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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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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 — normally at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, in Jacksonville, Florida. However, we do have to move the meetings some months; change of location will be in the Meeting Information below. Members are strongly encouraged to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

### Membership Meeting March 2019

--- No Membership Meeting ---

We did not have a membership meeting in March. Instead, we attended the North Florida Genealogy Conference held March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a great day full of lectures and discussions. Thanks to Ann Staley and the volunteers of the North Florida Genealogy Conference Committee for a very informative and fun-filled day. Hey, and there was a lunch and “prizes”.

### Membership Meeting April 20, 2019

--- Please note this meeting is  
not at our regular meeting place ---

Location: West Branch Library  
1425 Chaffee Road South  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Speaker:** George Leon Bass

**Topic:** *Obituaries, A Trigger for Family History Research*

**Brief Description:** This presentation will promote the use of obituaries, timelines, and family group sheets in family history research. It will include sources for obituaries as well as information that can be obtained from them. A "mountain cousin" discussion will deal with techniques for determining cousin relationships. It will also discuss the evolution and volatility of data on websites. A case study will be presented to demonstrate these concepts.

**Speaker Bio:** George Leon Bass grew up as the son of a moonshiner on a farm in Western North Carolina. He attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh. George has lived in Orange Park since 1972. He served as a pilot performing aeronautical engineering duty in the US Navy and retired in 1981. Since then he worked as an Adjunct Professor in Engineering Technology for Florida A&M University from 1986 to 1993. He was a computer scientist and small business owner until 2006. He has been involved with genealogy since 1972. He also has three published works.

## 2019 Dues

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2019, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2019 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 checkbox for your convenience.

## Volunteers Needed

As many of you know some of the committee members have only taken on a position in the last year or so but others have served quite some time and doing more than one position. The Society is for all members and we need individuals to step up and take responsibilities off others who are holding more than one position. Please consider volunteering for the year 2019. I can say it really only take a few hours a month to get things done along with showing up a little early prior to meetings. We really need you to offer your time so that we can continue to have a wonderful Society.

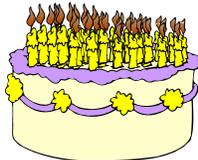
We would like to thank Georgeann Engel - our new Program Chair – for volunteering. Welcome aboard!

## 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](mailto:info@jaxgen.org) can help save JGS funds.

## Happy Birthday

We send a belated "Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who celebrated birthdays in March and April:



Connie Coward	March 10
Valerie Barney	March 14
Pauline Holyfield	March 24
Grace Moran	April 9
Norma LeVey	April 9
Cheryl Leilani Smith	April 20
Richard Rousseau	April 21
Kathleen Krizek	April 23
Brenda Brubeck	April 30

If anyone was omitted, we apologize and wish you a wonderful day of celebration. Please let us know so we can include you in the future.

## Thinking of Our Sick Members

We send our best wishes to member Joan Peck as she will not be attending meetings or genealogy

activities while undergoing medical treatments. You will be missed.

Grace Moran has moved to Cypress Village Skilled Nursing, 4600 Middleton Park Circle E, Room F8, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Her phone number is 904-863-7112.

## !! Happy Birthday !!

Speaking of Grace – she will be celebrating her birthday on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. This is a very special one for her – **she will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** Yes, you read that correctly – 100 years young. Congratulations to you, Grace.

We could never say “Thank You!” enough times to really thank her for all she has done for the Society. Starting out – she is a Charter Member of the Society with membership number 0017-69. She has covered just about every job there has been in the society and was a long-time Editor of the Quarterly.

Now for those of us who are used to receiving quarterlies and newsletters digitally, the editor’s job “back then” was not digital. For JGS’s world it started (after gathering all of the data) with typing all that data, via a typewriter, onto stencils – and please, don’t make a typo. A mimeograph machine was then placed into action to run the stencils to make 250 copies. The printed copies were collated, each quarterly was “each page” checked to ensure that all of the pages were there and were legible. Each quarterly was stapled, bound with binding tape, mailing labels were attached, sorted by zip codes, and taken to the post office for mailing. And Grace mainly did it by herself – for a decade.

So, yes, we could never say thank you enough.

## !! Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Grace !!

## Articles for Your Enjoyment

Bryan L. Mulcahy of the Genealogy Department, Fort Myers Regional Library has provided two articles for our newsletter. I decided to include both and hope you enjoy them. We are very lucky to have individuals who are willing to share. If you have an article, please let me know or e-mail it to [info@jaxgen.org](mailto:info@jaxgen.org).

## **Solving the Mystery of the Missing Ancestor**

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It has been said that genealogy is the second most popular hobby in the United States. This popularity cuts across all age and ethnic groups. Research “brick walls” become unique challenges that inspire determination.

One of the most common issues involves looking for an ancestor or family that is supposed to be in a specific locality. This can be especially interesting if the person or family lived near a county boundary line.

When searching for ancestors, always begin the process in the place of residence where the facts indicate the individual was supposed to be. If they don't appear in the area, the next step involves widening the search area. Boundary lines of towns, cities, and counties have changed throughout time. Limiting the geographical extent of the search for records can be a mistake. This applies to research throughout the world, thus making the use of historical maps and gazetteers for localities of research so important.

Given the limited transportation options historically in many areas, it may initially surprise us if we discover that a family attended a church, school, or worked on a farm or factory 5-10 miles from their home, or met their spouse in an adjacent county. Depending on the roads existing at the time, legal documents such as deeds, wills, tax payments, etc., may have been submitted at courthouses in an adjacent county. People generally went to the easiest courthouse to access and that was perfectly legal in historical terms.

Keep in mind that in the early years of settlement in a new area or region, the population may have been so small that a single minister or priest served multiple congregations in a large geographical setting. This results in records for a wide geographical region appearing in one setting which may or may not correspond with the given place of residence for the ancestors. These scenarios are very common for most areas before the coming of urbanization.

The 25-50-75 concept is one used by many genealogists to overcome this challenge. If the ancestor or family doesn't appear in the area where the facts say they should be, draw a circle 25 miles in every direction, including any counties in an adjacent state. Search any counties that appear in the circle. Repeat the process if needed for the 50 and 75 miles radius. If the search involves Canada, the British Isles, or Europe, you would use kilometers. The good news is that in most cases, this solves the challenge. If the ancestor doesn't show up in this type of search strategy, you may need to go back and examine the facts again.

## **How Disputes Can Benefit Genealogical Research**

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Family and neighbor disputes are always unpleasant to deal with. From a genealogical research perspective, these disputes often provide significant research benefits because they tend to leave a paper trail especially if the issue turned into a legal matter settled in court. If the dispute was serious enough, a law enforcement agency such as the local police or sheriff may have been called to intervene. Even if no arrest was made, a police report was usually generated.

Family disputes can be especially emotional. Many researchers who find old correspondence often discover intimate details of relationships that caused splits within the family itself or feuds with neighbors. In some cases, the splits or feuds may have turned violent or led to permanent estrangement. In modern times, one hears jokes made about the Hatfield vs McCoys feud but from a historical context, it was no joke!

Besides family and neighbors, disputes may have involved a local business, business associates, employers, churches, schools, hospitals, or governmental entity whether it be on the local, state, or federal level. Disputes fitting these examples usually lead to hiring attorneys and generating court records. The most common records generated include land records, civil and criminal court proceedings, probate records, and correspondence from attorneys and governmental entities.

Land records may document long, drawn-out arguments between neighbors or others over boundaries and/or ownership. Additional problems such as the perceived quality of the land, lack of, or poorly done surveys, or difficulty in determining proper documentation would also generate legal problems. Sometimes these records include detailed testimonials from neighbors, relatives, business associates, etc., supporting the claims of disputants, and detailed accounts of relationships between the various parties.

Civil court records may shed light on lawsuits filed against individuals for a variety of claims. For example, if they were a business owner or merchant, there may be litigation over unpaid accounts, defective work, or related issues. Probate records can reveal many beneficial clues. If an ancestor died intestate (without a will), or if they had a will that the heirs contested, the probate court will have documentation of the process of settling the estate, lists of creditors, heirs, and statements from anyone applying to administer the estate based on their relationship to the deceased. Criminal court proceedings may provide detailed information on offenses and testimony from witnesses, which may include family members.

Correspondence from attorneys and governmental agencies may provide a variety of clues. Examples may include the nature or summations of accusations, questions pertaining to specifics in the case or dispute, name the court where the proceedings took place, case and docket numbers, and names of people directly or indirectly involved. Governmental correspondence may include information on complaints against the entity over damages to crops, lack of support for settlements, roads, unpaid wages, or incompetent civil servants and how their conduct impacted the person or family which led to the dispute or legal action.

### **Did You Know?**

Written by Deannie McVeigh, March 20, 2019

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 to preserve the firsthand memories of U.S. Wartime veterans. Through this project, future generations will hear directly from those who served. These recordings and collections will help others understand the realities of war. These remembrances can be narrative, correspondence or visual. Records are available on the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress website.

I was born shortly after WWII and during my school years was not exposed to much about WWI. Although, there is the possibility I just slept thru the history class when they talked about WWI. Joking aside, I actually enjoy history. I grew up in Alexandria, Virginia and worked in Washington, DC for a few years so I had history and great historical locations surrounding me.

I learned about the Veterans History Project while listening to a recent NRP radio broadcast. They were having an amazing talk on the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Meuse-Argonne Cemetery is located in France and the talk explained its creation during WWI. As I researched for more details I discovered articles making reference to the Project. My curiosity got the best of me so I had to find out more.

You can reach various websites by keying in "Veterans History Project" in your favorite search engine. There were a great number of sites to view so I'll leave that for you to decide on. The American Folklife Center is a site I enjoyed as it contained stories and information taken directly from veterans who served in a war and I did enjoy it. Thankfully there are people willing to share their memories and family stories. I only wish my family had shared with me about their life encounters, especially my dad who served in the Navy during WWII.

I'd like to share a brief description of the military battle leading up to the creation of the cemetery that I found so interesting. The conflict was fought on September 26, 1918, and ended with the Armistice of November 11, 1918. It lasted 47 days. 26,277 Americans lives were lost, 28,000 German lives and an unknown number of French lives. This was truly a bloody battle and said to be the bloodiest conflict in US history.

The Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial is a 130.5-acre World War I cemetery in France located near the village of Romagne-sus-Montfaucon in Meuse.

I found an article that mentioned Central Florida University students and faculty who went to France for the 100 year Celebration of WWI. They visited the Cemetery and their website showed photos of their trip. Trips like these are a wonderful way to encourage the younger generations to help spread the stories of our heritage and ancestors for future generations.

Find a Grave is showing 14,834 memorials and 100% photographed giving us the option to view the names of many of those who lost their lives during the conflict.

Thank you to all who currently serve, those who have served and those who will serve in the future so we can remain Free.

## **Comparison of Fatalities in the War Between the States and the 1918-1920 Spanish Flu Pandemic In The American South Microbiology ~ Anthropology ~ History**

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The toll of history's worst epidemic surpasses all military deaths in World War I and World War II combined, and it may have begun in the USA. October 1918 was the most deadly year in American History and most Americans do not even know this ever happened. The pandemic resulted in 50 million deaths worldwide and 675,000 deaths in the United States.

This pandemic happened 100 years ago and 56 years after the end of the War Between the States taking a large death toll in the American South. Learn about the origins of influenza as a zoonotic disease resulting from the domestication of wild animals throughout the history of human civilization.

90% of people who die today are age 65+; sadly the first death of the 2018 season was an unvaccinated child in Florida. Let's not let this history repeat itself.



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## **State Library and Archives of Florida Special Saturday Hours**

Location:  
R.A. Gray Building, Second Floor  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

The reference room will be open to the public from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays 2019

- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10

## **Florida Inspired Programs on Public Broadcasting**

For those of you who are looking for information about Florida and its history, I'd like to recommend the programs that come on television on Sunday mornings and Public Broadcast Radio during the week.

“Florida Frontier” – Presented by the Florida Historical Society. Their website is MyFloridaHistory.org. I love the episodes about the ghost towns. Some of my ancestors lived in them. Two such ghost towns are Ellaville and New Troy and I plan to visit their locations.

“Florida Crossroads” – This program explores a wide variety of social, political and environmental issues across Florida. It covers the people, places, and events shaping Florida.

## **Newly Released Genealogy Information**

1. Three Census Record Collections from Norway were released by MyHeritage. The census dates are 1891, 1900 and 1910 were digitized in partnership with the National Archives of Norway (Arkivverket). 6.5 million new records documenting names, households, dates of birth, marital status, relationships, and residential conditions. Great news for anyone exploring their Norwegian origins. The collection provides robust coverage for Norway’s entire population and includes valuable family history information.

2. New Free Historical Records on FamilySearch: Week of March 25, 2019.

Indexed historical records from France, Germany, Peru, Sweden, and the United States: Colorado, District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, and West Virginia. Search these records and images by going to Family Search – I listed only the country and collections, but online you can learn if these were new collections, updated an already existing collection, and if any digitized images were added.

France – France, Rhône, Military Registration Cards, 1865-1932

Germany – Bavaria, Middle Franconia, Brenner Collection of Genealogical Records, 1550-1900

Peru:

Amazonas, Civil Registration, 1935-1999

Diocese of Huaraz, Catholic Church Records, 1641-2016

Sweden – Kalmar Church Records, 1577-1907; index 1625-1860

United States:

Colorado Statewide Divorce Index, 1900-1939

District of Columbia, Glenwood Cemetery Records, 1854-2013

Idaho, Bingham County Historical Society, Bingham County Records, 1885-1920

Illinois, County Naturalization Records, 1800-1998

Indiana, World War I Enrollment Cards, 1919

Maine, State Archives, World War I (WWI) Grave Cards, 1914-1950

Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850

South Carolina, Chesterfield County, Original Marriage licenses, 1911-1951

Texas, Gonzales County, Divorce Records, 1911-1958

Texas, Houston, Historic Hollywood Cemetery Records, 1895-2008

West Virginia Will Books, 1756-1971

3. Findmypast announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2019 the online publication of “indexes containing over 1.2 million sacramental records in partnership with the Archdioceses of Cincinnati and the Diocese of Liverpool.” They are part of their Catholic Heritage Archive aiming to “digitize the historical records of the Catholic Church in North America, Britain and Ireland...” To find out more, visit

<https://www.findmypast.com/catholicrecords>

4. Findmypast also announced that it has been chosen by The National Archives (England) to make the 1921 Census of England & Wales available online. The anticipated publishing date is January 2022. They will be digitizing 28,000 bound volumes with information on approximately 38 million individuals.

5. Findmypast was really in the news these past few months! They also announced that they had acquired RootsFinder Inc. and their RootsFinder family tree product.

6. Ancestry announced at RootsTech 2019 that they had released US WWII draft cards from seven states. They also noted that their work at the National Archives in St. Louis was almost complete. They are hoping to provide the full set of 33 million WWII draft cards by early next year on Ancestry and Fold3. They did not say what the name of the database is in their release; however, it might be the *U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*. When reviewing this database, we noted that it contained birthdates in the early 1900’s.

## Upcoming Events

### First Saturday of every month

Time: 10:00 am

### DNA Study Group

Murray Hill Library, Jacksonville

### Second Saturday of every month

Time: 2:00 pm

### Bartram Trail Gen Club at Bartram Trail Branch Library

60 Davis Pond Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32259

### Second Saturday of each month

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

### The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society

Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, 32257

### Saturday, 13 April 2019

Time: 9:00 am and 4:30 pm

### Indian River Genealogy Conference

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Center  
Location: 3980 12th Street in Vero Beach, Florida.

Speakers: Nine (9) speakers throughout the day speaking on a variety of topics

The conference registration is free. In-person registration opens at 8:00 am. Pre-register to have access to conference material prior to the conference. To pre-register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/IRGC2019>. Pre-registration is not required to attend but is encouraged. See their website [iirs.org](http://iirs.org) for more details.

### Thursday, 25 Apr 2019

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Speaker: Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Topic: *The Discriminating Genealogist: Telling Good Evidence from Bad*

The "best evidence" rule in law requires the presentation in court of an original rather than a copy, and a copy won't even be admitted if the original is available. In genealogy, our rules require us to do the same: to discriminate, choose in favor of, prefer certain types of evidence to others, certain bits of information to others, certain sources to others. That sounds right, but just how do we do that? What are the rules we follow, what do we need to know to do this right, and what tools are available to help us? Those are the focus of this presentation.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4645435925461923340>

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

### Saturday, 27 Apr 2019

Time: 1:00 pm check-in begins

### St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086

Speaker: Denise Olson

Topic: *Family Search – Where Families Live Forever*

### Thursday, 16 May 2019

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Speaker: Diana Crisman Smith

Topic: *Abstracts, Extracts and Transcriptions – What's the Difference?*

Documents often can, should, or might be included in your documentation. However, the reality is that photocopies (or digital copies) may be unavailable due to a number of factors. The other reality, however, is that part of the document can, should, or might be included in your documentation. There are essentially three ways to convert an original document by note-taking without photocopying: transcribing, abstracting or extracting. Learn when and how to use each method.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2056141017900712205>

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

## 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:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Principal membership: \$25.00         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual membership: \$ 5.00 *                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life (Principal) membership: \$260.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life (Dual): \$65.00 *                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student: \$10.00                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 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**    **Memorial**      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:

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|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| Abstracting | Audit        | Education | Historian    | Newsletter | Cemetery Research |
| Programs    | Publications | Publicity | Refreshments | Secretary  | Proofing          |
| 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:  
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# Happy Easter

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