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Our Website

www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dates and programs
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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 20th Seminar will be at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E Norvell Bryant Hwy (CR-486) in Hernando. No meeting in February)

January 12 - "The U.S. Census - Thirteen Things You Probably Didn't Know"

– The speaker will be Jack Butler, experienced genealogist and lecturer. The U.S. Census is typically one of the very first research resources that a new genealogist encounters – and with good reason. The collection of U.S. Census reports constitutes the single largest collection of information about our American ancestors in the 19th and 20th centuries. Unfortunately, many of its excellent clues are routinely missed by researchers. This presentation is designed to help you fully utilize this great resource. It addresses where and how to find the information most frequently missed by genealogists, and how to take advantage of what you find.

February 20 (Saturday Seminar) - - The speaker will be Drew Smith, co-author with George G. Morgan of the book, "How to do Everything: Genealogy" and co-host with George G. Morgan of the *Genealogy Guys* podcast. He will give three one-hour talks about the following topics:

Topic 1: "Using FamilySearch and Ancestry.com to Build Your Basic Family Tree"

Topic 2: "Online Search Techniques to Make You Efficient and Effective"

Topic 3: "DNA Testing and Other Brick Wall Techniques"

Location: Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway., Hernando. (Across from Citrus Hills Blvd. on Highway 486 Driving directions can be found on the CCGS website at www.citrusgenealogy.com)

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

(SEE THE REST OF THE SEMINAR PROGRAM AND USE THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON PAGE 6)

March 8 - "Newspaper Research - Follow that Lead" – The speaker will be Debra S. Fleming, genealogy lecturer. Learn how to find newspapers online and in person, how to plan and execute newspaper research and how to develop effective search strategies.

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, February 19, 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.



Happy
New Year!
2016



President's Message

Mary Ann Machonkin

Our speaker at the February seminar will be Drew Smith. He has been a librarian in the Academic Services department at the University of South Florida (USF) Tampa Library since 2007. Drew and George G. Morgan have co-authored several books. The most recent was *How to do Everything: Genealogy*, 4th edition. Another best-selling book co-authored with Morgan was *Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques*. Together with George G. Morgan, Drew has been the co-host of *The Genealogy Guys Podcast* since September 2005. Drew will give three one-hour talks at the February seminar which will cover genealogy topics from beginner to advanced levels. I think we can all learn something from this seminar.

Area Seminars and Classes Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

Jackie Reiss's Genealogy Help Sessions and Classes — DNA/Genealogy Help sessions will be held at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday January 9, Friday February 12, and Saturday March 3 .

The Intermediate Genealogy Course will be held at Whispering Pines Park Recreation Building in Inverness from 10 a.m. to Noon on Wednesdays from February 17 through March 16. Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Download form at <http://fl-inverness.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/47> For questions call Park Office at 726-3913.

National Genealogy Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time. The conference will be held 4–7 May 2016 at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Conference highlights include a choice of more than 180 lectures given by nationally known speakers and subject matter experts on a broad array of topics. See the National Genealogical Society's web site at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org> for more information

Pinellas County Genealogical Society Seminar

13 February 2016 – PGS Annual Seminar featuring Ann Staley as the main speaker giving four presentations. Also included are three breakout sessions, book sale, breakfast, lunch, door prizes, and more. Runs from 8 am to 4pm at the Largo Public Library. More information and registration form found at PGS web-site (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flpgs>). Follow the “Special Events” tab at the top of the home page.

Leesburg Genealogy Conference

27 February, starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Leesburg Public Library. Speaker – Debbie Mieszala, CG will give 3 talks about Midwestern Newspaper Research and Land Records in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Cost - \$60 which includes lunch. Get registration form at <http://ogsfl.org> and click on Events.

March Library Display



Every year in March our genealogy society sets up an exhibit in the display cabinets at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness. The theme this year is, **Immigration of Our Ancestors**. If you had an ancestor who immigrated and have documents that you could contribute to this display, please give copies to Pauline Flewett at the January genealogy meeting or the February seminar.

PBS *Finding Your Roots* returns January 5

The third season of *Finding Your Roots* with host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will start on January 5, 2016 and will feature Shonda Rhimes, Neil Patrick Harris, and Julianna Margulies. Check your local PBS TV listings for the date and time.

How will our children know who they are if they do not know where they came from.

Source: Unknown

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



Library Report

Jamie Johnson, Library Chair

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 be sent to the Library nearest you.

Unofficial Guide to FamilySearch.org – How to Find Your Family History on the World's Largest Free Genealogy Website by Dana McCullough, GEN 929.1 MCC, 239 pages

FamilySearch.org is a free website operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It has more than 3.5 billion names in its searchable collections and more records are continually being added. To take advantage of all of the tools on the FamilySearch.org web site, you need to register for an account, but it is free.

This book tells you how to establish your account, create and manage your own family tree on FamilySearch.org., search other family trees and access all of the many records that have been added to FamilySearch. There are also step-by-step strategies to find ancestors fast and practical pointers for locating your ancestors in record collections that aren't searchable. The book contains detailed overviews of their major U.S. collections and guidance for using their vast record collections from Europe, Canada, Mexico and 100-plus countries around the world.

The book also explains how to utilize user-submitted genealogies, 200,000 digitized family history books, and the FamilySearch catalog of 2.4 million offline resources you can borrow through a local FamilySearch Center. Worksheets and checklists are included at the back of the book to track your research progress as well as examples of the types of records found. Whether you're new to FamilySearch.org or you're a longtime user, this book provides the guidance you need to discover your ancestors and make the most of the site's valuable resources.

Dana McCullough, the author, is a former editor at Family Tree Magazine. She is a freelance writer and editor who frequently writes and edits content on genealogy and higher education topics. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Iowa State University.

Searching for Your Ancestors in Historic Newspapers by Claudia C. Breland, GEN 929.1 BRE, 286 pages

The author begins the book by listing the various treasures in newsprint such as obituaries, birth announcements, engagement and marriages, land sales, bankruptcies, and many others, and explaining how to find the newspaper you need. The book has chapters with regard to free newspaper databases, subscription databases, libraries and their resources, and microfilm and interlibrary loans. The end of the book is a State by State listing of historic newspapers arranged by public and university libraries with indexes, genealogy and historical societies with indexes, digitized newspaper collections, and microfilmed newspaper collections, as well as a number of international newspapers.

Claudia Breland is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and various local and state genealogical societies in the State of Washington. She has a Master's degree in Library Science.

The Genealogist's Guide to Researching Tax Records by Carol Cooke Darrow, CG and Susan Winchester, Ph.D., C.P.A., GEN 929.1 GEN, 166 pages

Everyone pays taxes, thereby creating records. Chapters one and two of this book give you the techniques to locate, read, and understand the various tax records that have been created over the years. Subsequent chapters explain how to apply those techniques in researching head or poll taxes, real estate taxes, personal property taxes, federal taxes, inheritance taxes, school taxes, liquor taxes, and a variety of miscellaneous taxes. Tax records are especially helpful for the period before the first U.S. Census in 1790 and for the period between 1880 and 1900.

This book contains examples of the various tax records, bibliographies of research sources and selected tax records, and a subject index.

Carol Cooke Darrow is a Certified Genealogist who teaches and lectures in Denver, CO. Susan Winchester became interested in historical tax records while studying at the University of Denver's Graduate Tax Program and is a volunteer at a local Family History Center.

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, *Your Genealogy Today* (formerly *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 2016

“Overseas Newspaper Archives” by David A. Norris, pp13 – 16. He provides the websites of newspapers from many countries such as Spain, France, Austria, Germany, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Wales, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand. For example, the London Gazette has been publishing since 1665:

www.thegazette.co.uk

“Finding Revolutionary War Newspapers” by David A. Norris. “By 1783, 43 newspapers were in operation in the newly independent United States.” However, many copies were lost. He gives tips on how to supplement your research with newspapers from the Revolutionary era. He provides a list of newspaper collections that can be found online for free. For example, the Virginia Gazette, 1736 – 1780: <http://research.history.org/DigitalLibrary>

“Eddies Extracts, a Northern Ireland Resource” by Cindy Thomson – “A great resource for researching Northern Irish roots, particularly around Belfast.” It is free online and lists birth, marriage and death announcements from newspapers, book extracts, records of deceased seamen and more.

www.eddiesextracts.com

Your Genealogy Today Sept/Oct 2015

Our Canada Our Stories – Notre Canada Nos Histories

In 2017 Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary as a nation. Canadians everywhere are asked to record their personal, family and community histories. Visit www.canada150.ca for details and to upload a story and photo.

“Have you Reached a Brick Wall in Your Native American Research?” by Stuart Doyle, pp 22 – 26. He provides strategies and resources for overcoming difficulties in Indian Research. “The U.S. Indian Census Roll, 1885 – 1940 (found online) lists Indians who maintained a formal affiliation with a tribe under federal supervision.” “Dawes Commission Enrollment records give names of those who in 1930 Indian Act went to Oklahoma land designated as Indian Territory.” The focus is usually on the Five Civilized Tribes (Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee and Seminole) and other tribes are often overlooked.

American Ancestors Vol. 16, #4, Fall issue

“A Long Shadow of Doubt: Pirates and Captives in Atlantic History,” by Gregory N. Flemming, pp 24 – 30. “The summer of 1725 was the end of the most destructive and deadly decade in the history of Atlantic piracy, a period when trading vessels and fishing boats were captured by lawless sea bandits at the rate of one or two a week.” In addition to raiding the ships, the sailors were often forced to join the pirate crew or be killed. “The only way the captives could get away from the pirates was to escape or revolt.” Read about the rebellion of the captives and their return to Boston.

“Clues from the Coroner,” by Meldon J. Wolfgang III, pp 60 -61. Coroners investigated unexpected or suspicious deaths and the reports give details of the deaths and often other information of genealogical value.

New England Online Database

The New England Online Database is free to use at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness but you must use the computers at the library. Also you must have a library card. On the computer click on **Library Info, Databases** and then **American Ancestors**.

Access Newspaper Archives Database

Features billions of articles from historical newspapers around the U.S. and the world. This database is free in the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to noon.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



Choose from over 250 **small town newspapers** at <http://smalltownpapers.com>

FamilySearch has Facebook pages for U.S. states and many countries. www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Genealogy_Help_on_Facebook

The website has links to **newspapers by state**. <http://guides.library.upenn.edu/historicalnewspapersonline>

Lists of German Pioneer Passengers to Pennsylvania http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~p_agermanpioneers

Pennsylvania Germans and their gravestones www.pagstones.com has a Last Name Index.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

Use GenDisasters.com to Find Out What May Have Happened to Your Family

GenDisasters.com is a genealogy site that contains information on the historic disasters, events, and tragic accidents our ancestors endured, as well as, information about their life and death.

Database and records are searchable by surname as well as by the name of a disaster or by Year or by U.S. State. A separate section of the site contains information about disasters in Canada. I don't think the site has every disaster but it certainly describes many. If you are wondering why a family member abruptly disappeared, you might want to check this site. Also, some families had to relocate after a disaster, such as floods or late spring blizzards that destroyed newly-planted crops. GenDisasters may be found at <http://www3.gendisasters.com>. (Do not use the Public Records Search box. It is an advertisement.) Source: [Dick Eastman blog August 10, 2015](http://dick-eastman.blogspot.com/2015/08/10)

Search Historical Newspaper Archives with Elephind.com

Elephind can be a great **FREE** resource for anyone who wishes to search old newspapers. The purpose of elephind.com is to make it possible to search all of the world's digital newspapers from one place and at one time. Elephind.com allows you to simultaneously search across thousands of articles using key words

and phrases. www.Elephind.com presently contains 141,831,915 items from 2,704 newspaper titles.

MyHeritage Adds New Collaboration Technology to its Search Engine for Family History Breakthroughs

Search Connect™ converts users' searches into results for other users, connecting people who are looking for the same ancestors and fostering collaboration. **TEL AVIV, Israel & LEHI, Utah, November 4, 2015** – MyHeritage, the fastest-growing destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history, unveiled today an innovation that fosters collaboration in family history research. [Search Connect™](http://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Search_Connect) enables users to easily find others who are looking for the same ancestors or relatives, and get in touch with them. Search Connect™ includes millions of searches made by MyHeritage members. Each search is indexed along with the full metadata (dates, places, relatives and more) included in the user's query. When another user searches for similar information, previous searches are included within the results, along with the means to get in touch with the users who conducted them.

Ancestry Launches Largest Online Collection of Wills and Probate Records in United States

[Dick Eastman](http://www.ancestry.com) · [September 2, 2015](http://www.ancestry.com)

PROVO, Utah) – September 2, 2015 – More than 170 million pages from the largest collection of wills and probate records in the United States is now available online exclusively on Ancestry. With searchable records included from all 50 states spread over 337 years (1668-2005), this unprecedented collection launches a new category of records for family history research never before available online at this scale the United States.

FamilySearch Makes 27 Million Historic Records from the 1915 New Jersey State Census Freely Searchable Online

[Dick Eastman](http://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/FamilySearch_Makes_27_Million_Historic_Records_from_the_1915_New_Jersey_State_Census_Freely_Searchable_Online) · [September 2, 2015](http://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/FamilySearch_Makes_27_Million_Historic_Records_from_the_1915_New_Jersey_State_Census_Freely_Searchable_Online)

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (September 1, 2015)—FamilySearch International has added more than 2.7 million searchable historical records from the 1915 New Jersey State Census to its free online collections.

February 20th - Saturday Seminar

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"Using FamilySearch and Ancestry.com to Build Your Basic Family Tree"

Where to begin? In this session, learn how to fill out the most basic information on your family tree by using information found on the FamilySearch and Ancestry.com websites, including such records as census, birth/marriage/death, immigration, and military.

"Online Search Techniques to Make You Efficient and Effective"

Both FamilySearch and Ancestry.com hold billions of records, often making it difficult to find just the records you want. In this session, learn how to narrow your search to certain types of records, how to filter out irrelevant content, and how to zero in on a specific record collection.

"DNA Testing and Other Brick Wall Techniques"

Sooner or later, every genealogist hits a brick wall on each ancestral line. In this session, learn about a number of different brick wall techniques, including DNA testing, cluster research, and crowdsourcing.

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, 2) From the left side navigation menu, click **February 20 Seminar** and 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 - \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. **Refunds** may be obtained by contacting Mary Ann Machonkin (353-382-5515) before February 20.

Registration - Sign up at the January 12 meeting, use the mail-in form below or the mail-in form on www.citrusgenealogy.com. Make checks payable to CCGS. Mail to Mary Ann Machonkin, 19 Cupania Court, Homosassa, FL 34446 or call 382-5515.

Door Prizes and Raffle - Several nice door prizes given after lunch. Also, raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win the latest book of George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, "How to do Everything: Genealogy, 4th edition."

REGISTRATION FORM FOR FEBRUARY 20th SEMINAR

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

Cost— \$15 per person for members and \$20 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 @\$15 _____ Non-Members @\$20

Total Paid \$ _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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 20

CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Choose Membership Type (New or Renewal) Circle Payment Method: Cash Check

NEW Individual (\$15.00) Family (\$20.00) AFTER April 1st Individual (\$7.50) Family (\$10.00)

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Date: _____

Name _____

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,
P.O. Box 2211 Inverness, FL 34451-2211

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