

THE CITRUS TREE

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We will be meeting in person at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM in April, May or June. Guests are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 9 – “The WPA: Sources for your Genealogy” – Presented by Gena Philibert-Ortega. The Works Project Administration left behind a legacy that is used by family historians today. In this presentation we will discuss The WPA projects under the WPA relevant to genealogy and how you can research some of those records today.

May 14 – “Organizing Online Research” – Presented by Michael John Neill – When a five-minute search does not locate an individual in a database, it is time to organize your online research process so that process can be evaluated and modified if information is not located. Through several examples we will see ways to structure effective searches, search processes, and search analysis.

June 11 – “Finding What you Need and Making the Most of What you Find” – Presented by Pam Vestal - So often in our research, we hit brick walls because of problems with accessing and understanding the information we need. In this talk, we’ll explore twenty practical strategies for searching the internet more successfully, extracting genealogical nuggets from the documents you find, and evaluating your evidence. Topics include an assortment of approaches for locating hidden records, deciphering codes in documents, recovering missing websites, overcoming difficult handwriting and phonetic spelling, and much more.

Our Website:

www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dates and upcoming programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists
- Directions to meetings
- Directions to Family History Center
- Newsletter Archive



Two new genealogy books are being added to the Lakes Region Library.

See page 4 of the Newsletter



Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin

We had our first seminar since covid, and we had 30 people attending with 9 people who were not members of our society. I want to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen, took out the trash, or worked checking people in, or worked selling tickets, or who brought baked goods. The speakers, Sydney Cruice and Derek Vorobok were fantastic. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the seven prizes.

Election of Officers In April

You may run for President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer. We will be needing a Treasurer, so please consider running or I will need to start picking names.

Family History Center

The hours of the Family History Center (FHC) are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The FHC is located in the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. You can use their computer to search on FindMyPast, Fold3, My Heritage and Ancestry World Heritage at no cost to you. If you would like help, there will be someone there to help you. Just bring your password, if you have one, for www.FamilySearch.org That is another FREE website that you should be using.

Searching the Family Search Catalog for a Location

www.FamilySearch.org

From the menu bar at the top of the page, click on Search. The fifth item going down in the SEARCH category is CATALOG. Search by using the PLACE field. Enter United States, then the name of the

state, then the name of the county or the name of the town if you are in New England. You must do it this way for it to work. You will get a list of everything about the county or town. Try it! Then click on whatever you are interested in. You will get everything from a picture of a camera with a key on top of it, which means that you can't see it, to a comment that says click on this to view the contents.

Genealogy Webinars

Florida State Genealogical Society Webinars. The webinars are free and are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Go to www.fsgs.org under RESOURCES at the second item Poolside Chats and click on it. Register in advance to see the webinar.

- **Connecting with Cousins: Using Tools & Technology for Genealogical Collaboration** – April 18, 2024 By Jennifer Zinck
- **Research Stalled? Leads Might be Lurking in Land Records** – May 16, 2024 By Gerald H Smith
- **AI Tools for Genealogy** – June 20, 2024 By Henry Stish

Membership Dues

Our fiscal year began on October 1, 2023 and will end on September 30, 2024. If you have not paid your dues yet, please fill out the Membership Renewal Form on page 5 of the newsletter (also available online at our website www.citrusgenealogy.com). The dues are \$25 for an individual or \$35 for a family living at the same address. Make your check out to Citrus County Genealogical Society or CCGS and bring it to the meeting.

Help With Genealogy

Rosemarie Coyle will be helping people with genealogy at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness on Monday mornings.

Wesley Brockway will be helping people at the Homosassa Library on Friday mornings and the first Saturday of each month.

Phyllis Ables will be helping people at the Floral City Library on Friday mornings.

If you would like to volunteer, call the library, and offer your services. If you want help with your genealogy, call the library to set up a time.

Websites of Interest

Michiganology – Michigan Genealogy
Death records

Michiganology.org hosts death records from the microfilm collections at the Library of Michigan and the Vital Records Office of the Department of Health and Human Services. Images of the death certificates are available for records older than seventy-five years. Any records not yet seventy-five years old, are still available even though the image is not yet visible. Per state law, vital records must be seventy-five years or older before they can be made publicly available online.

<https://michiganology.org> Click on Advanced Search.

North Dakota State University – <https://ndsu.libguides.com/az/databases> hosts the Dakota Territory 1885 Census database.

Click on the letter D to find the Dakota Territory 1885 Census database. Click on that link to access statewide information on North Dakota naturalizations; Dakota territory 1885 census; and Fargo Fo-

rum obituary index. You will also have access to Cass County information on: marriage licenses 1870 – 1944; probate records 1876 – 1944; and divorce & civil cases 1870- 1942.

South Dakota Genealogy– <https://southdakotagenealogy.com> provides a wealth of genealogical information. For example, on the right side of their webpage, you will find a link to South Dakota Church Records. On the left side of the page, scroll down a long way to the SOUTH DAKOTA GENEALOGY section to find the link for South Dakota Newspapers and Obituaries.

Oregon – <https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records/genealogy.aspx> has Oregon Historical County Records Guide; Early Oregonians Database; Topical Research Aids such as Adoption Records, Naturalization Records, and Vital Records.

Nebraska – <https://nebraskagenealogy.com> There are church records, court records which include naturalizations, directories, obituaries, and vital records

Basic “Dos and Don’ts” When Filling Out Charts

- Do not abbreviate names, dates and places.
- Enter the full name: first, middle, and last.
- Surnames/last names are entered in caps; enter the last name first: BROWN, William Sylvester
- For women, supply the full maiden name, not a married name.
- Write dates in this format: Day-Month-Year (e.g., 12 October 1989).
- Enter full place names: City, County, State (e.g., Mineola, Nassau, New York).

Source: National Genealogical Society



Library Report

Rosemarie Coyle, Library Chair

The following are the latest books given by the Citrus County Genealogical Society to the Lakes Region Library. The books are located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library in Inverness and may be checked out. The library is located at 1511 Druid Road in Inverness. You may request a book be sent to the Library nearest you.

- “NGS Research in the States Series: Research in Missouri” by Ann Carter Fleming, 3rd ed., Pub 2015.
- “NGS Research in the States Series: Research in Texas” by Kelvin L. Meyers, Pub 2016

For reviews on the latest new books at the Lakes Region Library by Library Chair Rosemarie Coyle, go to our website at www.citrusgenealogy.com. Links to the reviews are in the right column on the home page.

Dick Eastman's Newsletter

Dick Eastman publishes a free, daily online newsletter Monday through Friday at www.eogn.com with the latest information about genealogy. Thank you to Dick Eastman for permitting us to use the following articles from his newsletter.

You Are Probably Descended from Charlemagne and Other Royalty

If you are of European descent, you are probably a descendant of Charlemagne. Once you are able to prove your line of descent from him, you will then find thousands of links to other royalty in your list of relatives.

Charlemagne had twenty children over the course of his life with eight of his ten known wives or concubines. Genealogists have shown that fourteen presi-



dents of the United States, including George Washington, Ulysses Grant, Franklin and Teddy Roosevelt, and the Bushes are all descendants of the King of France who lived from 2 April 742 AD to 28 January 814 AD.

It is rare indeed that the genealogy of a person of European descent, when traceable, doesn't hit nobility somewhere. And once it hits one European noble, whether you like it or not, nearly the whole tribe joins your family. Those folks got around.

The reason is simple. First, make a guess how many ancestors you have. It may be a larger number than you thought. Obviously, you have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents and so on in a geometric progression. Moving backwards, each generation introduces double the number of ancestors of the previous generation.

What is not so obvious is the size of the numbers when you go back twenty or thirty or forty generations:

20 generations: more than one million ancestors.

Of course, those numbers assume there are no duplicates in your entire family tree. One problem: there are always duplicates. Next, one trillion is a much larger number than the total number of people who have ever lived. Whatever the real number of your ancestors, you are descended from a huge number of people. Within these billions of ancestors, you will always find royalty, assuming you are able to trace back that far. It would be impossible to have a billion ancestors without some royalty appearing someplace in your family tree.

Professional genealogists tell us that Charlemagne appears in almost every European descendant's family tree. Your challenge is to go out and document your line of descent.

CCGS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

RENEWAL ___ Cash ___ Check ___

Individual (\$25.00 ___ Family (\$35.00) ___ Date: _____
 (our year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year)

Name: _____

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 _____

Please consider including a donation with your membership renewal to help us support genealogy library services for the Lakes Region Library in Inverness.

OPTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES DONATION \$ _____

Total amount of membership plus library donation \$ _____

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 _____ Meeting Room Setup _____

Volunteer Where Needed _____

Return this form with your check payable to: Citrus County Genealogical Society or CCGS and mail to:
 Wesley Brockway, 17 Jungleplum Ct. S, Homosassa, FL 34446

Citrus County Genealogical Society

c/o Pauline Flewett

550 N Independence Hwy Lot 73

Inverness, Florida 34453

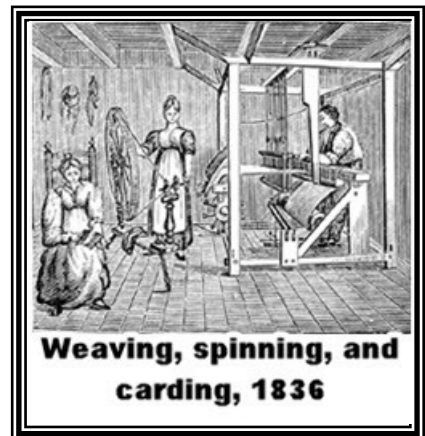


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