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Mission Statement: To promote the sharing of genealogical knowledge; to provide assistance to members and the public; to foster the 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 — 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 August

Date: 17 August 2019

Speaker: Denise B Olson

Topic: *Digital Storytelling: The Living Book of the Dead*

Brief Description: Don't wait until your research is finished to tell your family stories. Your research is never finished! Thanks to today's technology, you can write the stories as your research develops them, distribute them digitally to family and friends and build a fascinating family history one story at a time. And most of this is done with tools you already have. Learn how to put them to work to build and distribute your stories.

Brief Bio: A St. Augustine native, Denise inherited her life-long fascination with family history from her maternal grandmother. Denise is an Air Force veteran and an Army wife. Now retired, she focuses on family history and digital research. She serves as the president for the St. Augustine Genealogical Society and maintains the St. Johns County GenWeb site (<https://flsjcgenweb.net>). Her Moultrie Creek Gazette site (<https://moultriecreek.us>) is focused on research

technology and digital storytelling while her Moultrie Creek Journal (<https://moultriejournal.net>) includes stories on both family and local history.

Membership Meeting September

Date: 21 September 2019

Speaker: Kathy Stickney

Topic: *Researching Your War of 1812 Soldiers*

Brief Description: This talk begins with a brief sketch of the War of 1812, including sayings and songs that came out of the war. It then explores the various records available on War of 1812 soldiers. Topics included are: where to begin your research, discovering your soldier's unit (muster rolls), military service records, pensions, and military bounty land grants. Attention is given to the genealogical gems that can come from the various records. Information is provided on what is available online and how to order copies of records from the National Archives.

Brief Bio: Kathy Stickney has been researching her family for 26 years. Kathy's family traces back from Alabama to England (her father's side) and from Indiana to England and Germany (her mother's side). She is a graduate of The National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C. and The Institute of Genealogical & Historical Research and has had numerous articles published in genealogical and historical magazines. She is active in her local genealogical society, the DAR, and Daughters of the War of 1812; is a member of the Florida State Genealogical Society; and she serves on the FSGS Pioneer Descendant Certification Committee as a reviewer and records administrator. Kathy has proven several family lines as First Families of Ohio and First Families of Pennsylvania.

IN MEMORY

We were sad to learn of the death of JGS Member Joan Arrendale Peck on the 3rd of June 2019; she was 82. After graveside services, burial was at Jacksonville Memory Gardens. At the end of the obituary (<https://www.jacksonvillememorygardens.com/obituary/Joan-Arrendale-Peck/Green-Cove-Springs-FL/1848427>) there is a very nice photo video. We extend our condolences to her son and daughter and to the rest of her family.

On the Sick List

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

Please keep all of our members and their families who are ill in your prayers. We hope they continue to improve to good health. Please let us know of any members or family members you know of who are ill.

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

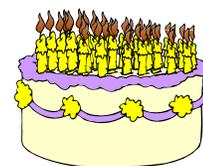
Please notify us of any address change that you might have. Bounced e-mail is a bummer and the Post Office charges us a hefty fee for returned postal mail. A simple note to us at info@jaxgen.org can help save JGS funds.

Thank You

JGS thanks Sharon L. Gilley for her presentation on Missing in America Project (MIAP) at our July meeting.

Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday" greeting to our members who celebrated birthdays in July and August:



Constance "Connie" Bradshaw	8 July
Kenneth Gerard Norwood	10 July
Clyde Everett Stokes	10 July
Michael Ports	12 July
Barbara Crissman	17 July
Jill Shipp DAmato	18 July
Richard Bash	21 July
Nancy Davis	28 July
Marilyn Lear	2 Aug
Natalie Gordon Saievini	17 Aug
Alzima Warner	25 Aug
Shannon Fuller	27 Aug

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.

Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research

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Newspapers are beneficial for genealogical research. Researchers commonly encounter situations where official records have been destroyed in fires, natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, or tornadoes. In other cases, records have been discarded accidentally or on purpose, or they are unreadable and/or incomplete. Newspapers often contain much of that lost information. Births, marriages, and deaths are regularly covered in most newspapers and are especially valuable for the years before state governments began to compile vital statistics.

Articles published in the newspaper could shed light on daily community events such as the

activities of farmers, merchants, and local civic, ethnic, religious and fraternal societies. These narratives can offer clues that may lead to other records sources that may describe an ancestor's property and provide the names of family members and neighbors. From a research perspective, the most useful genealogical information appears in the following sections:

Advertisements	Entertainment
Passenger List	Birth Announcements
Local Elections	Personal Notices
Church activities	Legal Notices
Disasters/accidents	Police Blotters
Marriage Announcements	Sports(Local)
Divorce announcements	Military

For maximum success in using newspapers, it is wise to keep the following points in mind:

1. Verify that the newspaper covers the years when your ancestor or family resided in the area.
2. Have the patience to examine each issue that was published during this time span. Quick searches may result in missed pieces of information.
3. Do not assume that news about your ancestor or family was only covered in the local paper. Check other papers within the same region.
4. Browse through issues page by page to familiarize yourself with the community and potential relevant events.
5. Focus on articles or announcements about births, deaths or marriages.
6. Search for names of parents, spouses, children, siblings, and other known extended family members.
7. Be especially cognizant about articles pertaining to the history of local events such as wars, epidemics, local politics, economic conditions and, other issues, which usually affected the entire community.
8. Advertisements can provide information on companies, businesses, services and, products available in the community.
9. Do not ignore the society and local entertainment pages. While many of these pages would qualify as gossip columns, they may help you identify when family members came to visit for special family or community occasions, such as anniversaries for people, towns, counties, etc., or identify places of travel if they left the area.
10. Look for articles about your ancestor's church and church-related events.
11. Legal notices are especially important for probate matters. Laws usually required that a

notice be placed in the local or regional newspaper for up to 30 consecutive days to inform all potential creditors and other interested parties of the pending proceedings.

12. Some early marriage applications required both parties to answer the following question: Is this your first marriage? If not, they required the parties to list previous marriages and divorce dates including the localities.

Sweden Removes Grave Markers After 25 Years

Written by Deannie McVeigh, July 22, 2019

If you're planning to visit Sweden and looking for ancestor's graves you should be aware that there may not be a grave marker as we expect to find in U.S. cemeteries.

I was surprised how burial headstones were removed in Sweden compared to the way we leave them for years and years.

Although they have church cemeteries, cemeteries, and burial plots in Sweden, apparently the family or a designated person will be responsible for the upkeep of graves and headstones. Many times they opt to remove the markers. A fee is paid to the Parish or cemetery as part of the family responsibility for using the plot. This procedure is preserved with a contract, normally for a period of 25 years. Additional fees can extend the time to keep the marker or it will be removed. Information on the burial can be located in church sexton records or in databases like Begravda I Sverige. Many of the burial plots have been reused which may cause you a problem in your research for locating the person for whom you are looking. There are many open peaceful fields that are actually cemeteries and they are said to be peaceful as well as beautiful with no markers to be seen. Though no marker may be available, the relatives and friends still pay respect and visit cemeteries and churchyards. References made to churchyards are used to describe cemeteries whether or not a Church or Chapel is attached.

I read a number of articles regarding their burial procedures and there were many changes over the years and not all were pleasant. I was unable to find how long this practice of removal after 25 years existed, but it appears to be for some time.

Clotilda the Last Slave Ship – History Has Been Found

Written by Deannie McVeigh, July 22, 2019

The United States Congress, through an act enacted on March 2, 1807, banned importation of slaves; however, it was not effective until January 1, 1808.

The above date is important because my article starts in 1855 with the building of a schooner described as having two-masts, 86 feet (26 m) long with a beam of 23 ft (7.0 m) in Mobile Alabama. It was built by a shipyard owned by Timothy Meaher. Meaher was a wealthy Mobile shipyard owner and steamboat captain as well as the owner of a plantation. The vessel was given the name *Clotilda* (sometimes misspelled Clotilde) and was commanded by Captain William Foster.

Timothy Meaher was said to have made a wager that he could bring slaves from Africa to Mobile, Alabama, with a wealthy northerner. Knowing that in 1808 there was a Federal ban against bringing slaves to the US and the punishment was hanging, Captain William Foster, when asked by Mr. Meaher, decided to take the chance of not being discovered and set sail. During 1859, he took his schooner on a three-month voyage and acquired 110 slaves on May 15, 1859, in Whydah and Dahomey (Benin) Africa. Men, women and, children were his cargo. Their voyage was one of misery as they received horrible treatment; their clothes had been previously taken from them. After the 45-day trans-Atlantic journey they arrived in Alabama. Some were sold up-river and the others delivered to Mobile. Meaher kept 30 of the slaves to work on his plantation. The captain was ordered to destroy the ship so he set it ablaze and sunk it in the Mobile River.

The ship remained underwater for almost 160 years. There are a number of sunken vessels in the Mobile River so finding the *Clotilda* was a great find. Ben Raines, a reporter, thought in 2018 he had found the wreckage of *Clotilda* and worked with the University of Southern Alabama to determine if it was the ship he was trying to locate. After physical and forensic testing, it was determined it was not the *Clotilda* but Ben Raines continued his search.

On May 22, 2019, the Alabama Historical Commission announced the *Clotilda* had finally been found by researcher Ben Raines. His description of what he found in a piece of wood which he pulled from the river site was square nails

...wrought iron nails. These nails were of the type used in the 1850s. There are pictures on different websites of him holding up the piece of wood he pulled from the water.

Hopefully, later we will know more about the ship's condition and how much of it still exists. I hope the remains will be placed in a museum.

Following the Civil War, some of the slaves acquired land around the Mobile area. 32 slaves created a small community they named Africatown. Their town was established in 1866 or 1868. The town grew, but like many small towns over time many occupants moved away. The community continued to practice many of their West African traditions and Yoruba language for decades. Today, however, there is a new interest in the town and the original settlers.

In 2012, the Africatown Historic District was placed on the National Register. A place of interest is the Africatown Graveyard, founded in 1876.

It was believed for years that Cudjo Kazoola Lewis was the oldest still living slave that arrived on the *Clotilda*; he lived until 1935. A bronze head statue of him was placed at historic Union Missionary Baptist Church. He was said to be one of the 32 original slaves who created Africatown. Writer Zora Neale Hurston interviewed Cudjo a number of times for the book, "Barracoon", and although it was not published for some 90 years later, she did make a short film on him during her lifetime.

There is a short video on Youtube that talks about the slave ships, the formation of Africatown, and Cudjo Lewis. It contains references to his personality and how he felt about life even after he came to America as a slave. Cudjo's African name was Oluale Kossola and the video I'm referring to is "Oluale Kossola, the Last Survivor of the Atlantic Slave Trade."

Another slave from the *Clotilda* was Redoshi; she later took the name of Sally Smith. She was sold to a plantation in Dallas County, Alabama. She married and had a daughter. It is said she lived until 1937.

There is much more detail to the slaves and their story, so hopefully, you can do some reading on your own. I did see that historian Sylviane Diouf wrote a book on her findings and research. I plan to get a copy of her book "Dreams of Africa in Alabama: The Slave Ship Clotilda and the Story of

the Last Africans Brought to America”.

What a story the descendants of these slaves have to share with the genealogy world.

Hurricane Season

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

Ancestry

New Records to be Released in 2019

Summer 2019 – U.S. Obituary Records published in newspapers

Fall 2019 – New York & Wisconsin Employment Records: Records of individuals employed by the State of New York or in Wisconsin

Fall 2019 – More School Yearbooks – 1900 to 1990

Ongoing – U.S. County Marriages
Adding, to existing collections, all new records from some counties.

Ongoing – U.S. State Vital Records
Updates and new records for several states: NY, NJ, WA, MT, PA, TX.

Family Search - New Records

Records from Australia, Brazil, Cape Verde, Costa Rica and many others including the United States.

On the Media portion of the FamilySearch website (<https://media.familysearch.org/>) you can look under the “Collections Update” items and see the name of the records and a description of them.

Conference Keeper – Event Finder

Going on a trip and want to incorporate a genealogy event going on in the area? Want to find something new and exciting to participate in on a weekday or the weekend? Try the Conference Keeper website (<https://conferencekeeper.org/>)

You can find genealogy events happening by location and via a very friendly calendar. Everything from day meeting events to weekend seminars to conference to week-long institutes. A little for everyone.

Books & Websites that Might be of Interest for Newspaper Research

1. Barber, Phil. *A Brief History of Newspapers*. <http://www.historicpages.com/nprhist.htm>
2. Beine, Joe. *Historical Newspapers and Indexes On The Internet - USA: A Genealogy Research Guide*. <http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>
3. "Your Guide to Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research." *Bobbie's Genealogy Classroom*. <http://www.barbsnow.net/Newspapers.htm>
4. Carter-Walker, Fran. *Searching for American Newspapers*. Bradenton, FL: Privately printed, 1995.
5. "Search the World's Historical Newspaper Archives." *Elephind.com*. <https://elephind.com>
6. Gregory, Winifred, editor. *American Newspapers 1821-1936: A Union List of Files Available in the United States and Canada*. New York: Bibliographical Society of America, 1937.
7. "Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers." *Library of Congress*. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
8. Midkiff, Miriam Robbins. *Welcome to the Online Historical Newspapers Website*. <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home>
9. Milner, Anita Cheek. *Newspaper Indexes: A Location and Subject Guide for Researchers*. 3 volumes. Metuchen, NJ and London: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 1977, 1979, 1982.
10. *Old Fulton New York Post Cards*. <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> [Wonderful website for New York historical newspapers. Claims over 44 million digitized pages.]
11. *United States Newspaper Program*. <https://www.neh.gov/us-newspaper-program> [National effort to locate and preserve U. S. newspapers on microfilm.]

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, August 2019

Summer Break – NO MEETING

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

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

Thursday, 15 Aug 2019

Time: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Victor Dunn, CG

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Topic: *Analyze This! Scrutinizing Evidence for Problem Solving*

Learn the methodology astute genealogist use to break-down brick walls. Focus on the tools that successful researchers use to analyze evidence such as document abstraction, timelines, and spreadsheet filters. Discusses the use of the law, geography and migration patterns as aids in problem-solving as well as the importance of reasonable exhaustive research by incorporating collateral relative and associates. Resolution of conflicting data is also discussed.

Tuesday, 20 Aug 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Francis Flood

Amelia Island Genealogical Society

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

Topic: *Historical Survey of the Yulee Area*

Using maps and photographs, Mr. Flood will describe what the area was like and what his family did during three periods: 1) 1853-1901, when the Flood family moved to Nassau County; 2) 1901 to 1945, when the Flood family began to reside and work in the Yulee area; and 3) 1945 to present day, highlighting the speaker's own experiences and the changes he has seen during his lifetime.

Thursday, 19 Sep 2019

Time: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Speaker: J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

Topic: *Making Those Early Census Records Talk*

Federal census records are one set of the most widely used genealogical resources. Many researchers do not take full advantage of the information contained within their statistical framework. In fact, census records before 1850 are often ignored. These population schedules are especially helpful to genealogists because of their availability, genealogical value, and data consistency. Although they require more analysis on our part, the pre-1850 census records can answer a large number of our genealogical questions and provide additional clues. Perhaps, the key to using these records is the development of an adequate plan of action on our part. The proper use of census records requires consistent handling, analysis, and documentation. Case studies will show how they may be used effectively.

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 _____ |

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** (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 _____ |

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please mail this application, along with your payment, to:
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We hope that you have
had a fun, safe, and
relaxing summer!



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