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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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Several genealogy books are being added to the Lakes Region Library.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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. AND by Zoom. Zoom is at 10:00 a.m. You will be given a link to Zoom the Saturday before the meeting. Guests are welcome to attend but Zoom attendees must send an email to Mary Ann Machonkin at himary@tampabay.rr.com to get the link.

April 12 – “Exploring Ancestry Tools for DNA Analysis” – Presented by Debbie Wilson Smyth explores the various tools provided by Ancestry to assist in analyzing and evaluating DNA matches. It will cover the more common tools, as well as a few that are lesser known and under-utilized. Strategies that combine these tools to achieve research goals will also be examined.

May 10 – “Shore to Shore” - 20th Century Immigration Research”- Presented by Ann Staley. Between 1607 and 1980 approximately 50 million immigrants arrived, with the peak year being 1907 when approximately 1,285,000 people arrived. How are we to find our ancestor among those millions? This presentation discusses:

- Immigration History for the 20th Century
- 4-Step Research Strategy
- Emigration Records
- Border Crossings (Mexico and Canada)
- Repatriation (when they decided not to stay)

June 14 – “Myth or Truth” and “Dining in Early America” - Presented by Beverly Gentry, Correspondent Docent for Daughters of the American Revolution. “Myth or Truth” discusses common myths heard in museums and historic places. Stories we have heard about early America. “Dining in Early America” discusses different dining traditions during five decades in early America starting with George Washington.



Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin

We had to cancel the seminar because we didn't get enough people to attend because of the COVID-19 virus. Perhaps next time we will have a seminar with just websites and a virtual audience and charge for it.

We had to give the speaker Debbie Smyth a chance to give her talk on February 8 and again on April 12, when she will be talking about "Exploring Ancestry Tools for DNA analysis."

I hope you enjoy the Docent for the DAR when she will be talking about "Dining in Early America" on June 14th.

Area Webinars and Conferences

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree Is all virtual and online.

Registration for events begins March 7. There will be three Virtual Online Conferences August 19-20, August 22-24, and August 26-27. Sign up at <https://genealogyjamboree.com>



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* 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 a few interesting articles from recent magazines.

Internet Genealogy January 2022

Principles of Relativity pp. 32 – 39 Robbie Gore looks at correctly identifying family relationships and connections.

"Consanguinity refers to any familial relationship connected by blood and is further subdivided into degrees bases on the closeness of the relationship." "...affinity refers to a legal relationship between persons not technically related through common ancestry."

Internet Genealogy March 2022

Focus: Viewing Images from Multiple Angles, pp. 28-31

Sue Lisk Provides some Strategies to help Identify Relatives in Family Photos.

- Try to identify the authors of handwritten photo captions.
- Study photos for hints combined with other facts. They may help confirm the identities of individuals in an image.
- Unexpected family members may have stumbled onto your photo.
- Search out stories and background information related to what you see in your photos to provide insights into the people, places and events captured.

3 Brothers – 3 Surnames, pp. 40-42

Melody Amsel – Arieli looks at how some immigrants changed their names after moving to America.

American Ancestors Winter Vol. 22 November 4, 2022

Getting Started in German Genealogy pp. 24 – 27. By Rhonda R. McClure

Census, naturalization, names of persons living near your ancestors who came area, State census, newspapers church records, Godparents who were chosen because of their relationship to the child's parents.

Church Books and Civil Registrations pp.28 – 32 By Hallie J. Borstel

Naming – the second name was the "call name" while the first name honored a saint or loved one. Civil registration was mandatory in 1876 and contained birth, marriage and death recorded by the local Standesamt. (registry office)

Church Books - Kirchenbuch – K.B. Birth was das Geburt or Geboren. Baptized was das Taufen or Getauft. Married was die Ehe/die Heirat/die Traerung/ Getraut. Death was der Tod or Gestorben.

This issue has many websites listed that can help you with your German research.



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.

Thank you to all who donated for the purchase of books.

The Tennessee Research Guide, Second Edition,
Charles A. Sherrill

National Genealogical Society, Research in the States Series, GEN 929.3 SHE Status: In processing.

This slim booklet takes the reader through the early history, settlement, and jurisdictional changes in the development of the state.

Charles A. Sherrill, State Librarian and Archivist of Tennessee, describes archives, libraries, and societies that will assist the reader with their Tennessee research. Major resources, such as aids to research, atlases, Gazetteers, maps, biographical sources, cemetery records, census records and their substitutes, church records, county-level records, ethnic, land, military, pension, naturalization, newspaper, court, probate, state, tax and vital records are all given attention.

“Tennessee genealogists will find a wealth of information in print, online, and in microfilm and manuscript formats to help them learn about their ancestors.”

The Research in Illinois Guide by Diane Renner Walsh, CG. GEN 929.1 WAL

This is another booklet in the National Genealogical Society State Series similar in style and format to the Tennessee booklet described above.

The author begins with the history and settlement of the area. Archives, libraries, and societies are described and footnoted. Major resources are then noted by the author. Atlases, Gazetteers, and map sources are reported as being available in “The University of Illinois Library,” “The Library of Congress,” the “American Memory” and “Illinois County Boundaries” are all available online.

The reader is directed to “The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library” for assistance with land ownership, atlases, transportation guides, federal township plats,

early business ledgers, daybooks, and journals. Census and census substitutes are also discussed. Early ethnic records of German, Polish, Eastern and Southern European, Native American are given review. Migration patterns, fraternal and religious organizations are referenced. Military, veteran as well as the “Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Home” records are outlined in this slim volume.

When this booklet was first published many of the records were not available online. In subsequent years many are available with a few clicks on your computer. As the author notes “Repositories in small towns and bustling business centers hold secrets to the past.”

NGS Research in the States Series, Florida by C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL and Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL 2016, GEN 975.9 STA. Status: In processing.

Ponce de Leon and his crew are often given credit with the sighting and landing on the coast of Florida in 1513. Evidence, however, on a world map dated 1502 shows the peninsula to the northwest of the Islands of Hispaniola and Cuba. The authors discuss the early Spanish, French, and British periods of occupation. Archives, libraries, and societies are outlined with descriptions of the resources they contain.

Atlases, map, and land patent resources are discussed as well as the location of their respective repositories. Little known and used resources i.e., Bay County Genealogical Society, the Brake Funeral Home Index, the Alachua Society Virtual Cemetery Project, the Veterans’ Graves Registration Project with transcripts for 51 Florida counties are discussed. Census records, Church records, Court records, and City Directories are reviewed by the authors. County formation and histories are reviewed.

You will learn what Florida county was formally called Mosquito on 29 Dec of 1824 and renamed on 30 Jan 1845. Ethnic records of Native American, African American, Cuban, Greek and Jewish Peoples are reviewed. Rarely accessible Florida State Hospital Records and how to find them are some of the topics outlined in this slim volume. State Prison, Land, Military Pension, and Immigration Records are given review.

Want to find your ancestors Automobile or Chauffeur Registration Records from 1905-1907, this booklet will show you how. This booklet outlines these and many other sources for your Florida research.

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Library Report

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New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer, Revised edition, October 2017

Part One Published by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. R GEN 974.7 New Vol.1 and Vol. 2.

Part One describes key genealogically pertinent records that have been kept for New York and provides guidance on how to locate both original and derivative records as well as record substitutes and authored works.

Chapter One begins with The Colonial Era, Major Records ie. Vital Records, Immigration, Migration, Naturalization, Court, Probate, Land Records, Maps, Military, Cemetery, Business, and Institutional Records follows. Special relevance to the Ethnic and Religious Groups that have had a significant presence in New York are detailed.

National and Statewide Repositories and resources are next described in Chapter 16. In the final chapter the editors have included a listing of what is identified as "familiar and reliable references...routinely consulted". The reader will find endless resources to support their research in Part One of this Two Part book.

Part Two is a guide for each of the 62 New York Counties. Individual borough guides for the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island and Long Island are included. Each county has a cover page which "provides the foundation date, other key details of the county and an original map." Each map depicts the current town, city boundaries and location of Indian Reservations. A Gazetteer inventories historical and contemporary names of every city, town, and village in a county. Key events and place name changes are noted. Repositories and resources, both in print and online are offered.

The editors remind the reader that some listed publications may be found online at Archive.org books, FamilySearch.org, Hathitrust.org books, Google.com, and Ancestry.com.

Part Two is a massive collection of information related to the state of New York.

Paths to Your Past- A Guide to Finding Your Ancestors by Pamela Boyer Sayre, Revised Edition 2018, GEN 929.1 PAT Status: In Processing.

As the author writes "In your eagerness to find your

ancestors, you may be overcome by the thrill of the hunt." She wrote that "you might plunge ahead to search out the nut source or follow up on the latest clue before you have fully and properly recorded and analyzed the information you have."

In simple, clear, easy to follow suggestions, the author shows the researcher how to get started, how to find and use state and local sources. In Chapter 4, the author discusses how to find and use Federal Sources, how to order Military and Pension Records. Immigration and Land Records are discussed in this chapter.

Understanding what a source and citation is next discussed. Keeping and organizing your information are seen in Chapter 5. The author makes suggestions on how to expand your own personal knowledge in order to add to your family tree. This booklet was "written with beginners in mind, ...Paths to Your Past will also be useful to the more experienced genealogists who want a review of the basics."

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.

Free Printable Family Tree Templates and Online Family Tree Ideas

Dick Eastman 1 Jan 2022

Many genealogists use FamilySearch.org frequently and yet are not familiar with the FamilySearch Mobile Apps that are available. According to the FamilySearch Blog: "Want to display your family story in a fun, creative way? The following free family tree templates will help you do just that. These family tree ideas not only look great on the wall, but filling out the family tree charts is a great activity to bring the whole family together!" The article then goes on to make blank family tree charts that you can fill out and print on your local printer.

Bottom of Form You can learn more at: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/family-tree-templates-family-tree-make>.

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Dick Eastman's Newsletter

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Scientists Settled a Century-old Family Drama Using DNA from Postcards

Dick Eastman 4 Jan 2022

Did you inherit old postcards or letters from the family? If so, you have another source of genealogy information that perhaps you have not considered: DNA extracted from saliva used to attach stamps.

NOTE: This isn't terribly unusual. I know at least two people who frequently purchase old letters written and presumably mailed by famous historical individuals. They purchase these letters for the sole purpose of extracting DNA information from the postage stamps and from the glue on the envelopes left when the original person licked the envelope to seal it.

The Wired web site has published a new article showing how one family solved a mystery in the family tree by using DNA information from an old postcard. The family found the information when they found an old postcard sent by the ancestor when he was fighting in World War I and apparently was on postwar trips. You can find the article at: <https://www.wired.com/story/dna-artifact-testing/>.

Now, go to your attic and look again at old love letters and other correspondence from your ancestors. You may have the solution to family mysteries already in your possession.

Iowan Adoption May Now Receive a Non-certified Copy of the Certificate of Birth Prior to Adoption

Dick Eastman 29 Dec 2021

Open Adoption Records - Access to Original Birth Records

The following announcement was issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health:

HF855 was signed into law on May 19, 2021. This new legislation allows an adult adoptee born before January 1, 1971 to apply for a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth prior to adoption immediately. If the adult adoptee is deceased, an entitled family may apply for the record.

Beginning January 1, 2022, any adult adoptee 18 years old or older may apply for a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth prior to adoption.

Proper application, proof of identity and entitlement must exist before a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth may be issued to any party.

Biological parents may state their preference to release their identity and option for contact, or for their identity to be redacted from the original certificate of birth prior to adoption.

EXPECTED PROCESSING TIME TO COMPLETE COPY REQUESTS SUBMITTED IS SIX WEEKS

1921 Census of England

The 1921 census of England is now available exclusively on FindMyPast. This census gives name, age, marital status, birthplace, address, schooling or occupation with the name and address of the employer, nationality and language spoken. You can get FindMyPast for free to use in the Family History Center.

Family History Center

The Family History Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can get help with your family history or use their databases for free. It is located at 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto, which is the same place where we hold our meetings.

FamilySearch Announces 1950 Community Census Project and Call for Volunteers

FamilySearch International announces its participation in the 1950 Census Community Project. This unique project will make 150 million records of the individuals found on the census's tens of thousands of digital images searchable online. April 1st is when these records are available after being protected by law for 72 years. Subscribe to www.FamilySearch.org/1950census

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



www.FamilySearch.org/library/books has books that you can read online for example: The Pennsylvania Germans, The Loyalists of Pennsylvania, and The Dutch of Pennsylvania

www.usgenweb.org Click on the square at the bottom of the page and you will get

www.usgwarchives.net On this page you will find a list of all the states click on the one of interest and then click on the county of interest to find records.

www.jewishgen.org “is a collection of databases containing information about Holocaust victims and survivors. It contains more than 3.79 million records, from more than 400 component datasets.”

www.genealogytrails.com Scroll down to select a state then a county for records of all kinds.

www.blacksheepancestors.com “Search for your Black Sheep Ancestors in free genealogy prison and convict records, historical court records, executions, insane asylum records and biographies of famous outlaw, criminals and pirates in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.”

www.accessgenealogy.com Scroll down. On the right side of the screen, you will see a list of states, pick the one of interest. You will find a wealth of records.

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/ngl/index.jsp> “Search for burial locations of veterans and their family members in VA National Cemeteries, state veteran, Various other military and Department of Interior cemeteries, and for veterans buried in private cemeteries when the graves marked with a government grave marker.” “No information available for burials prior to 1997.”

www.meyersgaz.org is a gazetteer with names of places in Germany.

Newspaper Navigator (Chronicling America) <https://news-navigator.labs.loc.gov/search> has 1900-1993 and includes 1.6 mil images.

Guide to Almshouse Ledgers 1758-1952 (NYC) Browse the collection <https://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/nycma~2~2>

Help With Genealogy

Rosemarie Coyle will be helping people with genealogy at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wesley Brockway will be helping people at the Homosassa Library on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Phyllis Ables will be helping people at the Floral City Library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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 an appointment time.

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Will Release the 1950 Census on April 1, 2022

The following article posted on History Hub describes how NARA is indexing the 1950 census to allow searching by name.

1950 Census Release Will Offer Enhanced Digital Access, Public Collaboration Opportunity *By Victoria Macchi* | National Archives News published on December 14, 2021.

With the scheduled April 1, 2022, release of 1950 Census records a little more than three months away, the National Archives is completing efforts to digitize those records and using technology to make them more accessible than ever.

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NARA Will Release the 1950 Census,,, *Continued*

“Employees from across the agency have worked on digitizing and indexing the records and developing and testing a new, dedicated 1950 Census website,” said Project Manager Carol Lagundo, who leads the 1950 Census project at National Archives. “... We hope the public will benefit from our hard work.”

The new website will include a name search function powered by an Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology tool. This is important for genealogists and other researchers who rely on census records for new information about the nation's past.

The website is currently in development and will undergo rigorous testing in the coming months to ensure a successful launch.

The National Archives is also working to provide bulk download access of the full 1950 Census dataset on launch day. This will be of interest to digital humanists, web developers, social scientists, and anyone wanting to explore aggregations of the records. Other organizations and companies will be able to use this functionality to provide 1950 Census data on their own websites.

When made available on the Amazon Web Services Registry of Open Data, the 1950 Census dataset—over 165 terabytes of data—will include the metadata index, the population schedules, the enumeration district maps, and the enumeration district descriptions for the 1950 Census records. This is approximately 10 times the size of the 1940 Census dataset.

Included in the dataset are approximately:

- 6.5 million digital TIFF images and corresponding JPEG derivative images of the microfilmed “1950 Census of Population and Housing” forms for U.S. states and territories
- 33,215 TIFF images and corresponding JPEG derivative images of the original paper “1950 Census of Population and Housing: Indian Reservation Schedule” forms
- 9,600 digitized images of the 1950 Census Enumeration District Maps, which are annotated maps of counties, cities, and other minor civil divisions that show enumeration districts, census tract, and related boundaries and numbers used for each census

- 63,000 digitized images of the 1950 Census Enumeration District Descriptions, which are written descriptions of geographic areas included within enumeration districts
- 232,000 1950 Census Enumeration District Descriptions, which were produced by generating OCR output of the Enumeration District Description images. More than 25 NARA staff reviewed and cleaned up the OCR output.

For more information see, NARA's 1950 Census blog posts on History Hub. <https://historyhub.history.gov/docs/DOC-1481>

Resources for earlier censuses as well as tips for searching these records are available on Archives.gov.

The following article was taken from the FAQ.s provided on NARA's website.

How did NARA create the name index?

NARA used an Artificial Intelligence Optical Character Recognition text extraction tool to extract the names from digital images of the census schedules. However, this technology cannot produce perfect results due to:

- Illegible handwriting
- Poor image orientation
- Variations in image quality (light, dark, or poor contrast)
- Text obscured by handwritten flourishes from letters on the line above or below.
- Different handwriting styles
- Surnames written only on the line for the Head of Household and other persons in the household with a different surname.

Can I help refine the name index

Yes, the 1950 Census website includes a transcription tool that enables you to edit and add names to the name index. Your transcriptions will increase the accuracy of the name index and make these records more accessible to everyone.

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