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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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January/February 2020

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 January

**Date:** 18 January 2020

**Speaker:** Linda Vivian

**Topic:** *Nathan Dowd: A Case Study in Determining Kinship Using Indirect Evidence*

**Brief Description:** As researchers, we all hope for the “aha” moment when a document states a kinship explicitly. Often that is not the case, but it doesn’t mean the finding is hopeless. Using Nathan Dowd’s parentage as a case study, learn how to assemble pieces of information from various sources to discern a likely kinship.

**Speaker Bio:** Linda Vivian is a former president and long-standing publications director/webmaster for the Halifax Genealogical Society (HGS) in Ormond Beach. She holds a Master of Education from the University of Florida and completed certificate courses in Advanced Research and Methodology and Writing and Publishing for Genealogists from the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR). Linda is an experienced presenter and published family historian with five books in print. Her article, “Nathan W. Dowd of Ohio: Whose Child

Was He?” was published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and is the basis for this month's program. In addition to HGS, she holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and National and Florida State Genealogical Societies.

### Membership Meeting February

**Date:** 15 February 2020

**Speaker:** Thomas W. Baine V, MBA, PhD

**Topic:** *Writing and Publishing a Family History*

**Brief Description:** Most of us are passionate about understanding and preserving our family history. But what becomes of our research once we pass on? The importance of preserving our life’s research for future generations cannot be overstated. Many people wish to write a book to preserve their family histories, but they don’t know how or where to start. Others do not realize the impacts their family stories and personal histories will have on future generations. Writing a book about your family history is not the daunting project that it may seem. There are many ways to organize your research, write your manuscript, and get it ready to publish. The most difficult part is making the decision to start.

**Speaker Bio:** Dr. Tom Baine is a former airline manager turned college professor and a long-time history and genealogy buff. A native of Jacksonville, he has scoured libraries, churches, and archives all across the US and Europe in his ancestral research pursuits. His efforts to preserve his family history culminated in 2008 when he published his book, *Our Ancestors: A Personal History*. Tom has an undergraduate degree in history and graduate degrees in business administration and organizational leadership. He

also served for 12 years as an operations resource manager in the Florida Air National Guard (USAF). He and his wife are both avid aviation enthusiasts, and both have volunteered for several years as search and rescue pilots in the Civil Air Patrol. They are the proud parents of two small children.

**Membership Meeting**  
**March**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**North Florida Genealogy Conference**  
**14 March 2020**

*[NOTE: This conference replaces the regular March meeting of JGS]*

**--- No March Membership Meeting ---**

Instead, join us in Orange Park on Saturday, March 14, 2020, for a day of fascinating programs, networking, and a whole lot of fun for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual North Florida Genealogy Conference.

JGS is proud to be one of the five sponsoring organizations of the North Florida Genealogy Conference. Together we have put together a series of conferences which through the years have been attended by an average of 250-300 participants and have consistently received positive feedback.

With twenty classes offered in two morning and two afternoon sessions with five different presentations each hour, you will surely find a session that meets your needs.

Date: Saturday, 14 March 2020. Doors open at 8:00 am for check-in and the opening session is at 8:30 am.

Location: The LDS church located at 461 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, 32073. This is South of the Orange Park Mall and immediately adjacent to Orange Park High School. We again thank the Orange Park congregation for allowing us to use the building.

Registration: Online registration and payment are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-north-florida-genealogy-conference-registration-65810195065>. Early registration cost is still \$25 and includes lunch for those who pre-register.

The website contains information about the conference, particulars on the lectures, and bios of

the presenters. The conference brochure can be downloaded at:

<https://sagswriters.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/2020-registration-brochure.pdf>

## **2020 Dues**

If you have not remitted your payment of dues for 2020, we urge you to do so, promptly. Our calendar year is January through December; therefore, dues for 2020 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](mailto:info@jaxgen.org) can help save JGS funds.

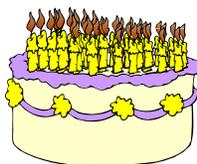
## **Thank You**

To all who participated in and attended the November meeting – thank you! We had the Installation of Officers for 2020-2021 and an excellent presentation by Paul Howes.

A special “thank you” to Georgeann Engle for setting up the 2020 programs for our society. It takes a lot of work to get speakers and have such interesting topics for our meetings. We truly appreciate the effort you have taken to make our organization a place to learn and enjoy the friendship in genealogy.

## Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday" greetings to our members who celebrate birthdays in January and February 2020:



Paul Howes	3 January
Heidi Bash	6 January
Raymond Williams	13 January
Walter Adams	4 February
Kathy Balistreri	7 February

"Happy Belated Birthday" to:

Christine Bass	2 November
Carol (Jeanne) Carter	7 December
Charlene Hopton	8 November
Crystal Snow	10 December
Nedra Soles	12 November
Barbara Strength	23 December

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.

## Wishes for Improved Health Issues

We are sending best wishes for a speedy recovery to Connie Bradshaw and Barbara Crissman. Both of these ladies are having some issues and we are praying for your return to good health. Hope to see you up and around soon.

### Civil War Prisoners of War

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The Civil War continues to be a major research area in genealogy. More than 450,000 men on both sides were imprisoned. The time of imprisonment varied greatly but the average ranged from 2-4 years. Many prisoners spent time in multiple camps and the mortality rate was high. Personal narratives are scarce because many veterans refused to talk about their experiences.

When men arrived at prison camps, they were usually assigned to a *division* (barracks) and then given a number that corresponded to a name on a

roll. The prisoner was asked to provide his own physical description and personal information. Place of capture and rank were also noted in most cases. This information is usually found in the compiled service records that have been assembled from various army records. Cards were filled out from muster rolls, and these comprised an individual soldier's records. This is what you see when you examine military service records or National Archives microfilm of military records, not the original documents. The Union Army Compiled Service Records were assembled in the 1880s, while the Confederate records were assembled in the early 1900s.

To begin the search process, start with the Compiled Service Record, which may give the place and date of capture. Much of this information is now available online on Fold 3, Ancestry, and Family Search. If you must search records held by the National Archives, the information is under the jurisdiction of the War Archives Section. For Confederate records, this information is from the War Department Archives, Record Group 109, Records of the Commissary General of Prisoners. For Union soldiers, the records are found in Record Group 249.

Locating prisoner of war ancestors is never easy. Whether it be using online databases or the National Archives records, having the following information will put you in the best position for a successful search:

1. Full name of the soldier at the time of service.
2. The division or regiment he was assigned to.
3. Any information on the name of the prison or prisons including the timeframe.

Unless you know the division your ancestor was assigned to, you may need to examine each division roll. In some cases, this information will be included on the service record itself, but most records did not include these details. Division rolls are seldom in alphabetical order, but names beginning with the same letter are grouped and listed in descending order of rank. These entries normally confirm the soldier's rank, and date/place of capture.

Geographic locations can be problematic because Union and Confederate record keepers often referred to places by different names. If you find a discrepancy, record both. Consult a map to find the locations, which will most likely be in the same proximity. If you then research your soldier's

regiment, you will likely find that he was in the location as described in the record itself.

**Registers of Articles:** For limited periods of time, prisoners were allowed to receive packages of food and personal articles or clothing. To send packages, the family had to fill out permits listing the contents. When the package was received at the prison inspection area, the contents were checked against the list on the permit. Regardless of whether the prisoner received the package, the arrival was recorded, along with the names and information on the permit. Often a complete name can be found, either of the sender or receiver, along with their relationship.

**Registers of Prisoners Exchanged, Paroled, and Released:** The term “exchanged” only applies to records prior to July 3, 1863, when the program was terminated. Prior to this edict, when a soldier was captured, he could be exchanged for an enemy prisoner, according to the terms of a cartel. “Paroled” refers to a status during which a soldier was in limbo between capture and exchange. This time was spent either at home or in a parole camp until the soldier was officially declared exchanged. During this period of limbo, the man could not take up arms or return to his unit. “Released” refers to the final months spent in prison and the date that the soldier could leave prison, either on an exchange or on parole.

The exchange system was reinstated in the spring of 1865. Prisoners who were captured or surrendered in the field, such as those from General Lee’s army at Appomattox, were paroled. The Confederate prisoners of war who had been in prison for months or years could only be released if they took an oath of allegiance to the United States. This information is sometimes found in the Compiled Service Records, which list the date of release and a physical description. Information may also be found in the Registers of Paroled Prisoners. These rolls correspond to individual prisons or geographic locations.

If your ancestor was an officer, they were held in prison longer and subjected to many legal reprisals, depending on circumstances. The dates of release varied. In some areas, the final release may have taken place several years later if a trial was held because of crimes committed during the war. Searching the registers of individual prisons is the best way to obtain information. This information often sheds light on the events that your ancestors had to live through and may explain their behavior

after the war and how it influenced family relationships.

Fold 3 and the National Archives currently have the most complete collection of military records related to the Civil War. Individual state archives often have records related to military rosters and regimental records. Some cover material that is unique to the state itself, while other items are duplications.

There are a number of study guides that I’ve compiled on this topic which are available upon request.

### **Word Definition “Cenotaph”**

I had not heard this word nor had I seen it on a grave marker but I did find it interesting. You may have seen it when looking at a grave marker and just did not realize what it meant. This may help someone to realize that a little more research is needed to determine the true location of someone’s resting place.

It refers to an empty tomb or a monument erected in honor of a person or group of people whose remains are elsewhere. Their remains may have initially been there but have been reinterred at a different location.

### **Old Manchester, Connecticut Newspapers are Being Digitized**

In a recent article, Dick Eastman noted that Noreen Cullen researched the digitization of two defunct local newspapers: the Manchester Evening Herald and the South Manchester News. Working with the Manchester Historical Society, they raised the funds needed to convert the 431 rolls of microfilm.

You can read the article by Jesse Leavenworth in *The Hartford Courant*, at <http://bit.ly/2Sj0wMf>.

Dick Eastman has been writing his genealogy newsletter for 24 years and has many interesting articles and current genealogy news. For more information see: <http://www.eogn.com>

## **RootsWeb Mailing Lists Being Discontinued**

The end of an era has come! RootsWeb administrators were informed that beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020, "Mailing Lists functionality on RootsWeb will be discontinued." What this means is that if you belonged to any of the 1000's of mailing lists supplied through RootsWeb, they are no longer going to be active. They were told that the mailing lists would be put into the mailing list archives and "will remain available and searchable on RootsWeb."

## **Florida Memory**

Florida Memory is a digital outreach program providing free online access to selected archival resources from collections provided from both sides of the State Archives of Florida and the State Library of Florida. The program provides digitized materials that illuminate the state's history and culture. It has more than 320,000 digitized photographs and documents available for people to browse. See <https://www.floridamemory.com/> for more information and access to the digitized collections.

## **State Library and Archives of Florida**

The schedule for Saturday hours for 2020 has been posted. The upcoming Saturday hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) are:

- February 8
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October - TBA
- November 14
- December 5

## **Jacksonville Library Book a Librarian Service**

In case you were not aware, the Jacksonville Library has a program for individuals who would like a personal introduction to resources available at the Main Library (downtown Jacksonville). You must have a library card to participate. You can go to

their website at [jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org) and complete their form. They have a wonderful genealogy department.

## **300-Year-Old Mystery— Scotland is Searching for the Bones of the “Witch” Liliias Adie**

Written by Deannie McVeigh, January 2020

I am not sure how I feel about "Witches". I can't say they excited me then or now, but this story is interesting even for a genealogy newsletter article. What is weird to me is this story's association with the United States and Andrew Carriage.

Some 300 years ago in Scotland, Liliias "Lily Eadie" Adie (1634-1704) was declared to be a Witch. She lived in the coastal village of Torryburn, Fife, Scotland. It appears that she had called on Satan to cast a spell on a female neighbor so the local authorities put her in prison. While there, apparently, she confessed to sleeping with the devil prior to dying in prison. Though her stay was only a short time she may have committed suicide rather than be strangled or burned at the stake or it just could have been the poor conditions in the prison. Prisoners were treated extremely harsh in those days.

She was buried in a wooden box near the sea in the county Fife. A large stone was placed over her grave to prevent any attempt of her rising from the dead. Dear Old Adie was a "celebrity" for a while after her death.

In 1852 her grave was raided at the direction of a local antiquarian and phrenologist. It is said that Joseph Noel Paton had it in his private museum in 1875. It was exhibited in 1884 by a medical doctor from Dunfermline named Dow.

The bones were exhibited for a time at St. Andrews University Museum where it was studied, photographed. It was displayed at the 1938 Empire Exhibition in Glasgow until it was decommissioned and went missing in 1938.

Now for the strange happenings. Someone took pieces of her burial box and carved walking sticks. One of which ended up being given to Andrew Carnegie. He was born in Dunfermline and came to the U.S. as a young boy. My thought here is - why would he have wanted it?

## RootsTech 2020 Live Streaming

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RootsTech, which will be held in Salt Lake City on 26–29 February 2020. The conference started as a way of bringing genealogists together with those involved in the technology world. Over the past 10 years, they have added more classes on both sides of the spectrum. Each year they live-stream a number of lectures and video-tape even more. Watch for the schedule to be announced at <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>. Many recorded video sessions are also available from 2015 through 2019 at <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

## Tell Us A Story

These past two months of holiday activities provided us with opportunities to share stories with our families. Do you have a story that you heard that you would love to tell to anyone who will listen? Is it about that war hero? Or the scandalous black sheep? The hardships endured by your immigrant ancestor? How Grandpa and Grandma managed through the depression? A family member who was there during Jacksonville's great fire? Or Chicago's? Well, guess what? We want to hear it! We want YOUR story for future editions of our newsletter.

If you have a story but feel like you don't know how to put it on paper, we will be glad to do a little editing for you. Just put it down as you would tell it if you were speaking to someone.

We would love to talk with you about your idea for the newsletter. We appreciate your interaction and look forward to new ideas. Send it to [info@jaxgen.org](mailto:info@jaxgen.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Websites to Explore

"World War II and Immigration." *Immigration to America*. <http://immigrationtous.net/319-world-war-ii-and-immigration.html>

Beine, Joe. *Historical Newspapers and Indexes on the Internet - USA: A Genealogy Research Guide*. <http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>

"Search the World's Historical Newspaper Archives." *Elephind.com*. <https://elephind.com>

Scotland is now seeking to find her bones. Their hope is that they were just misplaced or boxed and put into storage in an attic. Her grave is the only known one in Scotland as most accused witches were burned. There is a group researching the witches and whether they were innocent victims. They have held conferences for the past few decades to determine the history information regarding the Witches.

Regarding the walking sticks, I did read where some were donated to the Pittencrief House Museum in Dunfermline. I hope Mr. Carnegie gave his back, but I could not find out for sure.

There is a database named [The Survey of Scottish Witchcraft](#). The database has nearly 4,000 records of accused witches and documents regarding witchcraft. This would be a good reference tool if you're looking for a possible witch from Scotland.

My dad has some Scottish Ancestors that go way back although no one mentioned a witch. Hey, I might just look at the database to check the names for the "in case" factor.

## FamilySearch Newsroom

If you have a few minutes, go to the [FamilySearch Newsroom](#) and see all the great upcoming things they are preparing for 2020. They have so many changes and updates I thought I'd just mention them and let you do your own browsing.

## Ancestry.com

Here are just a few of their upcoming additions for 2020. The also mentioned any topics.

U.S. WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61817/>)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Deaths, 1854-1911  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61721/>)

New York State, Card Index to Supreme Court and Court of Chancery Documents, 1648-1848  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61791/>)

## 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

### Third Saturday of each month

Time: 1:00 pm

### St. Augustine Genealogical Society (

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

### Saturday, 25 January

Time: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Speaker: Annette Burke Lyttle

Topics: 1. Genealogical Proof for the Everyday Genealogist

2. Timelines: A Path to Your Next Research

3. How Research Plans Can Up Your Genealogical Game

4. Chasing Uncle William through the Wilds of Cyberspace

Fee for non-members is \$40 (\$35 members) and includes continental breakfast and bag lunch, registration at the door if space available. ([events@talgensoc.com](mailto:events@talgensoc.com))

### Tallahassee GS Annual Seminar

444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32304

### Saturday, 15 February

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Speakers: Clyde and Kathy Stickney and Dick Eastman

Topics: 1. Kathy Stickney - "Finding Out More About Your Ancestors Through Newspapers"

2. Clyde and Kathy Stickney - "Establishing Generational Relationships Prior to the 1880 Census"

3. Dick Eastman - "Better than Soundex" utilizing a better system that has been used by Census Bureau and genealogists since 1918.

4. Dick Eastman - "Find Genealogy Books for Free and For Pay" noting how to find online resources and local history books for genealogical research.

Lunch is available for an extra cost and admission is \$30.00 per person.

Registration is at [PastfindersSLC.Org](http://PastfindersSLC.Org); space is limited so register today.

### 3rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference

1250 N Hancock Rd, Clermont, FL

### Thursday, 20 February

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Diahn Southard

Topic: *A Five Company Comparison of Ethnicity Results*

Have questions about your ethnic origins? Want to know what the maps and percentages mean? We will cover the major testing companies and Ancestry DNA Genetic communities.

Registration:

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

### FSGS Poolside Chat Free Webinar

Online Webinar

### Saturday, 22 February

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Speaker: Debra Dudek

Topic: 1. Researching War of 1812 Ancestors

2. Civil War Genealogy: Tracing the service of Billy Yank and Johnny Reb

3. Tracing Female Ancestors in WWI Military and Non-Combatant Records

4. The Diary of Wesley Peever – A World War I Genealogical Mystery

\$35 members/\$40 non-members. For more info: <https://irgs.org/>

### IRGS Valentine Seminar

First Presbyterian Church, 520 Royal Palm Pt, Vero Beach, FL

### Saturday, 22 February

Time: 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Speaker: Annette Burke Lyttle

\$60 members, \$70 non-members, includes lunch

### FL Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference

WT Bland Library, 1995 N Donnelly St, Mt Dora, FL

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Providing your name and contact information **AUTHORIZES** the Society to add the same information to our records and the MailChimp Email List – how you receive information and notifications regarding meetings, elections, publications, etc. You can opt-out of the MailChimp Email List at any time. We do not sell or share our mailing list.

Circle ALL areas below that interest you:

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| Abstracting | Audit        | Education | Historian | Newsletter   | Cemetery Research |
| Programs    | Publications | Publicity | Proofing  | Refreshments | Secretary         |
| Research    | Telephone    | Treasurer | Typing    | Website      | Other _____       |

Surnames you are researching (up to 5):

SURNAME	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTRY	DATES
Example: Smith	Timbuktu	Smithers	FL	USA	1880-1900
1.					
2.					
3.					
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You are encouraged to submit a 5-generation pedigree chart with your application for our JGS Pedigree Charts Project

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage.  
To know who we are and where we have come from. — *Alex Haley***

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