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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.

2018 Dues

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2018, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2018 are past due.

Membership Meeting May 2018

Date: 19 May 2018

Speaker: Gary English

Topic: Overview of Family Tree Maker 2017

Brief Description: This is an overview of FTM 2017 highlighting the changes and new features for this version.

Speaker Bio: Gary is an amateur genealogist, continuing the work of his uncle and father before him on documenting their family's history. He is a long time user of Family Tree Maker software starting with versions back in the "DOS days". Currently Gary is using Family Tree Maker 2017 for Windows with FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. He is an active member of several local Genealogy Groups and is not associated with, or representing, Family Search.org, Ancestry.com or Family Tree Make.

Membership Meeting Jun 2018

Date: 16 June 2018

Speaker: C. Ann Staley, CG®, CGL(SM)

Topic: Genealogical Research: Online Resources – for Free!

Brief Description: In the economically challenged world we are in today, free is good! Surf the internet to find those choice websites that hold digital images, databases, text files, etc.

Speaker Bio: Ann is an educator, consultant, co-leader of Ann-Mar Genealogy Trips; Faculty, The National Institute for Genealogical Studies; Education Chair, Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.; Vice President, Genealogical Speakers Guild; Director, Florida State Genealogical Society; and author of several articles for the *NGS Magazine*, and the co-author of the *NGS Research in the States Series-Florida*. Her specialties are Methodology, Research Sources, Computer Resources, Vital Records and their Sources, Conference Planning, and assisted genealogy research trips.

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.

Spring 2017 Genealogy Class

Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. (JGS) (<http://jaxgen.org>) will be holding a four-session Introduction to Genealogy Class, featuring research resources in the U.S.

It will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Bartram Trail Branch Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd, Fruit Cove, FL 32259, on the following Saturdays: June 23, June 30, July 7, and July 14, 2018.

This class is for the beginner researcher and the experienced researcher looking for a refresher course. Subjects include: Back to Basics; Research Documentation; Sources-What are they?; Dates, Places & Relationships; Use of Vital, Court, and Church Records; Timelines; Handwriting; Census Evidence Analysis; and more. Certificates of Completion will be given to those persons who attend three of the four class dates.

The classes are tentatively - subject to change - being planned as:

Day 1 - Generally Getting Started, Traditions, Organization, types of sources;
Hands on - handwriting

Day 2 - Census Returns and Court Records;
Hands on - census evidence analysis

Day 3 - Church and Vital Records;
Hands on - timelines

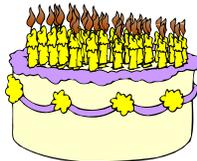
Day 4 - Research Sources, documentation;
Hands on - source citations

Free parking is available at the Library and there is no charge for the class. Register online: send an email to info@jaxgen.org. Include your name, address, and phone number.

Happy Birthday

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

Carol Norman	May 14
Ralph McQuiddy	May 27
Georgeann Engel	June 6
Dorothy Laird	June 9
George Bass	June 25



A Special Thank You

I would like to give a big thank you to Ann Staley for her leadership in heading up the North Florida Genealogy Conference in March. It was a wonderful outing for all who attended. Under her guidance it was the largest attendance since it began. Way to go Ann! We also thank her board. This group of hard workers was able to arrange for great lecturers and a variety of topics. The volunteers, vendors who attended and the vendors who provided our door prizes also deserve a thank you. We cannot forget the Scouts who sold snacks and drinks for our refreshments. Not only was it educational but a time to share fellowship with others who share our family quest. If you have never attended please watch for next year's date which will be announced soon.

DNA Testing Basics Connie Bradshaw

Over the past 20 years DNA testing has moved from a little known science to a main stream genealogical tool required in a comprehensive and reasonably exhaustive research plan. In the past few years if DNA testing is not included, genealogical research is not complete. A case in point, after many years of traditional research lead a researcher up her father's surname line, he participated in Y-DNA testing. Unfortunately, the results indicated he shared DNA with other male testers with a different surname. All genealogists need a basic knowledge of DNA testing to determine the test or tests required to support their research theory. Before testing, identifying a specific goal will provide a focused plan, saving valuable research funds.

There are three basic types of DNA tests provided from a variety of consumer direct testing labs; Y, Mitochondrial, and Autosomal DNA. Sons inherit Y-DNA from their fathers. Since only men inherit the Y-DNA, only men can participate in this DNA test. If a female needs the Y-DNA of a specific lineage, she will need to locate a male in that direct male line to test. Y-DNA will remain virtually unchanged for many generations. When a mutation (change) does occur at one of the specific test locations, it will signify a new branch under a father. One son may keep the same "signature" as the father while another son forms a new sub branch with a slightly different "signature." Men who share the same Y-DNA "signature" will share a common male ancestor in the same line of ascent. The more Y-DNA two males share, the closer their relationship.

Mothers pass their Mitochondrial DNA (mt-DNA) to each of their children but only females can pass their mt-DNA to the next generation. Both men and women can take the mt-DNA test. This allows for selective test targeting to learn the mt-DNA of a specific lineage. Although mt-DNA will change over

the generations like Y-DNA, the mutation rate is much slower. A person who shares the same mt-DNA “signature” could share a common female ancestor in the next generation or one who lived over 1,000 years ago.

Autosomal DNA (at-DNA) is the third type of DNA available for testing. Like mt-DNA, everyone inherits at-DNA and can be tested. Autosomal DNA is inherited from both parents who each passed one half of their available DNA which they inherited from each of their parents. Thus, at-DNA has been inherited from each of the 16 lines of ascent to great, great grandparents who in turn had inherited DNA from their parents. Due to the concept of recombination, after DNA is inherited it is mixed together. Then only half of what was inherited and mixed is passed to the next generation. Recombination is a random action which occurs each birth event. While siblings will each receive the same amount of DNA, 50% from each parent, the composition of that 50% will vary, representing a different portion from each ancestral line. The more at-DNA two individuals share, the closer their relationship. For instance, a grandparent will share about 25% of their DNA with a grandchild, while second cousins only share about 3% of their DNA. Due to random recombination of at-DNA, after four or five generations some ancestral lines may not be detected during testing. If possible, it is recommended that siblings are tested to reveal additional inherited ancestral DNA.

The International Society of Genetic Genealogy (<https://isogg.org/>) has an excellent website to learn more about DNA Testing.

The Jacksonville area DNA Interest Group meets monthly at the Murray Hill Branch of the Public Library. Contact dnagenjax@gmail.com to receive meeting notifications.

Thinking Outside the Box

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We all tend to begin our genealogy research in similar ways by looking for names, dates and places. We gather family information, visit cemeteries where our ancestors are buried, look at the books in local libraries and search the major online databases. But limiting yourself to these sites may result in you missing out on some important clues and great stories. Thinking Outside the Box is all about finding those rare and little-known stories that may be stored in the corners and attic of the internet. The sites discussed here are the ones that you may not have considered in your genealogy research but just may turn out to be treasure troves of information.

To begin thinking outside the box, you need to consider what information may have been important in an individual's life.

Consider their career, land ownership, writings, travel, accomplishments, voting, and pictures. For example, I have a relative who was a veterinarian. I happened to find an article that he had written in a veterinary journal. My wife had a relative who ran a lumber company. We were able to find a picture of his companies steam locomotive that he used to transport his lumber. In the following article, I will give you some hints on web sites that may help you find these little known treasures by thinking outside the box.

First of all, Google is your friend. Beyond the standard Google search engine, Google has many very specific search engines.

1. Google Books (books.google.com) is a great source for out of print and out of copyright books, especially regional histories. One example that I have found is the 10th reunion of the Princeton University class of 1895. This book had a short, one page, biography of one of my wife's relatives. The biography included his wife and son's name, date of marriage and birth date of son, and some details about his business ventures.
2. Google Scholar (scholar.google.com) is a search engine for professional, educational and government journals and documents. While researching a family name I ran across an article from the Smithsonian Institute about the restoration of a 19th century English papier-mache chair. You may wonder how this could provide relevant genealogical information. Well, in one of the footnotes it discussed the invention of a new papier-mache technique developed by Charles Bielefeld, one of my wife's relatives. The footnote referenced a London newspaper from August 1853 where a story of Mr. Bielefeld had run.
3. Google Patents (patents.google.com) searches the US Patent Office records. If any of your relatives submitted a patent, the record would be found there. I have discovered that several of my relatives, as well as my wife's relatives, were inventors. One of them invented the insulation for the Arctic pipeline.
4. Google Images (images.google.com) searches a large collection of images from all over the internet. These images can be used to help tell the story of your ancestors. You can find images of places, events and even people that might be important to your research.
5. Google Maps (maps.google.com) is a great tool that many of us probably use frequently to find directions. But did you know that you can actually add features to the map? You can add information, like addresses and dates from a census, to a Google Sheet and then import it as a map layer. I have used this to trace migration patterns of families. You can also see landmarks such as towns, cemeteries, churches,

schools, rivers, mountains, etc., that might have influenced your ancestors' lives. These maps can be used to place your ancestors in context with their surroundings.

Now that you have explored some of the Google world, we can move on to some other outside the box sites. Since we were talking about maps, let's look at a few real estate sites. I use Zillow and Trulia quite often to research residences. Using the address from a given record, such as the census or city directory, you can search to see if the residence is still there with these real estate sites. They often give you information like the year it was built and details about the floorplans. One example of this showed that my great-grandparent's home in 1930 was built in 1925.

Have you ever gone to an auction and found some antique that intrigued you? You might have wondered what the story behind a photograph or painting might be or who was in that image. Internet auction sites provide a great opportunity to find old treasures. One of my favorite auction sites is eBay. There you can find old family bibles, photographs, books and other memorabilia. Some of it might even belong to your families. I have been able to find tokens for a bakery that my family had run as well as Westerheide Cigar boxes and other items. You can set up e-mail notifications by saving your searches. Our most prized discovery was found in an online second-hand store in Seattle, Washington. That was a painting on my wife's 4th great-grandmother, Sarah Pullen Walters (1816-1896). Not only is it a great painting of her, but it also had some family history information written on the back.

Many states have Memory Projects. Florida's is located at www.floridamemory.com. This site has a variety of records that you can search through. They have voting records, vehicle registration records, military service cards, and a huge collection of photographs and post cards. It was interesting to learn that a relative drove a Cadillac Touring Sedan in 1913, or that one served on the USS Wissoe during WW I. We have found photographs of a relative's front porch and even a steam locomotive with their company name emblazoned on it. All of these small items provide just that much more to the story of their lives.

There are many more sites that you can discover beyond the standard sites when you start to think outside the box. But before I end, I want to recommend that everyone take a more detailed look at social media as a research tool. Facebook has thousands of genealogy related groups and pages. A document at <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list> lists nearly 12,000 Facebook groups related to genealogy and is about 400 pages long. This list is updated regularly so you should check it often. I have found these groups to be invaluable in discovering new research sources.

I hope some of these sites give you ideas on how to think outside the box as you research your family history.

Newsletter Information Needed

Have you found the most wonderful genealogy website? Did you go on an exciting genealogy research trip? Did you discover a "cousin" you didn't know you had? Have you been "under the weather"? Did you discover a new resource (a library, archive, national park, etc.)? Have you read a good "how to" book that you would recommend? If you answered "Yes" to any (or all) of the above, we would like to hear from you! The Society Editor needs your submission to the newsletter to make it truly your Newsletter.

We are looking for articles (can be as short as a paragraph) concerning genealogy news. Suggestions on how the newsletter could be improved are also welcomed. Articles can be submitted via email to info@jaxgen.org or via postal mail to Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756.

Member George Bass is Sharing One of His Family Stories



Sophonria Bolick

- - - **The Morganton Star**, 10 Sep 1886, p. 3
Married, by Rev. G. W. Callahan, at his residence, Thursday, Sept. 9th, Mr. Jacob Holler to Miss Saphrona McGuire, both of Catawba county.

- - - **The Dispatch**, 18 Sep 1895, p. 4
A Sensation in Catawba. There is a remarkable sensation at Hickory, Catawba county.

Seventeen years ago John Maguire married Euphronia Bolick, the belle of the place. He suspected her within three years after their marriage, and became insanely jealous. One night he shot her in the breast and she was found lying on a back street of the town. She recovered. He was tried, pleaded his own case and spent a year in jail. Then he and his wife made peace. Soon after he left her one night, saying he was going to the house of his brother, three miles away.

He never returned. Searching parties examined the country for miles, but to no purpose. His widow, whose behavior caused much comment and also hints, in a few weeks married Jacob Holler. They lived together amicably until five weeks ago, when he angered her. She told him he might disappear as John Maguire did. He left the next day, but not until he had told a horrible story. He said Maguire's ghost had returned to demand vengeance. He declared that in a dense thicket the woman's brother had laid in wait for Maguire and shot him. Holler said he was also present, and that Maguire's body was buried in this lonely thicket. Yesterday search was made for the grave, and it was found that the body had been removed. Holler now says he was drunk when he told of the murder.

- - - **The Morganton Herald**, 9 Jul 1896, p. 1 A Death-Bed Confession. Jacob Holler Said He and Others Killed McGuire As many of our readers remember a man by the name of McGuire mysteriously disappeared in the neighborhood of Hickory about 18 years ago, and it was thought at the time he was murdered. The matter was practically forgotten until last week when Jacob Holler made a death-bed confession that he and others had murdered and buried McGuire in a certain piece of woods. Search has been made but up this time there are no important developments.

---**The Elkin Times**, 9 Jul 1896, p. 1 A Murder Mystery Cleared. A Death-Bed Confession Reveals the History of a Crime About twenty years ago a man by the name of McGuire suddenly disappeared and a diligent search was made for his body, but it was never found. It was supposed that he was killed by someone, and his body buried. About 18 months after the killing another search was made for his body, and it was supposed to have been taken up and buried in another place. Everything quieted down for some 18 years until last week, when Jacob Holler died, revealing the whole affair to the public just before his death. Holler made his statement to an old woman living with him and Mr. Jule Poovy. We have been unable to get the exact statement he gave, but the substance was that a man by the name of Bolch shot him, and he (Holler) and two women had buried him. He told where they first buried him and where he was buried the second time. On last Saturday Deputy Sheriff Calvin Hawn and about a dozen men summoned, went to the place, which is about two miles northwest of Hickory on the lands of the late Holler and commenced digging for the body. Nothing was found that day. On Monday they dug and on that day they found the first grave he was buried in, and also some hair they judged to be his, also the stick that his body was carry on which answered to the one that Holler described in his dying statement. Up to the time of publication no more search has been made, but we have heard that they will look for remains again. If the remains are found, it is thought a good many will be implicated in it. - **Hickory Press**.

Relationship: George Leon Bass to Sophronia Emeline Bolick

Sophronia Emeline Bolick is the great aunt of George Leon Bass

Great grandparent

	Joseph Bolick b: 1831 Lincoln County, North Carolina, U d: 14 Mar 1863 Richmond, Virginia, USA		Nancy Eveline Pitts b: 12 Jul 1833 Burke County, North Carolina, US d: 23 Mar 1920 Hickory, Catawba, North Carolina
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Paternal grandmother

	Julia Frances Bolick b: 22 Feb 1861 Catawba County, North Carolina, d: 30 Jan 1930 Morganton, Burke, North Carolina
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Great aunt

	Sophronia Emeline Bolick b: 27 Oct 1852 Catawba County, North Carolina, d: 27 Jan 1937 Catawba County, North Carolina,
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Father

	James Leon Bass b: 28 Jun 1905 Hickory, Catawba, North Carolina d: 02 Dec 1972 Valdese, Burke, North Carolina,
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Self

	George Leon Bass b: 25 Jun 1943 Morganton, Burke, North Carolina d:
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Thanks George for Sharing

**The Indian River Genealogy
Conference was Held April 14, 2018
Vero Beach, Florida**

Article Deannie McVeigh

This was the second year for their conference and it was very similar to the North Florida we had in March. I took my niece, Sharon Lynn, and this was her first introduction to Genealogy. She was so excited that they offered topics for someone newly exposed to genealogy as well as topics for those who have been researching for years. Thank to Miles Myer and his group for a great day. Our own Ann Staley was speaking at this conference and I believe she may have covered three topics. The drive down is not too far so any one interest might want to check out the dates for next year. By the way this conference was free. Sharon Lynn loved reference to "Find a Grave" and now she can look up relatives markers who were buried out of State and has started to find her family members she did not know she had. Supporting locals groups and conferences area wonderful way to expose others to the world of genealogy.

An Essay Analyzing SIX CENTURIES OF AMERICAN CULTURAL "EVOLUTION"

by Peter P. Mullen,
Professor of Anthropology (Retired)

When reflecting back on American cultural evolution, six centuries of events have helped shape our profile leaving a signature mark as permanent as the footsteps of Lucy and her Family in the volcanic sediments of Africa.

The following events occurred approximately every 100 years in our history and all have had a lasting influence on American culture to the year 2017:

1500's - Spain colonized the Caribbean Islands and Florida, thus introducing European Culture to the Americas;

1600's - Great Britain colonized New England, leading to the Salem Witch Trials and establishment of the 13 Colonies;

1700's - American War for Independence; Confederation of 13 colonies into one United States;

1800's - American Civil War; separation of Americans into geographical and cultural polarities;

1900's - World Wars I and II: dissolving the boundaries of American geographical and cultural isolationism;

2000's - 911 attack on the United States: currently in progress to be historically analyzed.

All of these events eventually lead to violence resulting in injury and death to American military personnel, and civilians. The American Civil War, however, was the only event that did not involve the active participation of a foreign government and for this reason alone, it remains embedded in the memories of most Americans to this day.

Anthropology as it relates to culture and human behavior, gains insight into historical events that influence modern day values. The Civil War is an excellent example of enculturation relating to war, death, and commemoration. It is imperative that we as a nation continue to respect and preserve our heritage and culture within our modern day diverse society. The defacing and removal of monuments is an insult and disgrace to the dignity of six centuries of American cultural evolution.

Some Books that Might be of Interest

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Brown, Vandella. *Celebrating the Family: Steps to Planning a Family Reunion*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Inc., 1991.

Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. *Organizing Your Family History Search: Efficient & Effective Ways to Gather and Protect Your Genealogical Research*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 1999.

Upcoming Events

First Saturday of every month

Time: 10:00

DNA Study Group

Murray Hill Library, Jacksonville

Second Saturday of every month

Time 2 p.m.

Bartram Trail Gen Club @ Bartram Trail Branch Library

60 Davis Pond Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32259

Saturday, May 19, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Ginny Barrs

Topic: *Searching Local Records, Making Copies, and Downloading.*

Learn how to organizing a state-by-state or county-by-county genealogy search of courthouses, libraries, cemeteries & archives.

Society meetings are free and open to the public. Visitors are welcome to our meetings at no charge.

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Southeast Branch Library located at 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Topic: Presenter: Michael Ports

Topic: *The Second Creek War, 1836-1837*

The lecture is presented in three parts. The focus of the first part is the war itself, beginning with its background, causes, and the events leading up to the outbreak of hostilities, continuing with the close of hostilities and their aftermath. The second focuses on the surviving records, where they are and how to access them. The third part suggests a research methodology for discovering more about the people who fought in the war or who were affected by it.

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, June 16, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Jack Butler

Topic: *DNA 103: More Questions & Answers*

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St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Southeast Branch Library located at 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Amelia Island Genealogical Society

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

Thursday, Jun 21, 2018

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Diane L Richard – *Freedmen's Bureau Records – Invaluable to ALL Southern Research!*

Registration: FREE online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2315885235210294785>

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

We overlook records that we think pertain to only one group of people. The Freedmen's Bureau records cover more than freed slaves – they include ex-soldiers, impoverished widows, small children, and destitute parents. They include ration, school, court, marriage, military, and more records, along with incredibly personal correspondence regarding loved ones.

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

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