

THE CITRUS TREE

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. Guests are always welcome to attend.

April 8 – “Paparazzi in the Cemetery – Headstone Photography for the Genealogist”. Jim Lannin from the Villages will be the speaker. His presentation covers the following:

1. The history and different types of markers, specifically those used for graves.
2. The different types and styles of grave markers.
3. The various materials from which grave markers have been made.
4. Tips on how to take cemetery photographs, equipment, cautions, etc.
5. Legal Issues faced by the headstone photographer.
6. Causes of headstone decay.
7. Cleaning Dos and Don'ts.
8. Some unusual modern day grave markers.

May 13 – “Digital Cameras for Genealogy” - Bob Bryan from the Pinellas County Genealogical Society will be the speaker. The digital camera is one of the most important tools for genealogists. This presentation will discuss the important features of cameras and demonstrate how to make the best use of the digital camera in your research.

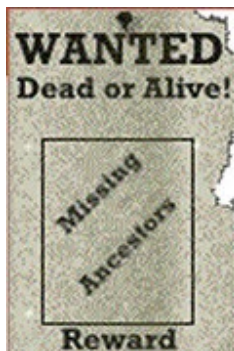
June 10 – Finding Genealogy Books @ Your Library - The speaker will be Marcia Stepanek, retired Reference Librarian from Citrus Libraries. She will talk on how to search for and locate genealogy books in the Citrus Libraries genealogy collection using the library's online catalog. Marcia will demonstrate how to access the online catalog, perform basic and advanced keyword and subject searches, how to locate the book on the shelf, and how to request a book. She will share the secret of how to read a catalog record and how to use the cross-reference option for subject searching. Marcia will also demonstrate how to use the Florida Library Navigator database to access WorldCat and request your own Interlibrary Loans.

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Our Website:

www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dates and programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists
- Links to leading websites
- Directions to meetings
- Directions to use Family Search



Election of Officers in April

If anyone would like to run for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact Nominating Chairperson, Judy Boggs, at 527-4962

Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin



Dick Eastman gave an entertaining and informative seminar in February. We had 112 in attendance. I want to thank everyone who brought the baked goods. They were enjoyed by all. Also I want to thank Bob Kegel, Terry

Vaught and Wes Brockway for helping with the room set-up; Janeen Caudle and Terry Vaught for keeping the coffee pot going; Carol Engel for kitchen preparations; Sandy Economou for clean-up; Carol Engel and Janet Thompson for check-in; Robert Younghouse for selling raffle tickets and taking care of finances; Nancy Gomes for publicity and help with door prizes; Pauline Flewett and Jackie Reiss for membership.

Area Seminars and Classes

Imperial Polk Genealogical Society seminar; April 12 from 9 – 4 at Lakeland. Cost - \$45 if you register in advance at ipgs.org Speaker, Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL will present 4 topics.

Federation of Genealogy Societies 2014 Conference, “Gone to Texas” 27-30 August in San Antonio, TX. For information see fgs.org.

Genealogy classes taught by Jackie Reiss: Intermediate Genealogy Classes, Wednesdays, April 30 through May 28 at Whispering Pines Park Recreation Building, 10 AM to noon. \$25. Pre-register at inverness-fl.gov under the "Recreation & Leisure" tab or call 352-726-3913.

Free Genealogy Help session at Lakes Region Library on April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon presented by Jackie Reiss.

Jackie Reiss will also give a free presentation on DNA at Central Ridge Library on Friday, May 23 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. about getting the most from your genealogy DNA test results.

Free Webinars

Register for free webinars on familytreewebinars.com. Examples:

- April 11 – Estate Records – More than just wills by Linda Woodward Geiger.
- April 23 – The Homestead Act of 1862 by Thomas MacEntee.
- June 11 – German Internet Research by Kory Meyerink.

Handout Sheets from the Seminar

Dick Eastman did not want to have handout sheets of his talk at the seminar. Instead, the slides from his presentation “Using MyHeritage.com Effectively” may be viewed at eogn.com/handouts/myheritage.

On the right of the same screen page is the word **MORE** with a list of other presentations. Click the following topics to view the other slides from Eastman’s presentation:

- “Cloudy with a Chance of Genealogy.” - second topic.
- “Mocavo” - third topic.

New on the CCGS Website

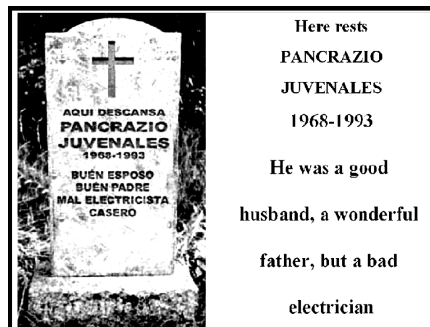
(citrusgenealogy.com)

Additions and updates to the website:

- The January 2014 Newsletter (read, download or print).
- Meeting Minutes from the last membership meeting.

Humorous Tombstone in Spanish

with English Translation



Genealogy Magazines in the Lakes Region Library, Inverness



The genealogy society subscribes to the following genealogy magazines and donates them to the Lakes Region Library in Inverness to make them available for your use. The *Internet Genealogy* magazine, *Family Chronicle* and

American Ancestors magazines are located behind the reference desk. If you can't find them, just ask one of librarians.

The following are descriptions of interesting articles from recent magazines.

Internet Genealogy Feb/Mar 2014

“Do you have Ancestors from the English Black Country?” by Karen Evans, pg. 35-38. . The website blackcountryhistory.org defines 4 main areas of English West Midlands that are included in Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Shropshire. These are Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. This website describes where to find information about documents, maps, photos, objects held by archives and museums. It can be searched by place, name, occupation and more.

Family Chronicle Jan/Feb 2014

“Locating German Parish Records” by Leslie Albrecht Huber, pg. 7-10. “Lutheran churches generally began keeping records around 1540 and Catholic churches followed in 1563.” They are at the local level, although many were destroyed. In order to locate the parish records, you need to know where your ancestor lived and also you need to know where the ancestor went to church. “Many villages were too small to support their own parish church.” You need to use a gazetteer to find where people who lived in a particular place went to church. Read this article to learn more.

“Getting Payment for a Family History Book: Resolving the Dilemma” by Margaret Moen, Pg. 51-53. Tips on how to publish your family history with an eye on recovering the cost.

American Ancestors Winter 2014

“Insubordinate Spirit: Elizabeth (Fones) (Winthrop) (Feake) Hallet and Her World” by Missy Wolfe. The article describes the work done to write this book – “the dramatic true story of Elizabeth (Fones) (Winthrop) (Feake) Hallet, whose turbulent life was affected by the harrowing events involving the Dutch, English, and native Munsees that occurred in the regions surrounding Manhattan in the mid-1600s.” “Elizabeth’s story was told in a 1950s novel by Anya Seton, *The Winthrop Woman*, however the truth about Elizabeth’s life was far more amazing than fiction.”

“These Quaint Creatures” A look at Dolls and Doll Play from 1800-1930 by Judith A. Ranta, pg. 54-56. “As small representations of human beings, dolls possess a history as varied and curious as our own. Through ordinary doll play, children have developed their capacity for love and reckoned with the realities of life and death.”

Tips for Scanning Photos

- Use a high-quality scanner such as those by Epson.
- Scan in color mode even if photo is in black and white because you will get more detail.
- Scan with a resolution of at least 300 ppi/dpi and at 100% size or greater.
- Save scans as a Tagged Image File Format or TIFF. Many scanners are set by default to save as JPEG. TIFF format does not compromise image clarity.
- If you use a photo editing software to edit photos, save the original, unedited photo.

When you scan a picture or document, you get a file. A file is a digital only representation of an image, whether it resides on a website, camera, phone, or computer. From the file you can make prints, save to other electronic devices, upload to websites, or send as attachments to email messages.

Archive digital files by saving them to a CD or DVD. “If you store them out of sunlight, in 50% humidity, you will be safe for a few decades.” From “Copies, Scans, and Files” by Eric C.M. Basic in FGS Forum, Vol. 25, Issue 3, page 11.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



British Isles Parish Records

For links to free websites in the British Isles that contain parish records, go to dustydocs.com.au

Poland Marriage Records

Marriage records from Poznan, Poland. Go to polish-mission.com, then click on Genealogy then on Genealogy Resources.

Guide to Historical Newspapers Online

Listing of historical digitized U.S. newspapers online go to guides.library.upenn.edu/historicalnewspaperonline.

Locate the state you are interested in, then choose one of the historical newspapers.

Re-Internments From St. Mary's Cemetery Albany, NY

To view these records, go to troyirish.com and click on Projects. From the displayed alphabetical listing, find and click on St. Mary's Cemetery. This site also contains many records from Troy, N.Y. Source: eogn.com, Jan 13, 2014

Lost and Discarded Photographs

A free database of identified photos at forgottenphotosproject.com provides hundreds of lost and discarded photographs collected from flea markets, estate sales, etc. in one searchable database. Source: Florida Lines Newsletter, Feb 2014

How to Cite Sources

Elizabeth Shown Mills' website evidenceexplained.com contains a summary of how to cite sources. There is an archive of Quick Lessons and Sample QuickCheck Models with examples of various types of source citations.

Citrus County Obituary Index

This index at <http://citruscountyobits.cybrarygoddess.com/> was created by Marcia Stepanek, it contains most of the daily obituaries from the Citrus County Chronicle dating from November 2007.

FamilySearch.org

New U.S. and world records are being added all the time. Browse the list of records by going to the state or country of interest.

Free Online Books from the Ulster-Scots Community Network



The Ulster-Scots Community Network (USCN) is a representative umbrella organization with over 400 member groups that promotes awareness and understanding of the Ulster-Scots tradition in history, language and culture. Through a continuing program of wide-ranging projects, USCN highlights the significant contribution of the Ulster-Scots community to the development of life in Northern Ireland, the border counties of the Republic of Ireland, and the wider Ulster-Scots diaspora.

The Ulster-Scots Community Network has published a number of books concerning the lives of those in Scotland, Ulster, the U.S.A. and their descendants throughout the world. Best of all, electronic versions of the documents are available free of charge.

If you have an interest in the history and the people of Scotland and Ulster, you can find the books on the USCN website at ulster-scots.com/publications. You might also want to check out the rest of the Ulster-Scots Community Network website by starting at ulster-scots.com/.

My thanks to newsletter reader Mike Mallett for telling me about these books.

Source: Dick Eastman's Newsletter eogn.com January 16, 2014

Little Known Facts From History

1851 - John L. Loule, in an editorial in the Terre Haute Express, advises: "Go West, young man, go West." However, New York Tribune editor Horace Greeley usually gets credit for the line.

1858 - The first non-stop stage coach from St. Louis arrives in Los Angeles, completing the 2,600 mile trip across the Southwest in 20 days.

Library Display at Lakes Region Library

Every year in March the genealogy society puts examples of genealogical records in the two display cabinets at the Lakes Region Library. This year the theme was Irish ancestry. Pauline Flewett assembled the documents and materials for the exhibit and Sharon Darmstadt helped her put them in the display cases. Thank you to all who contributed documents for the display.



More New York City Vital Records Going Online

More than 10 million New York City birth, death and marriage records spanning nearly a century -- from 1866 to 1948 -- go online Thursday in a partnership between Ancestry.com and the New York City Department of Records/Municipal Archives. Best of all, the City's records will be available free of charge on Ancestry.com, an unusual offering.

In addition to the city archives available beginning Thursday, Ancestry.com also announced it has added to its New York State Census Collection to include the census of 1855, 1875 and 1905. It earlier put online the 1892, 1915 and 1925 New York State Census. New York City records, available for free, can be accessed at Ancestry.com/NewYork, where users can browse through not only the 10 million-plus birth, death and marriage records, but gain entry to the vast collection of the city's Municipal Archives.

Source: Dick Eastman's online genealogy newsletter eogn.com

Map of US Ancestries by County

The U.S. Census Bureau has a map and a lot of text information that may interest many people who are beginning to research family history. It shows the top reported ancestries in the United States, as provided by the 2000 census. Areas with the largest "American" ancestry populations were mostly settled by some English, French, Welsh, Scottish and Irish; but by an overwhelming majority of Scots-Irish.

Obviously, this doesn't prove that your ancestors settled in these areas after arriving in the U.S. as there were many exceptions. However, it does show many of the more likely locations where you might start your search for records. I also find it to simply be very interesting for most Americans to show "where we came from."

You can see a map and a lot of detailed text information about immigration on the Census Bureau's website at www.census.gov/prod/2004pubs/c2kbr-35.pdf



Library Report

By Marcia Stepanek, Library Chair

The following are the latest books purchased by our genealogy society thanks to your generous contributions. These books are located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library on Druid St. in Inverness.

Book Review

By Marcia Stepanek

“Without Indentures: Index to White Slave Children in Colonial Court Records [Maryland and Virginia]” by Richard Hayes Phillips. R GEN 929.375 PHI at the Lakes Region Library.

During the time period from 1657 to 1710, it is estimated that more than 5,000 children were kidnapped from Ireland, Scotland, and England, transported by ship to America, and sold into slavery. These children had no indentures, or written contracts that bound them to work for their owner for a given period of time.

In his book, *Without Indentures*, Phillips begins with a historical and legal perspective of slave children without indentures. He provides us with actual petitioner case stories. Following a guide to records and indexes, he provides detail information from 26 counties in Virginia and Maryland. Each county index lists the child's name, court appearance date, age assigned by the judge, and the child's owner. Phillips additionally provides an index of ships that transported the children, their arrival dates, and the ship's captain. It should also be noted that many ship captains also owned many of these children themselves.

Author Phillips states “Kidnapping children and selling them into slavery is wrong... The children who suffered this ordeal deserve to be singled out, by name, and enshrined in a reference book.” This is exactly what Phillips has accomplished. For additional research of the reader, Phillips provides extensive notes, bibliographic print and online resources, as well as links to online County Court Order Books.

On the back cover of the book it states “We have long known about African slaves, convict laborers, and, of course, indentured servants... We were never told about white slaves, who did not agree, who did not consent, who never contracted in writing. Until now!”

Book Review

By Marcia Stepanek

“The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy: Trace Your Roots, Share Your History, and Create Your Family Tree” by Kimberly Powell, GEN 929.1 POW at the Lakes Region Library.

One of the most popular hobbies today is genealogy and now is the best of times for genealogy research. It wasn't that long ago that genealogy research was a slow, print-based process. The evolution from paper to microfilm to digital records has changed how we access information. In the 3rd edition of *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy*, Kimberly Powell shares a wealth of online resources and information just waiting for you to discover. With the quantity of genealogy records currently being digitized, knowing how to trace your roots, share your history, and create your family tree is easier than ever and you don't even have to leave your home to gain access to many of them.

In her book, Powell covers a plethora of topics from getting started to applying genealogical standards for recording and documenting your research. In between she covers topics such as how to use: search engines and databases; death and census records; marriage and divorce records, birth and baptismal records, wills, estate records, and court records; local resources such as maps, land and property records, historical newspapers, libraries, societies, churches and schools; military records; immigration lists and records; and so much more. Powell notes that today “research can be conducted more quickly, and data is more readily available to anyone with an interest in his or her past. So jump right in!”

Kimberly Powell was awarded the 2013 Silver Tray for Excellence in Genealogical Publishing by the Utah Genealogical Association.

SOME PEOPLE HUNT LIVE ANIMALS

GENEALOGIST HUNT DEAD PEOPLE

Reading Old Latin or English Documents: Practical Online Tutorials for Beginners

BEGINNERS' LATIN

Many old documents in Europe and in the British Isles were written in Latin. That presents a challenge to genealogists who wish to read the information.

The National Archives (of Great Britain) has an online tutorial that provides a lot of assistance. It covers Latin as used in England between 1086 and 1733, when it was the official language. After 1733, official documents were written in English.

The "Beginners' Latin" section of the website states:

No previous knowledge of Latin is required. This tutorial is suitable for everyone who wants to learn. You may

- Be a beginner
- Want to refresh your skills
- Have studied classical Latin and want to find out about Latin from a different period

All of the grammar is fully explained.

No previous knowledge is required.

You can practice by translating sentences taken from real documents held at The National Archives. For example, some are from the Domesday Book, written in 1086. It is the earliest surviving public record.

You can find the *Latin Online Tutorial for Beginners* at nationalarchives.gov.uk/latin/beginners.

palaeography

The National Archives also has a similar tutorial for reading old handwriting in English. It will help you learn to read the handwriting found in documents written in English between 1500 and 1800. *Palaeography: Reading Old Handwriting 1500 - 1800* may be found at nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 28, 2014 in Genealogy Basics



1850-1859: Migration & Immigration

In 1850, the mean-center of population in the United States was no longer Baltimore, Maryland, but the town of Parkersburg on the Ohio River in what was then western Virginia. This trend continued. The beginning of the decade had seen 44,000 people make the trek to California, and by 1852 that state's population had increased fifteen times in only four years. The settlers in Michigan and Wisconsin pushed northward toward the Great Lakes. The discovery of gold in Colorado precipitated the Pike's Peak Gold Rush in 1858 as people were once more lured to an area by the hope of instant riches.

These moves were never easy. Diseases such as smallpox, typhoid, and malaria, and accidents such as drowning's, shootings, and wagon mishaps were the main killers on the overland trails. Only 4% of the about 10,000 fatalities were due to Indian raids. The pioneer's choice of a final place to settle often hinged on whether a particular location was considered healthy. One result of population shift in the country was increased tension between the North and the South. With the admission of Minnesota and Oregon to the Union, there was no longer a balance between free and slave states.

Between 1851 and 1860, 2,639,752 souls sought a new life in America. Most were still of European origin, but many Chinese came to the West Coast during the gold rush period. Most settled in the San Francisco area. The two nationalities coming to the United States in the largest numbers continued to be the Irish and the Germans. The Irish mainly entered the country at New York City or Boston. Unable to afford further transportation, they remained in these cities, often in deplorable conditions. They worked at menial jobs - the men as ditch diggers, miners, or construction workers; the women as maids, clothes washers, or cooks. Germans settled in farming communities in the midwest and were slow to assimilate. Nativism, or hostility to immigrants, continued to be prevalent in American culture.

Source: Sutton, Bettye, et al. "19th Century: 1850-1859." *American Cultural History*. Lone Star College-Kingwood Library, 2003. Web. 1 Mar. 2011.

