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Our Website:

www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dates and upcoming programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists
- Directions to meetings
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Our 2017-2018 fiscal year began October 1. If you have not yet paid your dues, you can use the [renewal form on page 7.](#)

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 and guests are always welcome to attend.

April 10 - "Using Historical Maps in your Genealogy Research" Presented by Becky O'Sullivan from FPAN Central Regional Center USF Dept. Anthropology. This talk covers the ways historical maps can be used in your research as well as how to locate the maps and the possible information about your ancestors it might contain.

May 8 - "Elementary My Dear Watson! Solving Your Genealogy Puzzles with Clues You Already Have." What can a genealogist do when key direct evidence is missing or inadequate? James M. Baker, PhD, CG, will offer step-by-step approaches for using inferential and analytic thinking to solve these challenging genealogy problems, including the use of naming patterns, birth/marriage witness data, inheritance data, sibling research, timelines, and family migrations. (A pre-recorded webinar used by permission from James Baker.)

June 12 - "Exploring the Free Classes Offered on FamilySearch.org" Learn about the free classes on a variety of topics that are offered by professional genealogists on FamilySearch.org. We will watch one of them.

Election of Officers in April

Anyone may run for the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Contact the Nominating Chairperson, Shirley Guenette at 422-0352 if you are interested in running for President, Vice-president, Secretary or Treasurer .

Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin

I want to thank everyone who brought snacks to the seminar. They were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Jamie Johnson, Shirley Hartley, Vicki Brown and Mary Ruth Schweitzer for keeping the coffee pots going in the kitchen. Thank you to Bud Hurley, Elbert Holder and Ron Dunwoodie for helping with set-up. Thank you to our board members who worked at the check-in table and to our treasurer, Wes Brockway, for selling raffle tickets. Thank you to those who cleaned up after the seminar. I believe the room was cleaner after their work than it was before.

Also I want to thank the companies who donated door prizes: Genealogy Bank, Find My Past. Fold 3. Newspapers.com, My Heritage, and MacKiev Family Tree Maker. Congratulations to the winners.

Area Seminars and Classes

Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

Florida State Genealogical Society Free Webinar Series

These Webinars (called Pool Side Chats) are free but you must register in advance at www.flsgs.org. They are on the 3rd Thursdays of the month from 8-9 p.m. You must be a member of the Florida State Genealogical Society to print the handout sheets or view archived webinars.

- 19 Apr 2018 – Rich Venezia – “Naturalization Know-How: The Laws and Records of U.S. Citizenship.”
- 17 May 2018 – Annette Burke Lyttle – “A Path to Your Next Research steps: Using Timelines to Organize, Analyze and Evaluate Evidence.”
- 18 June 2018 – Diane L. Richard - “Freedmen’s Bureau Records – Invaluable to ALL Southern Research.”

Free Genealogy/DNA Help Sessions with Jackie Reiss at Lakes Region Library April 21, May 12 and June 9, 10 a.m. to noon.

The DNA/Genealogy sessions are open to anyone

who wants some help in navigating DNA. You can also get help in finding information about ancestors online and via handouts and discussion.

THE GENEALOGIST'S LAMENT

I started out calmly, tracing my tree,
To find, if I could, the making of me;
And all that I had was great grandfather's name,
Not knowing his wife or from which he came
I chased him across a long line of states,
And came up with pages and pages of dates.
When all put together, it made me forlorn;
I'd proved that poor granddad had never been born.
One day, I was sure the truth I had found,
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down.
I looked up the record of one Uncle John,
But then found the old man was as young as his son.
Then, when my hopes were fast growing dim,
I came across records that must have been him.
But the facts I collected made me quite sad,
Dear old great granddad was never a dad.
I think maybe someone is pulling my leg,
I'm not all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg,
After hundreds of pounds I've spent on my tree,
I cannot but wonder if I'm really me.

Author unknown – submitted by Ken Dunn

Today in History April 1

1778 — Oliver Pollock, creates the dollar sign.

1863 — The first wartime conscription law goes into effect in the United States.

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*, *American Ancestors* and *Your Genealogy Today* 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 2018

“10 Databases You Didn’t Know Were on Ancestry.com” “Gena Philibert-Ortega shows you how to find hidden treasures on Ancestry.com.” She suggests to browse the collection on the Search page or do keyword searches in the Card Catalog. pp 23-26.

“Do you have Lost Irish Ancestors?” “Jill Browne says it’s a long shot, but researching in Cobh may help.” “Statistically, and with many ‘ifs,’ there’s about a 50% chance that an Irish emigrant sailed from Cobh.” “A few outbound passenger lists survived.” Lists for ships leaving Queenstown (Cobh) from 1890 – 1960 are available on Ancestry.com and Findmypast.com. This article has a detailed list on how to search for an Irish immigrant. pp 31-35.

American Ancestors Winter 2018

“The **Archdiocese of Boston records** are now on their database at AmericanAncestors.org. This process is ongoing and records will be added when available. To access these records on their database, go to the drop down menu on BROWSE and select “Database List A – Z” box. Enter “catholic” in the “Search by database name” box and click GO. (Note: The AmericanAncestors.org database is available for free use on the computers at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness. Or you can go to www.americanancestors.org and register as a guest.)

“Catholicism in Early New England” by Thomas Lester describes the early history of Catholicism in New England. Page 29.

Your Genealogy Today Jan/Feb 2018

“Don’t Hold Your Breath: Handling Hiccups in Your Research” “Sue Lish suggests that pinpointing where the truth lies can be a challenge when researching those seemingly fantastical family stories.” pp 23-26.

“The Problem of Researching Common Name Ancestors” “Elizabeth Jones offers 5 handy tips to help you research those common name ancestors.” pp 46-47.

“Diahan Southard Suggests How to Connect to Your DNA Matches” She suggests ways to avoid the awkwardness of contacting a DNA match and help increase the chances of getting a response.” Page 50.

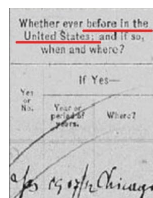
“Without Descendants: Discoveries in the Probate Records of Peter Bent Brigham and Robert Breck Brigham” by Meaghan E.H. Siekman & Sukumar P Desai. “Relatives who died not leaving descendants are often overlooked by family historians.” “Without children as heirs, these relatives likely named other family members in probate and land records that can offer valuable genealogical clues.” pp 52-54.

“Outside the Borders of New York State” by Henry B. Huff. “New York borders 5 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Bordering towns and counties often have records mentioning New Yorkers.”

Genealogy Tips

Source: www.genealogytipoftheday.com

Repeat Pond Crossers

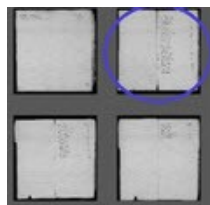


Some immigrants made more than one trip across the pond

This immigrant had been in the US before — 5 years.

Tip of the day, 12 March 2018

Online Digital Records



Download me.

When you see me.

Don't wait. Don't hesitate.

Download me when I'm on the screen.

Losing me will make you mean.

Tip of the day, 12 March 2018



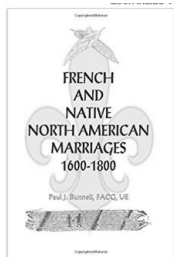
Library Report

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 and may be checked out. You may request a book be sent to the Library nearest you.

French and Native North American Marriages, 1600-1800

By Paul J. Bunnell, GEN 929.3 BUN (161 pages)



After finding his four Huron lines who came from Ontario, Canada, and who took refuge in Quebec with the help of Jesuit priests around 1640, this genealogist wanted to make his source information available to help others find their Native American connections.

He collected the information about marriages between French Canadians and Native Americans from various websites and used a number of French and Canadian resources.

The Huron in Canada were persecuted by the Iroquois for trading with the French and their population was reduced from around 20,000 to 2,000 by the year 1640, nearly wiping them out. Many of these Native Americans married into French families who settled areas of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Maine, and other upper colony states, including some territories farther west.

The listings in this book are in alphabetical order and cover mostly tribes of Eastern Canada and Upper New England areas, but also pick up a few other tribes west of these areas.



Tracing Your Ancestors Using Google, Volume 2

By Lisa A. Alzo, GEN 929.1072 TRA (66 pages)

This “book” is actually presented in a magazine format and provides all of the information that you need to know about how to use Google. The first chapter is titled “Eight Great Google Search Strategies for Genealogists.” This chapter goes into detail explaining how to phrase your

searches to make them more productive and provides references to other guides, books and videos that go into even more detail. Other chapters provide information with regard to using Google Street View and Maps to visit the places where your ancestors lived, how to use Google Books for genealogy research, and how to use Google Translate to decipher foreign records. There are also explanations about using Google Alerts, and Gmail and how to make the best use of Google Chrome.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



Online gallery of Mayflower descendants.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has launched an interactive Mayflower website. 2020 is the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower’s voyage. Go to www.AmericanAncestors.org and click on

Mayflower 2020 to see names of Mayflower passengers and their biographies. You can also see the names of Mayflower descendants or if you are a Mayflower descendant you can add your name and photo.

Missouri Adoptees - “On October 1, 2017 the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Vital Records began accepting applications for adoptees wanting their original birth certificates.”

<http://health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopteerightsact.php>

FGS Forum Vol. 29, issue #4, Winter 2017

Genealogical & Historical Groups/Pages On Facebook (in English)

moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/genealogy... Updated 01 November 2017 (posted online at <http://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list>) Has 300+ pages (11,000+ links) so it is a big download. Submitted by Bonnie Willette

Small Town Newspapers – Free access to 250 small town newspapers from 1846 to current edition.

www.smalltownpapers.com

Free Access to Swedish National Archive - There are more than 100 million records currently online at the *Riksarkivet* (the name in Swedish of the national archive) with more records being added all the time.

<https://sok.riksarkivet.se/nad>

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST

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Archdiocese of New York Records - Findmypast, has published indexes containing over eight million New York sacramental records in partnership with the Archdiocese of New York. Findmypast has released indexes of [baptism](#) and [marriage](#) records covering the boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island in New York City, as well as the Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

The records date back to 1785, span more than 130 years of the region's history and come from over 230 parishes across the Archdiocese. Access to original copies has, until now, been hard to come by. (Findmypast.com is free to use in the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 - 4.)

Aide to Reading Old German Script - Stephen P. Morse's One-Step Webpages are usually used to search Ellis Island and Castle Garden databases as well as the federal census, but he also provides language tools you can find by clicking on the Foreign Alphabets link. For those with German research, the One-Step Webpage includes a "Converting between Old Germanic Print and Cursive in One Step."

Using this tool, you can type in a word or phrase and change the uppercase or lowercase printed or cursive letters to Fraktur, Kurrent or Suetterlin. This is a great tool to help you learn how to read old German script. <https://stevemorse.org> You will need to scroll down a long list to get to this tool. Also he has translation of names from many languages to English.

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. The following are examples from his newsletter and is printed with his permission.

A New Congressional Research Service Publication on U.S. Military Service Records, Award, and Unit Histories

[Dick Eastman](#) · January 8, 2018 · [Online Sites](#)

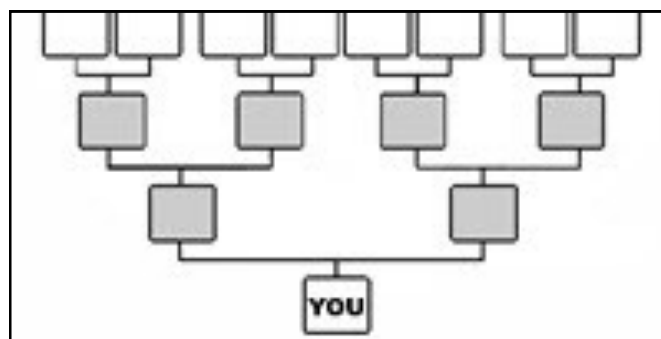
The Congressional Research Service has just published

a short reference document that might be of interest to many newsletter readers:

Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources by Mese F. DeBruyne and Barbara Salazar Torreon.

The guide provides information on locating military unit histories and individual service records of discharged, retired, and deceased military personnel. It also provides information on locating and replacing military awards and medals. Included is contact information for military history centers, websites for additional sources of research, and a bibliography of other publications, including related CRS reports.

Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources can be downloaded for free at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/secretary/RS21282.pdf>.



We Are All Related! So Get Over It.

[Dick Eastman](#) · August 25, 2015 (edited)

Let's have some fun with mathematics. Let's assume that there is a new generation born every twenty-five years. Your two parents were born about 25 years before you were born, your four grandparents were born about 50 years before you were born, your eight great-grandparents were born about 75 years before you were born, your sixteen great-great-grandparents were born about 100 years before you were born, and so forth back into antiquity. In other words, the number of your ancestors doubles every 25 years as you go back in time.

If you take this back just 1,000 years, you'll find that you have well over 500 billion ancestors in a single generation.

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Obviously, that's impossible as there are fewer than seven billion people on this planet. While mathematically correct, the practical reality is that you don't have 500 billion distinct ancestors, but rather a much, much smaller number of ancestors who reappear over and over and over again in your family tree.

The reality is that we are all the products of much interbreeding, and with that we have cousins... many cousins. Thousands of cousins... Yes, even millions of cousins. Every one of us has millions of cousins.

By definition, cousins are two people who share a common ancestor. Joe Chang proved (see www.stat.yale.edu/~jtc5/papers/Ancestors.pdf) that the number of generations back to the most recent common ancestor in a randomly mating population is very closely approximated by the base two logarithm of the size of the population.

So, for a population of a million people, it takes 20 generations to reach the most recent common ancestor — or about 500 years — because 2 to the 20th power is about a million. For a randomly mating population of a billion people, it takes 30 generations — 750 years — because 2 to the 30th power is a billion. In simpler terms, most of us can find a cousin relationship with most anyone else by tracing our family trees back an average of 750 years.

As Joseph T. Chang, Douglas L.T. Rohde, and Steve Olson observe in their 2004 paper on the subject of everyone being related to everyone else (*Nature*, Volume 431, Issue 7008, pp. 562-566), we're all interrelated, and getting more so all the time:

Free DNA Testing for Adoptees

MyHeritage is excited to announce a new pro bono initiative — **DNA Quest** — to help adoptees and their birth families reunite through DNA testing.

As part of DNA Quest, they are giving out **15,000 MyHeritage DNA kits** — worth more than **one million dollars** — for free, with free shipping, to eligible participants. Participation is open to adoptees seeking to find their biological family members,

or anyone looking for a family member who was placed for adoption. Preference will be given to people who are not able to afford genetic testing, and to those who apply first.

Adoptees and family members searching for their biological relatives can apply for a free MyHeritage DNA kit at DNAQuest.org through April 30, 2018. Participants will be selected, and their free DNA kits will be shipped to them by the end of May 2018. Results are expected as early as July 2018. The DNA Quest website includes additional information about the initiative, and a detailed section with answers to frequently asked questions.

Those who have already taken a DNA test with another company are invited to **upload their DNA data** to MyHeritage for free and participate in this initiative as well.

We invite you to share the link <https://www.dnaquest.org> with all your followers, to reach and therefore help as many people as possible.

War of 1812 Pension records Free on Fold 3



This series consists of approximately 180,000 pension and bounty land warrant application files relating to claims based on service between 1812 and 1815. The

files generally contain documentation submitted in support of a claim, such as the original application form, affidavits, and statements from witnesses.

The first applications were based on disability or death of a soldier. Beginning in 1871, they were based on service. A veteran's pension file typically includes his rank, place of residence, age or date of birth, and time of service. A widow's application usually includes her place of residence, her maiden name, date and place of marriage, circumstances of her husband's death, and the names of children under 16.

These records are only 67% complete with surnames A through Q. <https://go.fold3.com/1812pensions>

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 _____

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 ___

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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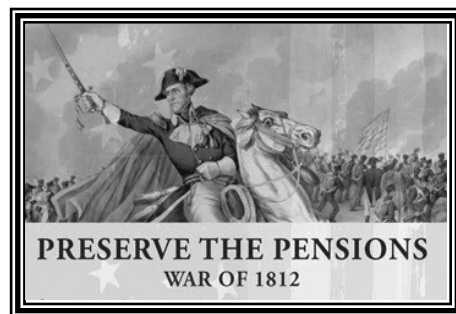
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