

# THE CITRUS TREE

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Photo of Pleasant Grove Elementary - a one room school house (originally part of Hernando County). Photo provided by Cynthia Taylor

Mr. Robert Wells of Crystal River, who attended the Ozello School (which was then in Northwest Hernando County in the 1870s and 1880s) described his [one room] school as a 24' x 30' building with a wood burning stove and three hanging coal lamps. There was never any electricity in the building.

Source:

[www.hcsb.k12.fl.us/history.htm#County](http://www.hcsb.k12.fl.us/history.htm#County)

(Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto, except the February 15th Seminar will be at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E Norvell Bryant Hwy (CR-486) in Hernando. No meeting in December)

**January 14 - "The Tombstone Just Said 'Wife of ...' - Finding the women in your family history"** It took many years before married women were allowed to enter into contracts in their own name, or to own or sell property, or even create a will. As a result women have left a small footprint in the traditional records pursued by genealogists. The speaker will be Jack Butler, professional genealogist, lecturer and author, who will discuss some possible sources of information about the women in our family history.

**February 15 (Saturday Seminar)** - Three one-hour presentations by **Dick Eastman**, publisher of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at <http://blog.eogn.com> His newsletter is read by more than 75,000 genealogists over the world.

**Part 1: "Using MyHeritage.com Effectively"** MyHeritage is a very powerful and useful web site for keeping track of your own genealogy efforts, optionally sharing information with family members, and the site even has a superb Smart Search capability and a "Record Detective" that searches the Internet to find obituaries, wedding announcements, tombstone information, and much, much more information about each person in your personal database. The online site even offers facial recognition software to help identify the people in photographs.

**Part 2: Cloudy with a Chance of Genealogy** A down-to-earth explanation of what "the cloud" is and how genealogists can use Cloud Computing to simplify their own computer usage.

**Part 3: Mocavo: A Comparison of the Best (?) Genealogy Search Engine versus Google** Mocavo is a search engine that many people have never heard of. However, it is designed for use by genealogists and often can find information that is buried within thousands of "hits" when searching on Google. This lecture describes Mocavo in some detail, including the new data matching and monitoring for new data features.

**Location:** Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway., Hernando. (Driving directions can be found on the CCGS website at [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com))

**Time** - 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a 30 minute brown bag lunch break at 12:30. **(SEE THE REST OF THE SEMINAR PROGRAM AND SIGN-UP SHEET ON PAGE 6)**

**March 11** - The speaker will be Sharon Tate Moody, a board-certified genealogist. She will talk about **"Disputes and Unhappy Differences: Surprises in Land Records."** Land records aren't filled just with property descriptions. Evidence of unhappy marriages, family squabbles and illegitimate children are clearly documented and awaiting discovery.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to bake "goodies" for the seminar. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the January meeting. We need 2 people to arrive early to make coffee and set up the table for refreshments at the seminar. On Friday afternoon, February 14, we need people to help arrange the tables and chairs. Also after the seminar we need people to put the chairs and tables back the way the church had them set up.

## President's Message

Mary Ann Machonkin



Every year we have a successful seminar in February, but it is because of the work of our board members and many volunteers. I want to thank all of you for your contributions and ask for your help in the upcoming seminar.

## Area Seminars and Classes Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

**"How to use DNA test results to trace family lineage,"** free class taught by Jackie Reiss; Wednesday, January 15, 10 AM to noon, Library Community Room, Lakes Region Library

**North Florida Genealogy Conference:** March 15, 8 – 5 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Orange Park. Cost - \$20 until January 14. For **information** visit [www.nfgenealogyconference.com](http://www.nfgenealogyconference.com)

**Florida State Genealogical Society Annual Conference:** 28 – 30 March at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, Gainesville. Check [www.flsgs.org](http://www.flsgs.org) for details.

**Note:** The FLGS website still displayed details were “coming soon” when this newsletter went to the printers.)

**National Genealogical Society 2014 Family History Conference:** Richmond, Virginia; 7-10 May 2014. Virginia: The First **Frontier**. Visit [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org) for more information.

## Beginning Genealogy Classes

Jackie Reiss will be teaching five (5) classes on Saturdays, February 22 through March 22. Whispering Pines Park Recreation Bldg., 10 AM to noon. \$25. Pre-registration is required. Go to [www.inverness-fl.gov](http://www.inverness-fl.gov) under the “Recreation & Leisure” tab or call 352-726-3913.

## Handout Sheets from Past Family History Conferences

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Orlando has hosted a one-day conference for many years. These conferences feature many speakers on a variety of genealogy topics. Handout sheets from the 2010 – 2013 conferences are now available on a CD in the Family History Center (FHC) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lecanto. Bring a flash drive to the Center and copy handout sheets of interest to you. FHC hours are Tues. & Wed. 9-4; Thur. 9-12.

## March Library Display



Every year in March our genealogy society sets up an exhibit in the display cabinets at the Lakes Region Library. The theme this year is, “Irish Ancestry.”

Documents are needed that illustrate the records left by Irish ancestors. Examples are: passenger lists, deeds, wills, marriage licenses and applications, birth and death records, obituaries, and interesting newspaper articles. If you have any documents that could be used in the exhibit, please bring copies to the January meeting or February seminar and give them to Pauline Flewett who is in charge of the library exhibit.

## Living at 300 Main Street, Oneonta, New York Contributed By Shirley Guenette



Our family lived at 300 Main Street, Oneonta, New York starting in 1964, for about 5 years. This was an interesting home — known as the Miller Mansion. Frank David Miller built it in

1902. He dealt in hops and owned the Oneonta Hop Packing Plant, along with several warehouses. He had an office down the street from his home and he probably walked to work. Miller was also known as having brought gas and electricity to the city of Oneonta. Of course, everyone has heard of “Miller Beer”.

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## Eastman's Online Newsletter

The Standard Edition of Dick *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* is published daily and is free online at <http://www.blog.eogn.com> It has advertisements in it, but the Plus Edition has no ads and costs \$5.95/3 months. The newsletter has the latest genealogy news. Here are 2 examples:

### A Little-Known Government Genealogy Service

A little-known program of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides genealogy information that may be difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. The records include naturalization files, visa applications, and citizenship tests, and may reveal family secrets and mysteries. In addition to relatives, historians or researchers can also request files.

Under the USCIS Genealogy Program, which started in 2008, requests are usually completed within 90 days. The government will run a search of the name, as long as the person is deceased. If there are records available, the government charges additional fees for the files. The fee for a record copy from microfilm identified as (M) is \$20 per request. The fee for a copy of a hard copy file identified as (HC) is \$35 per request. More information about the fees associated with each file series may be found at [www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/historical-records-series-available-genealogy-program](http://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/historical-records-series-available-genealogy-program).

The documents typically include immigration information, often (but not always) including exact hometowns in their ancestors' native countries. The files often have information on brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. Many times it is useful to obtain the records of your uncles, aunts, and cousins who also immigrated from "the old country."

If the immigrant sought American citizenship, the details are also included in these files. For anyone of Japanese, German, or Italian origin who lived in the United States during World War II, the documents often include FBI reports about the person's activities, including friends, family, and political activities.

For more information about the program, check out [www.uscis.gov/genealogy](http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy). (These records are only for people who became naturalized after 1906.)

(Posted by Dick Eastman November 24, 2013 in [Genealogy Basics](#))

## Tar Abhaile, a New Irish genealogy TV Program does Genealogy in Reverse

Ireland's TG4 television channel has a new genealogy program, called Tar Abhaile, which means "Come

Home" in the Irish language. Unlike other genealogy television programs, it is a reverse genealogy show in which Irish volunteers find descendants of Irish emigrants and reunite them with living relatives in Ireland.

"Instead of waiting for people of Irish origin to trace their roots," groups of community volunteers tirelessly work together under the auspice of Ireland Reaching Out (or: Ireland XO) to trace those individuals and families who left their local area throughout the 1800's and 1900's. Once they have gathered enough tangible information, they then track down their living descendants and reach out, inviting them back to their spiritual home, to share local knowledge, walk the land of their ancestors, show them their final resting places and where possible, introduce them to long-lost living relatives.

You can learn more at the program's web page at [www.tg4.ie/en/programmes/tar-abhaile.html](http://www.tg4.ie/en/programmes/tar-abhaile.html). A video of the first episode is available online at: <http://nasc.tg4.tv/1d8fIU>.

The program is narrated in the Irish language, with English subtitles. However, most of the conversation is in English.

(Posted by Dick Eastman November 19, 2013)

## Living at 300 Main Street ...

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The residence was purchased by Grant Hamm in 1935. He separated the home into six apartments and ran it as a tourist home in conjunction with a service station. In 1962, my husband's father, "Lee" Guenette, bought Hamm's Tire Center.



The home still stands and most of the first floor has been converted to several small businesses. The apartments are rented to students who attend the State University of New York at Oneonta and Hartwick College

*(For more information about this ancestral home go to the website at [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com) —> Membership menu )*

***It's time to renew your valuable genealogy membership for another year. The application form is on page 7***

## 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 the librarians. The following are descriptions of interesting articles from recent magazines.

### *Internet Genealogy* Dec/Jan 2014

“Remembrance: World War I Centenary” by Carol Rickey; p. 8-12. 2014 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. Four million Americans and 600,000 Canadians served. A fire in 1973 destroyed three fourths of American military personnel records. This article looks at several resources that will help you learn about the experiences of World War I soldiers. Here is one example: [www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-wwi.html](http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-wwi.html)

“Latin 101 for Genealogists”: by David A. Norris, p.39-41. He has a list of Latin words and abbreviations the genealogist might find in records. There are also tips on reading Latin.

### *Family Chronicle* Nov/Dec 2013

“Finding My Family From Wales: Where to Begin?” by Donna Potter Phillips, p. 31-33. She describes the need for a solid research plan.

“Dating Old Photographs Through Fashion” by Betty Kreisel Shubert. She gives examples of dating photographs by the style of clothing.

### *American Ancestors* Fall 2013

“Celebrating Centuries of Food and Family” by Judith Lucey, p. 26-31. She describes the stories and records behind the recipes.

“Researching Irish Domestic Servants” p. 32-35. An ancestor was an 11 year old girl who was sent to America with a neighbor. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century Irish domestic servants were in demand. Some of the records and research techniques to learn about ancestors who worked in domestic service are demonstrated



## Library Report

Marcia Stepanek, Library Chair

If you have a library card, you can ask to have books sent to the library closest to you for pick up.

### New Books in the Library

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

### **New Englanders in the 1600s: A Guide to Genealogical Research Published Between 1980 and 2010, by Martin Hollick, R GEN 929.1 HOL**

This expanded edition of the bestselling *New Englanders in the 1600s* offers researchers an even more comprehensive source for finding the most recent genealogical writing about 17<sup>th</sup> century New England families. The new edition includes a full five years' worth of publications, plus select publications from 2011. Hollick has also added all of Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc. MASSOG magazine from 1980-2010; the three final volumes of the Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635; the final volume of John Howland of the Mayflower; and eight other new works. This book names 3,600 families who were born before 1700 and describes where to find information about them.

### **The Name is the Game: Onomatology and the Genealogist, by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, GEN 929. 4 BOC**

Have you, as a genealogist, ever wondered how names came about and how they've changed over time? Then you need to know about onomatology...the study of names. It involves both forenames, commonly called first, second, or middle names, and family names or surnames. It also includes nicknames and place names which in the United States are often named for individuals. Bockstruck also makes the important distinction, “the study of onomatology is one based on records over centuries and requires an awareness of a multitude of changes in names.”

The *Name is the Game* is broken into five chapters. The first acts as an introduction. The second and third chapters examine given names and surnames, respectively. These chapters represent the bulk of the book and cover all types of naming practices over the centuries of Europe and the United States. The last two chapters cover toponyms, place names, and provide a selected bibliography for further reference. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck is one of America's foremost genealogists and the former genealogy librarian at the Dallas Public Library.

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## WEBSITES OF INTEREST



### New York websites

Index to wills in the counties of New York State [www.sampubco.com/wills/ny/newyork.htm](http://www.sampubco.com/wills/ny/newyork.htm)

Schenectady County, New York Digital Archive [www.schenectadyhistory.org](http://www.schenectadyhistory.org) Click on Topics for a list of records: churches, city directories, vital records (obituaries), property assessments and land records

### West Virginia websites

Wheeling, West Virginia newspapers now on the Chronicling America website. The *Wheeling Intelligencer* and *Daily Intelligencer* 1852 – 1898 can be searched by keyword at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Ohio County, West Virginia Library has the history of Wheeling on its website, [www.ohiocountylibrary.org](http://www.ohiocountylibrary.org) Click on Wheeling History.

**Town histories from many states:** Go to [www.history.rays-place.com/#town](http://www.history.rays-place.com/#town)

**Rivers of America Maps:** Go to [www.nationalatlas.gov/streamer/Streamer/streamer.html](http://www.nationalatlas.gov/streamer/Streamer/streamer.html) Put the name of the county and state in the search box, then you will see a map of the county showing all the creeks and rivers.

**Use History Pin:** View photos pinned on a virtual map at [www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com)

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### Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques, by George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, GEN 929.1072 MOR

*Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques* uses up-to-date and highly organized methods and techniques to show you how to find the elusive details to round out your genealogy research. You'll get past the brick walls that have stumped you and see how to move beyond basic types of genealogy resources. The book covers a variety of software programs and specialized genealogy tools. It shows you how to create an online genealogical research log to preserve data found and how to organize it in ways to help you understand what you've uncovered.

Nearly every form of modern social networking is ad-

ressed, as is using DNA records. This practical, in-depth guide provides the next level of detail for anyone who wants to expand beyond the beginner tactics and techniques. George G. Morgan is an internationally-recognized genealogy expert, author, and lecturer. Drew Smith, MLS, is an Assistant Librarian in the Academic Services department of the University of South Florida Tampa Library.

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## The 1840-1849s: Migration & Immigration



Immigrants continued to arrive on the U.S. shores, especially from Ireland after the potato famine of 1845. The first covered wagon train went from Kansas to California. ... John Fremont left with his party to explore the route to

Oregon beyond the Mississippi river crossing the Continental Divide. ... The Donner party was trapped by snow in the Sierra Nevada. The gold rush was on with the discovery of gold in California by John Sutter

The 1840's witnessed the greatest number of immigrants in proportion to the total population of the United States in the history of the nation - 1,427,337. Such European countries as Germany and Sweden simplified the regulations that had hindered emigration, and many of their immigrants settled in the state of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Those who had previously come to America began to send travel tickets and money to relatives and friends in the "old country" to enable them to make the journey to the new land. The suffering and poverty brought on by the potato famine in Ireland and crop failures in Germany persuaded even more Irish and Germans to make the trip across the Atlantic.

This constant stream of newcomers led to opposition to their increasing numbers and influence. Nativist secret societies such as the Order of United Americans were organized to protest the tide of immigration. In 1847 the Know Nothing Party, with a platform of anti-Catholicism and anti-immigration, was formed and managed to win elections in a number of states.

Source: Sutton, Bettye, et al. "19th Century: 1840-1849." *American Cultural History*. Lone Star College-Kingwood Library, 2003. Web. 1 Mar. 2011.

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## February 15th Seminar

Three one-hour presentations by **Dick Eastman**, publisher of **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter** (<http://blog.eogn.com>): **Using MyHeritage.com Effectively**; **Cloudy with a Chance of Genealogy**; and **Mocavo: A Comparison of the Best (?) Genealogy Search Engine versus Google**



**Location:** Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy. (Hwy 486), Hernando (Across from Nature Coast Bank at Citrus Hills Blvd.) To view or print driving directions:

1. Go to [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com)
2. From the left side navigation menu, click **February 15 Seminar**
3. At the bottom of the seminar page, click the **Get Directions** button

**Time** - 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a 30 minute lunch break at about 12:30.

**Lunch** - Bring your own brown bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and cookies.

**Cost** - \$12 for members and \$16 for non-members. **Refunds** may be obtained by contacting Mary Ann Machonkin (353-382-5515) before February 15.

**Registration** - Sign up at the January 14 meeting, use the mail-in form below or the mail-in form in on [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com). Make checks payable to CCGS. Mail to Mary Ann Machonkin, 19 Cupania Court, Homosassa, FL 34446 or call 382-5515.

**Please register in advance if possible**

**Door Prizes and Raffle** - There will several nice door prizes given after lunch. Also, raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a:

- VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand handheld portable scanner
- The latest book of George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, "*Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques*"

### REGISTRATION FORM FOR FEBRUARY 15th SEMINAR

Use this form or call Mary Ann Machonkin at 352-382-5515. Please register in advance if possible.

**Cost**— \$12 per person for members and \$16 for non-members.

**Cancellation Policy**— Registration fee(s) will be refunded if you contact Mary Ann before the seminar.

Total number of persons who will attend: \_\_\_\_ Members @\$12 \_\_\_\_ Non-Members @\$16

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCGS

**Mail to:** Mary Ann Machonkin  
19 Cupania Court  
Homosassa, FL 34446

*When registering by mail, please include registration form and mail to arrive before Feb 15*

## CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(membership year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year)

<u>Choose Membership Type (New or Renewal)</u>	<u>Circle Payment Method:</u> Cash            Check
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW            Individual (\$15.00) Family (\$20.00) <u>AFTER April 1st</u>	Individual (\$7.50) Family (\$10.00)
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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CCGS newsletters are mailed out in October, January and April. If you are part-time residents of Citrus County, please indicate which of the above addresses (P or L) to use for each mailing. (We have discovered that some post offices are not forwarding the newsletters.)

Oct. \_\_\_ Jan. \_\_\_ April \_\_\_

Surnames you are researching \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical areas you are researching (i.e. town, county, state, Country) \_\_\_\_\_

We would welcome your help on any of our various committees listed below. Please indicate your willingness to assist the Board of Directors by checking off the committee(s) that interest you. Thank you for whatever support you can give.

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_ Scrapbook \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Computer \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Special Events \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Where Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your check to: Citrus County Genealogical Society,  
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