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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 11 – “Tracing Your Colonial New England Ancestors” – The speakers, Jim and Terry Willard, have taught a variety of genealogy and computer classes at the Villages Lifelong Learning College and have published over 40 articles in Ancestry Magazine. They will conduct a workshop which will focus on research materials that are available, both the old (such as the New England Historic Genealogical Society Register) and the new (such as americanancestors.com), and how to use these materials to discover your colonial “New England connection.”

November 8 – “How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case” –

The speaker, Lisa Louise Cooke is the Producer and Host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, an online genealogy audio show at www.GenealogyGems.com. She is the author of the books Genealogy Gems: Ultimate Research Strategies and The Genealogist’s Google Toolbox, and the Google Earth for Genealogy DVD series, an international conference speaker, and writer for Family Tree Magazine.



In this vital session she will talk about how to become a genealogical detective. You’ll learn to track ancestors like a criminal cold case detective, sniffing out holes in your research and getting missing information on the record with cutting edge technology.

December – NO MEETING - Happy Holidays

Our Website:

www.citrusgenealogy.com

- Meeting dates and programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists
- Links to leading websites



Four new genealogy books added to the Lakes Region Library.

See page 4 of the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our fiscal year begins October 1. That means membership fees are due in October for 2016-2017. Please fill out the membership form on page 7 of the 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.

See page 3 of Newsletter for more information

Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin



Every year we have a seminar in February and invite a guest speaker to give three presentations. Our board members have been busy planning the next seminar. Because everyone seemed to be very pleased with last year's speaker, Drew Smith, we decided to invite him back again. We chose February 18, 2017 as the date for the seminar and fortunately Drew is free on that date to return as our seminar speaker.

So mark your calendars for February 18. As always we will need volunteers to help with seminar preparations and cleanup.

Area Seminars and Classes Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa Seminar

Judy Russell, "The Legal Genealogist" will give 4 talks with the theme of "Ladies, Losers & the Law." October 1, 2016 from 9 – 4 at Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 N. Nebraska Ave., Tampa. The cost is \$45 for non-members with an optional \$10 box lunch. For more information go to www.fgstampa.org

Genealogy Classes with Jackie Reiss

"Getting Started in Genealogy" will be taught on Thursdays 7 – 9 p.m, October 6 – November 3 in 5 sessions held at the Whisperings Pines Park Recreation Bldg, Inverness. The cost is \$25. Pre-register at <http://fl-inverness.civicplus.com/FormCenter/Registrations-and-Reservations-6-6/Program--class-Registration-40-40/> or call Parks & Recreation Office at 352-726-3913.

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?

Cicero

EASTMAN'S ONLINE NEWSLETTER

The Standard Edition of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter is published weekdays and is free at www.blog.eogn.com. There is a fee for the Plus Edition but it has additional information and no advertising. The following are examples of information found in the newsletter:

Early Irish Marriage Index Reaches 80,000 Records

Dick Eastman · July 20, 2016

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

The Irish Genealogical Research Society's Early Irish Marriage Index has now been updated, with several thousand more records being added, all noted from obscure and underused sources. The database now holds reference to more than 80,000 marriages.

Combining the names of brides, grooms with the various relatives mentioned in the database, the Marriage Index now notes almost 177,000 named individuals. A good many of the latest batch were extrapolated from *Index of Nuns*, a CD publication in 2015 by the Catholic Family History Society, which notes biographical information for about 14,000 nuns, many of them from Ireland. For many, their date of birth and parents' names are recorded, allowing for an approximation of the year by which their parents had married. You can search the updated Marriage Index by going to www.irishancestors.ie. An update to the Death Index was launched at the end of June. An update to the Birth Index will be launched in August.

GenTeam Adds Records from the Old Austro-Hungarian Empire

Dick Eastman · July 19, 2016

GenTeam is a European online genealogy service for historians and genealogists who work independently or as a team on databases. All data at GenTeam is available free of charge. The use of GenTeam also requires no membership fee. GenTeam may be found at: www.genteam.eu.

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The collection currently contains 14,409,435 entries and will be continually updated. GenTeam recently added:

- Vienna: index of Catholic baptisms in Vienna for the years 1584-1915 – approximately 36,000 new entries
- Vienna: index of Catholic deaths in Vienna – approximately 53,000 new entries
- Churchbook Registry-Indices of Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Burgenland, Tirol and Poland – approximately 111,000 new entries

The Following Announcements Were Written by Findmypast.com:

Dick Eastman · July 8, 2016

United States Naturalization Petitions

United States Naturalization Petitions contains more than 7.8 million records spanning the years 1905 to 1950. The collection currently covers four states: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, and allows you to discover when and where your immigrant ancestor was born, how old they were when they first crossed the Atlantic and their port of entry.

Images of the original documents may even include a photograph of your ancestor.

US Passport Applications and Indexes

Discover when, where, and why your ancestors travelled with over 800,000 US Passport Application records. Applications may also include a physical description, your ancestor's occupation, residence, naturalization details, the name of their spouse, date of birth and place of birth.

The collection has been compiled from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) collection M1490. Images of the original documents are included and may reveal additional details of your ancestor's citizenship, such as when and from where they immigrated, by what means they arrived in the United States, and when they were naturalized. For those born in the United States, you may learn details

of their fathers' naturalization such as their full name, birthplace, and date and place of emigration. Additional details were also recorded such as the applicant's eye color as well as descriptions of their mouth, nose, forehead, chin, complexion, face, and hair color. Earlier passport applications, from 1795 for example contain fewer details. However, they would still include name, age, and physical description.

Free Access to FindMyPast.com in FHC

Get free access to the database FindMyPast.com in the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This database now has U.S. naturalization petitions and U.S. passport applications. FHC hours are: Tues. & Wed. 9 – 4; Thur. 9 – 12.

Important Membership Renewal Notice

We hope you all had a nice summer. It is now time to renew your genealogy society membership for another year. The annual fee is still \$15 per person and \$20 per family - a great bargain considering what you get in return: accomplished speakers giving presentation on a wide range of topics, four newsletters during the year, and a website full of great links and useful information.

An Application Form may be found on the inside of the back page (Page 7) of this newsletter).

Please fill out the form even if you are renewing your membership.

Jackie Reiss and Pauline Flewett, Membership Co-Chairpersons

American Ancestors Database in Lakes Region Library

Our genealogy society donates money to the Citrus County Library System so that people can get free access to the American Ancestors database in the Lakes Region Library. The records in this database are primarily from New England. You will need a library card to use the computers in the library to access the database.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



Tombstone Symbols. Information about symbols on tombstones.
www.graveaddiction.com/symbol.html

Dictionary of Ancient Occupations.
 Go to <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dav4is/Sources/Occupations.html>

Colorado Newspapers. Over 199 Colorado newspapers from the 1850s to about 1923
www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

Genealogy Magazines in the Lakes Region Library, Inverness

By Mary Ann Machonkin



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, *Your Genealogy Today* (formerly *Family Chronicle*) and *American Ancestors* magazines are located in file holders [at 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 June/July 2015

“Online Genealogy Sources for Researching the Great Depression” by David A. Norris. pp 18 – 21. Photographs from 1935 – 1945 were created by the U.S. Farm Security Administration and Office of War Information. There are 90,000 photographs sorted by county. You can search for photos of places where your ancestors lived during the Great Depression or during World War II. <http://photogrammar.Yale.edu/map>

“Victorian ‘Cool’: What was ‘In’ and How to Find it” by Sue Lisk. pp 7 – 10. She looks at 7 useful sites for understanding the Victorian era. This article covers fashions, food, wedding practices, music and entertainment in the Victorian era.

www.victorianweb.org/index.html Under Music, Popular Entertainment, click on Performances of 38 drawing room ballads or click on Victorian music hall to hear songs of that era being played and sung.

American Ancestors Spring/Summer 2016

“**Guardianship Records in New York State**” by Henry B. Hoff. pp 58 – 59. The court appointed guardians for children when one or both parents had died. A child could choose his own guardian at age 14. The author discusses where to find the records.

“**Choosing the Right Genealogical Software for You: Our Expert Advice**” by Rhonda R. McClure, pp 24 – 29. She discusses the features of 10 popular genealogical software programs.



Library Report

By Jamie Johnson , Library Chair

New Books in the Library

The following are the latest books given by the genealogy society to the Lakes Region Library. These books are located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library on Druid St. in Inverness. You may request a book to be sent to the Library nearest you.

Trace Your German Roots Online, A Complete Guide to German Genealogy Websites

By James M. Beidler, GEN 929.1 BEI (207 pages)

The book is divided into three parts.

Part One: German Genealogy Basics, provides some basic information about German research and contains a section explaining how to use Google to translate a web page that appears in the German language. This section also provides information on untangling German place names and surnames.

Part Two: Top German Genealogy Websites, explains how to use familysearch.org, ancestry.com, myheritage.com as well as several other sites to research German records.

Part Three: Answers to Your Research Questions, provides information to help you track your German ancestors to this country. There is historical information and hints for churches, organizations, and archives that have German information, maps of German that show the place name changes over the years, and a chart that lists a number of websites you can use to obtain more information about a number of topics including the German language, geography, immigration, genealogical and historical societies, archives and churches, and newspapers and publications.

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Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher

By Drew Smith, GEN 929.1072 SMI (239 pages)

This book provides you with the information you need to keep your genealogy research organized by using the latest tech tools and genealogy software to organize your research plan, workspace, and family-history finds. You will learn how to organize your time and resources, including how to set goals and objectives, determine workable research questions, sort paper and digital documents, keep track of physical and online correspondence, and prepare for a research trip.

The book contains examples of documents and equipment that will help you get organized and suggestions for filing your documents on your computer and creating genealogy reports for your own use and to share with family. The book also contains a number of easy-to-use checklists and worksheets to help in your research and organization of your records.

Whether you are just starting with genealogy or are a seasoned researcher looking for a new or better way to organize all of the documents and photos that you have collected, this guide will provide the information you need.

Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians

By Kathy Chater, GEN 929.1072 CHA (152 pages)

The Huguenots were French Protestants who, due to religious persecution, were forced to flee France to other countries in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Some refugees went directly to North America, while others stayed for a while in Great Britain, the Netherlands or Germany before relocating to North America, the West Indies, South Africa and Australia.

This book begins with a history of the Huguenots with a map showing the ancient provinces of France and a timeline of events in their history. The author focuses first on the communities within Great Britain and Ireland and provides a detailed research plan for finding and searching records in those areas.

The chapter on specific resources addresses using records of denization and naturalization, Huguenot

church records, school records, and other records not usually high on the priority list for researchers.

The closing chapters of the book address how to research Huguenot communities within other European countries and the rest of the world including North America. There is a detailed bibliography that lists other books and publications that would be of interest to researchers and a listing of all titles in the Huguenot Society Quarto Series, published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

The book ends with a list of addresses and websites throughout the world that would be of interest to anyone researching their Huguenot ancestors.

The Family Tree Polish, Czech And Slovak Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Family Tree in Eastern Europe

By Lisa A. Alzo, GEN 929.1 ALZ (239 pages)

This is an in-depth book that gives you all of the information you need to research your Polish, Czech or Slovak roots. The author spent years researching her own roots in those areas and she is sharing what she learned.

You will learn how to identify your immigrant ancestors and locate their town of origin using the provided timelines of Polish, Czech and Slovak immigration to America. The book contains a history of Poland and the Czech and Slovak Republics complete with maps of the regions and histories of the areas. There is a discussion of surnames and naming patterns and information on available vital records, military records, census records, and other available records and how to search those records. In the book the author even explains the different languages in these regions and provides alphabets and words you may find in your research in these areas.

Toward the end of the book the author lists where to go for available records, websites and publications that can be used in your research and sample letters for use in requesting records from Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The book contains a number of maps, charts, samples of documents and the author even addresses methods you can use to overcome your research roadblocks.

CCGS POLICIES

The following Citrus County Genealogical Society policies can now be viewed or printed from our website. Go to www.citrusgenealogy.com and click **Membership** in the left hand column, then click the Society Policies link at the bottom of the page to view or print the policies.

Citrus County Genealogical Society, Inc. POLICIES

1. Guests may attend two membership meetings to determine if they might be interested in joining CCGS.
2. The Director of the Lecanto Family History Center and the Citrus County Public Library Liaison may receive a free Society membership as long as they remain in those positions.
3. Society meetings are held in the daytime only.
4. Donations are collected at membership meetings in order to purchase library media.
5. The Society does not endorse or advertise goods or services except for Society program presenters.
6. When a current Society Board member or Board member's spouse dies, a book is donated in his or her memory.
7. Refunds are given to Seminar participants only if at least 24-hour notice is given. This information will appear in any Seminar announcements or publicity.
8. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will receive a Society donation each year in appreciation for our Society's use of their facility.
9. Membership dues are to be collected and deposited within the appropriate fiscal year (Oct. 1 to Sept. 30).
10. The Society respects the privacy of member information and member lists; this information is accessible only to Society Board members.
11. Individuals or couples joining CCGS at the Seminar will receive member rates for both membership and Seminar fees.
12. A family membership means all parties reside at the same address.
13. Volunteers handling research inquiries may be reimbursed for their expenses at their request and on submission of their receipts.
14. Borrowing of the Society's projector or any other equipment is limited to persons representing CCGS who are not using it for personal gain.

From 20 Memorable Epitaphs

by Stephanie Watson and the Editors of Publications International, Ltd

Winston Churchill: "I am ready to meet my Maker.
Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal
of meeting me is another matter."

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,
P.O. Box 2211 Inverness, FL 34451-2211

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