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Our Website:

www.citrusgenealogy.com

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Several genealogy books are being added to the Lakes Region Library.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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. Zoom is at 10:00 a.m. You will be given a link to Zoom the Saturday before the meeting. Guests are welcome to attend, but Zoom attendees must send an email to Mary Ann Machonkin at himary@tampabay.rr.com to request the link.

April 11 – “Researching Your Ancestors in Periodicals” – Presented by Gena Philibert-Ortega. Her presentation goes over what types of periodicals family historians should search, what articles they include, and where to find those articles (indexes such as PERSI, JSTOR, Google Scholar and repositories such as FamilySearch, digitized book websites and libraries.)

May 9 – “Shore to Shore” Presented by Debbie Wilson Smyth. -A Last Will and Testament offers a rich resource of information for genealogical purposes. But the will is only the beginning of the records that may be available and of value to the genealogist. Even if the decedent left no will, there may be other estate records to assist in your research. This presentation provides an overview of the probate process and the records that may be created after a person’s death.

June 13 – “Myth or Truth” - Facilitator Wesley Brockway, -Learn to use one of the best online resources for finding ancestor records without opening your wallet. This will be an interactive experience with FAMILYSEARCH.ORG We will review some of the many online databases available locally that can be used in your Family History Research. We will all share best practices that we have learned and discuss their benefits.

While we will discuss various resources, our focus will be “hands-on” participation in the use of “familysearch.org,” the primary FREE data base of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) Family History Library.

- you will learn about the hidden resources not normally used on familysearch.org
- we will share search techniques
- you will see some of the pros and cons of a familysearch.org Family Tree
- you will learn to search using the Catalog
- you will be exposed to “secret” techniques to search records of Ancestry.com and other commercial databases for FREE

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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June 13 – "Myth or Truth" (Cont'd)

To gain the most from the session, come prepared with your Pedigree Chart or known vital records information of several generations. If you have one, bring a laptop and/or a jump drive for storage. If you do not use familysearch.org, establish an online account before coming to the session.

Go to familysearch.org and register. You will need an email address, a user name and password and a cell phone to register; no credit card information is required and the cell number will only be used to confirm your registration.

If you are planning to Zoom in, familiarize yourself with the Chat and Share Screen features.



Notes from the President

Mary Ann Machonkin

I recently learned from a book that Smith is an Irish surname. That takes care of my DNA result that says I am 12% Irish. It seems that Smith is an Anglicized version of the Irish for Gowan, Gow, Goan, McGowan, O'Gowan. And the Irish word for Smith is gobha. I have Smith's in my line of ancestors.

Election of Officers In April

You may run for President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer.



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* and *American Ancestors* magazines are located behind the reference desk. If you can't find them, just ask one of the librarians. The following are descriptions of a few interesting articles from recent magazines.

Internet Genealogy February/March 2023

"In There Neck of the Woods: Exploring Local Histories Online" by Sue Lisk pp. 6-9.

County and town histories can be a lot of fun to read. You may find that your ancestor was written up with all his children.

Go to www.learnwebskills.com/family/countyhistories1.htm Click on state then select from the list of names. Also on Ancestry.com you can put in a name of a town into the Title field of the card catalog. You might be lucky enough to get a town history.

BOOK REVIEW: "A Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration and Transmigration" by Liv Haakenstad reviewed by Diane L. Richard.

It has sources in U.S. and Canada and sources in Norway. Also, 100 pages of the book are organized by type. Look at Appendix 4, a Norwegian-English dictionary.

[Editor's Note: This book is currently being added to the Lakes Region Library. Status: In processing]

American Ancestors Winter 2023, Vol. 23 No. 4,

"A Shipload of Women: When French Convicts Were Deported to the Gulf Coast" by Joan DeJean. pp. 32-37.

La Mutine. "the Mutinous Women" brought in 1720 some 100 passengers from France to islands situated offshore from what are now the states of Alabama and Mississippi. They were all female convicts most accused of prostitution.

In reality most were ordinary working women who had struggled to earn a living in lean years when the French state was bankrupt.

Read the story of how they were treated after they arrived.

Hint for use in Library Catalog

When looking up a topic in the Library Catalog of the Lakes Region Library, if it is a genealogy topic then put the name Genealogy after the name of the topic. This will keep the non-genealogy topics to a minimum.

Help With Genealogy

Rosemarie Coyle will be helping people with genealogy at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wesley Brockway will be helping people at the Homosassa Library on Fridays and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Phyllis Ables will be helping people at the Floral City Library on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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.



Library Report *Rosemarie Coyle, Library Chair*

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

Thank you to all who donated for the purchase of books.

Delaware Genealogical Research Guide Published by the Delaware Genealogical Society 4th Edition 2020.
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“From the time Europeans arrived in 1609 until 1775, when Delaware’s boundaries were set at today’s lines, the land was claimed alternatively by the Dutch, Swedes, and English and governed from afar.”

The book opens with a timeline which provides details of “the political and economic events that may affect where “the researcher may find records. This is followed up in a later chapter with a table of “Where to Look for Delaware Records” and a

“Record Availability Timeline.” Both tables are helpful in determining where to look for records and whether these records are available for the period.

Maps and Map Repositories are reviewed in Chapter 2. “In Delaware, some records were maintained by subdivisions of each county known as hundreds.” This practice started “when Delaware and Maryland were colonial holdings of Great Britain.” And although no longer used, one may find “their names... on real estate transactions.”

“Native American Indians occupied the entire mid-Atlantic region for centuries before the arrival of Europeans in the 17th century.” The National Archives and Records Administration is cited as having records from as early as 1774. The Newberry, www.Newberry.org is described as “one of the strongest collections of American Indians in the world.”

African American, Swedish and Dutch settlers arrived in the 1600’s. The authors describe the institution of slavery as having been “firmly established” by the time “the English took control in 1664.” “By the eve of the Civil War, free blacks represented 92 percent of African Americans in Delaware and 18 percent of the state’s total population. In 1860, 1798 enslaved persons remained in the state, while free blacks numbered nearly 20,000.” Useful guides, books and websites may be found in the following.” University of Delaware Library Research Guides which include “Genealogy: African American Sources” guides.lib.udel.edu, “The Race and Slavery Petitions Project” library.uncg.edu/slavery/petitions. The “Free African Americans of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Delaware”, a website that lists records from the colonial period. These and many more references are cited for both the Native Americans and African Americans in the third chapter of this book.

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Germans who arrived in the 18th century had “to disembark in Philadelphia, as they were not part of the British Empire.” This is an important fact to consider when seeking immigration information on your German ancestors. In the published work of Ralph Beaver Strassburger entitled *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808* (3 volumes; Norristown, PA: Pennsylvania German Society, 1934), ed. By William John Hinke, one may be lucky to find one of your ancestors. This book may be found on the Hathi Trust, and World Cat websites or can be viewed at the Hillsborough County Library. Another book that is available locally for viewing is the “German to America Series” which documents passengers arriving at U.S. ports in the 1840s. This book can be viewed at the USF Library in Tampa. One should call ahead to make sure the books would be available on your visit day. This reviewer privately recommends books.

Irish immigrants begin to settle in the Delaware area in the early 1800’s followed by Southern Italians after the Civil War. “Polish and Jewish immigrants began arriving later in the 1880s.” It must be remembered that all these immigrant groups established churches, social clubs and formed the labor force for some of the largest companies in the Delaware, Maryland and Philadelphia area. The Du Pont Company “between 1820 and 1854 used agents” to recruit recent arrivals to work at their powder mills.” Records of these “Irish workers list, oral history interviews ... and unique manuscript collections documenting the history of American business and technology for more than 1,000 firms, including DuPont www.hagley.org, the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads, Phoenix Steel (which operated from 1790 to 1976) <https://steelmuseum.org> and the Joseph Bancroft & Sons

<https://invention.si.edu/josephbancroft-sons-company-records-1813-1969> which contain time books, wage records and payroll sheets.

www.hagley.org

This is part one of a two-part book review dated January 2023. Books for considered purchase by Citrus Genealogical Society dated January 2023.

The Encyclopedia of American Last Names, compiled by Nancy J. Price, Published by Synchronista LLC in 2017 (Status: In processing.)

“This is not a typical genealogy book. It is a historical reference, with authentic vintage articles and book excerpts—most presented just as they were originally researched and written during the 19th and early 20th centuries.” This statement in the opening pages of the book seems to this reader to be giving fair warning of what a serious researcher may find lacking in the pages that follow.

The compiler writes, “Many entries have been checked primarily to confirm names, spelling or dates, however, most of the information is presented as originally published (including opinions and editorial notes), and has not been independently verified.” Again, a warning for the serious researcher. That being said, the beginner researcher may find descriptions about how names were formed, brief descriptions of early American families with a certain surname, and clues for further research.

In the “Sources and References” section of the book there are 156 citations. These citations are not footnoted within the main body of the work, which makes it impossible to verify or know where to begin further research on a surname. This reader would suggest the researcher seek other avenues to glean the meaning of surnames. Dictionary of American Family Names, Patrick Hanks, Editor, V. 1-3, R GEN 929.4 DIC or https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Surname_Research.

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Austrian Family History Research: Sources and Methodologies, by Roger P. Minert and Charlotte Nolle Champenois, Published by Family Roots in 2019 (Status: In processing.)

This well written, organized, resourced and illustrated book on Austrian Family History Research will be welcomed by the beginner and seasoned researcher.

The authors begin the book with a "Brief Outline of Austrian History" starting in 1282 thru 1955 when Austria was freed of all "occupation powers." The next three chapters on Catholic, Protestant and Jewish records describes the history, the laws governing record keeping, illustrates and transcribes common records and most importantly introduces the reader to where these records may be found in the present day.

"Civil records (vital records produced by government entities)" the authors note that not until 1938, were these records "initiated and produced," which may make them difficult to locate.

Census records with recorded names did not start until 1857. Earlier censuses in 1754, 1802 and 1817 only recorded the number of inhabitants. There is a table which illustrates the content of the forms used between 1857 and 1910 which gives a clear description of what was included in these six censuses.

These census records are written in Latin and a format called "Kurrent." The authors have transcribed the headings for these records and have included Alphabets, Genealogical Terms, Cardinal and Ordinal Numbers, Months and Days of the Week to assist in translation. The authors give guidance to how some of these records may be located.

Military records are described in Chapter 7. The history of surrounding military conflicts, conscription laws, and the challenge of finding these records are reviewed. The authors remind the reader that because of "its central location among the nations of Europe," original records may have been sent to the

Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, and Belgium." In the narrative on military records the authors refer to the work of Steven W. Blodgett. They then outline ten types of military records, giving the reader a view of one such document, "The Grundbuchblätter" with English translation and information for where they may be found on Family Search.

Residential registration, emigration, passports, gazetteers and maps are seen in chapters 8 and 9 with detailed translation and information for methods to find these records.

Chapters 11, "Gen Team" <https://genteam.us/> and Chapter 12, "Matricula-Online" <https://data.matricula-online.eu/en/> are among the best reading that this reviewer has read in the use of these two important websites for Austrian family history research. Currently Matricula includes Austria, Germany, Poland, Serbia and Slovenia records. Gen Team entries are now more than 21 million, (up from 19,367,797 in 2019). Detailed instructions for finding German-Language Symbols, searching with Umlaut and Eszett symbols and following up with examples of sample searches are invaluable.

Resources and Methodologies specific for each of the modern states of the Republic of Austria are reviewed in Chapter 16.

Chapter 17 introduces the researcher to the "Former Crownlands that comprised Austria before the dismantling of the empire in 1918."

Finally, in the Appendix the researcher will discover "Alphabets Found in Original Austrian Family History Records," illustrated in Latin, Printed Fraktur, and Gothic/Kurrent. "Genealogic Terms" illustrates German, Gothic Handwriting, Printer Fraktur and English. There are six additional topics in the Appendix which will assist the Austrian Family Researcher. As I began, so I will end, this well written, organized, resourced, and illustrated book on Austrian Family History Research will be welcomed by the beginner and seasoned researcher.

Dick Eastman's Newsletter

Dick Eastman publishes a free, daily online newsletter Monday through Friday at www.eogn.com with the latest information about genealogy. Thank you to Dick Eastman for permitting us to use the following articles from his newsletter.

Illinois State Archives Says Death Certificates Database Updated to 1971

Dick Eastman January 23, 2023

From the blog of the Illinois State Genealogical Society:

The Illinois Death Certificates searchable database at ilsos.gov has been updated to include death certificate entries for the years 1951-1971!

To visit the NEW 1951- 1971 Death Index Database, go to:

www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/idphdeathindex5171.html

This is a long-awaited update that is sure to help many Illinois family historians! The updated database is listed separately from the earlier death indexes, so now when you visit the State Archives Databases page at ilsos.gov, you will see the marriage index plus three death index options:

The information you will find in the new database is very similar to the 1916-1950 database-

- Name
- Sex/race
- Age at death
- Certificate number
- Date of death
- City and county where the certificate was filed
- Date certificate was filed

This information can be used to contact the county clerk for a copy of the death certificate. Death certificates prior to 1916 or after 1947 can be obtained through the county clerk's office where the certificate was filed.

Don't Store Books or Documents in Sealed Plastic

Dick Eastman February 3, 2023

A newsletter reader sent me a link to an online article that made me shudder when I read it. The article claims:

"Do you have an old book or important document that has been passed down from generation to generation? These books and documents break down over time due to oxygen, moisture, and other hazards. By sealing it, you're also giving it added protection in the event of a flood, fire (smoke), or accidental damage."

I am no expert in preservation, but I believe the last thing you want to do to a valuable old book or photo or other document is to seal it in an airtight plastic bag, especially a bag that is not labeled "archival quality." Sealing in a cheap plastic bag can cause more damage than it prevents!

Paper, photographs, film, and tape are all made from materials that change over time. When these materials change, they will leach chemicals or give off gases that will loop back and inflict self damage if they are "sealed in their own juices." Your books, photographs, and documents will last much longer if they are exposed to the air, where the chemicals and gases can dissipate. Storage temperatures between 60 and 75 degrees and humidity levels between 50 and 60 percent are ideal.

Archival plastic enclosures can be made from polyester, polypropylene, or polyethylene. Don't use any plastic that is not one of these three, and don't use anything that is not labeled "archival quality." Also, never seal it.

You can read advice written by Sherelyn Ogden, Head of Conservation for the Minnesota Historical Society, at Storage Enclosures for Books and Artifacts on Paper at <https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/preservation-leaflets/4.-storage-and-handling/4.4-storage-enclosures-for-books-and-artifacts-on-paper>.

DICK EASTMAN*(Continued)***Family History Knowledge Helps American Adolescents Develop Healthy Sense of Identity**

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Teenagers struggling to develop a healthy sense of identity must walk a tightrope, balancing commitment to their family's values with their own exploration of what matters, most psychologists agree.

A new BYU study suggests that studying family history may help older adolescents find this sweet spot. From a survey of 239 18-to-20-year-old students at seven U.S. universities, researchers found that individuals who had the healthiest identity development — both a sense of connectedness to family and adherence to their own beliefs — also had high levels of family history knowledge.

“Family history knowledge is particularly good at keeping us grounded,” said BYU experience design and management professor Brian Hill, an author of the paper that was published Wednesday in the journal *Genealogy*. “There are kids who go off and explore their own paths without settling into a value system that can guide them going forward. We need knowledge of where we come from along with individual differentiation from family to find a steady path.”

The surveys in the study assessed whether students knew about the major events and important anecdotes from their parents' and grandparents' lives, as well as how developed the students' identity was based on standard measures — whether they were close with family, how they had arrived at their political and religious views, how they had explored occupational options and how committed they were to their values.

The results indicated that many adolescents have high levels of family history knowledge. About 77% of the participants knew the answers to three-

quarters of the family history questions. The more they knew, the more likely they were to have developed a healthy sense of identity.

You can read more in an article by Christie Allen published in the *BYU News* at <https://news.byu.edu/intellect/family-history-knowledge-helps-american-adolescents-develop-healthy-sense-of-identity>

Websites of Interest

www.compgen.de has a surname distribution map in 1893 and 1996 in Germany. The site is in German and you can translate and go to RESEARCH dropdown menu, select map.

<https://legacy.stoepel.net/en> has a surname distribution map in Germany with a distribution map.

www.johngrenham.com has a surname distribution map of Ireland but you get one name then you have to pay.

www.pgsa.org has surnames databases.

www.thoughtco.com/polish-genealogy-databases-Online-1422285 has a large database of Polish websites.

www.irishgenealogy.ie Free. Has Roman Catholic Church records for some provinces and Civil Records.

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