



Jacksonville Genealogical Society

Vol. 35, No. 3

May/June 2019

Mission Statement: To promote the sharing of genealogical knowledge; to provide assistance to members and the public; to foster preservation of historical records; and to champion and sustain ethical genealogical standards.

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

Join Us!

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society meets on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month, except December, at 1:30 pm — 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

Date: 15 Jun 2019

Speaker: Janis Minor Forté via a recorded 17 Mar 2016 Florida State Genealogy Society Webinar

Topic: *They're Not on the Census - Using Non-traditional Sources to Identify Slave Owners"*

Brief Description: Researching enslaved African Americans prior to 1865 is a difficult but not impossible task. Identifying slave holders, reconstructing family units and finding missing kin are all primary research goals for those developing family histories. Using methodology as an approach to problem solving, this webinar explores strategies to identify slave ownership. Attendees will be able to identify a variety of new research sources that will increase the probability of slave owner identification, reconstruct slave families as well as identify missing and unknown kin.

Speaker Bio: Janis Minor Forté is an experienced genealogist, writer and lecturer who presents at national, state and local conferences. Her presentation specialties include methodology, problem solving and skill building techniques for beginners to advanced researchers. A track coordinator and lecturer for the Midwest African

American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI), she is skilled in both on-site and on-line. In 2009 – 2011, she chaired the publication committee of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago's "30th Anniversary Our Heritage Family Stories". This 386 page hard cover heritage book is a fully indexed compilation of genealogies, family stories, pedigree charts and family group sheets. Janis is a graduate of the University of Chicago with a Master's Degree in Social Service Administration.

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

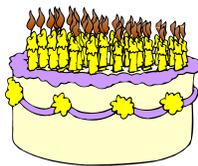
We invite you to give the gift of Society memberships to your friends. We also have a way for you to remember a loved one - a Memorial Gift. A year's membership could not be spent wiser. The enclosed Membership Application has a checkbox for your convenience.

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.

Happy Birthday

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



Kimberly Malphras	5/1
Carol Norman	5/14
Elizabeth O'Donnell	5/17
Ralph McQuiddy	5/27
Georgeann Engel	6/6
Dorothy Laird	6/9
Charles Young	6/9
Johnnie Ingram	6/22
Maryellen McCaffrey	6/27

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.

Jacksonville Public Library Obituary and Death Notice database

We would like to thank George Bass for his talk regarding "Obituaries" and let him know we appreciate him taking the time to speak at our April meeting. As a follow-up George has provide the following information (remember you will need a Jacksonville Public Library Card):

1. Logon to site:

<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/signin/JacksonvillePublicLibrary/OBIT>

(If you use this site frequently, add this link to your bookmarks.)

2. Enter Jacksonville Public Library Card number and click the "Log in" button.

» **Connect to NewsBank resources**

Enter Library Card:

3. Enter a "Search Criteria" and click the "search" button.

The screenshot shows the NewsBank search interface. At the top, it says "NewsBank Inc. America's Obituaries & Explore news articles from 1861". Below that is a "New Search" section with several search criteria: "Name of Deceased" (dropdown menu), "AND" (dropdown menu), "Date(s)" (dropdown menu), "AND" (dropdown menu), "Obituary Text" (dropdown menu), and "Sort by: Most recent matches first" (dropdown menu). A yellow "search" button is at the bottom right.

4. Enjoy



Note: In a test, obituaries and death notices were retrieved from 1989 to 2019.

Thank You!

We would like to express our appreciation to Melody Porter for her presentation on DAR/SAR at the May 2019 meeting.

Book Review

by Susan Highleyman Aaron

I never thought a book about genealogy would make me laugh out loud. But that's what happened – often – with *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree*.

Author A.J. Jacobs stumbles into the world of genealogy when he is contacted by a previously unknown eighth cousin connected to tens of thousands more. Who are these people, Jacobs wonders, and how do I find them?

It's All Relative is Jacobs' quest to answer that question and ponder what defines and binds family. Jacobs takes it a step further and acts on his premise that "we are all cousins (if you go back far enough)" as he attempts to organize the world's biggest Global Family Reunion. In doing so, Jacobs entertains with his genealogical adventures – and misadventures – while he reflects on such topics as assimilation and identity, immigrants and Ellis Island, privacy, adoption, celebrity cousins, DNA testing, and one's place in the "human tribe."

Amid the levity, the book includes a serious appendix by a professional genealogist with a guide to starting your family tree, complete with research tips and resources.

Jacobs, an editor-at-large at Esquire magazine and author of four other books, alternates between researching his own family and planning the reunion ("like arranging a hundred bar mitzvahs at once") in an agonizing year-long countdown. Can he really pull this off?

It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree
c. 2017, Simon & Schuster

Genealogy Guys Announcement

The *Genealogy Guys Podcast* at <http://genealogyguys.com>, announced that Cyndi Ingle, creator of Cyndi's List, will join the podcast with a regular feature segment beginning on April 22, 2019.



Cyndi Says will feature a different set of resources on each episode from her award-winning and globally recognized CyndisList.com, a free categorized list of more than 336,000 links for genealogical research. A link to her featured resources will be included in the podcast's show notes, at The Genealogy Guys Blog at <http://blog.genealogyguys.com>.

If you're not familiar with the *Genealogy Guys*, they are George G. Morgan and Drew Smith – and they live right here in Florida. They started podcasting about genealogy in September 2005. A podcast is similar to listening to a radio show. George and Drew provide news from the genealogy community, listener email, book reviews, interviews, and much more. Their audience is from the beginner to the expert.

I actually tried their site and really enjoyed it and am looking forward to hearing "Cyndi Says". If you want to try it out, they have more information on how to listen to their podcasts at http://blog.genealogyguys.com/p/how-to-listen-to-genealogy-guys-podcast_14.html

A Few More Podcast Links

Extreme Genes –
<https://extremegenes.com/category/podcast-archive/>

Family Tree Magazine Podcast –
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/podcasts/>

Genealogy Gems –
<http://lialouisecooke.com/podcasts/>

Genealogy Happy Hour –
<https://soundcloud.com/genealogy-happy-hour>

Genealogy Gold Podcast –
<http://ancestralfindings.com/genealogygold/>

Genealogy News –
<https://tunein.com/podcasts/Special-Interest/Genealogy-News-from-Geneatopia-p829825/>

It's About Time – <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/cs/its-about-time>

I have not tried these, so if you have let me know or better yet write a review and we'll publish in our newsletter. Let other members know what you like or dislike and if a fee is involved.

Ever Wonder Where to Find Information on Conferences and Things Going on in the Genealogy World

Conference Keeper is a Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events on the Internet.

They have a great mission statement explaining their website. Basically they are trying to curate details about genealogy events and share the information on a single website and across various social media platforms.

Their site contains a calendar of events by locations and dates, a page for just Conferences, Genealogy events, a Virtual page for conference and online learning opportunities, travel, grants and scholarships. Much of the information is listed in multiple ways. They will accept information to put on their site if you contact them. If you are traveling or just want to attend a conference on genealogy check this site out. ConferenceKeeper.org provides these services **completely free of charge**.

Follow-up: Ancestry.com is under Fire as new DNA Algorithm Drastically Changes the Ethnicity of Some Users

Dick Eastman, May 3, 2019, DNA <http://www.eogn.com>
Used with permission of the author

The following is a follow-up to my previous article

at: <http://bit.ly/2DN6o8y>:

In the earlier article, I wrote:

“Ancestry.com is updating its databases and altering the results for some users. The new findings of ethnic origins has sent some users into a full-blown identity crisis. If you previously had your DNA tested by Ancestry and have already found your family’s ethnic origins, you might want to go back to the AncestryDNA web site and check again. The results may have changed.”

Some readers posted comments posted at the end of the article by newsletter readers questioned whether or not this was a new update to Ancestry.com’s DNA databases. However, that question seems to be cleared up by the following information written by the Ancestry Team and published in the Ancestry Blog at <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2019/05/02/understanding-your-new-ethnicity-estimate/> on May 2, 2019:

“Understanding Your New Ethnicity Estimate

“We’re always looking for new ways to help support our customers on their journeys of personal discovery. Often that means updating our products and services to take advantage of the most advanced science and technology.

“Last fall, we introduced the capability to provide more precise ethnicity estimates to our customers using an algorithm that analyzes longer segments of genetic information. For some of our existing customers, this has meant that previous ethnicity estimates have evolved as a result of this new technology.

“We recognize that an individual’s personal sense of identity is very important and that any journey of personal discovery may take turns that are surprising or unexpected. However, it is important to keep in mind that your DNA doesn’t change, but the science and technology behind understanding it constantly evolves and we endeavor to ensure that this cutting-edge science is reflected in our offerings.

“All AncestryDNA® customers who have not already transitioned to their new, more precise ethnicity estimate will be transitioned starting May 30, 2019. If you received your AncestryDNA® results prior to September 2018

and wish to keep a record of your prior results, you may download them by July 20, 2019.”

GEDmatch Tightening Their Web Site’s Rules on Privacy

I am not expressing any feeling towards this topic but saw an article on Dick Eastman’s site about the privacy issues and thought others might want to read up on it a little more also.

The results are expected to make it much more difficult for law enforcement agencies to find suspects using the GEDmatch technology.

Judy Russell, “The Legal Genealogist,” has written an explanation of the issues involved and the reasons for the decision by the GEDmatch owners. You can read the article at:

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2019/05/19/ged-match-reverses-course/>

So You’re Not Really Related!

I’d like to share a personal fun story about the website “**Relative Finder**” (<https://www.relativefinder.org/#/main>). My mother’s family is still a mystery to me as I have found only bits and pieces of that side of my family. My dad from Kentucky has a family that is totally the opposite. I have made entries in my family tree on Family Search from his information and relatives have added even more.

I would have found it hard to believe that I would have cousins of any relationship in Vero Beach, Florida at the Indian River Genealogy Conference before learning about this web-based program.

My niece, Sharonlynn, who lives in Port St. Lucie decided to go with me to the Conference back in April. This was the second year we attended. It’s a great one-day conference and we found topics for both of us. She really enjoyed the session on Slave Narratives by our own Ann Staley. Many thanks to Miles Meyers for starting this conference a few years ago.

Now that you have a background on what was going on I’ll tell you about the fun part. Late afternoon Miles suggested we go see his wife, Angela, in the large meeting area and let her show us how the website “**Relative Finder**” works. It is based on family tree entries in Family Search. As

Angela demonstrated it she saw her son listed as a distance cousin and we got so excited to think someone was really going to show up as a relative. Wow, was I surprised how many names were signed in as attending this conference – and a relative. She showed us how to use the charts showing the path it takes to match ancestors. She showed us that her family and ours shared a common ancestor – William Hatcher. My dad’s side was the common link. We were so excited and Angela explained we have relatives that indeed did come over on the Mayflower, but not a direct line as my niece had hoped. This one meeting by chance with Angela and learning about the website made our trip worth while for having fun and laughing.

That evening we had dinner before breaking out the computer and started looking at our new found cousins.

We laughed out loud and kept saying no way was Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe or Tom Hanks our relative. We just didn’t care that they were 13th 2 times removed or any other distance, just that they were showing up as cousins was enough for us.

As you can see from our list, no one was on a first name basis:

- Johnny Cash – 13th cousin 2 times removed
- John Denver – 12th cousin
- Tom Hanks – 8th cousin
- Daniel Boone – 8th cousin 7 times removed

The list was really varied with a lot of groups represented. Presidents, writers, signers of the Constitution and even Brigham Young were on our listings.

Finally, after about an hour of our carrying on like two teenagers, my non-genealogy husband, John, got up from his chair and looked at both of us straight in the eye and stated “So You’re Not Really Related”.

World War I Genealogy Research Guide

The Doughboy Foundation and the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission are offering this 100-page book to the first 5,000 requests – for Free – as a PDF file.

The book was authored by Debra M. Dudek and the grandson of Medal of Honor recipient Alvin York, Col. Gerald York, provides the foreword.

The book covers, among other topics, “State Specific Collections and Resources”, “Naturalization and Enemy Alien Records”, “Non-Military Women’s World War I Records”, and a Short Guide to Researching Canadian Military World War One Records.”

The link to download your copy is <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/commemorate/family-ties/wwi-genealogy-research-guide.html>

Federation of Genealogical Society (FGS) 2019 Conference

The FGS 2019 National Conference is going to be on our side of the US this year – in Washington, DC. It takes place 21-24 August, 2019 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Registration has opened and you can read more about it by downloading their 16-page brochure at <https://fgs.org/annual-conference/>. Click on the Conference Menu and then choose *Download Registration Brochure* to access the file to download the PDF.

1940 Denmark Census

MyHeritage announce in early May that they have added the 1940 Denmark Census to their historical records database. Check it out on the Nordic Census page at

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/category-1700/nordic-census>

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, 15 June 2019

Time: 12:30 pm check-in begins

Speaker: Michael Ports

Topic: *The Creek War*

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

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

Thursday, 20 Jun 2019

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Nancy A Peters, CG, CGL

Topic: *Evidence Correlation: Making the Most of Your Research*

Evidence correlation—an essential element of the Genealogical Proof Standard—lets you see patterns, connections, and inconsistencies in your research. Through case examples, this lecture teaches strategies for correlating evidence that will help you maximize the value of information collected during your research and lead to sound genealogical conclusions.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3955398919019622403>

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

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Saturday, 13 Jul 2019

Time: 9:30 am to 12:15 pm

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy

Topic: Researching Irish Ancestors in Ireland

Session two of the Irish series will focus on identifying the most useful print and online resources to navigate successfully using records generated in the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland. We will identify major organizations and entities that can be used to assist with research

Advance registration is required.

Register online at <https://www.leegov.com/library/programs>.

Fort Myers Regional Library

South Building, 1651 Lee St, Fort Myers, FL

Thursday, 18 Jul 2019

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Julie Potter Miller, CG, CGL, FNGS

Topic: *Anatomy of a Civil War Pension File*

Civil War Pension Files are filled with genealogical information but are often large and intimidating. This lecture will discuss methods used to organize, extract, and analyze the documents and data in a Civil War Pension File.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8206603453210942723>

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

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online 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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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:

- | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| 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:
 Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 440488, Jacksonville, FL 32222-0005**

For Office Use only:

Date Paid: ___/___/20___ Amount Paid: \$_____ Type: _____ ID: _____ Year 1st Joined: _____

Hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day.

Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 440488
Jacksonville, FL 32222-0005