

# THE CITRUS TREE

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### Our Website

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- Meeting dares and programs
- Links to leading websites
- Directions to meetings
- Directions to use Family search



Tracking My Ancestors

## 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, FL. Guests are always welcome to attend.*

**October 14 - "Census Analysis"**- presented by Debra Fleming, the principal for The Ancestry Detective, LLC, a genealogical research firm located in Pasco County. Most people "check out" when they get to the Pre-1850 census records. As heads of household are the only listed persons in the Census, people often underestimate the information they can glean from early census records. Debra Fleming will use a case study of a Southern Methodist Minister born 1771 and passing in 1842 to describe the methodology behind Census Analysis. Debra will show you that anyone can decode the wealth of information available in pre-1950 Census Records.

**November 11 - "Introduction to Ellis Island and Castle Garden"** - presented by Debbe Hagner, a professional and accredited genealogist. She will show how to use the <http://stevemorse.org> website to find immigration records. He has developed a Gold Form for searching for Ellis Island passengers in One Step. Also there is a form for searching all NY passengers (1820 - 1957) in One Step.

**December - No meeting - *Happy Holidays***

Our present Library Chairman, Marcia Stepanek, has resigned because she has taken a part-time job. We are looking for a volunteer to take her place. Some of the duties of the Library Chairman is to suggest books to be purchased for the Lakes Region Library, give a report at society meetings about the latest books, and to write a description of the books for the newsletter. Also the Library Chairman must attend board meetings which are after the regular society meeting. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Ann at [himary@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:himary@tampabay.rr.com)

### Important Notice

We hope you all had a nice summer. It is now time to renew your genealogy society membership for another year. The annual fee is still \$15 per person and \$20 per family - a great bargain considering what you get in return: accomplished speakers giving presentations on a wide range of topics, four newsletters during the year, and a website full of great links and useful information. An Application Form may be found on the inside of the back page.

Jackie Reiss and Pauline Flewett, Membership Co-Chairpersons

## Notes From the President

*Mary Ann Machonkin*



We are currently in the process of planning the February Seminar. It will probably be Saturday, February 21. We are hoping to get Dick Eastman of <http://blog.eogn.com> to be our speaker. The seminar will probably be held in different location than last year.

### Tennessee State Library & Archives Puts Family Bible Records Online Dick Eastman · July 11, 2014

Visitors to the website of the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) can now access family Bible records previously available only to patrons visiting TSLA's building. Over the past few years, TSLA volunteer Cinamon Collins scanned more than 1,500 family Bible records held at TSLA.

Most of the records were photocopied from privately-held family Bibles and preserved at TSLA by archivists and librarians. A new database on the TSLA website allows researchers to browse these records in their entirety, and a search function will ultimately include all of the thousands of names written in these unique documents.

To see if TSLA holds a Bible record for your family, visit the project online at <http://tnsos.net/TSLA/Bibleproject>. Individual names in most Bibles for surnames A through J have also been indexed

### Nebraska Homestead Files Have Been Digitized Dick Eastman · June 26, 2014 ·

A project to digitize Nebraska homesteading case files has been completed after a decade of planning, preparation and execution. The nearly 77,000 files contain more than 1.6 million digital images, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln said Wednesday. The database can be searched and viewed for free at Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, as well as UNL libraries, National Archives and Records Administration

research centers nationwide and Family History Centers at several locations across the country. They also may be viewed for a fee at [Fold3.com](http://Fold3.com) or [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)

### What's Your Tartan?

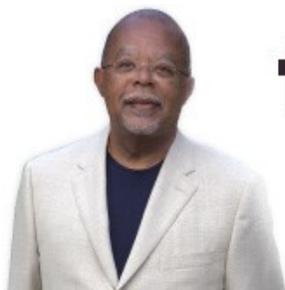
**Dick Eastman · August 21, 2014** If you have Scottish ancestry, do you know the tartan worn by your clan?

Well, first of all, there are no official rules. According to the Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms: "There are no strict rules on who has the right to wear a particular tartan... Wearing a particular clan tartan indicates that the wearer bears an allegiance to the chief of that clan... There is no official register of tartan. Records of designs are maintained by the Scottish Tartans Authority, Fraser House, 25 Commissioner Street, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 3A Y. The Lord Lyon has no jurisdiction over tartan..." Official or not, many customs have been developed over the centuries about the wearing of various tartans.

I have Stewart ancestry, so I thought I would look up that tartan. I was surprised to find that there are different ones for Stewart of Appin, Stewart of Galloway, Stewart of Rothesay, Stewart of Bute, Stewart of Bute Hunting, Castle Stewart, Stewart Royal Family Tartan, and many more. I'll ignore the livery tartan for Jacky Stewart's Formula One motor racing team as I doubt that I can claim that one anyway.

The fact that there are so many tartans listed makes for a fascinating study. Luckily, you can find a lot of information about tartans online. You may even find the one worn by your ancestors. Probably the best place to find your clan's tartan is at the Scottish Register of Tartans, a web site run by the Scottish government and undoubtedly the best reference authority. It can be found at <http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk>. To become completely immersed in Scottish culture, visit Electric Scotland at <http://www.electricscotland.com>. This is an enormous site with thousands of pages about a wide variety of topics.

By the way, National Tartan Day is celebrated on April 6 in the United States, so you have plenty of time to order your kilt.



## finding your roots

with  
HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

### Finding Your Roots

This TV series with host, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., will start again on September 28 on PBS at 8:00 p.m.

### December 18 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. That First Trip to the Courthouse with Judy G. Russell

If there is one home truth in genealogy research, it's this: not everything is available online. Sooner or later, every genealogist has got to make that first trip to the courthouse to check out the original records available there.

How to prepare for that trip, the rules of the road, what to expect, what to ask for, and how to be sure you'll be welcomed back the next time are explored in this webinar.

### Genealogy and DNA Help Sessions

Bring your questions and/or brick walls to Genealogy and DNA Help sessions from 10 AM to noon at Lakes Region Library on the first Wednesdays of October, November and December 10; 10 AM-noon. Jackie Reiss will lead these help sessions.

### DNA SEMINAR

Presented by Jackie Reiss at the Homosassa Library, November 12; 1:30 - 4 PM. All three major DNA sites will be discussed along with the independent site GEDmatch.

### GENEALOGY Classes

Jackie Reiss will teach an Intermediate level Genealogy Course (5 sessions) beginning on January 28, 2015 and ending on February 25. Classes will be held from 10 AM to noon at the Recreation Building in Whispering Pines Park. Cost is \$25 per person.

Pre-registration is encouraged and can be done online or by downloading the registration form @ <http://fl-inverness.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/47>.

Additional questions can be directed to the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at the Inverness Government Center by dialing 352- 726-3913 or via email: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&source=mailto&to=parks@Inverness-FL.Gov>

### WEBSITES OF INTEREST



How-To Videos and Podcasts That Help You Understand DNA. <http://howtodna.com>

The Oregon State Archives has an Early Oregonian Database for people who lived in Oregon before 1860. Also there is a Historical Records Index that provides access to surnames from a list of records held by the state archives.

The website also has maps and histories for all 36 counties. <http://sos.oregon.gov/Pages/default.aspx> Click on Archival Records Search.

1. Start Organized
2. Start Talking
3. Start Researching
4. Start Recording
5. Start Sharing

## LIBRARY REPORT

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 unless otherwise noted.



### 1. Mastering Genealogical Proof by Thomas W. Jones

**GEN 929. 1 JON** This book is part of the National Genealogical Society Special Topics Series. Author, Thomas A Jones, has written a textbook for researchers on genealogical methodology and reasoning. The book is all about Genealogical Proof Standard or GPS. According to the Preface, GPS originated from the Board for Certification of Genealogists who in 2000 “published the standard in its Genealogists Standards Manual and delineated fifty-six research standards supporting it”. What is unique about this textbook is that Jones notes “it is written in first person; We and our refer collectively to you, the reader, and to me, the author”.

Jones opens the text book with a general discussion on GPS, followed by concepts fundamental to the GPS. What exactly is a genealogical proof standard? It consists of five interdependent components or elements. This include: Element 1 – Thorough Research; Element 2 – Source Citations; Element 3- Analysis and Correlation; Element 4 – Resolving Conflicts and Assembling Evidence; and Element 5 – the Written Conclusion.

Author Jones devotes individual chapters to each of the five elements. Each chapter ends with lots of thought provoking exercises that will test what you have learned. Of course, answers to all the exercise questions are provided at the end of the book for you to see how well you have mastered that element’s concepts!

Appendix A and B each contain articles detailing two actual research projects completed on the Pritchett family of Virginia and Kentucky and on the McLain family of Muskegon, Michigan. These articles were actually published in separate National Genealogical Society Quarterly issues.

Though this is a text book, author Jones, has written it in a tone for genealogists just like you and me! It is easy to understand and follow. There are lots of illustrations and tables to help you visually document your research. An

extensive glossary of technical terms is provided as well as a compilation of reading and bibliographical resources for those who would like to explore GPS, its concepts, and elements.

According to the back cover of the book, author Jones “has pursued his family’s history since he was fifteen ... and he “is an award-winning genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator. This is a must read book!

### 2. Families of Southeastern Georgia by Jack N Averitt

**R GEN 929. 3758 AVE** This book was originally published as Volume III of Georgia’s Coastal Plain: Family and Personal History (New York, 1964). The Note on the verso page of the book states “The numerous illustrations originally included in Volume III of Georgia’s Coastal Plain: Family and Personal History were not reproduced in [this] Clearfield Company reprint”. Included in the book are 337 pages of biographical sketches with a 77 page index to all the names. That’s quite an extensive index!

According to the book review on the [Genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com) website, “The Coastal Plain of Georgia is comprised of ... 40 counties situated in the southeastern region of the state ... The Georgia cities of Savannah, Brunswick, and Augusta also fall within this region.” The review also notes that there are about 1,000 biographies in Averitt’s book. These biographical sketches, according to the review, “give the subject’s place and date of birth, his educational background and military service, and then his career, civic interests, church affiliation, hobbies, and so on”. The review goes on to note that “in almost every case, [Averitt] furnishes the names of the subject’s parents, spouse, children, and spouse’s parents, usually citing the subject’s date of marriage and the dates or places of birth and death of at least these three generations of family members. In some cases, the subject’s lineage can be traced back to the Civil War”.

You can view the comprehensive book review on the [Genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com) website at: <http://www.genealogical.com/> On their homepage, simply search for the book by author or title.

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The review on the website provides a list of all the counties Averitt has included in the book as well as a list of all the surname and given name sketches. If you are researching your ancestry in this region, Averitt's book is a goldmine!

### **3. The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Germanic Ancestry in Europe by James M Beidler GEN 929. 1 BEI**

As stated on the back cover of the book, Beidler will help you explore your German ancestry so you can "follow your family tree back to its roots in Bavaria, Baden, Prussia, Hesse, Saxony, Wurttemberg and beyond"!

This is a first edition book published in 2014. Beidler begins his book with the story of how Germans joined the North America ethnic mix. According to Beidler, in 1607, "a single German man, Dr. Johannes Fleischer, accompanied the original Jamestown, Virginia colonists". He continues to note "a year later, in 1608, five unnamed German glassmakers and three carpenters stepped off the ship Mary and Margaret to join the first permanent English settlement in what is today the United States". The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide is divided into four parts consisting of 14 chapters.

Part 1: Linking Your Family Tree to German-Speaking Nations. There is a discussion on German influence on America culture including holiday traditions, food and drink, famous German-Americans and a very comprehensive time line of Germans in America starting in 1626 and continuing 1987. There are many beautiful illustrations. Beidler provides the researcher with a historical perspective of Germanic lands and German immigrants.

Part 2: Getting to Know the Old Country. Beidler includes information on German geography, the language, surnames and given names.

Part 3: Tracing Your Family in German-Speaking Nations. Beidler goes into great length with chapters on German civil registration, church records, and census and court records.

Part 4: Advanced Sources and Strategies is devoted to pulling your research together and hints on what to do when you hit a brick wall.

There is an awesome collection of appendices. My favorite is Understanding German Script! Special emphasis is placed on German archives, libraries and societies. The appendix on publications and websites includes resources

for atlases, gazetteers, maps, books, CDs, and so much more!

### **4. Crash Course in Family History: How to Discover Your Family Tree and Stories: Step-by-Step Illustrated Guidebook and Comprehensive Resource Directory, Fifth Edition by Paul Larsen GEN 929. 1 LAR**

In the book's Preface, author Larsen states "Technology for family history keeps advancing dramatically. The quantity and quality of online data is dynamic, the ability for us to utilize sophisticated new tools to research and organize information, and the advancements to communicate and network with others is quite breath-taking".

Here is a sneak peek to what is in the Table of Contents: (1). Plant Your Family Tree – Identify Your Ancestors Using Your Family and [Social] Networking with Others; (2). Make New Discoveries – Add New Branches to Your Family Tree; (3). Connect with Your Family – Discover Your Family Stories, Photos and Ancestral Village; (4). Leave a Meaningful, Lasting Legacy; (5). Best of the Internet – Key Family History Web Sites; and (6). Passport to the 'Old Country' – Best International Websites and Informative Tools.

Crash Course in Family History is an oversized hardcover book, with 343 pages of high quality, fully illustrated (in color), and just about the most comprehensive book on family history resources I have seen in a long time. It is so visually easy to read. You will see this book, page through it, begin to read the chapters, and then want the book for your own library! Actually, there is a companion eBook version of Crash Course in Family History that you can purchase yourself. Why would you want the eBook version? According to the Larsen, "the companion eBook provides one-click links to thousands of online resources". Just how cool it that! Actually this book is breath-taking. You will not be disappointed at the plethora of information resources. Be sure to check it out. For more information on the print and eBook versions visit: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/files/2014/04/Crash-Course-in-Family-History1.pdf>

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## 5. The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey by

Spencer Wells 599.938 WEL



**(not in genealogy section)** This book “The Journey of Man” by Spencer Wells explains how our DNA holds the key to our past history. We just need to learn how to read it. In chapter one, Spencer takes us on an imaginary flight from Africa East to the Maldives; across the water to Sumatra; than East to Southern America and Brazil and he explains the many shapes, sizes and languages of the people along the way. The earth is constantly changing over long periods of time and he relates these changes to the human race.

In Chapter 2, he talks about genetic variation and blood groupings. Thousands of individuals from around the world were tested for their blood groups including American and Egyptian mummies, establishing the ancient nature of ABO polymorphisms. Mutation, a random change in DNA; and polymorphism is discussed as each person alive today is carrying around 30 completely novel mutations from their parents. In Chapter 3, the MtDNA and Y chromosome give us the same dates as to when humans began to leave Africa 60,000 years ago. The DNA gives us a glimpse of the voyage along the coastal route via India to Australia.

In Chapter 4 the genetic results show how Australians can trace their ancestry back to Africa. And in Chapter 5, he discusses how the people eventually moved into the wilds of interior Eurasia. Early man followed herds of grazing animals. In Chapter 6, he shows how man moved around because of the climate changes. He relates the changes by looking at our DNA. The survival of the Upper Paleolithic people depended on their problem-solving intelligence allowing them to live in the harsh northern Eurasian steppes.

In Chapter 7, Spencer shows how the Neanderthals are not the direct ancestor of modern humans. Modern Europeans trace their ancestry back to Africa, like everyone else in the world. Similar types of stone points found in American excavated sites suggest that Native Americans and Asians have a common origin. According to archeology sites in North America, humans had occupied the Americas no earlier than 15,000 years. Native Americans and northeast Asians share a recent mitochondrial ancestry which is the M3 marker. By 10,000 years ago all of the world's continents, except Antarctica, had been colonized by humans.

**In Chapter 8, he discusses the importance of culture. When people were no longer controlled by climate, the birth of agriculture started. In Chapter 9, Spencer starts out via television programing in trying to show,**

**with genetic data, that all humans can trace their lineage back to Africa.**

## **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 June/July 2014 Genealogy Software 2014 Update by Tony Bandy, pp 13-20**

A review of genealogy software programs for computers as well as programs that have apps so that they can be used with mobile devices.

### **The Dust Bowl Migration of the 1930's by Carol Richey**

Genealogy resources for locating Dust Bowl ancestors are listed. Oklahoma State University's Oral History Project has interviews with 100 women who lived through the Dust Bowl.

[www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/dustbowl](http://www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/dustbowl)

### **Family Chronicle July/August 2014 So, how did they get “Polly” from “Mary”? by David A. Norris, pp 23-26**

“A look at how our ancestors' nicknames, diminutives, monikers all play a role in our genealogy.”

**Google Translate by Diane L. Richard pp 40-42.** She discusses how to use Google Translate.

### **American Ancestors Summer 2014, Vol. 15, no.3**

**Warning Out and Notifications by Ann S. Lainhart,, pp 34-36**

“New England towns were very careful about who they recognized as inhabitants, since towns were responsible for taking care of residents unable to care for themselves.” When strangers came to town, the town clerk was notified and then they could be warned out.



## CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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\*We need a volunteer



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