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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. Guests are always welcome to attend.

October 8 – “What can your Ancestors Religion Reveal about Them? – presented by Debra Fleming, a Genealogy instructor at the University of South Florida’s Lifelong Learning Center and a graduate of the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research. When Conducting Genealogy Research it quickly becomes apparent that the beliefs of our ancestors influenced their life choices in a myriad of ways. Therefore, it must play the same role in our research. Understanding the beliefs of our ancestors i.e.: what they believed and how they practiced their beliefs in historical context may shed light on possible migration patterns, activities of daily life and even their associations and business choices. Each Religion has its own history, its own battles for legitimacy, and their fight for the freedom to worship as they pleased. It is through these lenses that we must view our ancestors or the true picture of their lives is missing valuable context. This lecture illustrates the age-old question: Why is religion relevant...to my research?

November 12 - Parish or Private? Searching for Apprenticed Ancestors in England - presented by Pauline Flewett, Membership Chairman. Will your ancestor be found in a guild or was he poor parish child apprenticed out before the age of 14? In past centuries, in order to practice a craft or trade, one had to serve an apprenticeship. This talk will cover the parish and charity apprenticeships, including the cotton mills. Private apprenticeships, the guilds and Crisp’s apprenticeship indentures that contain many military and naval records. Also discussed will be the Inland Revenue Service and county Quarter Sessions.

December - No Meeting - H A P P Y H O L I D A Y S

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Our Website:
www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dates and programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists



If you have written a family history book, you can preserve it.

See page 4 of the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our fiscal year begins October 1. That means membership fees are due in October for 2013-2014. Please fill out the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter to renew your membership. Either bring the completed form and the payment to the meeting or mail it to: Citrus Genealogical Society, P.O. 2211, Inverness, FL 34451.

Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin



In August I went to a Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. For three days I listened to excellent speakers who spoke on a variety of topics. I want to pass along to you some of the suggestions made by these speakers.

Tax records can be useful if you have ancestors in this country before the 1850 census. All men had to pay a “poll tax” when they became of age (usually 21 years old) whether they owned property or not. Usually when they reached 60 years of age, they no longer had to pay the tax, but this law varied from state to state. Also they had to pay a tax on property, so there is a short description of the property. If there was more than one person of the same name, this property description can help to distinguish between the two. Single women (often widows) had to pay a property tax but not a poll tax. These tax records act as a census of male residents. Tax records can be found in books, microfilm, and in courthouses.

If you are trying to find the place of origin of an ancestor, look at the names of 10 families on either side of your ancestor in the census. Do research on those families to find where they came from. People usually traveled with relatives, in-laws or neighbors. For example, my Davis family traveled from Tennessee to Indiana with Williams and Asher in-laws.

If you have an ancestor who purchased land in the 1800’s directly from the Federal Government as a “Land Patent” (land set out by section, township, range and meridian not “metes and bounds”) you can get a description of the land from the following website: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov> You can also search for the names of everyone who purchased land in the same section. Records are available from the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin. Records from the state of Kansas are currently being added.

Area Seminars and Classes Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

Florida Genealogical Society seminar – October 26, 2013; 8:30 – 4:00; University of South Florida, Marshall Student Center, Room 2708. Speaker – J. Mark Lowe, lecturer and featured expert on “Who Do You Think You Are?” Topic – “Putting Method to Your Genealogical Madness.” Cost - \$40.

Genealogy Classes

Whispering Pines Park is offering Beginning Genealogy classes on Wednesdays for 5 weeks from October 16 – November 13. The hours are 10:00 – 12:00. The fee is \$25. Instructor Jackie Reiss will show participants how to find relatives using several websites and publications. Pre-registration is required. Go to www.inverness-fl.gov under the “Recreation & Leisure” tab or call 352-726-3913

For more information or answers to your questions, call Jackie at 726-2119.

Genealogy Roadshow

Premieres on September 23 on PBS. “Part detective story, part emotional journey, the show uncovers fascinating stories of diverse Americans in Austin, San Francisco, Nashville and Detroit.” *Genealogy Roadshow* will feature participants who want to explore unverified genealogical claims passed down through family history, which may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure.

The following are some examples from the show:

- Two Nashville participants have documents they believe make them distant cousins of a famous 19th century frontiersman and folk hero.
- A woman in Detroit wanted to learn more about deceased members of her Polish family and found common bonds she never knew existed. Over the course of the series, participants will be reunited with family members they never knew existed.

This series “proves that you don’t need to be famous to be remarkable.”



Genealogy Magazines in the Lakes Region Library, Inverness

The **genealogy** society subscribes to three genealogy magazines and donates them to the Lakes Region Library in Inverness to make them available for your use. The *Internet Genealogy* magazine is located in the library's magazine section. The *Family Chronicle* and *American Ancestors* magazines are located in file holders on the top shelf of the genealogy section. The following are descriptions of interesting articles from recent magazines.

Internet Genealogy August/Sept 2013

"Preserving World War I Memories Online" by Smiljka Kitanovic. She lists many websites where memoirs, diaries, photos and source documents about World War I can be found. Two examples are The Doughboy Center – <http://www.worldwar1.com/dbc> and <http://www.firstworldwar.com>

"Memorial Inscriptions on United Kingdom and Irish Gravestones" Alan Stewart explores many online resources available to find memorial inscriptions in the UK, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

American Ancestors Summer 2013

"Discovering Your New England Ancestors on American [Ancestors.org](http://www.Ancestors.org)" by Ryan Woods

"Introducing the American Jewish Historical Society, New England Archives at NEHGS" by Judith Garner

Family Chronicle Jul/Aug 2013

"Is Your Scottish AncestorIrish?" Tyrone Bowes, PhD shows how DNA testing helped to prove the Scottish Clan MacKenzie's Norman Irish Origins, p. 49-52.

"In Britain and Ireland, surnames became common about 1,000 years ago. By studying surnames and relatedness, scientists have demonstrated that, today, 50% of males with a particular surname will be related to the first person to take that surname."

"How I proved I'm not descended from Henry III" Joe Wearing discovers that you can't always rely on the information passed on by others when trying to prove a connection to English royalty, p.20-22.

Child Apprentices in America from Christ's Hospital, London 1617 – 1778

By Peter Wilson Coldham
Christ's Hospital (not a hospital in the modern sense) was established in 1553 for orphaned or homeless children who were legitimate children of free men of the City of London, over 4 years old and free from infirmity. They were to be educated and prepared for either entrance to a university or apprenticeship to a trade. From 1617 about 1,000 left England and were apprenticed to the Virginia Company. The name of the child, date of birth, native parish, name and occupation of father, name of person to whom he was apprenticed, and place in America where he was to serve are given. Many children went to Barbados or West Indies as well as Virginia.

This book can be read or searched for a surname on Ancestry.com. Click on Search then Card Catalog in the drop down menu. Enter title of book, then the book can be searched or read.

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

New England Newsletter

The Weekly Genealogist – a newsletter sent by The New England Historic Genealogical Society can be read online at www.AmericanAncestors.org/enews-2013 It has information about New England records and has an archive of past newsletters. You can also subscribe to it.

Free Access to the New England Database

The New England (NEHGS) database also called American Ancestors can be accessed for free on computers at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness. Go to the library's website at www.cclib.org and click on RESEARCH, then DATABASES. Next scroll down to New England Historic Genealogical Society. There is a vast amount of New England records on this database.

GENEALOGY

Genealogy begins as an interest,
Becomes a hobby,
Continues as an avocation,
Takes over as an obsession,
And in its last stages,
Is an incurable disease.
- - Author Unknown

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



Cloud-based file converter (<https://cloudconvert.org>)

If you receive a file in a format that your computer doesn't recognize or can't open, you can upload it to Cloud Convert and it will convert it for you for free.

(From Dick Eastman's Newsletter July 27, 2013)

Military Cemetery Databases

(From Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter)

- **Interments at Arlington National Cemetery** (<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil>) If the name doesn't show up, use initials for first and middle names or just use surname for the search.
 - For cemeteries other than Arlington use the Veterans Administration gravesite locator database (<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/index.html>).
 - For American military killed and buried overseas, go to the American Battle Monuments Commission website (<http://www.abmc.gov/home.php>).
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West Virginia Vital Records (http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx) to search birth, death and marriage records.

Maine History (<http://www.mainememory.net>)

Developed and managed by the Maine Historical Society (MHS), the Maine Memory Network (MMN) enables historical societies, libraries, and other cultural institutions across the state to upload, catalog, and manage digital copies of historical items from their collections into one centralized, web-accessible database.

Ancestral Migration Routes and Directory of Historical Fords and Ferries (<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/American%20Migration%20Routes%20TOC.htm>).

Irish Genealogy

- **The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA)** (<http://www.tiara.ie>) has a surname database. Connect to people researching the same surname

- **Irish Genealogy** (www.irishgenealogy.ie) is a government site with a database of church record transcripts relating to many locations in Dublin and Kerry.
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Polish Genealogy

- **The Polish Genealogical Society of America** (<http://www.psga.org>) has a database with records from many Midwestern Polish churches. There is also information about Polish history and culture.
 - **The Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast** (<http://www.pgscne.org>) has a database with cemetery records from the Northeast, Canada, and other regions. There is also a list of surnames being researched by members.
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German Genealogy

- **Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society** (<http://www.magsgen.com>) Click on Church Records to search Baptisms, Confirmations, and Marriages 1827 – 1852 from “Geissenhainer Church Record Indexes” from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and United German Evangelical Lutheran Church (later St. Paul's) in New York City.
 - **German Genealogy Group** has a new website at <http://www.germangenealogygroup.com> There are many records in the free database.
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Preserve Your Family History Book

If you have written a family history book, you can preserve it for generations and share it without making paper copies. FamilySearch will scan the book, you keep the original, and make a high-quality digital copy so that it is preserved no matter how technology changes.

Once a book is scanned, it will become available and searchable at <https://books.familysearch.org> Books are scanned through a quality-controlled, non-destructive process. Every word is searchable, allowing others to search for family names or locations. The public can read the book and print or save the pages they want. Books will be returned when the scanning is completed.

You can also request a free digital copy. Send an email (email_books@familysearch.org) to FamilySearch requesting a donation form and the address where you can send your printed book.



Library Report

Marcia Stepanek, Library Chair

If you have a library card, you can ask to have books sent to the library closest to you for pick up.

New Books in the Library

The following are the latest books purchased by our society thanks to your generous contributions. These books are located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library on Druid St. in Inverness.

Welsh Genealogy, by Bruce Durie, RGEN 929.1 DUR

Welsh genealogy is usually included with its English cousin, but there are significant differences between the two. Anyone wishing to trace their Welsh ancestry will encounter peculiarities that are not covered by books on English family history.

- A separate system of archives and repositories for Wales.
- Differences in civil registration and censuses: non-conformist registers are different to those of other churches.
- Welsh surnames and place names are very different to English ones.

Welsh Genealogy covers all of this as well as the basic Welsh needed by family historians, estate, maritime, inheritance, education and parish records, peculiarities of law, the Courts of Great Sessions and particular patterns of migration. This is the ideal book for local and family historians setting out on a journey in Welsh ancestry for the first time.

The Unofficial Family Archivist: A Guide to Creating and Maintaining Family Papers, Photographs, and Memorabilia by Melissa Mannon, GEN 929.1 MAN

The Unofficial Family Archivist focuses on the care of personal papers, photographs, and memorabilia found in the typical home. Written for individuals who hope to protect family history, it provides everything an unofficial archivist needs to ensure materials that connect us with our past are available for future generations. Its goal is to help you create and maintain a family and community resource of recorded information about your world from the unique point of view of you and your loved ones. The book is organized into sections:

- Preservation; creating and identifying materials that represent you.

- How to properly organize, preserve, and describe these items.
- How to prepare them to pass on to future generations.

This book provides information to guide you so you may enjoy your materials, easily access them, feel comfortable that they will last for a long time and be treasured by your descendants.

Reciprocal Borrowing - Partnerships Enhance Library Service

The Citrus County Library System in conjunction with the Tampa Bay Library Consortium and other west central Florida libraries offers the service of reciprocal borrowing. Reciprocal borrowing is a collaborative, resource sharing project among participating libraries. It provides library patrons with access to more materials by establishing an agreement between libraries that allows users access to the resources of each other's collections.

If at any time you are in a city or county that has a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Citrus County Library System, you have access to the materials in their collection the same as a regular patron of their library at no cost. The reciprocal borrowing agreement waives all non-resident fees that are normally assessed.

Because each participating library has its own procedures for registering reciprocal borrowers, you need to identify yourself as a patron of the Citrus County Library System by showing your current library card. Also, inquire about the procedures for adding you as one of their patrons as you are bound to all of the rules of the participating library. If the library charges overdue fees, you will be responsible for any fines or fees that you incur. So it is important that you inquire about each library's borrowing policies.

A list of libraries that have a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Citrus County Library System through the Tampa Bay Library Consortium can be found at: <http://tblc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Reciprocal-Borrowing-Participating-Libraries.pdf>

The Citrus County Library System also has a special reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Levy County Public Library System and the Marion County Public Library System. Our neighboring counties are members of the Northwest Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN).

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Library Report (Continued)

Marcia Stepanek, Library Chair

Interlibrary loans

To search for books through interlibrary loans go to the Citrus County Library's website: www.cclib.org click on DATABASES. Then scroll down and click on **Florida Library Navigator**. Then click on Advanced Search. You can search by title, author, keyword or subject. To order a book you will need a library card and PIN.

The 1830-1839s: Migration & Immigration



Westward Ho! The cry rang out as covered wagons continued to rumble (and bounce) along the trails that led ever farther across the continent. At this time the "West" extended from the Appalachian Mountains to a little beyond the Mississippi River. More

land became available in Mississippi as the federal government removed the Choctaw Indians into Indian Territory in 1831.

The Ohio and Erie Canal opened in 1833. The National Road reached as far as Vandalia, Illinois before the government halted construction in 1838. All of these events spurred on the movement west before an economic depression brought on by falling cotton prices temporarily halted the expansion of roads and waterways.

The first travelers on the Oregon Trail, Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, made their journey in 1836. However, it was in the next decade that most of the pioneers made the trek on this trail. Life for the new settler was not easy. First the land had to be cleared of trees in order to plant crops and build homes. The major crop for most was corn or, in the South, cotton. Isolation forced the settlers to be self-sufficient in their social, cultural, and culinary needs. Despite the hardships, many chose to seek a more independent lifestyle on the fertile land of the frontier.

The number of people coming to the United States in the 1830s was 599,000, four times as many as came in the 1820's, as Europeans were lured by the prospect of cheap and fertile land. The largest groups continued to be the Germans, the Irish, and the British, escaping the political and economic conditions in the Old World.

Some religious groups came to America to evade either persecution or the "wicked ways" of their fellow citizens. The Stephanists, who set sail from Bremen, Germany for New Orleans in 1838, are an example. They ended up buying land

in Perry County, Missouri. Though the immigrants soon expelled their leader, Martin Stephan, the colony prospered in their new country and stimulated others to follow them.

The voyagers to America suffered difficulties and mistreatment and were sometimes the victims of scams and theft. Most traveled on sailing ships that were originally intended as cargo vessels. Their quarters were small and cramped, the food inadequate, and the sanitary conditions unsatisfactory. There were outbreaks of diseases such as cholera which took the lives of many passengers.

Many of the immigrants were artisans and craftsmen seeking work in the cities rather than pioneers. They lacked the survival and agricultural skills necessary to tame uncultivated land. They took over already cleared farms from the original owners who had ventured further westward.

Source: Sutton, Bettye, et al. "19th Century: 1830-1839." *American Cultural History*. Lone Star College-Kingwood Library, 2003. Web. 1 Mar. 2011.

Eastman's Online Newsletter

The Standard Edition of Dick *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* is published daily and is free online at <http://blog.eogn.com> It has advertisements in it, but the Plus Edition has no ads and costs \$5.95/3 months. This newsletter has the latest genealogy news. Here is an example:

Irish Marriage Finder tops 50,000 Names

The following announcement was written by the Irish Genealogical Research Society:

The Irish Genealogical Research Society's Marriage Finder has now reached 50,000 names. It's unique and is fast becoming an invaluable source for references to pre-civil registration marriages in Ireland.

It comprises information gathered from an array of unusual and under-utilized sources. Chancery bills, diaries, deeds, marriage settlements, memorial inscriptions, wills, family letters and newspaper cuttings are just a few of the many sources consulted.

The database is online and free to use on the website of the IGRS. Founded in 1936, the Society is the world's oldest dedicated to the pursuit of Irish family history.

The Irish Marriage Finder is available at http://www.irishancestors.ie/?page_id=1926 and a "how to use it" introduction is available at http://www.irishancestors.ie/?page_id=1921.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 04, 2013

CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(membership year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year)

<u>Choose Membership Type (New or Renewal)</u>	<u>Circle Payment Method:</u> Cash Check
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CCGS newsletters are mailed out in October, January and April. If you are part-time residents of Citrus County, please indicate which of the above addresses (P or L) to use for each mailing. (We have discovered that some post offices are not forwarding the newsletters.)

Oct. ___ Jan. ___ April ___

Surnames you are researching _____

Geographical areas you are researching (i.e. town, county, state, Country) _____

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 _____

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