

# 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 except for February and December.*

*Directions to the Church may be found on our website citrusgenealogy.com and guests are always welcome to attend.*

### April 14 – “Genealogy Photos: Organizing, Managing and Enhancing”

The speaker will be Bob Bryan from the Pinellas County Genealogical Society. He will demonstrate how to:

- Organize and manage your digital genealogy photos so they can be easily found.
- Enhance their appearance. This includes cropping straightening, one touch fix, removing blemishes, adding captions and text to the photo, making a collage, and much more.

All this can be done using Picasa, the powerful free program from Google.

### May 12 – “Tracing Immigrant Ancestors”

A webinar on CD presented by Lisa Alzo, a teacher of online genealogy courses for Family Tree University and the National Institute for Genealogical Studies.

America is a nation of immigrants, comprised of people who left home to find a better life for themselves and their families. Tracking down your immigrant ancestors can often be a daunting task.

This session will show you tips and tricks for locating and searching passenger lists and other key immigration documents both on and offline to help you trace your roots.

### June 9 – “They WERE here - Where did they go? Using state and county border changes and migration routes to trace ancestors”

This presentation by Jackie Reiss, a local genealogy instructor, consists of two parts.

During the formative years of our country, borders of states and counties were fluid. Because of boundary changes, it was possible for a person to be enumerated in different towns, counties or states but have never moved. It is also possible that records for your ancestor may exist in more than one county/state. Several examples will be used to demonstrate the effect of those changes.

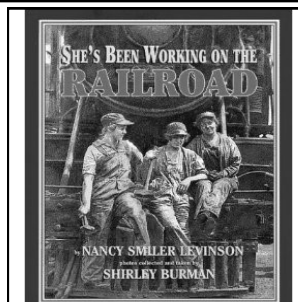
The second part of the presentation will focus on the major migration routes that were used by our ancestors who were searching for cheaper land and a new start.

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#### Our Website:

**www.citrusgenealogy.com**

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



## Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin



I want to thank everyone who helped make the February seminar a success. We enjoyed the baked goods brought in by the many volunteers.

A big thank you to the team who worked in the kitchen to keep the

coffee pots going and to those who cleaned up afterwards: Karen Franklin, Suzanne Carvajal, Mary Ruth Schweitzer, Carol Engel, and Fran Cooperrider.

Thank you to Ron Dunwoodie, Jack Leonhardt and Elbert Holder for helping set up the room and put it back afterwards.

And a thank you to our board members who worked at the entrance table: Carol Engel, Janet Thompson, Jackie Reiss, Pauline Flewett, Robert Younghouse, Shirley Guenette.

## Handout Sheets from the Seminar

Because Dick Eastman didn't want to waste paper on handout sheets, the slides from his presentations are available online.

- Slides for "The Organized Genealogist" can be found at [www.eogn.com/handouts/organized](http://www.eogn.com/handouts/organized),
- Slides for "Genealogy Programs Online" are at [www.eogn.com/handouts/online](http://www.eogn.com/handouts/online), and
- Slides from "Genealogy Searches on Google" are at [www.eogn.com/handouts/google](http://www.eogn.com/handouts/google)

To move from the first slide to the next, just click on the arrow.

## "Who Do You Think You Are?" Returns

The TV series "Who Do You Think You Are?" aired Sunday, March 8 on the TLC channel at 10:00 p.m. The show traces the ancestry of celebrities and TV stars and will continue for several weeks.

## Area Seminars and Classes

### Genealogy/DNA Help sessions

Jackie Reiss, a local genealogy instructor, will be at the Lakes Region Library, Inverness on the following dates to give help with genealogy or answer questions about DNA testing:

- April 11 — 10:00 a.m. to noon
- May 6 — 10:00 a.m. to noon
- June 6 — 10:00 a.m. to noon

### Free Webinars

The Florida State Genealogy Society offers free webinars on the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. They are called Poolside Chats.

Check their website ([www.flsgs.org](http://www.flsgs.org)) each month to see who the speaker will be and the topic. You must register in advance to attend the webinar and must have a computer with speakers.

### A New Genealogy Website went Online Today: Genealogy Gophers

Are you looking for a genealogy book? More Than 40,000 digital genealogy books are now fully searchable and downloadable for free at [GenGophers.com](http://GenGophers.com).

I had a chance to use the site for a while today and will say that I am impressed. I have been using Google Books, Archive.org, and numerous sources of digitized books for years. The new GenGophers web site searches **genealogy books and only genealogy books**, looking for the information you specify. Best of all, the site is available to all free of charge.

Source: Dick Eastman Newsletter March 3, 2015 at <http://blog.eogn.com/author/eogn/>

### Epitaph in a Ribbesford, England, cemetery

*The children of Israel wanted bread  
And the Lord sent them manna,  
Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife,  
And the Devil sent him Anna.*

## Election of Officers in April

We will elect the following officers at our April meeting: President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact Nominating Chairperson, Nancy Lovejoy at 503-6373.

## 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 in file holders **at the reference desk**. The following are descriptions of interesting articles from recent magazines.

### *Internet Genealogy* Feb/Mar 2015

“50 Top Websites for 2015” by Tony Bandy, pp 31 – 38. In addition to the usual top websites for genealogy, he offers other lesser known websites that might be useful for some people.

Some examples are: Early Canadiana Online <http://eco.canadiana.ca> and NY Public Library <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org>

“Yesterday’s Weather for Today’s Genealogists” by David A. Norris, pp 20 – 24. He tells how you can supplement family history research with information about the weather of yesteryear. There are several websites where you can get weather information. One example is [www.ncdc.noaa.gov](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov). He provides instructions on how to find historical weather data on these websites.

### *Family Chronicle* Jan/Feb 2015

“A Primer on the Russian Language and Names” by Matthew Bielawa, pp 31 – 38. He offers some basics on understanding the Russian language and naming conventions. The Russian or Cyrillic alphabet is illustrated. “In addition to the standard first and last name, they have a middle name called a patronymic, which is based on the father’s first name.”

There is a word list for numbers, months and words found in vital records. Tips for finding Russian ancestors in the Ellis Island database are also given.



## U.S. Migration Routes

*Contributed by Mary Ann Machonkin*

My William Davis ancestor moved many times during his life. He moved with his family

from Surry County, NC to Ashe County, NC to Carter County, TN to Blount County, TN to Putnam County, IN. After a few years in Putnam County he died in 1833.

Travel in the early 1800’s must have been difficult especially when moving a family. He had 13 known children. There may have been others who died. However, people at that time traveled in groups for security and to help each other. His travels in NC and TN were with a brother and his family but there may have been others in the group. On his trip from TN to IN, he was accompanied by the families of some of his grown children and their in-laws, the Williams and Asher families.

Still travel was not without hazards. One young man drowned when they were crossing the river. I often wondered what routes they took in their migrations.

The following websites have a lot of information about migration trails and routes:

- [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/US\\_Migration\\_Trails\\_and\\_Roads](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/US_Migration_Trails_and_Roads) This website has a chronological list of major historic trails and roads used in the settlement of the U.S. Click on the name of each trail or road to get more information.
- <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~gentutor/trails.html> This website, “Early American Roads and Trails” by Beverly Whitaker, has extensive information and maps.

### Five Reasons for Westward Expansion

- Opportunities for land ownership (Homestead Act of 1862 offered 160 acres of free land)
- Technological advances (steamboats and railroads made travel faster and cheaper)
- Economic opportunity (discovery of gold and silver, logging and farming)
- Belief in the right of Manifest Destiny (America was destined to expand to the Pacific Ocean)
- Knowledge of overland trails (Oregon and Santa Fe Trails)

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST



**Digital Public Library of America at**  
<http://dp.la>

Search for a book or for a Bible record. For example – Davis Bible.

### The Scottish Emigration Database

This database currently contains the records of over 21,000 passengers who embarked at Glasgow and Greenock for non-European ports between 1 January and 30 April 1923, and at other Scottish ports between 1890 and 1960. Visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/index.html](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/index.html)

### The Immigrant Ancestors Project

Sponsored by the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University, it uses emigration registers to locate information about the birthplaces of immigrants in their native countries. This information is not found in the port registers and naturalization documents in the destination countries.

Volunteers working with scholars and researchers at Brigham Young University are creating a database of millions of immigrants based on these emigration registers. Go to <http://immigrants.byu.edu>

### New York City records

The Italian Genealogical Group ([www.italiangen.org](http://www.italiangen.org)) has indexes to birth, marriage, death and naturalization records and is not just for Italians.

### Dick Eastman's Newsletter

Dick Eastman publishes a free, daily online newsletter at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) with the latest information about genealogy. The following is an example from his newsletter and is printed with his permission.

#### Les Filles du Roi

If you have French-Canadian ancestry, you probably have encountered the term “Filles du Roi” at some point in your genealogy research. Millions of today’s Canadians and Americans can find one or more of the Filles du Roi in the family tree. I thought I would explain the term this week and also provide some historical background information.

The French term “Filles du Roi” translates literally as “the daughters of the King.” Between 700 and perhaps

1,000 young, single women traveled to Quebec City, Trois Rivières, and Montréal from 1663 to 1673 as a part of a program managed by the Jesuits and funded by King Louis XIV.

In the mid-1600s, most of the people arriving in what was then called New France were young French men intent on farming or fur trapping. Relatively few women traveled to the new land, which created a problem for these young men: there were very few women of marrying age in New France.

Starting in 1663, the French government recruited eligible young French women who were willing to travel to New France to find husbands. The King of France offered to pay for transportation to New France of any eligible young woman. He also offered a dowry for each, to be awarded upon her marriage to a young Frenchman. Each woman’s dowry typically consisted of 1 chest, 1 taffeta kerchief, 1 ribbon for shoes, 100 needles, 1 comb, 1 spool of white thread, 1 pair of stockings, 1 pair of gloves, 1 pair of scissors, 2 knives, about 1,000 pins, 1 bonnet, 4 laces, and 2 silver livres (French coins). Many also received chickens, pigs, and other livestock. Because the King of France paid the dowries instead of the parents, these women were referred to as the “Daughters of the King,” or “Filles du Roi.”

These hardy immigrant women married and raised families. In fact, many of them raised large families in the tradition of the day. Many of their sons and daughters went on to also have large families, and so on and so forth for generations. As a result, millions of living people are descended from this group of pioneer women.

An alphabetical listing of all the known Filles du Roi and their husbands is available at [www.fillesduroi.org/src/Filles\\_list.htm](http://www.fillesduroi.org/src/Filles_list.htm)

Source: Dick Eastman · January 31, 2015 Newsletter at <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/01/31/les-filles-du-roi/>

### World Records on Family Search Website

The website <https://familysearch.org> has records from many countries. On the home page click on **SEARCH**. To view the list of countries, click on **browse all published collections**. The records from each country may be searched individually. New records are being added daily. Keep checking the database.

## 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. I hope all of you saw the genealogy society's display at the Lakes Region Library in March. It was a very interesting and informational display with the theme "Working on the Railroad" and was about ancestors who worked on the railroad. The content of the display was organized by Pauline Flewett. She would like to thank Karen Franklin and Sharon Darmstadt for their help in putting up the display and all those who gave her items to put in the display case.



### 1860-1869: Migration & Immigration



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The golden spike was hammered into place on May 10, 1869 at Promontory, Utah, and the country was linked from east to west across the continent by the Transcontinental Railroad. Now the

"Iron Horse" would replace the covered wagon as the favored means of transportation for the westward movement. ... As Arthur Freemason, an assistant engineer on the railway project, noted in his journal, "The time is coming and fast too, when in the sense it is now understood, there will be no West." The migration westward had been somewhat slowed down by the Civil War, but resumed at its close as veterans of the conflict sought to begin a new life.

The new areas were without any organized government and the West soon gained its reputation as "the wild west." This new land was not suited for the traditional farm, and the settlers

generally turned to cattle and sheep ranching. Being a cowboy became an occupation for many. Gold was discovered in Montana and Wyoming, and, despite the fact that some of the discoveries were on Indian land, miners poured into the area and staked their claims.

Immigration into the country slowed during the first part of the decade as the waging of the civil war made America less attractive. The immigrants already living in the United States joined the Union and Confederate Army, drawn by enlistment bonuses and steady wages. ... On the west coast, Chinese were coming to this country in increasing numbers like all the immigrants before them seeking a better life. These immigrants were discriminated against both legally and socially. However, their labor helped complete the Transcontinental Railroad.

Source: Sutton, Bettye, et al. "19th Century: 1860-1869." *American Cultural History*. Lone Star College-Kingwood Library, 2003. Web. 1 Mar. 2011.



## Library Report

The following **Books for Ethnic Research** are books located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library on Druid St. in Inverness. There are many books that can help you in your search for your ancestors in their native countries.

There are two parts to the Genealogy Section. One part has the books which can be checked out. The other, larger part, has reference books that can't be checked out. Those books have the letters RGEN on their call numbers. If you can't find a book, ask the librarian to help you. Sometimes books have been put in other sections of the library and not in the genealogy section. You can always request to have a book sent to the library nearest you.

### GERMANY

**The Family Tree German genealogy Guide: how to trace your Germanic ancestry in Europe** by Beidler, James M. **GEN 929.1 BEI**

In this book, you'll learn how to retrace your German immigrant ancestors' voyage from Europe to America and follow your family tree back to its roots in Bavaria, Baden, Prussia, Hesse, Saxony, Wurttemberg and beyond.

This in-depth genealogy guide will walk you step by step through the exciting journey of researching your German heritage, whether your ancestors came from lands now in modern-day Germany or other German-speaking areas of Europe, including Austria, Switzerland, and enclaves across Eastern Europe.

- Chapter 3 offers suggestions on how to find the place of origin of your immigrant ancestor.
- Chapter 6 gives the basics of the German language and illustrates the German script.
- Chapter 8 covers German church records. A list of publications and websites is also given.

**The German Research Companion** by Riemer, Shirley J. **GEN 929.1 RIE**

This book provides an understanding of German history and discusses the language, customs, naming patterns and religions. It give an overview of the church and civil records and the repositories which hold them in Germany.

### SWEDEN

**Cradled in Sweden** by Johansson, Carl Erik **GEN 929.1 JOH**

This is a great book for learning about the language, customs, place names and naming practices of Sweden. It also discusses the practice of soldiers taking a different name. Examples of handwriting are shown. Ecclesiastical jurisdictions and civil jurisdictions are discussed.

Parish registers, census records, moving records, emigration and land records are covered. There is also a word list. Because this book was published in 2002 the websites that are listed are not up to date.

### SCOTLAND

**A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering your Scottish Ancestors: how to find and record your unique heritage** by Jonas, Linda **GEN 929.1 JON**

This title features the records of an actual family to illustrate how to use the resources available to genealogists. The authors cover topics such as: the uniqueness of Scottish research, getting started in Scottish research, accessing resources on the Internet, retrieving published records from libraries and examining microfilm.

Civil registration records from 1855 are available. The author also covers census records, church records, land and probate records. The Scots Origins database and Family History Center resources are discussed, but because this book was published in 2002 information about these sources is outdated.

### IRELAND

**A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering your Irish Ancestors: how to find and record your unique heritage** by Radford, Dwight A. **GEN 929.1 RAD**

Family genealogists will find easy step-by-step suggestions for determining an Irish ancestor's place of origin, and advice for researching Irish records in America and on the Emerald Isle itself. Readers will find a wealth of information, such as:

- Basic strategies of Irish research;
- Working with home sources;
- Accessing, making sense of and working with Irish records inside and outside of Ireland;
- Using cemetery records, church records, estate records, military records and more!

Readers will learn that the key to Irish research is Administrative Divisions and place names. Because this book was published in 2001, internet sources are out of date.

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## Library Report: Books for Ethnic Research

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### **Finding your Irish ancestors in New York City** by Buggy, Joseph. **R GEN 929. 1072 BUG**

The author discusses New York City records and well as underutilized sources such as almshouse and Potter's Field records. In Chapter 6 under research strategies, 21 different record sets and sources are given. These sources give place of origin in Ireland for over 160,000 immigrants. Also immigrants from particular Irish counties often settled in certain parts of the city. There is a listing of Catholic parishes and burial grounds. Publications and websites are given.

### **Tracing your Irish Ancestors: the complete guide, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition** by Grenham, John. **GEN 929. 1 GRE**

John Grenham's *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* is arguably the best book ever written on Irish genealogy. The first section discusses how to begin an Irish research project and provides an overview of basic record sources like vital records, census records, church records, and property and valuation records. The second section addresses such things as wills, emigration records, directories, and occupational records and includes what is probably the most significant addition to the third edition a chapter on using the Internet to find Irish genealogical resources. This new chapter highlights major web sites that researchers are encouraged to explore to find general guides, organized lists of web sites like Cyndi's List and Genuki, sites with searchable records, surname sites, discussion groups, and commercial web sites like the Origins Network ([www.originsnetwork.com](http://www.originsnetwork.com)). The third section includes updated county source lists covering census returns, local histories and journals, gravestone inscriptions, and estate records. This section also sports reconfigured maps for the Catholic parish listings, with parish records information now in alphabetical order within each county.

## **WALES**

### **Welsh genealogy** by Durie, Bruce **GEN 929. 1 DUR**

Welsh genealogy is usually included with its English cousin, but there are significant differences between the two, and anyone wishing to trace their Welsh ancestry will encounter peculiarities that are not covered by books on English family history. There is a separate system of archives and repositories for Wales. There are differences in civil registration and censuses: nonconformist registers are different to those of other churches and Welsh sur-

names and place names are very different to English ones. *Welsh Genealogy* covers all of this as well as the basic Welsh needed by family historians, estate, maritime, inheritance, education and parish records, peculiarities of law, the Courts of Great Sessions and particular patterns of migration.

## **POLAND**

### **Polish Roots, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** by Chorzempa, Rosemary A. **GEN 929.1 CHO**

This book has not been indexed yet by the library but should be available soon. The older first edition is presently in the library. This updated book has U.S. sources of information and lists libraries with Polish materials. It gives the names of Polish Genealogical Societies in America. The history of Poland and its social classes are discussed. It also covers other ethnic groups living in Poland, for example Germans and Jews. There are maps to help you locate your ancestor's village or town. There is a list of online sources for research in America and Poland.

## **CUBA**

### **Guide to Cuban genealogical research: records and sources** by Carr, Peter **GEN 929. 3729 CAR**

This book discusses the dual system of surnames versus last names. The types of records that are covered are civil registration, church, notarial, land, census and cemetery records. There is a listing of Cuban newspapers that are available in the United States.

## **ITALY**

### **A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Italian Ancestors: how to find and record your unique heritage** by Nelson, Lynn **GEN 929.1 NEL**

There are tips on finding your ancestors home town, locating records both here and abroad, deciphering original documents, planning a research trip and putting an ancestor's records in historical context. There is also an Italian word list.

### **Free Access to Subscription Databases at the Family History Center**

The Family History Center (FHC) has free computer access to Ancestry.com **World** records, My Heritage, Find My Past and Fold3. Volunteers from our genealogy society and the church give free help with genealogy. The FHC is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9 – 4 and Thursday 9 – 12.

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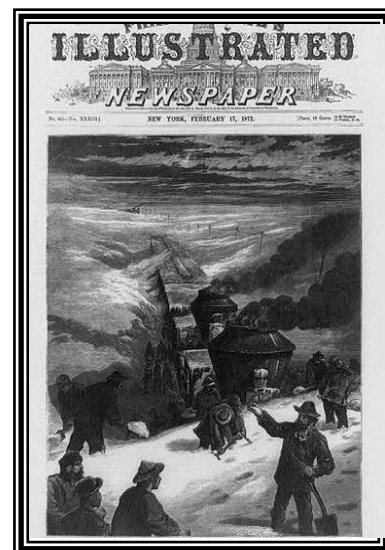
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