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Our Website:

www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dates and programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists
- Links to leading websites



Genealogy Roadshow is currently Casting for Season 3.

See page 3 of the Newsletter.

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.

October 13 - “Getting the Most from Fold3.com” – The presentation will be given by Peter Summers, a genealogy lecturer from Pinellas County. Fold3.com is a website focused primarily on digitized military records and is especially valuable for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 records. However it also has city directories, early passport applications and some naturalization indexes and records. Peter will explore how to search as well as browse for ancestors' records, and what can be done with those records once they are located. Fold3 is free to use in the Family History Center. Members may add Memorial Pages to honor military heroes from their families by adding photos, documents and stories to the website.

November 10 – “Find-a-Grave: The World’s Largest Cemetery Database” On this webinar-on-CD Russ Worthington will share insights and methodologies about how to best use this website for family history research. He will also provide suggestions about contributing your own photographs.

December – No meeting - Happy Holidays

Citrus Springs Library will Remain Open

The Citrus Springs Library has one room devoted to genealogy books and materials. It is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 – 4 and Saturday 10 -1. Closed Wednesdays. It is located in a house at 1826 W. Country Club Blvd., Citrus Springs. (352) 489-2313.

They would like to restart the Citrus Springs Genealogy Society if anyone is interested in helping organize it.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our fiscal year begins October 1. That means membership fees are due in October for 2015-2016. Please fill out the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter to renew your membership. Either bring the completed form and the payment to the meeting or mail it to: Citrus Genealogical Society, P.O. 2211, Inverness, FL 34451.

Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin



At our November 10th genealogy society meeting we will be privileged to see a resident of Citrus County receive the Florida Pioneer Descendant Award. Usually this award is given at the Florida State

Genealogy Society's yearly conference. Because they are no longer having conferences, this award is now presented at local genealogy society meetings. It is a lot of work to do the research to be eligible for this award. I only know of one other Citrus County resident who received this award. I know there must be many more. Perhaps others will learn about it and apply to receive the award in the future. See page 3 of newsletter for more information about the Florida Pioneer Descendant Award.

Area Seminars and Classes

Educational Opportunities in Genealogy Advanced Family Tree Maker

October 8 & 9; 9:30 – noon; Cost - \$5. Master the Possibilities Classroom at On-Top-of-the-World near Ocala. Richard A. Belz – instructor.

Have you started to create your family tree in Family Tree Maker (FTM)? Have you added media items by scanning documents or by downloading them from the internet? Have you created source citations either by using the built-in templates or via the free-form method? Have you used the free resources available to find and download your family's record in the 1940 or earlier census?

Have you tried creating lists, which constantly need to be updated, to keep track of which birth, marriage, death, draft registration, etc. records you have found and which you still need to locate?

If you have done all these things, and want to learn how to fully utilize more of the power of FTM, this course is for you. Each of the various workspaces in FTM will be covered and demonstrated with the goal of enhancing your understanding of the program. How to use FTM in conjunction with the free Ancestry.com Family Tree service will be covered in a separate class.

It should be emphasized this is an advanced level course and should only be taken by those who already have a working familiarity with Family Tree Maker. These classes are lecture and demo only and not held in the computer lab.

The Fall catalog is now available online, and registration is open. The catalog is at: <http://www.masterthepossibilities.com/> Advanced registration is required. Payment may be made by mail.

If you would like a handout for the presentation, one will be made available prior to the first class at: <http://www.masterthepossibilities.com/semester.php#HAND>. For questions call Richard Belz at (352) 873-6087.

Build a Family Tree using Ancestry.com's free online Family Tree Building Feature

October 15 & 16; Cost - \$5. Master the Possibilities Classroom at On-Top-of-the-World near Ocala. Ronald Chard - instructor

Did you ever want to start building your family tree, but didn't know where to start? This class will walk you through the basics, to get you started on building your family tree using Ancestry.com's free online **Ancestry Member Tree** family tree building service.

All you need to get started is Internet access, a personal computer, and a working knowledge of your personal computer.

The class will start by showing you how to:

- Get a free account at Ancestry.com which is required.
- Start building your Ancestry Member Tree online at Ancestry.com.
- Add relatives; parents, spouse's, children, siblings, grandparents, etc.
- Add birth, death, marriage, & burial dates & location facts to your family tree.
- Add fact information and images, found on free sites such as FamilySearch.org, Find A Grave, HeritageQuest, etc., to your family tree.

After finishing the basics, we will explore how you can upload an existing family tree to Ancestry Member Trees.

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AREA SEMINARS AND CLASSES

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Existing family trees could be one that was provided by a relative or others who have been working on your family genealogy. If in the future, you were to purchase the Ancestry.com Family Tree Maker program for your PC, we will show you how to merge your existing Ancestry Member Tree to Family Tree Maker. We will also explain the sync feature between the online Ancestry Member Tree and Family Tree Maker on your PC -- making changes at either end will sync and make the change at the other end.

These classes are lecture and demo only and not held in the computer lab. The Fall catalog is now available online, and registration is open. The catalog is at: <http://www.masterthepossibilities.com/> Advanced registration is required. Payment may be made by mail.

If you would like a handout for the presentation and to write notes on during the class, one can be found at: <http://www.masterthepossibilities.com/semester.php#HAND> For questions call Richard Belz at (352) 873-6087

Family Heritage Festival

October is National family History Month. Free programs presented by genealogists, George Morgan, Drew Smith and David Hoffman and Storyteller and Puppeteer Katie Adams. Sunday, October 18, 9:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Dr., Tampa. (813) 273-3652

Genealogy/Help Session – Oct. 10 & Dec. 5 at Lakes Region Library, presented by Jackie Reiss.

Beginner Genealogy Course

Jackie Reiss will teach a beginner's genealogy course October 21 – November 18; Five sessions; 10 a.m. – noon at Whispering Pines Park Recreation Center; \$25. Pre-registration required. Registration form at <http://fl-inverness.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/47>. For questions call 726-3913.

Genealogy Road Show Coming to Florida

The Genealogy Road Show is now casting for season 3. Go to <http://grcasting.com> for the casting application form. They are primarily interested in submissions to include connections to Florida ancestors and stories, if possible. However, you are free to submit others as well. The location of the filming has not been determined yet, but more details will be released in the near future.

Family History Center Hours

The Family History Center (FHC) is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9-4 and Thursday 9-noon. It is located at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. Genealogy help is free as well as access to Ancestry.com, Fold3, Find-my-Past, and My Heritage. Printing is 10 cents per page. The FHC will be closed for Thanksgiving: Nov. 23 – 27 and for Christmas Dec. 21 – Jan. 2

November 10th - Pioneer Florida Descendant Award

At our November 10th meeting the Florida Pioneer Descendant Award will be presented by Amy Crabill Lay, Chairman of the Florida State Genealogical Society Pioneer Descendant Program, to Maryann McLeod, a resident of Citrus County. The Florida State Genealogical Society's Florida Pioneer Descendants Certification Program honors descendants of Florida pioneers who settled in the Territory of Florida prior to Florida achieving statehood on 3 March 1845. In order to qualify for a Florida Pioneer Descendant's Certificate, you will need to prove: Residency of the Pioneer Ancestor and Your Direct Line of Descent from the Pioneer Ancestor.

The application fee is \$45 for each application that can include multiple pioneers and multiple descendants that are in a direct family line of descent. This fee is due when the application is submitted. Once the application is approved, this fee includes one (1) certificate and one (1) Pioneer Descendant pin. For information about the Florida Pioneer Descendant Award and to download the application form go to www.flsgs.org

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



State Archives – The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) has developed a directory of genealogical resources for each state archive. www.statearchivists.org/genealogy/index.htm State archives of-

ten have census records, early vital records, land grants, military records, naturalization records, and maps.

Historical Society of Wisconsin –

www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy Free search of birth, marriage death and obit indexes. \$15 to order copies.

Michigan Death Records – Free access to death records 1897-1952 at <http://seekingmichigan.org> Click on ADVANCED SEARCH at the top of the page.

Nova Scotia Archives Historical Vital Statistics Database – of births, marriages and deaths contains one million names – free. <http://novascotiagenealogy.com>

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick - <http://archives.gnb.ca> Has birth, marriage and deaths records – free. Click on “Federated Database Search.”

Irish Parish Records – <http://registers.nli.ie> The National Library of Ireland in Dublin has placed the entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library of Ireland (NLI) online. Involved are over 370,000 digital images of the microfilm reels on which the parish registers are recorded and which will be accessible free of charge. You must know the name of the county and the parish. This website has the original microfilm of the parish record of birth marriage and death. Names are not indexed. Remember Irish names were very common and it is not unusual to find persons with the same name in many different counties and parishes.

Scottish Records – www.scottishindexes.com Free - birth, marriage, death, census records as well as prison and court records, Quaker records. Not all areas of Scotland are covered yet but will be added soon.

Dorothy Parker's Epitaph for Herself

"That would be a good thing for them to carve on my tombstone: Wherever she went, including here, it was against her better judgment."



Genealogy Magazines in the Lakes Region Library, Inverness

By Mary Ann Machonkin

The **genealogy** society subscribes to three genealogy magazines and donates them to the Lakes Region Library in Inverness to make them available for your use. The *Internet Genealogy* magazine, *Your Genealogy Today* (formerly *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 August/Sept 2015

“Seven Resources for World War II Reunion Groups and Associations,” by Jennifer Holik, pp 11-15. This article discusses what military reunion groups have to offer families of the veteran. These groups may have preserved stories and veteran experiences, photos, maps, books, online discussion groups, unit histories, and reunion meetings. Her website lists some groups and associations. <http://jenniferholik.com> Lists of military reunions may be found at <http://allmilitaryreunions.org>

“National Folklore Collection of Ireland: Schools’ Collections,” by Joe Grandinetti, pp 29-33. In the late 1930s, the Irish Folklore Commission gave Ireland’s school children a homework assignment. “They were tasked with collecting and documenting local stories from their parents, grandparents and older community members.” “This assignment gave rise to a valuable transfer of cultural exchange between old and young.” 740,000 pages were collected. These pages are being digitized and published online – free of charge at www.Duchas.ie in the “Schools’ Collection.” (Click on English at the bottom of the home page.) Not all counties are represented yet because it is an ongoing project. Some stories are in the Irish language. Examples of the stories are shown in the article.

American Ancestors Summer 2015

“Research Like a Pro – NEHGS Experts Share their Top Tips” by Rhonda R. McClure, pp 28-32. Expert genealogists give tips for successful research. Some of those suggestions include “research collateral lines” and “research beyond family.” Learn about underutilized sources such as land records.



Library Report

By Jamie Johnson, Library Chair

New Books in the Library

The following are the latest books given by the genealogy society to the Lakes Region Library. These books are located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library on Druid St. in Inverness. You may request a book to be sent to the Library nearest you.

How to Do Everything: Genealogy, Fourth Edition by George C. Morgan, GEN 929.1 MOR

Mr. Morgan is a renowned genealogy expert who has written numerous genealogy books and is a popular speaker at genealogical conferences. This book has been fully updated to show how to use both traditional and online genealogy research methods. It explains all the different genealogical record types, including traditional and digital research strategies. It defines the basic rules of genealogical evidence, explains how to evaluate source materials, and describes proven research methods. This book reveals how to:

- Organize and create your family tree
- Research census documents, military service records, and land and property rolls
- Locate difficult-to-find records
- Use the most efficient internet search techniques
- Plan a successful genealogy research trip
- Evaluate sources for authenticity
- Research and verify ancestors using genetic genealogy (DNA)
- Get past brick walls and dead ends in your research
- Use social networking sites and collaboration techniques

The book contains 490 pages and includes examples of the various records discussed.

The Family Tree Guidebook to Europe by Allison Dolan and the Editors of Family Tree Magazine, GEN 929.1 DOL, 269 pages

The book contains a chapter for each of the European countries or regions. Each chapter contains a map of the country or region discussed and a time line of major events in its history along with detailed information about migration patterns. In each chapter there is a resource section which provides contact information for records archives in the country or region, along with books and periodicals that can be referred to for

additional information and websites that can be searched. The last chapter of the book provides a history of the Jewish in Europe. The book is a great resource for individuals trying to research their European families.

Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com by Nancy Hendrickson, GEN 929.1 HEN, 255 pages

This book explains the Ancestry.com website in detail. It begins by explaining membership and how to get started with Ancestry.com through how to establish your tree, navigate through the various tree options and how to add content to your tree. The book explains all of the various search options, how to use the card catalog, making the most of census records, birth, marriage and death records, military records, immigration records, and how to explore newspapers, publications and maps, search stories, memories and histories, explore historical pictures, schools, directories and church histories, and the tax, criminal, land and wills collections. It explains Ancestry DNA and how to collaborate with other people through Ancestry.com. Each chapter contains samples of the documents found on the Ancestry.com website. This is a great book for people who have not used the Ancestry.com website or those who want to make sure that they are getting the most out of their membership.

How to Archive Family Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide to Organize and Share Your Photos Digitally by Denise May-Levenick, GEN 745.593 MAY, 240 pages

This book is organized in three parts. Part 1: Organize includes basic information for working with present-day digital photos and heirloom scanned images, including how to set up your computer, digital storage, and file management. Part 2: Digitize highlights the best practices for digitizing and preserving heirloom original photos and documents. Part 3: Create offers step-by-step instructions and project ideas to get you started using your digital images by creating unique photo gifts, family history books, calendars, and more. The book contains illustrations of items discussed.

This author hosts a blog as The Family Curator and has written a number of books with regard to organizing and storing family history paperwork and inherited items.

MyHeritage Launches Breakthrough Global Name Translation™ Tech

I think this is a huge advancement in online searches for genealogy information. I saw the brand-new Global Name Translation demonstrated earlier today at the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) annual conference in Jerusalem and I am very impressed.

Global Name Translation is the easy way to search through MyHeritage's massive multilingual and international database of 6 billion family tree profiles and historical records. As stated in the announcement below, the Global Name Translation "...automatically translates names found in historical records and family trees from one language into another, in very high accuracy, generating all the plausible translations, to facilitate matches between names in different languages." In addition, a manual search in one language will also provide results in other languages, translated back to the user's language for convenience.



Yes, that's right. If your ancestors came from a country that keeps its records in a language other than your preferred language, you can enter the search in your own language and MyHeritage will find matches for the same or very similar names in other languages as well. For instance, a search for Alexander or for Alessandro (Alexander in Italian) will also find "Саша" which is the Russian form of Sasha, a popular nickname of Alexander in Russia.

The first version successfully translates names to and from English, German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Italian, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Greek, Hebrew, Polish, Czech, Russian and Ukrainian. The next version currently in development will add Chinese and Japanese, and additional languages will follow.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on July 8, 2015

New on Ancestry.com

Ancestry now has information from the Social Security applications that people had to fill out to get a Social Security Card. This information has birth date, place, parent's names including mother's maiden name. There are no records for living people and the deceased must be older than 75 years in order to see the record. To view this information click on CARD

CATALOG from the drop down menu on the SEARCH tab at the top of the page. Under Key Words, type in Social Security Applications.

New on FamilySearch.org

New York Land Records 1630 – 1975 are now free to view on <https://familysearch.org>. These records are not indexed so must be viewed by browsing not by a search of names. Click SEARCH on the home page, then click on Browse All Published Collections. Scroll down to New York. Click on New York Land Records, then browse. Select county of interest. Next select time period of interest. You will be viewing the microfilm of the deeds. Click the arrow next to the word image to proceed page by page until you see an index of names with the corresponding page numbers. Go to the page of interest using the image arrow. (This is a very slow website.)

Books on Familysearch.org

Books found on Google often can't be viewed or printed. Many of these books are on <https://familysearch.org> and can be read and printed. Click on SEARCH on the home page, then click on the word BOOKS at the top of the page. Type in the name of the book or a surname of interest to search for a surname book. There are 200,000 books online. Some books can only be viewed in a family history center.

New on Find-my-Past

Probate Calendars of England and Wales 1858-1959. Once you find your ancestor in the index, you can request a copy of the will from the National Probate Registry.

Ocupsyshun – Census Taker

I am a census takers for the city of Bufflow. Our City has groan very fast in resent years & now in 1865, it has become a hard & time consuming job to count all the peePhill. There are not many that con do this werk, as it is nessarie to have an ejudashun, wich a lot of pursons still do not have. Anuther atributeart needed for this job is god spelling, for meny of the pephill to be counted can handle speek inglish, let alon spel there names. (Source: [Barry J. Ewell, Genealogy by Barry](#))

CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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First Name for Tag: _____ Email address _____

Permanent Address: Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Local address (if different): Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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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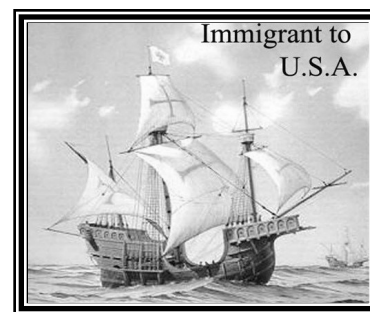
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