

# THE CITRUS TREE

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**Our Website**

[www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com)

- Meeting dates and programs
- Links to leading websites
- Directions to meetings



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 18th Seminar will be at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E Norvell Bryant Hwy (CR-486) in Hernando. No meeting in February)

**January 10- - “A Path to Your Next Research Steps: Using Timelines to Organize, Analyze and Evaluate Evidence”** – The speaker, Annette Burke Lyttle, nationally known genealogy lecturer, will talk about the following topic: So you’ve done all this research – now what? How do you figure out what you have and what to look for next? Learn how timelines enable you to organize your information, evaluate your evidence, analyze research results for accuracy, and identify next research steps .

**February 18 (Saturday Seminar)** - – Drew Smith co-author with George G. Morgan of several genealogy books and co-host of *Genealogy Guys Podcast* will present three one-hour talks:

**Topic 1: “Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process”**

**Topic 2: “Your Ancestor's FAN Club: Using Cluster Research to Get Past Brick Walls”**

**Topic 3: “Something Wiki This Way Comes”**

**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](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com))

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

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

**March 14 – “The Courthouse Burned – What Now?”** – Most of the records that we routinely use in the search for our family history originated in the County Courthouses of America. When the records in the courthouses where our ancestors lived were destroyed by fire or other calamity, our search becomes harder. Jack Butler, a professional genealogist, will provide some steps to take when you encounter the dreaded Burned County.

**Volunteers Needed for the Seminar**

Volunteers are needed to bake "goodies" for the seminar. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the January meeting. We need someone to arrive early to make coffee and set up the table for refreshments at the seminar. On Friday, February 17, we need people to help arrange the tables and chairs. After the seminar we need people to wipe tables and vacuum. Also we need someone to take the garbage bags home for disposal.



## President's Message

Mary Ann Machonkin

There will be no regular meeting in February because of the seminar. Our speaker at the February seminar will be Drew Smith again. Everyone liked his presentations so much last year that we asked him back again. He has been a librarian in the Academic Services department at the University of South Florida (USF) Tampa Library since 2007.

Drew has recently published the book, "Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher." Together with George G. Morgan, Drew has been the co-host of *The Genealogy Guys Podcast* since September 2005. Drew will give three (3) one-hour talks at the seminar. I think we can all learn something from this seminar.

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## Area Seminars and Classes

### Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

#### Jackie Reiss's Intermediate Genealogy and DNA Course

Fridays, January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10 from 10 a.m. until Noon. At Recreation Bldg. In Whispering Pines Park, Inverness. Must register in advance. Go to <http://jackiesgenealogyresearch.com/home/?cat=6> For more information.

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#### Pinellas County Genealogical Society Seminar February 25, 2017

Speaker, Lisa Louise Cooke will give 4 presentations at the Largo Public Library. Cost \$45 until Feb. 18. Registration form at

[www.flpgs.org/NMbrs/seminar/2017/Sem17.aspx](http://www.flpgs.org/NMbrs/seminar/2017/Sem17.aspx)



## March Library Display

Every year in March our genealogy society sets up an exhibit in the display cabinets at the Lakes region Library.

The theme this year is **How to get Started in Genealogy**. Pauline Flewett would like someone to help her put together examples of the kind of documents that a genealogist needs to find. Please volunteer and contact her at the January genealogy meeting.

## Update on Irish Online Sources

By Tom Voyles, The Villages Irish Genealogy Group

**Ancestry.com** has put the index of **Irish Catholic Parish Registers** online. You only need to know your ancestors surname.

1. On the Ancestry homepage, click on SEARCH.
2. In the ladder that appears, click Card Catalog.
3. In the TITLE block, type: Ireland Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915.
4. The next screen will be your single result. Click on it.
5. The next screen will be the usual database search blocks where you enter your criteria for your search.
6. Your search results will be for the criteria that you set. Go through them and click to examine the exact register page where your ancestor's event appears. Much of the handwriting is open to interpretation

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## Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Ireland

The actual Civil Registrations of births, marriages, and deaths were put online by the Irish Government's Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural, and Gaeltacht Affairs. Registrations are available as follows: Births 1864-1915 (100 years and older), Marriages: 1882-1940 (75 years and older), and Deaths: 1891-1965 (50 years and older). Future updates are promised to complete the databases as follows: marriages from 1845-1882, and deaths 1864-1891.

The website to access all the registrations is: <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/civil-search.jsp> It is widely acknowledged that for a variety of reasons not all births, marriages or deaths were registered, and others were registered incorrectly. There were fines for late registration, which acted as an incentive to lie, so it is very common to find that the birth date on a birth certificate is later, often considerably later, than the christening date on the corresponding baptismal certificate. This was one way of avoiding the fine.



## Library Report

Jamie Johnson, Library Chair

The following is the latest book given by the genealogy society to the Lakes Region Library. This book is 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.

*The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger, 929.1072 BET (239 pages).

This plain-English guide is a one-stop resource for how to use DNA testing for genealogy. The book features numerous colorful diagrams and expert definitions that explain key DNA terms and concepts. The book begins by explaining DNA and how it is important to genealogy research. You will find guidance on what DNA tests are available plus the methodologies and pros and cons of the three major testing companies which are 23andMe, Ancestry DNA and Family Tree DNA.

You will find advice on choosing the right test to answer your specific genealogy questions. Once you've taken a DNA test, this guide will explain how to interpret DNA test results, including how to understand ethnicity estimates and haplogroup designations, navigate suggested cousin matches, and use third-party tools like GEDmatch to further analyze your data.

The book also discusses the ethics and future of genetic genealogy, as well as how adoptees and others who know little about their ancestry can especially benefit from DNA testing. Whether you've just heard of DNA testing or you've tested at all three major companies, this guide will give you the tools you need to unpuzzle your DNA and discover what it can tell you about your family tree.

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If you are interested in Native American heritage, you may want to look at the following book which is located in the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River at 8619 W. Crystal Street. The title of this book is:

*Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes* by Rachal Mills Lennon, GEN 929.1 LEN (156 pages)

This genealogical guide relates to the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole nations of the American South, frequently referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes. The author provides solid historical

background and describes the complexities of minority and Native American genealogical research in general, and of tribes of the Southeast in particular, where mixed ancestry is common.

The author focuses on the toughest period to research—the century or so prior to the removal of the Southeastern nations to Indian Territory which was the point at which records were regularly maintained.

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## InterLibrary Loan

The following are excerpts from “**InterLibrary Loan – A Boon for Genealogists**” by Gregg Gronlund, Head, Genealogy and Law Departments, Orlando Public Library. For the full text go to <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bjstockton/editors/ILL.html>

“Genealogists should remember to take advantage of a valuable service provided by local libraries: Inter-Library Loan. Most libraries make this service available to their cardholders. Requests may be for books, microfilm, microfiche, or photocopies.

“When requesting a particular title, patrons should also include any particular surnames of interest. We will try to obtain the book, if possible; however, most institutions do not lend Genealogy books, but will make photocopies. We also recommend that patrons indicate if microfilm or microfiche will be acceptable; often, genealogy titles are available in these formats.”

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## Family Tree Maker News (FTM)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING TO FTM AT THE END OF THE YEAR?** TreeSync® will not stop working at the stroke of midnight this December 31st. And though it will be retired at some point in the not too distant future, before that happens, there will be new syncing technology available to replace it. It's already well into development and we will be starting outside beta testing in the next few weeks. And that means syncing as we know it for FTM is going to live on into 2017 and beyond.

So if you've been worried about what happens at the end of the year, well you can just stop worrying. Syncing, Search, and Shaky Leaf hints are all here to stay. Jack Minsky, President, Software MacKiev

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## 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* Oct/Nov 2016

"Welcome to North Dakota" by Carol Richey, pp. 22-26. Tour the many online resources available for researching ancestors who settled in North Dakota. For example: North Dakota naturalization records index with 212,000 names, country of origin, where naturalization occurred and when. <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/naturalization/>

"The London Picture Map by Collage" Browse over 150,000 pictures geographically. Many of the images placed on the map are of buildings that no longer exist, giving a shot of 'Lost London.'  
<http://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk>

### *Your Genealogy Today* Sept/Oct 2016

"A 'Handout' for Your Poor Ancestors" by Diane L. Richard looks at how North Carolina parishes and counties stepped up to offer poor relief. pp. 13-17.

"Beginning in the late 1700s, the U.S. saw the creation of county poorhouses and poor farms." Learn about the records created to offer relief to the poor.

"Should you Learn the Language of Your Ancestors?" by Barbara Krasner poses the question to a few experts from the genealogical community and discovers opinions are divided." Pp. 47-49.

### *American Ancestors* Fall 2016

"Researching Irish Ancestors Using American Gravestones, Newspapers, and Specialized Records" by Marie E. Daly, pp. 28-334. "The sources discussed in this article offer promising avenues for locating Irish ances-

tral origins, especially useful when more obvious sources have not produced results."

"The Famine-Era Quarantine Station on Boston Deer Island" by Eileen Curley Pironli, pp.35-37. Between 1845 and 1852 two million Irish emigrated. "Boston resources were stretched to the limit by the massive number of immigrants." "To prevent typhus and other illnesses from spreading across the city, the committee chose Deer Island, located in Boston Harbor, as the site for a quarantine station and hospital for sick and pauper arrivals."

"Using Maps in Irish Research" by Sheilagh Doerfler, pp.30. This article gives instructions on how to "locate the particular parcel within the townland or village where your ancestor lived."

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## New Lecanto Family History Center Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.. Open by appointment only Tuesday and Wednesday nights 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. Open by appointment only Thursday morning 9 a.m. – 12 Noon. To make an appointment call 352-601-6888.

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## Membership Dues

Our fiscal year begins September 30, 2016 and ends October 1, 2017. If you have not paid your dues yet, fill out the membership form found in this newsletter and bring to the January 10 meeting or mail it to CCGS.

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

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## Genealogy Tip

Don't forget the siblings of your ancestors. You may find additional information by researching them.



## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Best genealogy websites of 2016  
[www.familytreemagazine.com](http://www.familytreemagazine.com) Click on 101 Best Websites for Genealogy in 2016.

Genealogy of Canada has French-Canadian records  
[www.nosorigines.qc.ca](http://www.nosorigines.qc.ca) Click on English, but be careful of the advertising on the page. Use only the search box of the Genealogy of Canada.

American-French Genealogy Society [www.AFGS.org](http://www.AFGS.org)

Staten Island Newspapers <http://sites.google.com/a/nypl.org/staten-island-papers>

NY City Directories <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/new-york-city-directories#tab=about>

NY City Marriage Index 1950-1995  
[www.nycmarriageindex.com](http://www.nycmarriageindex.com)

Scotland's Places [www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk) Select a county to access historical resources.

Genealogy in Time Top 100 Genealogy Websites 2016  
[www.genealogyintime.com](http://www.genealogyintime.com) Scroll down to Highlighted Resource and click on Top 100 Genealogy Websites of 2016.

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### New on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

- Iowa delayed birth records 1850 – 1939; death records 1921 – 1940.
- New Jersey state census 1865.
- Archdiocese of Chicago Cemetery Records, 1864 – 1989.

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### Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

#### Google's new PhotoScan will Scan Your Photos and Automatically Remove Imperfections, No Scanner Needed

Dick Eastman · November 15, 2016

PhotoScan is a new smartphone app used to “take a picture of your pictures.” That is, it will snap photos of all those old pictures you have stored in photo albums or in Fotomat envelopes. It will then create enhanced digital scans, with automatic edge detection, perspective correction, and smart rotation.

Even better, it also automatically recognizes the four corners of the frame and displays circular overlays on each corner of the scanned image. You then point your phone camera at each circle, create a robust scan of the image, and PhotoScan gets to work from there. PhotoScan eliminates reflections and other aspects of digital deterioration.

PhotoScan stitches together a single image from those several overlapped photos, making sure to eliminate any glare-infected shots while evening out the overall exposure. Once it's captured, a photo is backed up online and added to your Google Photos library, where the app offers its standard face-recognition and manual enhancement tricks.

PhotoScan is available **free of charge** for Android and Apple iOS cell phones and tablets in your smart-phone's app store. You can read more about the new PhotoScan app at [www.google.com/photos/scan](http://www.google.com/photos/scan).

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## The National Archives Provides Many Resources for Genealogist

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) provides information and tools for genealogy research; Here are two examples that can be found at [www.archives.gov/research/genealogy](http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy) -- just click on the link within a table to access the information listed.

<p><b>Start Your Family Research</b></p>  <p>Learn how you can use the resources at the National Archives to explore your family's ancestry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start Your Genealogy Research</li> <li>• Genealogy Resources</li> <li>• Genealogy Research Using Military Records</li> <li>• Reference Reports</li> <li>• Records Digitized by our Partners</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tools for Genealogists</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Databases at National Archives Facilities</li> <li>• Online Research Tools</li> <li>• Related Sites</li> <li>• National Archives Catalog Guide for Genealogists</li> <li>• Charts and Forms</li> </ul>
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## February 18th - 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:



### "Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process"

This talk will discuss where to start in your genealogy research. The research process includes goals, questions, sources, information, evidence, and conclusions. Learn to use task management software, research logs, and other tools to keep track.

### "Your Ancestor's FAN Club: Using Cluster Research to Get Past Brick Walls"

Our ancestors were each surrounded by family, associates, and neighbors. By researching them, we discover additional records pointing to our own ancestors.

### "Something Wiki This Way Comes"

Wikipedia transformed the online search for general information, and now genealogists have new sources of information in the FamilySearch Research Wiki, the Ancestry.com Family History Wiki, and WeRelate. Learn what a wiki is, how to navigate a wiki, and how to contribute your own content in order to help others.

**Location:** Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy. (Hwy 486), Hernando (Across from Nature Coast Bank at Citrus Hills Blvd.) To view or print driving directions: 1) go to [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com), 2) from the left side navigation menu, click **February 18 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. Free coffee, tea and cookies.

**Lunch** - Bring your own brown bag lunch.

**Cost** - \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. **Refunds** may be obtained by contacting Mary Ann Machonkin (353-382-5515) before February 18.

**Registration** - Sign up at the January 10 meeting, use the mail-in form below or the mail-in form on [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com). Make checks payable to CCGS. Mail to Mary Ann Machonkin, 19 Cupania Court, Homosassa, FL 34446 or call 382-5515.

**Door Prizes and Raffle** - Door prizes will be given after lunch. Also raffle tickets will be sold for Drew Smith's latest book "Organize Your Genealogy."

### REGISTRATION FORM FOR FEBRUARY 18 SEMINAR

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

**Cost**— \$18 per person for members and \$25 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 @\$18 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Members @\$25

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

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCGS**

**MAIL TO:** Mary Ann Machonkin  
19 Cupania Court  
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## 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)

RENEWAL                      Individual (\$15.00)    Family (\$20.00)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name for Tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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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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