA. She has attended The Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, AL as well as local, state and national genealogy conferences (NGS & FGS) to stay up on the newest trends. As a DAR member, she is constantly improving her research skills by helping others join DAR. She has had her DNA tested as well as her parents DNA and enjoys finding new cousins.

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 JGS funds.

Introduction to Genealogy Class

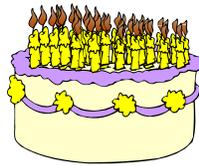
The four-session "Introduction to Genealogy" Class, featuring research resources in the U.S. was held at the Bartram Trail Branch Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd, Fruit Cove, FL 32259, on April 1, 8, 22, and 29, 2017.

We had fifteen students sign-up for the class which was for the beginner researcher and the experienced researcher looking for a refresher course. Fourteen received certificates, having been able to attend 3 of the 4 classes. Subjects included:

- Getting Started, Traditions, Research Sources, and a Handwriting hands-on session
- Census Returns, Court Records, and a Census Evidence Analysis hands-on session
- Church Records, Vital Records, and a Timelines and Research Plan hands-on session
- Documentation, Source Citations, and Various Online Research Sources

Happy Birthday

We send a "Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who will be celebrating birthdays in March and April:



Eileen Ward	May 13
Carol Norman	May 14
Sandra Loughman	May 19
Eunice Jones	May 24
Ralph McQuiddy	May 27
Georgeann Engel	June 6
Johnnie Ingram	June 22
Robert Lear	June 22
George Bass	June 25

IN MEMORY

Barbara Crissman's father, Morgan Lester Crissman, passed away on 25 March 2017 after a lengthy illness; he was 85. After services at the Chapel of Peoples Family Funeral Homes, burial was at Evergreen Cemetery. We extend condolences to Barbara, her mom Abbie Crissman, and her family.

On the Sick List

Those we have heard about/from: Joan Peck, Grace Moran, Ivy Phillips, and Barbara Crissman. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

A New Look for our Publicity Emails

JGS is on the move! Into using technology that is. In the middle of March we started the changeover to using an online email provider - MailChimp, which is a permission-based email service provider (ESP).

Using MailChimp will allow us to:

- create better email messages to you
- provide emails more promptly to you
- provide more privacy for you
- allow us to get away from using a personal email that can be classified as spamming, which could be a huge problem for the one sending it.

From their website: "... you must get express permission from your subscribers before you can send campaigns to them. We're required to enforce anti-spam laws, and we maintain additional rules to protect users, subscribers, and ourselves."

Therefore, as part of the setup, they require that you verify your contact information and your desire to receive emails from us. Please click on this link – <http://eepurl.com/czi5GD> – and you will be taken to a simple signup form.

Please note – as of 1 May you will not receive any emails from us unless you sign-up on MailChimp. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to improve our communications with you.

Western European Family History Online Conference

We received the following notice from the Family History Library:

"We would like to inform you and your society members about our upcoming **free online** research seminars. The first is the Western European Family History Conference, on May 15-19. This is for anyone who has German, French, Belgium, Dutch, Swiss, and Luxembourger ancestry. It is 5 days of classes in order to help you find your ancestors. You can attend in person or online. Check out the FamilySearch Wiki for class descriptions and registration links: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Western_European_Family_History_Conference.

You might also want to save the date for two more week long seminars.

- **Sep 11-15**, Nordic Research Seminar
- **Oct 2-6**, US Research Seminar"

State and Territorial Censuses

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The main historical purpose for most state censuses was to obtain information on the financial, educational, and social profiles of communities throughout a particular jurisdiction. State officials compiled this data to establish policies, meet the social and economic needs of the population, and identify the various ethnic populations living within their borders.

Although not all states conducted state censuses, many collected information designed to provide statistical data as well as personal information. The amount of this type of information varies by time period and state/territory. Some censuses contained many of the same questions and listed all members of a household in the same manner as their federal counterparts.

For more detailed information on state censuses, four of the best sources are listed below:

1. Ancestry Learning Center – State Research Guides – Includes State Census Discussions
<https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/ka21500000T y3QAAS/State-Research-Guides-on-Ancestry-1460089695270-2866>
2. Family Search Wiki – United States – State, Territorial, and Colonial Censuses – History
https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Census_State_Censuses
3. United States Bureau of the Census – State Censuses - History
https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/state_censuses.html
4. Lainhart, Ann S. *State Census Records*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, c1992.

In addition to the resources listed above there are numerous websites containing tutorials and searchable databases for the individual states that conducted their own censuses. Many of these are operated by state genealogical and historical societies. Searchable databases are also available on Ancestry, Family Search, Find My Past, Heritage Quest, and My Heritage.

The main benefit of searching state censuses is filling in gaps between censuses or overcoming the lack of information due to missing census records. Some prime examples of this are state and territorial censuses taken in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota,

and Wisconsin. These censuses taken between the years of 1885 and 1895 often fill in missing information caused by the loss of most 1890 federal census schedules.

Unlike the federal censuses, the quality of indexing for personal names in most state census returns usually is very poor to non-existent. Now that a growing number are available online, this situation has improved somewhat. Otherwise, they are alphabetically arranged by county, and then geographically by election precincts. For states with little or no indexing of personal names, users must obtain election precinct numbers to expedite searches.

“State & Territorial Censuses” Publications and Websites

1. Beine, Joe. U.S. Census Records: Tips, Resources & Online Records (<http://www.germanroots.com/censuslinks.html>) : accessed 30 Apr 2017)
2. CensusTools. (<https://www.censustools.com/> : accessed 30 Apr 2017) [Forty electronic spreadsheets for census data, cemetery data, research log, passenger manifest data, and more (\$12.00).]
3. CensusMate. Worksheet for Genealogy and Family History. (<http://www.censusmate.com> : accessed 7 Nov 2016) [Free MSEXcel forms to download to organize and work with the pre-1850 censuses.]
4. Census Online: Links to Online Census Records. Florida. (<http://www.census-online.com/links/FL> : accessed 30 Apr 2017)
5. Genealogy Inc. (<https://www.genealogyinc.com/> : accessed 7 Nov 2016) [Choose a state and see information on the counties, genealogy links, history, maps, databases, census records, vital records, etc.]
6. Hinckley, Kathleen W. *Your Guide to the Federal Census for Genealogists, Researchers, and Family Historians*. (Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2002.)
7. Morse, Steve. One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse (<http://www.stevemorse.org> : accessed 7 Nov 2016) [Forms for searching a variety of records in one-step. Includes passenger lists, manifests, census, vital records, etc.]
8. Rhodes, Karen Packard. *Non-Federal Censuses of Florida, 1784-1945: A Guide to Sources*. (Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2009)
9. USGenWeb Archives Online Census Images Project. (<http://usgwarchives.net/census/> : accessed 30 Apr 2017)
10. U.S. Census Bureau. Agriculture Schedules 1850 to 1900 (<http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/33398096v5ch9.pdf> : accessed 30 Apr 2017)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Speaker: Jim Vearil

Topic: *A Case Study of Family Migration*

He will be showing ways to research and help us understand family migration in early frontier Florida.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments are served after the meeting.

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society

Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, 32257

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Speaker: Michael Maher

Topic: *Legacy Family Tree*

Overview of the family tree program.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Bartram Trail Genealogy Group

Bartram Trail Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd, St Johns, FL 32259

May 15, 2017

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Topic: Free one-hour tour of the Genealogy and Local History Room includes walk through our collection of books, introduction to our vertical files, CD and Microfilm collection and much more.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Fleming Island Genealogy Group

Clay Co. Headquarters Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd, Fleming Island, FL

May 15-19, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Speaker: Various

Topic: German, French, Belgium, Dutch, Swiss, and Luxembourger ancestry. 5 days of online classes to help you find your ancestors.

Cost: Free. Check out the FamilySearch Wiki for class descriptions and registration links:

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Western_European_Family_History_Conference.

FamilySearch, Western European Family History Conference

Online Conference

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Speaker: Marlene and Tom Walters

Topic: *Our Ancestral Journey*

They will be explaining how they embarked on finding their ancestors and the difficulties faced as beginning genealogists. They will also share the different paths discovered and how their lives were affected.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Amelia Island Genealogical Society

Fernandina Beach Branch Library, Community Room, 25 N 4th St., Fernandina Beach

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Speaker: Denise Barrett Olson

Topic: *Genealogy Digital Disaster Plan*

For more information: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flgsfc/program.html>

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Genealogy Society of Flagler County

Flagler Co. Public Library, 2500 Palm Coast Parkway NW, Palm Coast, FL 32137

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Thomas MacEntee – *After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research*

Registration: FREE online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/709900062336758275>

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

Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you're gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on. Through a combination of planning, common sense, and new technologies, we'll review how to create an action plan for preserving your genealogy research.

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

June 2, 2017

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Topic: Free one-hour tour of the Genealogy and Local History Room includes walk through our collection of books, introduction to our vertical files, CD and Microfilm collection and much more.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Fleming Island Genealogy Group

Clay Co. Headquarters Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd, Fleming Island, FL

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Speaker: Sandy Arpen

Topic: Field Trip

Located on the beautiful St Johns River in the 10-acre Walter Hones Historical Park, the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society takes visitors back to old Florida where they will view featured exhibits including information about the wreck in the Civil War steamship Maple Leaf (a National Historic Landmark) and renowned writer Harriet Beecher Stowe's life in Mandarin.

Information and directions: <http://www.sgesjax.org/june-mandarin-museum-and-historical-park/>

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society

Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Rd. Jacksonville FL 32223

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Speaker: Gary English

Topic: *Family Tree Maker 2017*

Highlighting the new features of the latest version

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Bartram Trail Genealogy Group

Bartram Trail Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd, St Johns, FL 32259

Thursday, June 15, 2017

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Nancy A Peters, CGSM – *Gone to Florida! Tracking Migrants from Antebellum South Carolina*

Registration: FREE online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4273278709493745667>

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

Tracing ancestors who moved can be difficult, especially in southern states with burned counties. Learn methods and sources for tracking migrants from antebellum South Carolina to Florida. This session explores the historic context for migration in the territorial and early statehood period and describes the steps used in cluster research into ancestors who moved. A case study shows how cluster research helped find the origin of a South Carolinian who came to Alachua County in the 1840s when no known record provides his exact place of birth or names his parents.

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Speaker: Jim Lannin

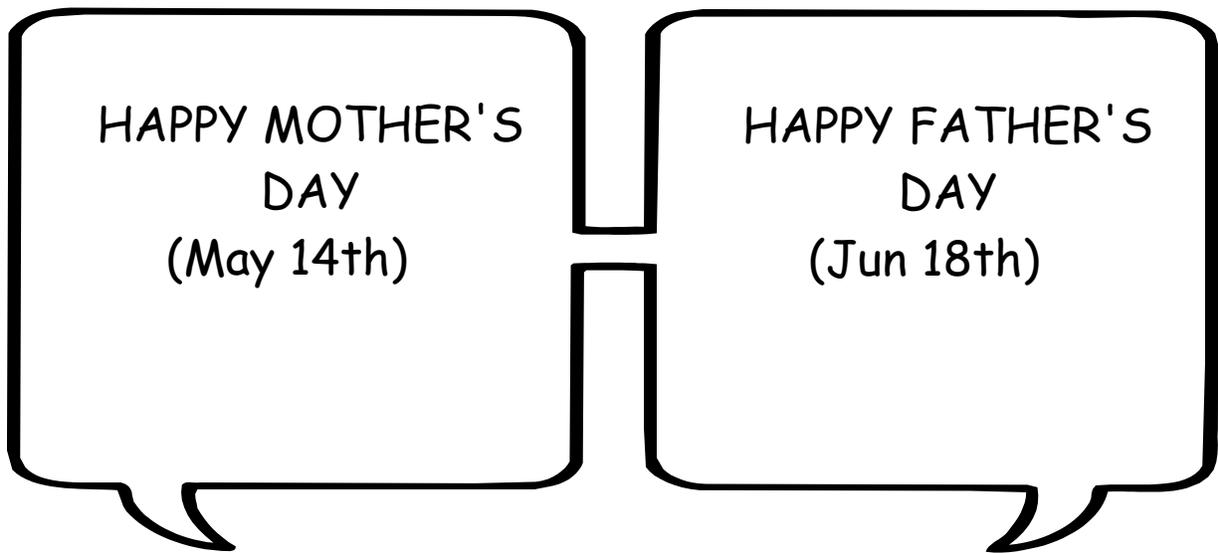
Topic: *Using DNA for Genealogy*

For more information: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flgsfc/program.html>

Meetings are free and open to the public.

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

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