

# THE CITRUS TREE

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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 9 – "Indirectly Evident: Finding William's Parents"** Challenges arise in identifying parental relationships when the time period lacks traditional birth and death records. Research is further complicated by early marriage records that did not name parents and census records that did not state relationships. A genealogist must rely on the analysis and correlation of many sources to reach a conclusion. This presentation will explore a case study using indirect evidence to arrive at a conclusion for the parents of William Graham of Meigs County, Ohio. Debbie Smyth, a professional genealogist from Palm Harbor, will present the program.

**November 13 – "Three Next Steps for your DNA Test Results"** Long lists of matches and multiple buttons and graphs at your DNA testing company can often lead to information overload. But not all of the thousands of matches on your DNA match list are important and not all buttons are useful. Learn how to leverage your admixture results, the reports from your testing company, and the Shared Matches tool to slim down your match list and begin making genealogical discoveries with your DNA test results. This is a live webinar presented by Diahann Southard at our meeting.

**December – NO MEETING - *Happy Holidays***

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### Our Website:

[www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com)

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



Two new genealogy books added to the Lakes Region Library.

*See page 5 of the Newsletter.*



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our fiscal year begins October 1. Membership fees are due in October for 2018-2019. Please complete 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.

*See page 6 of Newsletter for more information*



## Notes from the President

*Mary Ann Macbonkin*

Recently the Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints decided they no longer wanted their large collection of books. As a result, I emailed our members to come and take any books that they wanted. Many of you did. The remaining books were sent to the Citrus Springs Library where they will be put in the Genealogy Room of their library.

The Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will still be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. On their computers there is free access to Ancestry World Edition, Find My Past, Fold3, American Ancestors, My Heritage, and Newspaper Archives. The price of copies is now 20 cents.

I want to thank Carol Weiser, Jamie Johnson, Wes Brockway and Jackie Reiss for their help with the August 14 program. Each person was in charge of a topic, and members could ask questions about the topics.

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### Citrus Springs Library

The Citrus Springs Library is NOT a part of the county library system. It is privately operated and run by volunteers. In addition to the books in the library there is a Genealogy Room with a huge collection of books. The books can't be checked out and can only be viewed in the library. The Citrus Springs Library is located at 1826 W. Country Club Blvd., Citrus Springs. (It looks like a house.) The hours are Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Call in advance to be sure the genealogy room is open. Sometimes it is used for clubs and classes. (352)489-2313

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### Area Seminars and Classes

#### Educational Opportunities in Genealogy

**October 6 – Florida Genealogy Society of Tampa** Fall Seminar – “Back to the Future.” Speakers - Ce Ce Moore and D. Joshua Taylor at the Robert W. Saunders Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave, Tampa from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cost - \$60 nonmembers. To register go to <https://fgstampa.org>

**October 20 – Family Heritage Festival** – 10 - 4 at John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Dr., Tampa. Introduction to Using GEDMatch and DNA Q&A – Drew Smith; Making the Most of MyHeritage Library Edition – George G. Morgan; and Tracing your

Family's History Through City Directories – Janet Bergeron.

**November 3 – Florida Genealogy Society of Tampa** meeting 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. “Land Records for Genealogists” presented by Janet Bergeron at the John F. Germany Library, 900 N. Ashley Dr., Tampa. Free.

**November 10 – Annual Central Florida History Conference** at Olympia High School, 4301 S. Apopka Vine-land Rd, Orlando. All day. Details to be announced.

[www.familyhistoryconference.org](http://www.familyhistoryconference.org)

**Master the Possibilities Classes at On-Top-of-the-World**, 8415 SW 80<sup>th</sup> St, Ocala – register at [www.masterthepossibilities.org](http://www.masterthepossibilities.org) or call 352-854-3699

**Absolute Beginner's Genealogy** – October 24 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Classroom 2. Instructors: Terry and Jim Willard. Cost for nonmembers is \$30.

**Ancestry.com: Build and Manage a Tree** – November 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Classroom 2. Instructors: Terry and Jim Willard. Cost for nonmembers is \$30.

**Family Photograph Identification for Genealogy** – November 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Live Oak Hall. Cost for nonmembers is \$7.

**Before You Test: DNA Basics You Need to Know** – November 19 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Cypress Hall presented by Drew Smith. Cost for nonmembers is \$13.

**Ancestry.com: Searching** – December 12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Classroom 2. Instructors: Terry and Jim Willard. Cost for nonmembers is \$30.

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### Genealogy/DNA Help Sessions

Jackie Reiss will continue to hold sessions at the Lakes Region Library from 10:15 a.m. to Noon on October 13, November 17 and December 8.

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### Change in Citrus County Library Hours

Starting on October 1, all five branches of the county libraries will open at 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. from Monday through Friday. The **Central Ridge Library** in Beverly Hills, the **Lakes Region Library** in Inverness and the **Homosassa Library** will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.. The **Coastal Region Library** in Crystal River and the **Floral City Library** will be closed on Saturdays. All libraries will remain closed on Sundays.

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## 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](http://www.blog.eogn.com). There is a fee for the Plus Edition but it has additional information and no advertising. The following is an example of information found in the newsletter:

### Expanded Ellis Island Immigrant Records 1820 – 1957 are now Online for Free

Dick Eastman · August 14, 2018

[FamilySearch](#) and [The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.](#) announced today the entire collection of Ellis Island New York Passenger Arrival Lists from 1820 to 1957 are now available online on both websites giving the opportunity to the descendants of over 100 million arrivals to discover their ancestors quicker and free of charge.

Originally preserved on microfilm, 9.3 million images of historical New York passenger records spanning 130 years were digitized and indexed in a massive effort by 165,590 online FamilySearch volunteers. The result is a free searchable online database containing 63.7 million names, including immigrants, crew, and other passengers traveling to and from the United States through the nation's largest port of entry. [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) (Free website but you must create a user name and password)

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### U.S. National Archives Recalls Fire that Claimed Millions of Military Personnel Files

Dick Eastman · July 27, 2018

The National Archives and Records Administration recently marked the 45th anniversary of a devastating fire at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri, that destroyed approximately 16–18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) documenting the service history of former military personnel discharged from 1912 to 1964. Shortly after midnight on July 12, 1973, a fire was reported at the NPRC's military personnel records building in St. Louis, Missouri.

The fire burned out of control for 22 hours and it took two days before firefighters were able to re-enter the building. Due to the extensive damage, investigators were never able to determine the source of the fire. The fire destroyed paper records in 1973 which sadly is before the capability of making digital copies for backup purposes existed.

## Family Search Adds 29 Million Netherlands Records

Dick Eastman · July 26, 2018

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

If you're looking for your Dutch ancestors, your search has just become much easier. FamilySearch has published **29 million new, free historical records from the Netherlands**, making it easier than ever to trace your Dutch roots. With the latest additions, FamilySearch now offers over 65 million free images and indexes in its Netherlands collections. Search them now at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

The freely searchable collections are comprised of birth, baptism, marriage, death, church, notarial, army service and passenger list records and population registers. Some of the records date back to 1564. Considering the population of the Netherlands is 17 million people today, the size of these collections makes it highly likely family historians will find the ancestors they're seeking.

The breadth of record types now available provide a fantastic opportunity to learn more about a Dutch ancestor's life.

There are also 12 free learning courses at [www.familysearch.org/search/collections/location/19270593?region=netherlands](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collections/location/19270593?region=netherlands) to help those searching Dutch ancestry and online volunteer indexing projects to make additional Netherlands records freely accessible.

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### Locate My Name – A Distribution of Names Across Regions

Dick Eastman · July 20, 2018

Want to find where people having your last name are found?

**Locate My Name** is a web site that promises to help you find distribution of names across countries and regions. The site mainly focuses on surnames, because more people with the same surname in a place, means something: either those people are in the region since long ago and the name originates from there or nearby, or members of the same family for some reason relocated there. The Locate My Name website is mainly used for finding origins of names, curiosity, entertainment and genealogy research.

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### Locate My Name (Continued)

Data from many countries is available, including: Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and more.

The statistics are very reliable for some countries but not so good for others, primarily because of the quality of public records varies from one country to another. The information about surnames is derived from electoral rolls, birth records, census, and similar publicly-available information. There is good data about: the USA, Canada, and many European countries. However, there is poor to no data about: China, Iran, India and most of the African countries.

You can find this and more at the Locate My Name web site at: [www.locatemyname.com](http://www.locatemyname.com)

### Displaying County Maps on Google

Dick Eastman · September 5, 2018

Google Maps doesn't show county boundaries, so Randy Majors created a tool to display them. The tool is simple to use. Simply enter a place name and then click "GO." The normal Google Map commands of Plus (+) and MINUS (-) can be used to zoom in and out on the displayed map.

Simple, easy, and very effective. You can access **County Lines on Google Maps** at [www.randymajors.com/p/countygmap.html](http://www.randymajors.com/p/countygmap.html).



### 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* 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 Aug/Sept 2018

**Germans from Russia Heritage Collection** by Carol Richey, pp.41-42.

"More than 250 years ago, Catherine II, Empress of Russia issued a proclamation in 1763 inviting foreigners to settle in Russia." "German colonists first settled along the Volga River, and following a later invitation by Alexander I, Catherine's grandson, in the region bordering the Black Sea as well, which resulted in 3,000 German settlements." "However, in 1871 Czar Alexander II rescinded many of the rights and privileges granted to these immigrants." "In response, German-Russians began a massive exodus . . ."

"Today, descendants of Germans from Russia are spread throughout the US and Canada, with the largest concentration in the Great Plains region and the Canadian Prairie provinces." Read about the German Russian Heritage Collection at North Dakota State Libraries in this article. Their website is <https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc>

### New England's Hidden Histories: Colonial-Era Church Records Collection

[www.congregationallibrary.org/nehh/transcription](http://www.congregationallibrary.org/nehh/transcription) Series I: Church Records has records of church meetings, births, baptisms, deaths, marriages and more.

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### Your Genealogy Today July/August 2018

**Circular Genealogy** by George G. Morgan, pp. 6-10. He looks at how you can review and plan your genealogy research with an eye on targeting success!

**In Other Words: A Question of Translation** by Sue Lisk, pp. 40-42. She suggests doing your homework before hiring a translator to assist you in your document translation needs. She lists five suggestions.

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### American Ancestors Summer 2018, Vol 19, no. 2

**Your Guide to Lineage Societies** by Lynn Betlock, pp. 23-28. This article lists popular national and regional lineage societies, their requirements and websites.

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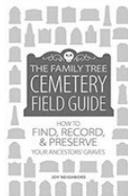


## Library Report

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.



#### *The Family Tree Cemetery Field Guide: How to Find, Record, & Preserve Your Ancestors' Graves*

By Joy Neighbors, GEN 929.5 NEI (239 pages)

This book is divided into four parts.

- Part 1, Planning Your Trip to the Cemetery, provides basic information with regard to what types of records you can find in cemeteries and how to pinpoint the cemeteries you will want to visit. This chapter also includes information on using the websites billiongraves.com and findagrave.com.
- Part 2, Researching on Hallowed Ground, goes into more detail with regard to cemetery research strategies and how to read headstones, including how to safely enhance inscriptions, overcome weathering, and read old script.
- Part 3, Making Sense of Your Research, discusses what to do after you return from the cemetery, with tips for incorporating your findings into genealogical research, a guide for touching up tombstone photos, and case studies that put all these ideas together to show cemetery research in action.
- Part 4, Digging Deeper, discusses how other records you are using in your research may be able to help get the information you are seeking about your ancestors and a section with regard to what you can do to help preserve cemeteries.

At the end of the book you will find a number of worksheets that can be used to assist in your research and a list of books, magazines and websites that will provide additional information.



#### *The Adoptee's Guide to DNA Testing*

By Tamar Weinberg, GEN 929.1 WEI (239 pages)

While this book is aimed at adoptee's who are interested in connecting with their biological family members, it could be of interest and use to anyone who has had their DNA tested or who is considering having a DNA test.

This book is divided into four parts.

- Part One provides basic information for adoptees with regard to beginning their search and where they might want to look for information. In this part there is a list by state of how to obtain information on each state's Adoption Registry and the basics of DNA testing.
- Part Two goes into more detail with regard to the various types of DNA testing that are currently being offered. In this part there is a comparison of Ancestry DNA, Family Tree DNA, 23andMe, and MyHeritage DNA.
- Part Three of the book goes into detail showing how to establish biological connections, how to analyze your DNA with GED match, and how to pinpoint relatives on both sides of your family.
- Part Four of the book presents several case studies. The book contains numerous charts and diagrams to explain the information being covered.

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### Membership Renewal in October

The fiscal year for the genealogy society begins October 1. Members are asked to renew their membership in October. The membership fee remains at \$15 per member or \$20 per family (everyone living at the same address).

Everyone is REQUIRED to fill out a membership renewal form. The form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter. Please fill it out in advance before coming to the meeting to save time.

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## Websites of Interest

**New York City Marriage Index** has marriages from 1950 – 2017  
[www.NYCMarriageIndex.com](http://www.NYCMarriageIndex.com)

**New Jersey Death Index** has deaths 1901 – 1903; 1920 – 1929; 1949 – 2000; 2001 – 2017.  
[www.NewJerseyDeathIndex.com](http://www.NewJerseyDeathIndex.com)

### Facebook Genealogy Topics

- **Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness – RAOGK** Volunteers will do look-ups for free or a small fee for copies.  
[www.facebook.com/groups/raogkUSA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/raogkUSA)
- **Genealogy Translations**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/genealogytranslations](http://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogytranslations)
- **Genealogy! Just Ask!**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/GenealogyJustAsk](http://www.facebook.com/groups/GenealogyJustAsk)

**Indiana Adoption Records Opened** Any Indiana resident adopted before January 1, 1993 can request access to their previously sealed adoption records unless the biological parents file a contact preference form to restrict access. Eligible individuals must register with the Adoption Matching Registry and complete forms. Go to [www.in.gov/isdh/27862.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/27862.htm) which has links to the forms.

**The Jewish Heritage Center of American Ancestors** explores the history of New England's Jewish communities with their digital collections.  
[www.jewishheritagecenter.org](http://www.jewishheritagecenter.org)

**Pennsylvania State Archives Records**  
[www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-online/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-online/Pages/default.aspx)

**Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Records**  
[www.county.allegheny.pa.us/court-records/wills/genealogical-research.aspx](http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/court-records/wills/genealogical-research.aspx)



## CITRUS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD

**Front Row:** Mary Ann Machonkin, Pauline Flewett, Jackie Reiss, and Jamie Johnson

**Back Row:** Wesley Brockway, Terry Vaught, Shirley Hartley, Vicki Brown, and Betty Barker

## 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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First Name for Tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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Local address (if different): Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Computer \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Special Events \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Where Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your check to: Citrus County Genealogical Society,  
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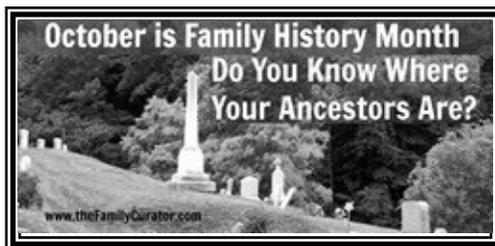
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