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www.citrusgenealogy.com

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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. **THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM** in January and February, but in March there **WILL** be Zoom.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 9 – ‘What’s Black & White & Read Online: Using Newspapers in Genealogy’ Presented by Diana Crisman Smith – She talks about why using newspapers in genealogical research is helpful and important. She then talks about some of the best sources for newspapers online and how to use them.

February 13 – “Think You Know the Census – Think Again” Presented by Peggy Jude – Discover the untapped potential of the U.S. Federal Census in your genealogical research. This presentation delves into the art of effectively utilizing census records, uncovering the secrets hidden in plain sight. Are you struggling to locate ancestors in the census or wondering if you’ve missed crucial details? Beyond the standard census, learn about the wealth of alternative sources and census substitutes that can bridge gaps and provide new insights into your family history.

March 12 – “Introduction to Family Tree Maker – Building Your Family Tree” Presented by Mark Olsen.

Join us for an introduction to the current version of Family Tree Maker. We will discuss Family Tree Maker and what makes it different from other genealogy products and software. We will focus on a quick walk through parts of the various family tree building features from how to get and install the software and move on to basic use and creating or downloading your very own family tree. We will discuss how it works with Ancestry.com and with FamilySearch and be happy to discuss all your questions.

We will also discuss Family Tree Maker partner products – Charting Companion and Family Book Creator - both are amazing plug-ins that can help you create incredible charts, graphs, and books.

This class is for all levels of genealogists whether you are just getting started or very experienced.

Genealogy Conferences and Webinars

Florida State Genealogical Society Webinars, The webinars are free and are held on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. Go to www.fsgs.org under RESOURCES at the second item Poolside Chats and click on it. You will be given a chance to see what the webinar is about and to register. Register in advance to see the webinar.

Roots Tech by FamilySearch www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2024-registration The event will take place February 29–March 2, 2024. Mark your calendars and register today to save your spot.

RootsTech is offered around the world, FREE. What you can expect from the virtual side of RootsTech.

- Learn from hundreds of live and on-demand classes.
- Explore the Expo Hall online, and discover new products, technology, and exclusive RootsTech deals.
- Listen and watch inspiring keynote speakers on the main stage.
- Be connected to millions of other people from around the world and have the opportunity to chat with them online.

Classes at RootsTech are offered for all skill levels, beginner to expert, so you can learn more about discovering your ancestors and linking them to your family tree.

Family History Center

Mary Ann Machonkin

The hours of the Family History Center (FHC) are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The FHC is located in the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. For 18 years I used

to work there, and I can assure you that there is no pressure to join the church, and I am NOT a Mormon.

You can use their computer to search on FindMyPast, Fold3, My Heritage and Ancestry World Heritage at no cost to you. If you would like help, there will be someone there to help you. Just bring your password to www.FamilySearch.org. That is another FREE website that you should be using.

Help With Genealogy

Rosemarie Coyle will be helping people with genealogy at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness on Monday mornings.

Wesley Brockway will be helping people at the Homosassa Library on Friday mornings and the first Saturday of the month.

Phyllis Ables will be helping people at the Floral City Library on Friday mornings.

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 a time.

Membership Dues

Our fiscal year begins October 1, 2023 and ends September 30, 2024. If you have not paid your dues yet, please fill out the Membership Renewal Form on page 5 of the newsletter (also available online at our website www.citrusgenealogy.com).

The dues are \$25 for an individual or \$35 for a family living at the same address.

Make checks out to Citrus County Genealogical Society or CCGS and bring them to the meeting or mail them to Wesley Brockway, 17 Jungleplum Ct. S, Homosassa, FL 34446.

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:

More Than Five Million Records from the State of Maryland Are Now Online

Dick Eastman 9 Nov 2023

<https://archive.org/details/maryland-state-archives?sort=title>

We at Reclaim The Records are so proud to finally announce one of our largest record acquisitions to date: millions of vital records spanning over one hundred years of history for the state of Maryland.

These records have never previously been publicly available online anywhere else — not on FamilySearch and not on Ancestry and not on MyHeritage and not on [insert some other genealogy website here] — except for some records that had only been available at the Maryland State Archives internal website, if you happened to be sitting in their building in Annapolis and using their in-house computers, or on their external website, but only if those records were more than a hundred years old.

This announcement is groundbreaking for us at RTR. Not only is this an unusually large cache of materials for one of our records projects, but this time, our acquisition was not limited to a basic name and date index — although we did get those, too! — but in addition to the decades of vital records indices, we also got the digital images of the actual birth, marriage, and death certificates for the state of Maryland. Yep, the real certificates. And now we've put them online, free!

And this story isn't a pitch to subscribe to anything because we don't sell data, we release it. There isn't any login or password for these files, and you don't have to pay a dime to a government facility, nor to a paywalled corporate-run site. These records are all

now just plain free. You can browse them, download them, or do whatever you like with them.

A Million New Records from Missouri

Dick Eastman 17 Oct 2023

The following is a notice written by Reclaim the Records:

Updated public datasets now available for more years of the Missouri Birth Index and Missouri Death Index, including the first pandemic era death files

Hi again from Reclaim The Records! Today we're announcing a big update to two important record sets that we initially put online a few years ago. Big, like *about a million records*, including the (or one of the) first-ever full state death data files available from a state department of health from the pandemic era.

And as usual, we're releasing it all for FREE use, re-use, downloading, uploading, remixing, and — best of all — for searches on our free websites, including searching by surnames, given names, soundalike names, common nicknames, close spelling variants, wildcard searches, names combined with dates, and even searching by specific date ranges with no name data at all. Yay, open data!

www.missouribirthindex.com

www.missourideathindex.com

Online VA Memorial Adds the Names and Stories of Millions of Veterans, Service Members

Dick Eastman 6 Nov 2023

The names and legacies of nearly 5 million veterans and service members have been added to an online database operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, doubling the number of individuals whose military records and contributions are commemorated, the agency announced Thursday.

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Eastman's Newsletter (Cont'd)

Online VA Memorial Adds the Names and Stories of Millions of Veterans, Service Members (Cont'd)

The Veterans Legacy Memorial, www.vlm.cem.va.gov which was launched in 2019, is an interactive VA website that honors the men and women who served in the U.S. military, dating to the Revolutionary War.

"Keeping alive the legacy of veterans who have served is a personal mission," said Matt Quinn, undersecretary for memorial affairs at the VA. "You see my grandfather, my father, my brother and three of my uncles are interred in veterans' cemeteries. Their grave marker should not be the final remembrance."

The newest addition of 5 million names to the site represents veterans and service members interred at private cemeteries across the country, the VA said.

The online memorial honors veterans and service members with individual web pages that users can visit to submit photos, post tributes, and learn about their military service.

Service members at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, the nation's oldest national cemetery, are among the veterans identified on the website.

The VA has used public databases to help identify service members and veterans and to provide background on their military records.

What's on the 1790-1840 Census?

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840
Number of head of family and number of free white males (within specified age groups) and free white females (age groups unspecified in each household)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of free white females, within specified age groups, in each household	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Name of slave owner and number of slaves owned by each owner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of male and female slaves, within specified age groups, owned by each owner	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of foreigners, in each household, not naturalized	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Number of deaf, dumb, and blind persons, within specified categories, in each household	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Name and age of each person receiving a federal military pension	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Number of persons in each household attending specified classes at school	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

CCGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWAL ____ NEW ____ Cash ____ Check ____

Individual (\$25.00 ____ Family (\$35.00) ____ Date: ____
(our year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year)

Name: _____

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 _____

Please consider including a donation with your membership renewal to help us support genealogy library services for the Lakes Region Library in Inverness.

OPTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES DONATION \$

Total amount of membership plus library 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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