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We will be meeting in person at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. AND by Zoom for those who don't want to get dressed up to come to the meeting. Zoom is at 10:00 a.m. You will still be given a link to Zoom the Saturday before the meeting. Guests are welcome to attend but must send an email to Mary Ann Machonkin at himary@tampabay.rr.com to get the link.) There will be no meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at the LDS Church. On Saturday, February 12 we will be meeting at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 11 - "Beyond the United States: Genealogy Research in Other Countries" – presented by Claudia Breland, professional genealogist. Learn about databases and websites that hold vital clues to your ancestors' lives in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Germany and others.

February 12 - (Saturday Seminar) – Debbie Wilson Smyth will be the speaker. She is the owner of Oak Trails Genealogy Services LLC, providing professional genealogical services in research, education and consultation. Her research focuses on midwestern and southern states, methodology, lineage society applications and DNA. She will present the following topics:

- "Making Sense of the Census with an Emphasis on the 1950 Census"
- "Exploring Ancestry Tools for DNA Analysis"
- "Indirectly Evident: Finding William's Parents"

(LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SEMINAR PROGRAM AND USE THE FORM ON PAGE 6 TO REGISTER)

March 8 – "International Research: Where to Begin " – Presented by Tamara Hallo, MLS, a professional genealogist. Beginning your international research can be intimidating. Each country is different and has its own way of creating, storing and sharing records. Learn where to start and how to approach international research in a systematic way to get the most out of your research time.

Our Website
www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dares and programs
- Links to leading websites
- Newsletter Archive



Membership Dues

Our fiscal year began on October 1 and membership fees for 2020-2021 were due then. If you have not renewed yet, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. You must fill out a membership form. Use the form on page 7 of this newsletter or print one from our website at www.citrusgenealogy.com



President's Message

Mary Ann Machonkin

I have exciting news. We will meet in person and have Zoom both. We are going to have the seminar February 12 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. There will not be a meeting in February because we will be going to the seminar. The speaker will be Debbie Wilson Smyth. She has spoken to us two times in the past. I will need help with set up on Friday and take down on Saturday, washing tables, vacuuming, and washing coffee pots.

Wesley Brockway will be at the Homosassa Library Fridays from 10 -12 to help anyone with genealogy. Rosemarie Coyle will be at the Lakes Region Library on Fridays from 10 -12. You must sign up in advance.

Genealogy Seminars and Conferences

www.Rootstech.org, World's Largest Family History Conference, 3-5 March. Free virtual event.

Learn from 1,500+ virtual sessions. Be inspired by keynote speakers. Registration now open.

Manatee Genealogical Society is hosting a Virtual Seminar on Saturday, January 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- D. Joshua Taylor, "Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the U.S. between 1780 and 1840."
- Judy Russell, "No Vitals? No Problem! Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence."
- Karen Stanbary, "Weaving DNA Test Results into a Proof Argument."
- Gena Philibert-Ortega, "Desperately Seeking Eleanor: Finding an Elusive Female Through an Interdisciplinary Approach."

COST: Members - \$40; Non-members: \$50. Register at their website: <https://mgsfl.org/>.

Pinellas Genealogy Society will have a virtual seminar 26 February with Lisa Louise Cook. She will present 4 talks 9:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members

Genealogy Help

Rosemarie Coyle will help people on Fridays at the Lakes Region Library 10-12.

Wesley Brockway will help people on Fridays at the Homosassa Library 10-12.

You must sign up in advance.



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 November 2021

U.S. Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880 Agriculture schedules are on Ancestry but many small farms were not included. Under Agriculture you will find acreage, crops raised and their value, types and value of livestock and the value of machinery.

American Ancestors Vol 21, no. 4, Winter 2021

Exploring our Digital Collections from Home "The Digital Library and Archives currently contains more than 780,000 images of digital material from the 3 repositories at American Ancestors and NEHGS, the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, the NEHGS Research Library, and the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center." Note: this requires a log in and a password.

An Ancestor Table as Currently Known of President Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. pp 28-31

Your Genealogy Today is no longer being published.

Eastman's Newsletter

The Standard Edition of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter is published weekdays and is free at eogn.com. There is a fee for the Plus Edition but it has additional information and no advertising. Thank you to Dick Eastman for permitting us to use the following articles from his newsletter:

A New Website: DNA Favorites

Dick Eastman November 24, 2021

Richard Hill has created a new web site: DNA Favorites. In a modest announcement, he described the new effort as: "I'm sharing years of favorite resources on DNA testing for genealogy and adoptee searches. This free site includes more than 150 links to DNA tests, genetic genealogy tools, speakers, bloggers, books, Facebook groups, articles, etc. Just reading through the pages will provide beginners with a good introduction to DNA Testing." You might want to check out the new site at www.dnafavorites.com

FamilySearch Completes Massive Microfilm Digitization Project

Dick Eastman September 21, 2021

The following was written by FamilySearch

Huge news: after 83 years of filming the world's historical genealogical records, FamilySearch has completed digitizing its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. The best part? The archive, which contains information on more than 11.5 billion individuals, is now available for free on FamilySearch.org.

Over 200 countries and principalities and more than 100 languages are included in the digitized documents. All types of genealogically significant records are included—censuses, births, marriages, deaths, probate, Church, immigration, and more. Now that the project is completed, it's much easier for users to find members of their family tree and make personal discoveries within these records.

Want to check out these digitized microfilms for yourself? Explore FamilySearch's free collections of indexed records and images by going to FamilySearch.org, then search both "Records" and "Images." The Images feature will let you browse digitized images from the microfilm collection and more. You will need a FamilySearch account to access digitized records—but don't worry, signing up is completely free!

Reclaim the Records! Offers the First-Ever Online Publication of the New Jersey Geographic Birth Index and the New Jersey Delayed Birth Index, 1901-1929

Dick Eastman December 1, 2021

"The New Jersey Geographical Birth Index (1901-1929) and the New Jersey Delayed Birth Index (1901-1929) are both now online at the Internet Archive.

<https://archive.org/details/njgeographicbirthindex?&sort=titleSorter>

"These records are currently only available in image format, as they were scanned from 94 reels of microfilm and have not yet had a text transcription project to turn their contents into a searchable database. However, the majority of both record sets were typed, and you should be able to use the Internet Archive's built-in OCR capabilities to do a text-search of most of the images. Click the little magnifying glass on the far-left side of each item to do a "Search Inside."

<https://archive.org/details/njdelayedbirthindex?&sort=titleSorter>

"Introducing the New Jersey Geographic Birth Index, 1901-1929! It's the first-ever online publication of a twentieth century birth index from the Garden State, except for that time a few years ago when we got the 1901-1903 birth index and put that up, too. But this time around, we got the geographic birth index, which means that it's a list of births that have been separated by county of birth, and sometimes by a major city within the county, and it's not just a purely alphabetical list."

Websites of Interest

Secrets of Civil War Pensions <https://gopherrecords.com/blog/secrets-of-civil-war-pensions-pt1/> Then click on Secrets of Civil War Pensions.

Wyoming Newspapers <https://wyomingnewspapers.org>

Colorado Newspapers www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

Polish Genealogy www.pgscetne.org/beginners-guide-to-polish-genealogy



Library Report

Rosemarie Coyle, Library Chair

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

The Genealogist's Google Toolbox – A Genealogist's Guide to Google 3rd Edition 2020

By Lisa Louise Cooke, GEN 929.1 COO Currently in the Coastal Region Library

In her latest edition Lisa's "goal is to teach innovative ways to use existing online tools specifically for genealogy research".

In chapter one Lisa walks the reader through her suggested Google Search Methods, which teach one her methods for how to search, crafting keywords, using search operators to their best advantage i.e. (quotation marks, the asterisk, Or, the –minus sign, numrange (..), the word "Genealogy") and less familiar search operators ie. (Allintitle:, Allinurl:, Allintext:, and Site. Learning how to use these operators will assist you with applying these methods to the other parts of the book.

In chapter three there are instructions for how to use Image Search, Chrome Browser, Tips and Tricks for how to customize your New Tab, Adding Short Cuts to the New Tab, How to Edit your Shortcuts. In other chapters there are discussions on Gmail, Google Books, Google News Archive, Google Scholar, Google Photos, How to use Google Translate, Using You Tube and even how to create your own You Tube Channel.

Chapter 13 thru nineteen teaches the reader how to use Google Earth Pro, Identifying Ancestral Homes and Locations, Saving, Organizing and Sharing Information, How to Interface with Historical Images and Maps i.e. Rumsey and Osborne. Finally in Chapter 19 Lisa teaches the researcher how to create your own Family History Tour.

Throughout the book there are "Quick Tips" sidebars which provide practical hints for your learning. The Appendix provides a fast guide to find what you are looking for. This book is a simple step-by-step guide to using Google for your genealogical research.

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors 5th Edition

By John Grenham RGEN 941.5 GRE

John Grenham's fifth edition of Tracing Your Irish Ancestors is full of updated useful information for any genealogist researching their Irish Ancestors. First published in 1991, this 5th edition reflects the changes in the availability of online record collections, such as the National Library of Ireland's Catholic Parish Register Images and the General Register Office's (GRO) birth, marriage and death records.

Details of the major record sources include Census Records, Church Records, Property and Valuation Records, The Internet, Wills, The Genealogical Office, Emigration and The Irish Abroad, The Registry of Deeds, Newspapers, Directories, Occupational Records, County Source Lists, Roman Catholic Parish Registers. And finally Research Services, Societies, Repositories and Publishers each have their own chapter with extensive reference Guides. He provides a description for each of the sources, details for how to obtain these sources, and in some cases an extensive bibliography for further information. Reading the Abbreviations Listing gives the reader more than 130 additional sources for further research. In Chapter 13 more than 260 pages of material review 32 counties of Ireland. Headlines for each county include census returns and substitutes, online sources, local history and journals, estate records and placenames.

This book provides the reader with an ideal "how to approach guide" when doing your Irish Genealogy Research.

Our French - Canadian Ancestors Vol. 1-30

By Thomas J. Laforest, R Gen920.0714 LAF

This 30 - volume set has names of French-Canadian people with a brief description of them. In Processing.

Helpful Canadian Resource Information by Rosemarie Coyle

- Any book by Terrence M. Punch (highly recommended). He is an award-winning educator, accomplished genealogist and Historian as well as a Doctor of Letters from Saint Mary's University. World Cat identifies 49 works in 124 publications in 2 languages and 1,775 library holdings. Our Citrus County Library has a copy of his **Erin's Sons: Irish arrivals in Atlantic, Canada, 1761-1853.**

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Helpful Canadian Resource Information by Rosemarie Coyle

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- Cape Breton University, Beaton Institute. Among the services they offer is a research service of \$30.00/hr. They have a 225 page "Guide to the manuscript holdings....", a map room, a 39 page "Guide to the Genealogical Holdings at the Beaton Institute", Digital Archives which among other things, a Celtic Music Archives, Information about Cape Breton during WWI (but also has information r/t Canadian Nurses in France). During my visits I have found the staff to be very helpful. Search the Archives - Cape Breton University <https://www.cbu.ca>
 - Nova Scotia Archives in Halifax. Millions of records in their databases. Among their databases is "Nova Scotia Mine Fatalities" and a "List of Bodies and Fatality Reports from the RMS Titanic." The records cover all of Canada, not just Nova Scotia. <https://archivesnovascotia.ca> If you are looking for shipwrecks in and around Nova Scotia this is the place to go. There was a system in place for those people who landed on their shores, where a stipend was given to them and other volunteer organizations arranged for housing. I found the staff helpful.
 - The Canadian Archives of Canada -excellent website. Here you can submit a Genealogical question and have it answered by a staff member (at no charge). Genealogy and Family History - Library and Archives Canada <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca>
 - The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax has among their many databases "Desertion and the North American squadron of the Royal Navy, 1745-1812" which talks about some thirty thousand Royal Navy seamen deserting in the years prior to 1776. It goes onto suggest that during the American Revolution there may have been over 78,000 cases of desertion and some 14,845 of them in North America. Wonderful little known site for information. They do have a library but it was closed when I was last there. I was told that the staff is small but is able to help answer questions. They have over 5000 books r/t merchant ships and shipping, navigation, seamanship, shipwrecks, the Royal and Canadian Navy and other maritime subjects. They do not have immigration records or passenger lists. However, down the block is...
 - The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 which does contain Immigration Records, a Ships Arrival Database, an Oral History Collection and articles and papers relating to Immigration History from people around the world. Really interesting website, you never know what you'll find. <http://www.pier21.ca/> They will answer questions as well. I have not used this site but it was recommended.
 - Dalhousie University Archives, Killam Memorial Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, V3H 4H8, 902 494 6490 Has Lloyds captain's registers as well as indexes to Canadian masters and mates. The library also has micro-filmed copies of the New York Maritime Register which lists shipping movements worldwide as well as Department of Marine Annual reports documenting shipwrecks and lighthouses since 1867.
 - The Cape Breton Genealogy and Historical Association <https://www.cbgen.org/> is the best genealogy group, in my opinion, to join for \$25.00/yr. which gives you access to their records as well as the Chestico Museum & Historical Society, Friends of Irish Research, the Old Sydney Society, the Highland Village Museum, the Heritage Association of Antigonish, the Pictou County Genealogy & Heritage Society/McCulloch House Museum and finally the Beaton Institute. They do have an in person help center which is manned by volunteers. They were helpful to me when I was there.
- And finally I have a 24 page list of Nova Scotia Genealogy and History Books that can be copied and mailed to those who are interested. Rosemarie Coyle jibsfriend@hotmail.com

February 12 - Saturday Seminar

Debbie Wilson Smyth will be presenting the following topics:

- **“Making Sense of the Census with an Emphasis on the 1950 Census”** The U.S. census schedules are valuable records for the genealogist. This presentation focuses on the content and information provided by the various census years and the instructions to the enumerators. It also covers tips for analysis of the information across the census years, including the tick marks of the pre-1850 census schedules.
- **“Exploring Ancestry Tools for DNA Analysis”** This presentation 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.
- **“Indirectly Evident: Finding William’s Parents”** When no known records exist to identify the parents of an individual, a researcher may utilize indirect evidence to build a proof argument. This presentation offers a case study into the use of indirect evidence to identify the parents of William Graham of Meigs County, Ohio.

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy. (Across from Citrus Hills Blvd. on Hwy 486)

To view or print driving directions: go to www.citrusgenealogy.com, click the seminar “more information” link, then click the **Get Directions** button at the bottom of the page.

Time – 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a 30-minute Brown Bag lunch break at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch – **Bring your own brown bag lunch.** Free coffee and tea. NO Cookies or Brownies due to Covid.

Cost - \$25 for members who pay in advance. If members pay the same day as the seminar, the fee is \$30.

Non-members pay \$30 if they pay in advance. If non-members pay the same day as the seminar, the fee is \$35.

Registration - Sign up at the January 11 meeting or use the mail-in form below.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR FEBRUARY 12 SEMINAR

Total number of persons who will attend: ____ Members @\$25 ____ Non-Members @\$30

Total Paid \$ _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

(If you do not register in advance and choose to pay at the door, the cost will be \$5 more, or \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CCGS

MAIL TO: Mary Ann Machonkin, 19 Cupania Court, Homosassa, FL 34446 to arrive before Feb 12.

Cancellation Policy— Registration fee(s) will be refunded if you contact Mary Ann at 352-382-5515 before February 12.

CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWAL ___ NEW ___ Cash ___ Check ___

Individual (\$20.00 ___ Family ((\$25.00) ___ Date: _____
(our fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year)

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 _____

Because we were not able to meet in person for some time, we were unable to collect donations for the purchase of genealogy books for the Lakes Region Library. Please consider adding a donation for the purchase of books to your membership renewal.

OPTIONAL BOOK DONATION \$ _____

Total amount of membership plus book donation \$ _____

We would welcome your help on any of our various committees listed below. Please indicate your willingness to assist the Board of Directors by checking off the committee(s) that interest you. Thank you for whatever support you can give.

Membership _____ Hospitality _____ Library _____ Scrapbook _____

Newsletter _____ Computer _____ Publicity _____ Website _____

Special Events _____ Meeting Room Setup _____

Volunteer Where Needed _____

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

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P. O. Box 2211

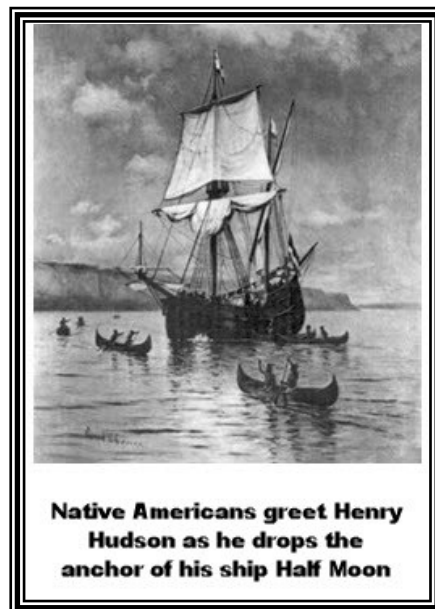
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**Native Americans greet Henry
Hudson as he drops the
anchor of his ship Half Moon**

**JANUARY
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