

# THE CITRUS TREE

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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.*

**October 10** – “Exploring Ancestry Academy on Ancestry.com. The Academy offers 116 short videos of a few minutes on a variety of topics. We will view a few of them. Also there are 44 nationally known genealogy instructors who present longer video classes. We will view one of these.

**November 14** – Diahna Southard, nationally known DNA lecturer and owner of the website “Your DNA Guide” will give a live webinar about autosomal DNA tests, “Your Slice of the DNA Pie.” This presentation will answer your questions about ethnic origins and what do maps and percentages mean. She will discuss all major testing companies and talk about Ancestry’s DNA Genetic Communities tool. There will be 15 minutes for questions and answers after the presentation.

**December** – NO MEETING - *Happy Holidays*

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### Our Website:

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

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



Two new genealogy books added to the Lakes Region Library.

*See page 4 of the Newsletter.*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

**RENEW  
MEMBERSHIP**

Our fiscal year begins October 1. That means membership fees are due in October for 2017-2018. 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.

*See page 3 of Newsletter for more information*

## Notes from the President

*Mary Ann Macbonkin*



At the October meeting I will be talking about Ancestry Academy on Ancestry.com. It is available only for subscribers and is not available at the Library or Church. Even subscribers may not know how to find it on Ancestry. At the top of the home page, click on the word **EXTRAS**. Then click on **Ancestry Academy**. There are 116 short course videos of a few minutes each on a variety of topics. Click on **Instructors** to see pictures of 44 nationally known instructors arranged alphabetically by first name. These instructors have videos classes of about an hour on a variety of topics.

The free genealogy website <https://familysearch.org> has a similar arrangement of classes by nationally known instructors. At the top of the home page, on the right in small print click on the words **GET HELP**. Then click on the words **LEARNING CENTER**. Type into the SEARCH box the name of a country, topic or name of an instructor and you will get a list of classes.

## Area Seminars and Classes

### Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

**SunCoast Genealogy Society Mini Seminar** – 28 October 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor 34683. The speaker, Graeme Mackenzie, will present, **“How to Research Your Ancestors in Scotland”** and **“Clans, Septs and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland.”** Cost for non-members is \$30 before October 16 – afterwards it is \$35. For information contact Marianne Bradley by phone at 727-784-0420 or email at [bradleyym@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bradleyym@tampabay.rr.com)

*What can they see in the longest kingly line in Europe, save that it runs back to a successful soldier?*

*-Sir Walter Scott*

## Genealogy Classes and Help Sessions with Jackie Reiss

The fall classes had to be **cancelled** because Whisperings Pines Park was **not available** as a result of Hurricane IRMA.

Jackie will continue to hold a Saturday “Genealogy/DNA Help” sessions at the Lakes Region Library from 10 a.m. to Noon on October 14, November 18 and December 9.

## Eastman’s Online Newsletter

The Standard Edition of Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter is published weekdays and is free at [www.blog.eogn.com](http://www.blog.eogn.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 newsletter:

**How to Find Genealogy, Family History, and Local History Books in the Internet Archive**  
*Dick Eastman · July 6, 2017*

Would you like to electronically search through 129,577 genealogy books? You can do that on the Internet Archives’ online service at:

<https://archive.org/details/genealogy>

Not only can you search these books, but you can do so electronically. A search for a name might require a few seconds, not hours or days in the manner of a manual search through printed books in a library.

The Internet Archive (also known as The Internet WayBack Machine Archive) is a San Francisco-based nonprofit digital library with the stated mission of “universal access to all knowledge.” It provides free public access to collections of digitized materials, including websites, software applications/games, music, movies/videos, moving images, and nearly three million public-domain books.

This online library now has a collection that fills more than 15 petabytes. **NOTE:** 15 petabytes is equal to 15 million gigabytes. The Internet Archive’s collection is growing daily. Best of all, the use of the Internet Archive is always **FREE**.

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The Internet Archive now has a dedicated section just for genealogy, family history, and local history books at <https://archive.org/details/genealogy>. You might want to go to that address first and then conduct a search there.

When writing this article, I went to <https://archive.org/details/genealogy>, found the box labeled "Search this Collection" and performed a search for: Eastman. That search found 37 books. Unlike searches I have performed in the past, all the books were either (1.) books about Eastman genealogy or (2.) genealogy or local history books that had the name Eastman someplace within the book. In fact, quite a few of the books were local histories for towns where Eastman families had settled. I also tried searching for geographic locations, such as "Penobscot County," and had equally good success.

The front covers of each book were displayed, and clicking on the image of any book cover immediately showed the contents of the book. Once I clicked on a book's image, full source citations also were displayed for that book.

The searches seem to work best for surnames of families that have been in North America for a century or longer. It does not work well for recent immigrants with eastern European or Oriental or Hispanic names. After all, these books are out of copyright; therefore, almost all were published prior to 1923.

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### **New York Census of Inmates, Almshouses and Poorhouses, 1830 – 1920**

This database from the New York archives is an important resource because when many immigrants arrived, part of the family may have come earlier and families were separated. As a result many immigrants may have stayed for awhile in almshouses or poorhouses.

This database may give place of birth, date of birth, parent's names and place of birth. To access this database go to Ancestry.com and click on **SEARCH** then on **CARD CATALOG**. Type into the line for title, "New York Census Inmates."

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## Important Membership Renewal 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 presentation 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 (Page 7) of this newsletter.

**Please fill out the form even if you are just renewing your membership.**

Jackie Reiss and Pauline Flewett, Membership Co-Chairpersons

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### **American Ancestors Database in Lakes Region Library**

Our genealogy society donates money to the Citrus County Library System so that people can get free access to the American Ancestors database in the Lakes Region Library. The records in this database are primarily from New England. You will need a library card to use the computers in the library to access the database.

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### **Finding Your Roots Returns**

*Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* returns with a new season on October 3 on PBS. Check your station for time. The 10-part series traces the ancestry of influential people from a variety of backgrounds and careers.

The program focuses on the melting pot of cultures that has shaped the history of the United States, especially focusing on the various ethnic groups that live within our country. Most episodes explore the ancestry of three guests.

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**Here he lies, James T. Carson. He blew up his wife and was hung for arson.**

**Epitaph**



## Websites of Interest

**Ohio Digitized Newspapers** free at [www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers](http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers)

**Georgia Historic Newspapers** free at <http://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>

**Census Records for England, Scotland & Wales** [www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk) FreeCen is a free-to-search online database of 19<sup>th</sup> century UK censuses transcribed by volunteers.

**Birth, death and marriage records for UK** free at [www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk](http://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk) volunteers have transcribed over 333 million records (1837-1983).

**Digitized Books** free access on [www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources](http://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources) You do not have to subscribe to My Heritage or even register with them.

**Free newspaper archive:** [www.stparchive.com/landing.php](http://www.stparchive.com/landing.php)

**List of WWI Indexes and Records** for 36 states: [www.militaryindexes.com/worldwarone](http://www.militaryindexes.com/worldwarone)

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## 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* 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* Aug/Sept 2017

**“Demystifying the Freemasons”** by Melody Amsel-Arieli. This article describes the organization of Freemasons and provides a list of websites for Freemason research and genealogical sources. Pp.45-49.

**“Through the Night Gates: Portals to the Past”** by Sue Lisk. She looks at six ways to research your family history and avoid paying subscription fees.

### *Your Genealogy Today* Sept/Oct 2017

**“Road Overseers, Surveyors of Highways, and Road Juries”** by David A. Norris. He looks at how early road-building records might pave the way to new genealogical information. “From colonial times and well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century, residents of many areas were compelled to contribute a few days’ labor each year to build public roads and bridges. Temporarily appointed officials known by such titles as road overseer, road-commissioner, or surveyor managed construction and maintenance projects.” ...”the records of these early road-building efforts created a large body of genealogical material.” He describes where road records may be found. Pp 24-26.

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### *American Ancestors* Summer 2017

**“Founder, Forge, and Feuds” “Roger Tyler and Early New England Ironworks”** by Alicia Tyler and Marie Tyler-McGraw. “Roger Tyler is the founder of the ‘Branford Line’ of Tylers in America which extends to at least 12 generations of descendants. Tyler was also an ‘iron founder.’ This article describes the ancestry of Roger Tyler. Pp 32-37.



## 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.

#### ***Genealogy Offline: A beginner's guide to family history records that are not online***

By Claudia C. Breland, GEN 929.1 BRE (124 pages)

Experienced genealogists know that the vast majority of valuable family history records are NOT online, but are housed in libraries, archives, historical societies and courthouses across the nation. After you've found names and dates and some basic information on the internet, where do you go for details? How can you find out how your ancestors lived? In this book the

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author will walk you through the basics of obtaining records such as:

- Social Security Applications,
- Land and Property Records,
- Wills and Probate Records,
- Vital Records,
- Court Records,
- Military Records,
- Divorce Records,
- Adoption and Guardianship Records,
- Newspapers, and
- Naturalization Records.

Each chapter describes the type of record, the information contained, where to find them, and examples of the record.

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### ***The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Ancestors in Ireland***

By Claire Santry, GEN (239 pages)

This in-depth guide will take you step-by-step through the exciting and challenging journey of discovering your Irish roots.

The book is divided into three parts.

- Part 1: Linking Your Family Tree to Ireland,
- Part 2: Getting to Know the Old Country, and
- Part 3: Using Advanced Sources and Strategies.

With the information in these chapters, you will learn how to identify immigrant ancestor, find your family's county and townland of origin, and locate key genealogical resources that will breathe life into your family tree. With historical timelines, sample records, resource lists, and detailed information about where and how to find your ancestors online, this guide has everything you need to uncover your Irish heritage.

The book provides the best online resources for Irish genealogy; detailed guidance for finding records in the old country, from both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland; helpful background on Irish history, geography, administrative divisions, and naming patterns; and case studies that apply concepts and strategies to real-life research problems. Whether your an-

cestors hail from the bustling streets of Dublin or a small town in County Cork, this book will give you the tools you need to track down your ancestors in Ireland.

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## Family Search Updates

**Digitized Microfilm** — Microfilmed records can no longer be ordered from the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City. Much of this microfilm has been digitized and is available for free online at the free website <https://familysearch.org>

You may need to register and create a user name and password to view some of the films. Microfilm from foreign countries may only be viewed on the computers in the Family History Center.

To find digitized microfilm, search the Catalog by name of the Place. After film ordering ends, if customers need access to a particular film yet to be digitized, they can express interest to have it added to the priority digitization list by contacting [FamilySearch Support](#) (Toll Free: 1-866-406-1830).

- All of the microfilm rented by patrons in the past 5 years have now been digitized by FamilySearch—over 1.5 million microfilms (ca. 1.5 billion images).
- The remaining microfilms are being digitally scanned at a rate of 1,000 films per day and are projected to be complete by 2020.

New digital images are available as they are scanned in the [FamilySearch.org Catalog](#).

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**Deed Records** — These records have been an underutilized source because they required a trip to a courthouse. Now these records are available on microfilm online. To find them, go to **Search, Catalog**, then type in name of state and county and search. A list of types of records will appear. Click on **Land Records** to get a list of records. Choose the one from the court house. There are usually indexes so that you can search by name to find the book and page number for the deed.

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**Pennsylvania Deed Indexes** — These indexes are a bit tricky to use. Search the index by the first letter of the last name and then the first letter of the first name. You will get the book and page number of the actual handwritten deed. Other states may use this indexing method as well. Common surnames may have a section in the index by themselves.

- Free access to Ancestry.com, FindMyPast, MyHeritage and other subscription databases.
- Printing – 10 cents/page.

## Family History Center Hours

The Family History Center is located at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto.

Center is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. till 4 p.m., and provides the following:

- Free help with genealogy.

## Handouts for August 8 “Cemetery Transcriptions and Headstone Cleaning”

Due to unavoidable circumstances, a handout was not available at the August 8 meeting. If you would like to view a list of documents related to this topic, go to the **Home** page on our website ([www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com)) and click on the button labeled “**Cemetery Resource Protection.**”

When the list displays, click on the link to any documents that interest you. That document will display on a separate page where you can choose to read, save or print it.

## CITRUS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD



**Front Row:** Jackie Reiss, Pauline Flewett, Mary Ann Machonkin, and Jamie Johnson

**Back Row:** Vicki Brown, Wesley Brockway, Dee Henry, Terry Vaught and Shirley Hartley

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

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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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