

THE CITRUS TREE



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Our Website:

www.citrusgenealogy.com

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

We read books
to find out
who we are.

- URSULA K. LE GUIN -

Two new books now at the
Lakes Region Library.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

July 10 - “What is Social History and Why Should a Genealogist Care?” Annette Burke Lyttle, professional genealogist, will present the program. Social history is the history of ordinary people and how they lived their daily lives. It seeks to fill in the rich details of the past. Learn how social history can both improve your research skills and help you better understand and tell the stories of your ancestors’ lives.

August 14 - The program will consist of the following discussion groups: New England records; records from the 1800s; DNA testing; immigration and naturalization; overcoming brick walls. Attendees can circulate between the groups. Bring your questions.

September 11 – “Using the Family Search Catalog Online” Microfilm can no longer be ordered from the Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City. Much of the microfilm is available now online and can viewed at home or in the Family History Center. Mary Ann Machonkin, President of the Citrus County Genealogical Society, will demonstrate how to access and use the online microfilm. This is a valuable source and should be utilized.



Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin



As a result from our April election of officers we have a new vice-president, Betty Barker and a new secretary, Shirley Hartley. We would like to welcome both of them and thank them for volunteering. Also I would like to

thank the other members of the board for their continued support.

We received a suggestion from one of our members that we have a meeting where there would be small discussion groups on a variety of topics. This would let members talk to someone with experience in that area. At our May meeting we handed out a survey form for members to suggest what topics they would like for the discussion groups. We are going to try it at our August meeting. Be sure to bring your questions with you. You can move from one discussion group to another.

Genealogy Classes and Conferences:

The Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa is presenting its 2018 Seminar on October 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. featuring speakers D. Joshua Taylor and CeCe Moore. Josh is one of the hosts of the PBS show "Genealogy Roadshow", and CeCe is the genetic genealogist of the PBS show "Finding Your Roots".

Topics include: New Tools and Ideas in Research; The Web, the World and YOU!; Family History: What the Future Holds (Josh); The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basic; I Have My Results Now What?; Where Will Genetic Genealogy Take Us? (CeCe).

Robert W. Saunders, Jr. Public Library, 1505 W. Nebraska Ave., Tampa

Costs: \$50 Members; \$60 non-members; \$10 Alessi Box Lunch

Free parking. Door prizes.

Mailed registrations **MUST** be postmarked by September 22, 2018. No Walk-Ins.

For more information: <https://fgstampa.org/> info@fgstampa.org

Florida State Genealogical Society Free Pool Side Chat Webinars

You must register in advance. Go to www.FLSGS.org/ then click on FLSGS Webinars

19 Jul 2018 – Diahann Southard

Organizing Your GENETIC Genealogy -

Webinar Abstract: Most individuals have hundreds of genetic cousins. Come learn a few methods you can start using today to help you organize your genetic genealogy research.

16 Aug 2018 – Margo Fariss Brewer

Sharecropping or Tenant Farming? The System and Its Records -

Webinar Abstract: Was your ancestor a farmer without land? Maybe he was a sharecropper or tenant farmer. Learn how this system worked and where the records are.

20 Sep 2018 – Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG

But, It's All On The Internet! -

Webinar Abstract: The internet is a wonderful tool for researching our ancestors. But, it should not replace some of the tried-and-true methods for discovering our ancestors.

Free Genealogy Classes on www.FamilySearch.org

Click on the word **HELP** in the upper right corner of the page. Scroll down and click on **LEARNING CENTER**. You will see the word **Lessons** highlighted.

To watch a class about a particular country or topic, type it in the **SEARCH** box. A list of classes will appear. Click on the one you want and click on **DOWNLOAD** to view the class.

If you want classes on how to do research in a state, you must not type in the name of the state. Rather you must type in the region the state is in, such as: New England, Mid-Western, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Southern.

"Everyone has ancestors and it is only

a question of going back far enough

to find a good one."

— Howard Kenneth Nixon



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*, *Your Genealogy Today* and *American Ancestors* magazines are located in file holders **at 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 June/July 2018

“Inklings, Hunches, and Sneaking Suspicions” by Sue Lisk, pp 7-10. She outlines a process that may help you deal with those strange notions that present themselves during your online family history research. Don't ignore an unexpected fact that you stumble upon. “Become attuned to seemingly minor discoveries” so that you don't miss possible “connections.”

“Scotland Tax Rolls Online” by David A. Norris, pp 31-33. He looks at a comprehensive substitute for census records when researching Scottish ancestors. www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/historical-tax-rolls has 15 different sets of tax records. Some of them are real estate, shops, windows, hearths, carriages, horses, dogs, clocks and watches, servants. The land taxes began in 1645.

Scottish post office directories may give occupation and place of residence for urban dwellers. www.nls.uk/family-history/directories/post-office/

Your Genealogy Today May/June 2018

“Do you have Tar Heels in your Family Tree?” by Diane L. Richards, pp 34-38. She looks at history and record idiosyncrasies you want to know about – part 2. Pp 34-38. She discusses voter registration, state archives of North Carolina, British and local proprietors, western movement, land grants, and vital records. A detailed list of resources is given.

“The Irish in Victorian England – and How to Find Them” by Joe Grandinetti. Pp 40-45. He offers some hints and resources to help in locating Irish an-

cestors who sought a better life across the Irish Sea. During the “potato blight” and “great famine” many Irish sought work in the urban industrialized areas of England and they faced many problems.

Morrill Act of 1862

Under the Morrill Land-Grant Act signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862, each state was to receive 30,000 acres of **western land** for each of its senators and representatives in Congress. Because of their greater population, the older states benefited most.

Large portions of the public domain lands were sold to railroads. Proceeds from the sale of this land went to create land-grant colleges which emphasized agriculture and mechanic arts.

Homestead Act of 1862

In 1862 the United States enacted a homestead law to encourage development of mostly-empty western federal lands and promote the yeoman farmer ideal. The original homestead law gave an applicant up to 160 acres (1/4 of a section) of undeveloped land in any federal-land state or territory.

To obtain the land a settler had to:

1. file application papers, and pay filing fees, eventually a total of \$18
2. improve the land over the next five years (usually build a dwelling, and start a farm)
3. file for a deed of title.

Between 1862 and 1986 about 10 percent of all land in the United States, 270,000,000 acres (420,000 sq mi), were transferred from federal to private control through 1.6 million granted homesteads.

Only about 40 percent of the applicants who started the process were able to complete it and obtain title to their homestead land. To find the people who were successful in getting the land, go to

www.glorerecords.blm.gov

(From the Family Search Wiki)



WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Wisconsin Department of Vital Records has an Index of pre-1907 births, marriages and deaths.

www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15307

Milwaukee Polonia Project has index to Polish immigrants to Milwaukee plus birth, marriage and deaths www.milwpp.tribalpages.com There are also links to Guides to Polish First and Last Names.

South Dakota State Historical Society has 1905 state census, naturalization index, cemetery search, newspapers and more. <http://history.sd.gov> Click on **ARCHIVES** then **Collection Indexes** (right side of page).

Midwest Genealogy Center www.mymcpl.org Click on the small words, **Midwest Genealogy Center**, at the top of the page, then click on **QUICK LOOK** to access the indexes to the collections and U.S. Railroad Retirement Claim Records. To get access to genealogy forms click on collections.

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp> has an interactive map showing how boundaries changed with time for each state.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps Choose time period, state, county and town to view structures and homes.

Coastal Survey Maps www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov Search by place name to view coastal map of the location on a particular date.

Maps of the United Kingdom from the 1700s
www.old-maps.co.uk

Links to Online Military Indexes
www.militaryindexes.com

Spanish American War www.spanamwar.com/genealogy3roster.htm lists veterans by state and unit.

Montana Newspapers 1883-2015
www.montanane newspapers.org

Rock Island Illinois: The Rock Island County Clerk's office has added indexes of births, marriages, and deaths to their website. Indexes include birth records from 1872 through 1941, marriage records from 1832 through 1966, and death certificates from 1878 through 1996. The actual documents will have to be obtained at the County Clerk's office in person. Access vital records index at www.rockislandcounty.org/GenealogySearch/

United States Public Records Index has online phone directories and residential records 1970 – 2009. Can be used to find living people.

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2199956

Found in the May 2018 Genealogical Society of Pinellas County Newsletter in an article Public Directories by Peter Summers. **(You must sign in with a user name and password to use Family Search.)**

Swedish National Archives Digital Collection is now free at www.sok.riksarkivet.se/digitala-forskarsalen Select English on the website, but the database contents are in Swedish. Records include church archives, census, estate and property records and army rolls.

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records 1789 – 1900 The New England Historic Genealogical Society is in the process of digitizing and indexing these records and putting them in the subscription database on AmericanAncestors.org This is an on-going project but the records that are available now can be searched at www.americanancestors.org Click on **SEARCH** then **BROWSE MENU** then select **“DATABASE LIST A-Z”** Enter the word **CATHOLIC** in the **“SEARCH BY DATABASE NAME”** box and click **GO**. A search can be made and the results viewed except that the image is not available unless you are a member of American Ancestors or register as a **GUEST MEMBER**. These records are also available on the American Ancestors database on the computers at the Lakes Region Library and on the computers in the **PREMIUM DATABASES** at the Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Family History Center is open 9 – 4 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call ahead to be sure it is open at 352-746-5943.

Genealogy Tip

Source: www.genealogytipoftheday.com

Get Over Spelling

First and last names of your ancestor will be spelled differently, sometimes different ways in the same document. There is more to “matching” people than the spelling of their first and last name. Make certain you have valid reason to believe people appearing in different records are the same person.

And remember—the name is usually considered the “same” if the pronunciations are the same. That missing “e” may irritate you, but it doesn't mean it's an entirely different person

Tip of the day, 13 June 2018

EASTMAN'S ONLINE NEWSLETTER

The Standard Edition of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter is published weekdays and is free at www.blog.cogn.com. There is a fee for the Plus Edition but it has additional information and no advertising. The following is an example of information found in the online newsletter:

Steve Morse Adds Even More Functionality to His One-Step Site

Dick Eastman · May 4, 2018

Steve Morse is well-known within the genealogy community for creating all sorts of software tools that (in most cases) extract information from the Web and display it in understandable terms. His easy-to-use routines have become sort of a Swiss Army Knife for genealogists and others. Here is the latest announcement from Steve concerning still **another addition** to his toolbox:

Since 2016 I have had a tool on my One-Step website for doing searches in the New York State Voter records. I just added a companion tool to search the New Jersey Voter records. Both tools are in the VITAL records section of my One-Step website. The direct links to these tools are:

New Jersey:

www.stevemorse.org/njvoters/njvoters.html

New York:

www.stevemorse.org/nysvoters/nysvoters.html

Besides containing juicy information on your neighbors, like their party affiliation and whether they voted in the most recent election, the voter records also contain useful genealogical information such as dates of birth. And they contain addresses, making it useful as a people-locator tool.

1771 Massachusetts (and Maine) Tax Inventory is Available Online

Dick Eastman · March 7, 2018

A free online searchable database called the "**1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory**" is available online. While the title says "Massachusetts," keep in mind that what is now the state of Maine was still a part of Massachusetts at that time. Since the database includes all of what was then the Province of Massachusetts Bay,

the property owners in what is now Maine are also listed in this database.

The collection of data contains the names and descriptions of taxable property of nearly 38,000 individuals who resided in 152 Massachusetts towns in 1771. Data include enumerations of the type and value of real estate and buildings, as well as tabulation of livestock and farm commodities produced.

The on-line version allows you to browse the data by selecting items to view and "drilling down" through totals for counties and towns to the holdings of individual taxpayers.

An interactive map helps you locate towns and counties in the state. The map is based upon a map of Massachusetts drawn in 1792 and scanned from the Harvard University map collection. In order to use the map, you must install the Flash plug-in for your browser.

To use the online database, simply enter a last name in the SEARCH box, click on Search, and the list is shown. Counties are grouped together, and town residents are grouped together.

The results don't just list the names of property owners, there is much more information included. Such as what types and numbers of animals they owned, and how much hay and grain that property produced per year. You can find the 1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory at:

<http://sites.fas.harvard.edu/~hsb41/masstax/masstax.cgi>.

"Married at Ellis Island:" Single Women and Immigration, 1892-1924

Dick Eastman · March 23, 2018

During Ellis Island's peak years, unmarried immigrant women faced extra scrutiny when entering the United States. Women who traveled with companions to whom they were not married were deemed susceptible to "immoral" activities. Single women who travelled alone and had no relatives to meet them were often seen as "likely to become a public charge."

If the women married, however, they became admissible immigrants. As a result, hundreds of immigrants were married on Ellis Island.



Library Report

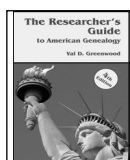
By Jamie Johnson, Library Chair

The following are the latest books given by the genealogy society to the Lakes Region Library. The

books are located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library on Druid St. in Inverness.

Because these books have been cataloged for Research, they must be reviewed in the Library and cannot be checked out. However, you may request a book to be sent to the Library nearest you.

There are also a number of Genealogy books in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library that are available for checkout.



The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy. 4th Edition

By Val D. Greenwood, R GEN 929.1 GRE (778 pages)

This book is divided into two parts.

- Part 1, Background to Research, discusses the basics of genealogy research, language and terminology, planning your research, types of evidence to support your research, the purpose of library and internet research, using modern computer technology, and many more useful topics.
- Part 2, Records and Their Use, includes in depth discussions of all of the major records that you can use to successfully conduct your research and where those records can be found.

This book was published in the fall of 2017 and completely updates prior versions of the book. It incorporates all the latest developments, principles, and resources relevant to family history research.

There are now two chapters about technology as it relates to family history research—one dealing with significant concepts and definitions and the other with specific resources and applications, including major family history websites and internet resources.

In addition, virtually every chapter provides information on internet websites pertinent to the subject discussed in that chapter.



Additions and Corrections to Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Volumes 1-12

By Huxford Genealogical Society, R GEN 929.375 HUX (599 pages)

Volumes 1-12 of this book are located in the genealogy section of

the Lakes Region Library in Inverness and are filed under R GEN 929.3758 HUX. They cannot be checked out, but can be used in the Library. The book that we are donating provides additions and corrections to the information contained in these volumes.

Wiregrass Georgia is the region in southeast Georgia that includes the current counties of Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Glynn, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Ware, Wayne, Wilcox and Worth and these volumes provide a biographical account of some of the early settlers of that area.

Information in the book is listed by name in alphabetical order.

Homestead Act of 1862— Good and Bad

Good

- 160 acres free land which people thought was manageable.
- Could get 480 acres if they claimed land under the 1841, 1862 and 1873 Acts.
- 2.5 million acres were on offer. It got people to move onto the Plains. By 1885-87, 43,000 claims were made.

Bad

- Not enough land — 160 acres was not enough particularly in the high plains where soil was infertile.
- Tools and seeds used in the East were useless in the western soil.
- Some people took advantage of the law by getting their employees to get claims and then sold them at a higher price.

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