

# 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 except for February and December.*

*Directions to the Church may be found on our website [citrusgenealogy.com](http://citrusgenealogy.com) and guests are always welcome to attend.*

### April 11 – “Finding Your Family’s Story in Free Online Newspaper Archives”

The speaker will be Annette Burke Lyttle, a national known genealogy lecturer. Beyond birth, death and marriage notices, historic newspapers can provide information that brings your ancestors and their world to life. Many of these newspapers are available on line at no cost. Learn how to find and use these valuable resources.

### May 9 – “Mapping your Genealogy: From A to Z and In-Between”

Maps have been around as long as man needed to remember specific locations. For genealogists, maps are more than just a statement of place: they contain valuable clues for research. Learn the basics of maps and the valuable information they contain for genealogy research. You’ll also discover various resources for maps, both online and offline as well as how to incorporate maps in your research. **Thomas MacEntee, a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research, made this presentation in a prerecorded webinar.**

### June 13 – – “United States Naturalization Records”

Learn about the process by which a native or citizen of another country becomes a citizen of the United States.

#### Our Website:

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



Pioneer Descendant Certification Program See Article on Page 2

### Election of Officers in April

Anyone may run for the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Contact the Nominating Chairperson, Mary Ellen Shoemaker at 726-9556 if you are interested in running for President, Vice-president, Secretary or Treasurer .

## Notes from the President

*Mary Ann Machonkin*

Our February seminar was a great success and enjoyed by all. Drew Smith was an excellent speaker and I believe we all learned something new from the information he presented.

Thank you to everyone who brought the delicious baked goods. Also I want to thank everyone who helped make the seminar a success: the board members who worked at the check-in table, Carole Engel and Jamie Johnson who worked in the kitchen, Ron Dunwoodie and Elbert Holder with room set-up and take-down, Rosemarie Coyle for vacuuming, all the others who helped with clean-up after the seminar.

I also want to thank the following companies for their generous donations of genealogy subscription databases for prizes – MyHeritage; Fold3; FindMyPast; Genealogy Bank; and Newspapers.com.

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### Florida Pioneer Descendant Award to Linda Christino



The Florida Pioneer Descendant Certificate and pin was presented to Linda Diane Christino at the March 14 genealogy society meeting. This award recognizes descendants who can provide evidence of their lineal descent from a Pioneer who was a resident of Florida before statehood on 3 March 1845.

Linda's lineage traces to James F B McKinney who was born in Georgia about 1822. He enlisted in the Seminole Indian War in December 1838 and voted in Florida's first statewide election of May 26, 1845. In 1860 he was living with his family in New River County which became Bradford County in 1861. He died in September 1900.

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### Florida Pioneer Descendants Certification Program

The Florida State Genealogical Society's Florida Pioneer Descendants Certification Program honors descendants of Florida pioneers who settled in the Terri-

tory of Florida prior to Florida achieving statehood on 3 March 1845. After you prove your pioneering heritage, FSGS issues a certificate certifying your pioneer status. Qualifying for pioneer status also provides—in addition to the bragging rights—verification of your genealogical research.

To find out more about the who, what, when, where, and why of being a pioneer, see the Pioneer page on the FSGS website at [www.FLSGS.org](http://www.FLSGS.org) The deadline for application submission is 31 December of each year. If you would like more information, email the Pioneer Committee at [pioneer@flsgs.org](mailto:pioneer@flsgs.org).

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### Settlers and Builders of Florida Certificate

The Settlers & Builders of Florida Certificate is now available to any individual or family who had an ancestor or ancestors living in Florida at any time beginning on 3 March 1845 to 31 December 1900. Learn more at [www.flsgs.org](http://www.flsgs.org)

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### Area Seminars and Classes

#### April 21st Invitation from Genealogy Society of Hernando County

The Genealogy Society of Hernando County has graciously invited members of our genealogy society to their meeting on April 21 to hear **“Genetic Genealogy – Understanding Your DNA”** presented by David Boyette. David is past Vice President of the Brandon Area Genealogical and Historical Society and a speaker for the International Society of Genetic Genealogy. He teaches DNA for Genealogy at USF. He will discuss how different types of DNA testing can assist in connecting family lineage and finding common ancestors.

- Male line Y-DNA
- Female line mt-DNA
- Autosomal male/female DNA

The meeting will be held at 10:00 AM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 21043 Yontz Rd., Brooksville.

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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* 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* Feb/Mar 2017

**“Northeastern Pennsylvania Genealogy Resources”** by Joe Grandinetti has a list of genealogy resources for the Northeastern Pennsylvania area including records about coalmining and railroads.

### *American Ancestors* Winter 2016-2017

**“Remarriage and Stepfamilies in Early America”** by Lisa Wilson. From the book “A History of Stepfamilies in Early America.” Approximately 20 – 40% of marriages were remarriages. Death not divorce created stepfamilies in early America.

**“The Story of Sidney O. Francis – A Massachusetts boy kidnapped into Slavery”** by David Fiske, pp. 42-45. “The Award-winning 2013 film, *12 Years a Slave*, told Sidney’s story based on his autobiography.”

### *Your Genealogy Today* Jan/Feb 2017

**“Understanding Calendars and Religious Feast Days in Germanic Research”** by Leland K. Meitzler., pp.13-16. He “looks at why dates in Germanic records aren’t always as they seem, and offers resources to help you figure them out.” There is a list of Fixed Feast Days and Movable Feast Days. Marriages and baptisms often took place on Feast Days. He gives websites for a Moveable Holiday calculator and for Jewish Holidays. “In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII changed the calendar from the Julian to the Gregorian and Catholics accepted the change, but protestant faiths didn’t until the 1600s and 1700s.” This article lists places in Germany and when they switched to the Gregorian calendar. There is also a list of the names of months in Germany in the 1600s and 1700s.

**“For the Love of God, What Kind of Name is ‘Gottlieb?’”** by Robbie Gorr, pp.31-33. He “examines

German Pietism naming traditions.” “Pietism got its name from “piety” or the reverence that was thought to be the most important facet of Lutheran worship.” “A large percentage of the traditional Pietistic names used have been found among the children of the German settlers in various immigrant communities during the last half of the nineteenth century.” This article has a list of traditional Pietistic names and their religious meaning.

**“Wait ... Was this Name for a Great-Great Aunt or a Great-Great Uncle?”** by Davis A. Norris, pp. 18-21. He “looks at unisex names of the past.”

**“A Wealth of Information” (in the Mortality Census)**, by Mary F. Good Stansifer “reveals the goldmine of information contained in the United States Federal Mortality Census.” “The Mortality Census was taken in many counties and states in 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1885. The census covered people who had died within a year prior to June 1 of the Census year.” The Mortality Census gives much information about the deceased. Also at the bottom of the page there was a form for the census taker to write comments.



## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

**Oklahoma Birth and Death Records Index** <https://ok2explore.health.ok.gov/>  
You may apply for a certified copy for \$15.

**Cook County, Illinois Naturalization Petitions** has 500,000 declarations of intention from 1871 – 1929. Even if your ancestors didn’t live in Chicago, they might have been naturalized there.  
[www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR](http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR)

**Canadian Directories Collection Pre-1901** [www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/directories-collection](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/directories-collection)

**Pennsylvania Coal Mining Records** <https://genpa.org/public-collections/pennsylvania-resources/mining-resources>

**Federal Land Grants for South Carolina from War of 1812 Militia Service, 1860** <http://e-archives.sc.gov> Click on British and Private Records then US War Department.

**South Carolina Archives** has Plats for State Land Grants 1784 – 1868; Will transcripts 1782 – 1855; and Criminal Court Records 1769 - 1891.  
[www.archivesindex.sc.gov](http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov)



## 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. and may be checked out.

### ***Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records***

By Patricia Law Hatcher, GEN 929.1072 HAT (211 pages)

Land records – grants, deeds, mortgages, surveys, and more – are among the most valuable resources for genealogists to use to prove relationships and to point to new relationships.

One of the strongest motivators for American immigration was land, and one of the strongest motivators for migration within America was land. Because of this, land records are the most common records available for pioneer ancestors. For many, they may be the only records.

This book explains in detail how to locate land records; understand the various types of land records; record the information in those records; interpret what you find; use maps, atlases, and gazetteers; plat metes-and-bounds land descriptions; understand the public-land survey system; and open new avenues for research. The book uses numerous examples and contains a glossary that explains the terms used in the book. Since most land records are found at the county or local level, there is a state by state section at the back of the book that will help lead you to the land records you are seeking.

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### ***Pennsylvania German Marriages. Marriages and Marriage Evidence in Pennsylvania German Churches***

By Donna R. Irish, GEN 929.1 PEN (817 pages)

This book is primarily a collection of Pennsylvania German Reformed Church marriage records. Also included are some Lutheran Church records, a few Union Church records and records of the North and Southampton Dutch Reformed Church. The records cover eastern Pennsylvania from Philadelphia west to Cumberland County during the time period 1710 to

1895, though the majority of the entries fall between 1760 and 1860.

The records of actual marriages, which form the basis of the work, generally give the names of the bride and groom, the date of marriage, names of parents, place of residence, and sometimes place of origin, date of birth, and previous marital status; while records of marriage deriving from baptismal entries, burial records, etc., variously give names of parents (usually the maiden name of the mother), names of grandparents and sponsors, place and date of birth and/or baptism, names of children, and date of death. Many of the records transcribed here are capsule pedigrees, some identifying three or more generations in a direct line of descent. There is, besides, an abundance of out-of-the-way and unexpected information.

There is an extensive index at the back of the book to help you locate the record for the person you are researching.

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## New Books in the Family History Center

- **Somerset County New Jersey Historical Quarterly Vol. 1-4; 6.** Has many records of residents of Somerset County. Missing volume 5.
- **Story of the Fourth Regiment: Ohio Veteran Volunteer Cavalry from its Organization in August 1861 to its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary August 1911** by Lucien Wulsin, Late Private Co. A. Has a complete roster of the Regiment and several interesting monographs written by comrades and photo of the reunion in 1898.

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## Books We Own

I want to thank the member of our genealogy society who passed this information along to me.

“Books We Own” is a list of resources owned/accessed by individuals who are willing to look up genealogical information and email or snail mail it to others who request it. This is a free service-volunteers may ask for reimbursement of copies and postage if information is provided via snail mail. The Books We Own Library has resources by country, state and topic as well as family histories. The website is hosted by RootsWeb.

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bwo/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bwo/index.html)

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## Dick Eastman's Newsletter

Dick Eastman publishes a free, daily online newsletter Monday through Friday at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) with the latest information about genealogy. The following are examples from his newsletter and is printed with his permission.

### Warning! FamilyTreeNow.com Website Reveals Personal Address, Family Information

[Snopes.com](http://Snopes.com) reported on a family tree website that is causing a lot of alarm to the general public as it reveals a lot of personal information.

[FamilyTreeNow.com](http://FamilyTreeNow.com) claims to be a family history and genealogy web site but seems to be primarily a site that publishes public information about individuals. In fact, there are a number of other web sites that do the same ([Spokeo](http://Spokeo.com), [Intellius](http://Intellius.com), [BeenVerified.com](http://BeenVerified.com) and perhaps a dozen or so others) for a fee but FamilyTreeNow.com provides basic information free of charge.

The website allows anyone to enter a person's name and then displays whatever personal information the web site knows about people of that name. In many cases, results show personal information along with the names, ages and addresses of people they are related to.

I searched for my own name and found that I wasn't listed. (Hooray!) Several other men with the same name as mine were listed, however. I then searched for the names of several of my friends and family members. Every one of them was listed, usually with their full names, age, the names of their nearest relatives along with current and past home addresses.

The FamilyTreeNow.com site claims to have "...billions of historical records including census (1790-1940) records, birth records, death records, marriage & divorce records, living people records, and military records." However, when I searched for several rather common names, all I ever saw displayed was twentieth and twenty-first century records with the majority of the displayed records showing names, addresses, and relatives of living people.

While this is causing a buzz on many social media sites, nobody should be surprised at the information being displayed. All of it appears to be public domain information, whether the folks listed like it or not. Persons whose information appears on the web site can supposedly "opt out" of having their information displayed, but the site says it may take up to 48 hours to

remove the information. I would consider opting out to be a waste of time simply because other web sites also have the same information and future web sites will probably do the same. After all, it is public domain information, anyone can legally create a web site and display the same information. I doubt if you can opt out of all of the current and future web sites in this "business." However, if you do want to opt-out of FamilyTreeNow.com's listings, here's how: You need to visit [familytreenow.com/optout](http://familytreenow.com/optout) Select each profile or variation of your name. Click the red opt out box for that record on the website. According to the website, removal can take up to 48 hours to remove.

Source: Dick Eastman · [January 11, 2017](#) at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com)

### A Free Update to Family Tree Maker is Now Available

The following announcement was received from Jack Minsky, President of Software MacKiev:

For those of you who have been waiting patiently (or impatiently) for an update we thought every user of FTM 2014 and Mac 3 should install, well it's here, and here's why you should install it. (Even if you've already updated to a previous edition of FTM 2014.1 or Mac 3.1).

- **SECURITY.** New in this build is the ability to add password-protection to the tree files you export. And if you're sending them outside your computer, that's a very good idea — so your family history doesn't ever fall into the wrong hands. You'll find it as a new option in the export window.
- **STABILITY.** We've crushed every crashing bug we could find or that's been reported to us. Even some pretty obscure ones that we knew only a few users might ever find. Our goal was simple. We wanted to make this build what it is — the most stable edition of Family Tree Maker ever made.
- **SPEED.** We've improved both speed and responsiveness. Some actions that previously took several minutes in FTM 2014 now take just a few seconds. In beta testing over the past ten days, 800 outside testers with trees of all sizes noticed the improvement. We think you will too.

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## Dick Eastman Newsletter

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### READ THIS FIRST – BEFORE YOU UPDATE

1. Do a manual backup with media. While the updater is perfectly safe, it's always a good idea to back up your files. After a last sync (if you sync your tree files), we recommend compacting them (Tools>Compact File) and then manually backing up (File>Backup, making sure the Media and Sync boxes are checked). Then put your backups on an external drive or load into cloud storage.
2. Make sure your old version is installed. The updater will be looking for an installed edition of FTM 2014 or Mac 3 or later. If you don't have a copy installed, then go get one at the Replacement Center (see instructions below).
3. Do NOT unlink your tree! If you have a linked tree on Ancestry.com, the link will magically move to the new build when you install it — whether you are updating from an Ancestry version or an earlier one of ours. It will copy your preferences too, and will not touch your tree files.

OK, if you've read all that (you have, right?), and you are ready to get your free update, please click here. Enjoy! **[Editor's Note: This is not an active link on Eastman's Newsletter]**

### YES, YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU

Here's the situation. You're upgrading to our new edition of Family Tree Maker and you have your tree still linked to your old edition. Well there's one thing you should NOT do — and that's to break that link and re-download your tree. Because now you can take your link with you. When you open your tree in our edition, the link will move (somewhat magically if you ask me) right along with the tree. No need to break links or re-download. It just works.

Jack Minsky  
President

Source: Dick Eastman [January 2, 2017](#) at [www.eogm.com](http://www.eogm.com)

## Roman Catholic Parish Records from Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The subscription website, FindMyPast.com, now has Roman Catholic Parish records from the late 1600s to mid-1900 from the following counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia. FindMyPast.com is free to use in the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 – 4.

### Italian Civil Registration Records

The free website, <https://familysearch.org> has Italian Civil Registration records of birth, marriage and deaths but most have not been transcribed yet. They can still be viewed by browsing. Click on SEARCH, Browse All Collections, select Continental Europe from the list on the left, then Italy. This website is slow. Scroll down the list of provinces in Italy to find the one of interest and click on Browse. From the list of locations, find the one of interest and click on it.

### New Jersey Adoptions Unsealed

On January 1, 2017 approximately 300,000 adoptee's records were unsealed.

### “Who Do You Think You Are?” Returns

The series returns “Who do you think you are?” began on Sunday, March 5 and will continue for 8 episodes at 10 PM on the TLC channel. The ancestry of well-known people are researched in this series.

### Embarrassing Ancestors

**We've uncovered some embarrassing ancestors in the not-too-distant past. Some horse thieves, and some people killed on Saturday nights. One of my relatives, unfortunately, was even in the newspaper business. -Jimmy Carter**

Source: GenQuotes by Barry J. Ewell.

## FAMILY RECORD SHEET

This Family Record Sheet was developed by amateur genealogists Duane A. Bailey and Mary Hagstrom Bailey. They have given us permission to include it in our Newsletter as a tool you can use to keep track of family data. This form along with other research tools can also be obtained from [www.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/genealogy/](http://www.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/genealogy/)

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