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**Our Website:**

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

- Meeting dates and programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists
- Link to leading websites
- Directions to meetings
- Directions to use Family Search



German Immigrants Board Ship for America

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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 9 - "Ten Ways to be a Better Ancestor"** - The genealogist's nightmare: "What will happen to all my work when I'm gone?" Now is your chance to help your descendants continue your work. Presented by Paul Enchelmayer, genealogy speaker, instructor and member of Association of Professional Genealogists.

**November 13 - "Researching Your German Ancestors"** - A webinar on CD presented by Kory Meyerink. More Americans have German ancestry than any other ethnic group. He will cover the basics, language, records, places and tools to find German ancestors. If you don't have German ancestors, come and learn about the history of German settlement in the U.S. Kory Meyerink specializes in tracing the origins of German and Dutch immigrants and has developed instructional material for Family History Centers.

**December - No Meeting - HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**January 8 - Sharing our Ancestral Heritage** - This will be a "show and tell" program. Members are asked to bring an item to share. The item could be something that belonged to an ancestor, a document or story about an ancestor. Please plan on bringing something to share to make this an interesting meeting. Especially snowbirds, plan on bringing something with you to share.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The Citrus County Genealogical Society year runs from October 1 to September 30. The annual dues are \$15 per person or \$20 per family. Please fill out a membership application and submit with your payment. Checks should be made out to CCGS.

A membership application can be found on page 7 of this newsletter, or fill it out online at our website [www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com). Click **Membership**, then follow the instructions to complete a membership form.

**A membership application must be filled out even if you are renewing your membership at one of our meetings.** We need to have a record of your renewal.

## Messages From the President

Mary Ann Machonkin

"Ten Ways to be a Better Ancestor" or "What will happen to all my work when I'm gone?" is a problem all genealogists face, including me. I have a genealogy software program on my computer, files full of documents, albums of photos and no grandchildren to give them to. Hopefully Paul Enchelmayer can offer some suggestions for this problem.



Recently we did a survey to get suggestions for future programs. Several people requested German research or how to read foreign documents. The webinar on CD about researching German ancestors was highly rated, and I believe it will help anyone with German ancestry. If you are unable to attend the meeting or would like a copy of the CD as a reference tool, it can be purchased for \$9.95 at [www.legacyfamilytreestore.com](http://www.legacyfamilytreestore.com)

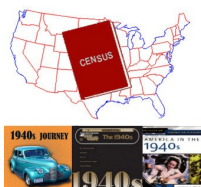
Our July meeting about "Sharing Your Ancestral Heritage" was so popular that we decided to repeat it in January to give more people a chance to participate, especially you snowbirds. I want to thank Carol Engel, our vice-president, for running the July meeting in my absence.

I want to thank Shirley Hartley for 6 years of service as our secretary. She did a super job recording the minutes of our society and board of director meetings. Also, we want to thank Mary Ruth Schweitzer for volunteering to become our new secretary and Kay Willard for volunteering to be our new Library Chairperson.

### 1940 Census Indexing

The indexing of the 1940 census is now complete. It is free to search on the following websites:

- [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)
- [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)
- [archives.com](http://archives.com)



- [1940census.archives.gov](http://1940census.archives.gov)
- [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com).

If you can't find someone on one census website, try another one. Each website used different volunteers to transcribe the census data. Often the reason a person can't be found on one of websites is because the name was incorrectly transcribed.

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### New on the CCGS Website ([www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com))

Newsletters, Membership Meeting Minutes, and By-Laws can now download and/or printed. We have converted (or added) these items into a Portable Document Format (pdf) file. Files in this format can be read, printed, or downloaded to your computer.

**Note:** You must have the Adobe Reader software on your computer to open these files. Most computers already have the reader installed, but if yours doesn't then go to [www.get.adobe.com/reader/](http://www.get.adobe.com/reader/) to download a FREE copy.

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### *A widow wrote this epitaph in a Vermont cemetery*

**Sacred to the memory of  
My husband John Barnes  
Who died January 3, 1803  
His comely young widow, aged 23, has  
Many qualifications of a good wife, and  
Yeans to be comforted.**

### *Consumer tip on the grave of Ellen Shannon in Girard, Pennsylvania*

**Who was fatally burned  
March 21, 1870  
By the explosion of a lamp  
Filled with "R.E. Danforth's  
Non-Explosive Burning Fluid"**

### *A widower authored this epitaph in Streatham Churchyard, England.*

**Here lies  
Elizabeth  
My wife for 47 years,  
And this is the first damn thing  
She ever done to oblige me**

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## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

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

Go to the CCGS website and then click "Archive Newsletters" under "More" at the top of the home page. You will find some very interesting sites that have been selected due to their genealogy content. URL's include those listed in this newsletter. Just point and click—no need to type the addresses.



South Dakota State Historical Society Archives has cemetery records, newspaper files, biographical files, names of pioneer daughters, American Indian research, and more. <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/genealogists.aspx> If you click the words "SD digital archives" (on the right hand side), you will get access to photos and government manuscripts.

Pennsylvania birth and death records index. <http://www.portal.state.pa.us> Under State Agencies click the word "Health" then (on the left) "Birth and Death Records," then "Public Records."

Czech and Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois <http://www.csagsi.org> Read the Table of Contents page.

Genealogy Apps for iPhone, iPad and Android

- <http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry-app> free to subscribers of Ancestry.com. It syncs with family trees and the user can add photos and facts.
- "How to Write Your Family History" app <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/how-to-write-your-family-history/id457670596?mt=8> lets you write your family history anywhere, anytime. Expect to pay \$5.99 for this app.

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries of each State  
<http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp>

Deciphering codes used in 1940 census and how to use enumeration district maps. <http://www.stevemorse.org>

A free dictionary of surnames, their meanings and origins.  
[http://genealogy.about.com/od/surname\\_meaning/a/surname-meanings.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/surname_meaning/a/surname-meanings.htm)

For information on Canadian birth, marriage and death records, immigration and citizenship <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca> Click "Online Research by Topic"

Find 18th and 19th century passenger lists, free on <http://www.immigrantships.net>

Map showing where immigrants settled in the US between 1880 and 2000 <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html>

Scottish genealogy queries <http://www.talkingscot.com>

Ten golden rules of genealogy. These are good rules for everyone to keep in mind as we do our research. <http://gotgenealogy.com/rules.html>

List of 36 state archives with online digitized records. <http://www.digitalstatearchives.com/home>

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## Ancestral Home

Gorakhpur U.P., India



Frank Coombs's Home "Sybil House" in Gorakhpur.

This house belonged to my Great Uncle Frank Coombs, but it is very similar in style to the home of my Grandfather Charles Coombs. Both my Grandfather and Great Uncle were Indigo planters in India as was their father Robert Coombs.

Great Grandfather Robert was born in Woolrich, Kent, England in 1793. When he reached adulthood, he became a mariner and eventually settled in Ghazipur, Northern India.

During the Indian Rebellion of 1857 (also known as the Sepoy Mutiny), he barely escaped to Buxar, India with his life. However, his home, indigo factory, and mills were destroyed by the rebels.

Although my father, Kenneth Coombs, continued the planter tradition, his primary vocation was that of being a lawyer and land owner. He was also the Magistrate of the Santal Parganas region, which included our home in Sahibganj, India.

Contributed by member Ann Vaught

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## LIBRARY REPORT



The following book may be found in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library in Inverness:

### "A Guide to Chicago and Midwestern Polish-American Genealogy" by Jason Kruski. 929.1 KRU

This book covers the Polish immigrants during the last quarter of the 19th and first quarter of the 20th centuries. Although a high concentration of Polish-Americans lived in Chicago and the Midwest, much of the information will apply to Polish Catholics anywhere in the U.S. The book discusses where to find records, how to determine an ancestor's Polish village of origin, and how to find living Polish relatives.

### 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* magazine is located in the magazine section of the library.
- The *Family Chronicle* and *American Ancestors* magazines are located in file holders on the top shelf of the genealogy section. The following are descriptions of interesting articles from recent magazines.

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#### *Family Chronicle* Sept/Oct 2012

- "What's in a Name?" by Anthony Poulton-Smith, pg. 31. Many US and Canadian place names come from the British Isles. Read about the origins of many UK place names, for example: "Dublin takes its name from the Irish dubh-linn or 'the black lake'. However this is the English name, the official Irish version is Baile Atha Cliath or 'the town on the ford of the hurdle'."

- "Where to Find Scottish Records Online" by Alan Steward, pg.34. He discusses vital records, Protestant and Catholic Church registers, census returns, wills, Valuation Rolls, and military records. There are many locality-based websites.
- "Finding Ancestors in the Scottish Highlands" by Amanda Epperson. Tips on locating Highland ancestors and how to decipher place names.

#### *American Ancestors* Summer 2012

- "Beneath the Lid of the Melting Pot," by Bryan Sykes, pg. 21. Author of "DNA USA: A Genetic Portrait of America." He uses autosomal DNA testing to determine whether early New Englanders mated with Native Americans.
- "Slavery and Freedom in a Colonial Connecticut Town" by Grant Hayter-Menzies, pg. 26. He discusses slavery in New England.

#### *Internet Genealogy* June/July 2012

- "Save Every Step: Lifeline to Family History" by Lisa A. Also, pg.24. Use the online program at <http://www.saveeverystep.com> to record your life in the order in which it happened. Show the development of a child or loved one by recording photos, memories and stories in chronological order. Free 100 MB of space. Requires Microsoft Silverlight be installed on your computer. You can go to [www.microsoft.com/silverlight/](http://www.microsoft.com/silverlight/) to download a free copy of this plug-in.
- "Millers, Muellers, and Moulins in the Family!" by David Norris, pg. 35, Discusses the occupation of millers and where to find records of ancestors who were millers.

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### Family History Center Hours

The Family History Center is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to-4 p.m.

The Family History Center will be closed on the following dates::

- Nov. 19 through 23
- Dec. 24 through Jan. 4.

We would like to welcome the new Director, Lori Basore.

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## Indentured Servants

By Mary Ann Macbonkin

"Indentured servants can be found among the forebears of most people with southern colonial ancestry."<sup>1</sup> "More than 75% of Virginia's colonists arrived as indentured servants."<sup>2</sup> "Labor shortages in America's middle colonies enabled indentured servitude to flourish there for more than 150 years."<sup>1</sup> "They came from England, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales and sold themselves as laborers, primarily in agriculture, in order to get free passage to the colonies."<sup>3</sup> A contract or "indenture" was signed by the servant in which he agreed to work without pay for 4-5 years. Marriages were not allowed during this time. "Women as well as men immigrated as servants, but the ratio of men to women was about 3 to 1."<sup>3</sup> Emigrants tended to be young and lower class and usually traveled alone.<sup>1</sup> Sometimes merchants and sea captains kidnapped children or poor people and forced them into servitude.<sup>4</sup> "

Most English servants left the country from 3 major ports - Bristol, Liverpool, and London - a minority emigrating from smaller cities, including, Bideford, Dartmouth, Exeter, Lyme, Newcastle, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, South Hampton, Weymouth, and Whitehaven."<sup>1</sup> After completing their indenture most men eventually purchased land, married, raised families and became our forebears who shaped our country's history. For further reading about indentured servants the following books may be found in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library in Inverness:

- ⇒ **The Bristol Registers of Servants Sent to Foreign Plantations, 1654 - 1686**, Peter Coldham, RGEN 929.3 COL
- ⇒ **The Complete Book of Emigrants in Bondage, 1614 - 1775**, Peter Coldham, R GEN 929.3 COL
- ⇒ **More Emigrants in Bondage, 1614 - 1775**, Peter Coldham, R GEN 929.373 COL
- ⇒ **The Complete Book of Immigrants 1661 - 1750, Vol. 1-4**, Peter Coldham, R GEN 929.373 COL
- ⇒ **Emigrants From Ireland to America, 1735 - 1743**, R GEN 929.3415 EMI A report about enforced emigration to America.

⇒ **The Original Lists of Persons of Quality: Emigrants, Religious Exiles, Political Rebels, Serving Men Sold for a Term of Years, Apprentices, Children Stolen, Maidens Pressed, and Others Who Went From Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600 - 1700**, John C. Hotten, R GEN 929.3 ORI

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1. "Origin of Colonial Chesapeake Indentured Servants: American and English Sources," Nathan W. Murphy, AG. *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 93, No. 1, March 2005, pg. 5.
  2. *White, Red, Black: The Seventeenth Century Virginian*, Wesley Frank Craven.
  3. "Indentured Servants From Bristol to America, 1614 - 1686, Part B," Noel Currer-Briggs, *Genealogical Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 4, Dec 1978, pg. 190.
  4. *Colonists for Sale: The Story of Indentured Servants in America*, Clifford Lindsey Alderman, Chapters 3 & 4.
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## Using Historical Maps in Your Research

Maps can be very important in genealogical research as boundaries often changed over time,. Historical maps can act as a guide to assist you.

Here are two websites with free online access to many historical maps:

- The Perry-Casteñeda Map Collection at the University of Texas at Austin. Go to [www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/index.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/index.html) click "Historical Maps."
  - The David Rumsey Map Collection. Go to [www.davidrumsey.com/](http://www.davidrumsey.com/). Enter the location, the year, or both in the "Search" field and click "Search" button.
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## Reminder — Higher Fees for Microfilm

A short term microfilm loan now costs up to \$7.50 for 90 days and extended microfilm is now \$18.75.

To select microfilm to order, go to the catalog on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and get the film number.

To place an order go to [www.familysearch.org/films](http://www.familysearch.org/films). Select Lecanto Family History Center as the home destination for the delivery of the film.

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## Area Classes and Seminars

### Classes

#### Free Genealogy Class at Homosassa Public Library

Topic - "Find Out How to Grow Your Family Tree" with Instructor/Researcher Jackie Reiss. Location: HOMOSSASSA LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM, October 3, 1:00-3:00 PM.

#### Family Tree Maker Genealogy Software Classes

Classes on how to use the software, Family Tree Maker (FTM), are being offered at On-Top-Of-The-World, Ocala.

- Beginning FTM October 10 & 11; 9:30-12 AM; \$25.
- Intermediate FTM October 17 & 18; 9:30-12 AM; \$25.

To register go to [www.masterthepossibilities.com](http://www.masterthepossibilities.com). At the top of the page click "Class Schedule" to open the drop down menu, then click "Classes by the Month." Click "October '12" to view the class list. Scroll down and click the class you are interested in to register for the class.

### Seminars

**Florida State Genealogical Society - November 8-10, 2012, Genealogy + Technology featuring two nationally noted keynote speakers, Curt Witcher from Allen County Public Library and Thomas MacEntee from High-Definition Genealogy, Chicago.** There will be other speakers as well covering many topics. Seminar registration for all three (3) days is \$150 until Oct. 22, and includes most meals. Hilton Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton - \$129/night. Register online at [www.flsgs.org](http://www.flsgs.org)

**The Florida Genealogical Society - November 3, 2012, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, "Becoming a 21st Century Genealogist"** presented by D. Joshua Taylor, internationally known researcher, author, speaker and featured expert of "Who Do You Think You Are?" Cost \$40, U of South Florida, Marshall Student Center, Room 2708. Registration form - [www.fgstampa.org](http://www.fgstampa.org)

### Free Genealogy Seminar in Orlando

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3001 SOUTH Apopka-Vineland Rd., Orlando, is having their annual free seminar on November 3 from 9:00 - 4:45. To register go to [www.familyhistoryconference.org/register](http://www.familyhistoryconference.org/register). Click "SCHEDULE" to see list of topics offered during each time slot. Click "LOCATION" to get a map. The church is located off S. Apopka-Vineland Rd. in what appears to be a housing development and can be hard to find.

### German Immigration to America

Our program for November 13 is "Researching Your German Ancestors." To help you with this topic, the following provides some background information on German immigration.

German settlement started in the 1600s. Germans arriving prior to the 1848 revolution in Germany settled in places such as New York and Pennsylvania. By 1790 as many as 100,000 Germans may have immigrated and German-immigrants and their descendants made up about 8.6 percent of the U.S. population.

The failure of the 1848 revolutions to establish democracy in Europe caused thousands to leave Germany to settle in America. During the 1850s (a peak period for German immigration), nearly one million Germans came to the United States. They settled in many areas including Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and other locations.

The Library of Congress has more information on German immigration. Go to [www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/german3.html](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/german3.html) for a narrative on German Immigration. For a chronology of Germans in America, go to [www.loc.gov/rr/european/imde/germchro.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/imde/germchro.html).

The Working Dog website has information about German-American history, genealogy, maps and key regions where Germans settled in America in their Exploring Family Heritage section. Go to [www.workingdogweb.com/Family-History-Resources.htm](http://www.workingdogweb.com/Family-History-Resources.htm), then scroll down to the "Regions of Europe and America" topic, and click "German-Americans."

## CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWAL\_\_\_\_\_ NEW\_\_\_\_\_ Cash\_\_\_\_\_ Ck\_\_\_\_\_ (our year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year)

Individual (\$15.00\_\_\_\_\_ Family ((\$20.00)\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Permanent Address:** Street\_\_\_\_\_ Apt.\_\_\_\_\_

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**Local address (if different):** Street\_\_\_\_\_ Apt.\_\_\_\_\_

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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)\_\_\_\_\_

Time period(s) you are researching\_\_\_\_\_

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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