



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY



Preserving Imprints on the Sands of Time

April - May - June, 2011

Our President's Message

Dear Friends,

As you establish your genealogical goals, please remember we offer you the opportunity to view a list of 3,000 plus genealogical publications in the Alvin Sherman Library. Just go on-line at our Genealogical Society of Broward County web-site to scroll down and click on the Alvin Sherman Library. There you will see a guide to get started in your ancestral search as well as listings of books and publications available for your research.

At the beginning of this year we established an energetic GSBC Team of volunteer officers who are ready to serve you. We are continually working together on projects and programs so please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. Your communication is very important to us.

Many thanks go out to our 2011 officers. Harriett Brooke our Secretary, for creating our GSBC newsletter. The first issue was sent out to members and I am sure you have found the new issue quite impressive. David Stark, our Vice-President and Webmaster is keeping our website up to date. The GSBC website looks wonderful and is full of information and links that you can easily access. I also want to thank Judy Austin, our Treasurer for her decision to continue her dedicated services in keeping the books.

Thank you all for your valued support. And, I wish you all the most successful ancestral research for 2011!

Clare Kelly
President

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April Program

Ft. Lauderdale in Maps: From Past to Future

An introductory overview to the benefits of using maps as tools for learning more about Ft. Lauderdale's history as well as that of other parts of the United States. Participants will learn how to navigate the Alvin Sherman Library's Digital Sanborn Maps collection from ProQuest and Google Maps.

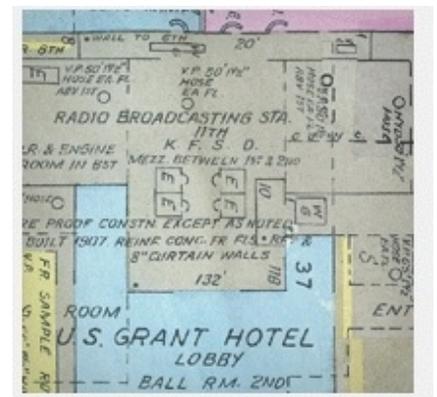
Sanborn fire insurance maps are the most frequently consulted maps in both public and academic libraries. Sanborn maps are valuable historical tools for urban specialists, social historians, architects, geographers, genealogists, local historians, planners, environmentalists and anyone who wants to learn about the history, growth, and development of American cities, towns, and neighborhoods. Google Maps is an online map service that allows users to view basic or custom maps and get driving directions.

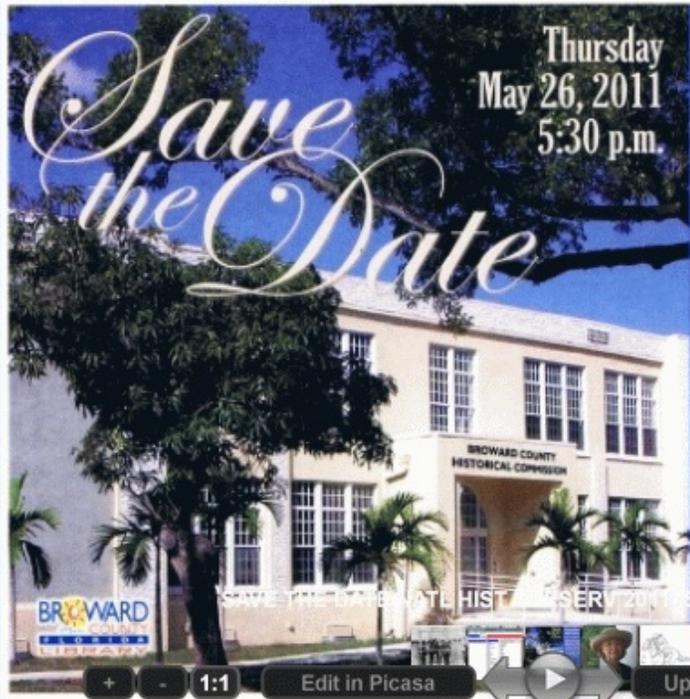
Learn more about Ft. Lauderdale's history and how the city has reshaped itself over the past one hundred years. Identify family properties back to the nineteenth century using the Sanborn Digital Maps Collection and find out what is there today with Google Maps.

Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern University
– Lab A (second floor) at 2:30 p.m.

Sanborn Maps

Only one example of the types of maps available.





Fort Lauderdale Celebrates 100 years!

On March 27, 2011, the City of Fort Lauderdale in an all-day Centennial Riverfest, will recognize the 100th birthday of one of America's great beach vacation destinations. Fort Lauderdale's residents are inviting the world to a year-long party of events from family picnics, cultural exhibitions and walking tours to concerts, sports competitions, beach parties, a time capsule and a gala countdown to the New Year 2012.

Fort Lauderdale's Centennial celebrations began with the installation of a large, lighted "100" on the city's famed beachfront, which has become a favorite "photo op" for visitors and residents alike. Among the highlights of special events in 2011: a parade and outdoor festival on March 12 honoring St. Patrick's Day, a March 27 concert by Tropical Sinfonia, and the Centennial Riverfest, a day filled with activities, exhibitions, entertainment and food held along the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Also the premier of giant photographic "then and now" video montages projected on the sides of buildings in the downtown area that depict the areas over the course of its 100 years of evolution.

A calendar of Centennial events is available at www.sunny.org/centennial.

National Historic Preservation Month Celebration

Presented and Hosted by

Broward County Historical Commission

at the historic West Side Grade School
301 Harmon Avenue (S.W. 13th Avenue)
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Preservation Awards and Guest Speaker Refreshments

On **The National Register of Historic Exhibit: Places in Broward County**

For more information,
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"Who Do You Think You Are?"

NBC's second season of "Who Do You Think You Are?" has been quite a hit with folks as it has featured the ancestry searches of various celebrities. During the first season, millions of viewers tuned in each week, and we saw a renewed interest in genealogy not seen since the days of *Roots*. It's likely that growing interest in tracing heritage will continue to increase.

"Who Do You Think You Are?" creates excitement around genealogy by showing the types of stories and discoveries people can make about their ancestors — ultimately leading viewers to begin thinking about their own family history. Since the show does not delve into the how-to's of research, newcomers are looking for guidance. So we welcome them to join us at Nova Southeastern University.

NSU genealogy organizations include the Genealogical Society of Broward County, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County and the African Diaspora Genealogy Group. Meeting times can be found on the NSU website, Alvin Sherman Library.

Our genealogy community is uniquely positioned to be on the front lines of this growing interest in genealogy. Catch the excitement! If you haven't already done so, join the GSBC!



A Gold Star goes to:

Lee Smith at Smitty's Holdings, Inc.
954-423-2785

Lee, a website designer, promoter, and search engine optimizer helped David with a Website problem last month. Understanding the good work that our Non-Profit organization does, Lee gladly helped fix the problem at no charge to us! Thank you, Lee!

FYI CORNER

Snopes.com for the Truth!

“Where did that information come from?”

“I received a wild story about Senator Whats-His-Name. Want to see it?”

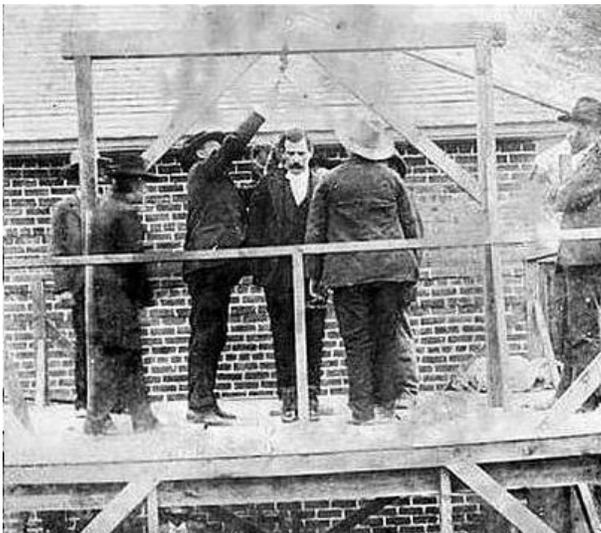
“Could it possibly be true? After all, I got it from my best buddy.”

“Welcome to snopes.com, the definitive Internet reference source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation.” Free of charge, this service is a must have when those rumors pop up through the internet or elsewhere. Some of the rumors are just ridiculous but some can be harmful so they deserve to be checked out.

Below is an example that came to us at GSBC claiming to be from another genealogist. Checking with snopes.com I found that this story has been circulating for quite some time and modified many times over, changing the names of the individuals to discredit the unsuspecting victim in the story.

Here’s the Bogus Story but it just goes to show how creative writing can paint a different picture! The horse thief about to be hanged in this picture is actually Tom “Black Jack” Ketchum, but read the story where the names have been changed.

Remus Reid? Really?



No matter what side of the AISLE you're on, THIS is FUNNY!

It just all depends on how you look at some things.

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree.. She discovered that Senator Harry Reid's great-great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Harry Reid share this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory. On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: 'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So Judy recently e-mailed Senator Harry Reid for information about their great-great uncle. Believe it or not, Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

"Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

NOW THAT's how it's done, Folks!
That's real POLITICAL SPIN

If you haven't seen it yet, it will probably get to you with other names inserted. Beware the typing jokers out there!

Genea Logical Humor

1. My family tree is a few branches short!
2. My hobby is genealogy, I raise dust bunnies as pets.
3. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.
4. A family tree can wither if nobody tends it's roots.
5. A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
6. After 30 days unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.
7. Am I the only person up my tree ... sure seems like it.
8. Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?
9. Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease but I love it.
10. Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
11. A pack rat is hard to live with but makes a fine ancestor.
12. I Should have asked them BEFORE they died!
13. Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards, as progress.
14. Shh! Be very, very quiet ... I'm hunting forebears.
15. Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors!
16. I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes.
17. Genealogists live in the past lane.
18. My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!

The Midnight Ride of Aunt Jane

Preface: As a small child, I loved to hear the story of Aunt Jane and her midnight ride. I grew up thinking that Imboden was almost the devil himself. Imagine my surprise when in college I found a copy of Spencer C. Tuckers' book, "John D. Imboden: Confederate Commander in the Shenandoah," and learned that he was a rather handsome man that actually went by a Christian name rather than "the dreaded Imboden". I also learned he was married five times and was late for the battle of Gettysburg, so it would appear that Aunt Jane and this episode was just the start of his bad luck with women and timing.

By Pat Hady

Reprinted from the April 8, 1959 Randolph Enterprise, Echoes of the Past column by Homer Floyd Fansler

On August 16, 1862, when Colonel John Daniel Imboden, the daring Confederate raider, invaded Randolph and Tucker Counties with 310 soldiers. He was thwarted in his objective by Miss Jane Snyder, who made a perilous midnight ride through the Dry Fork mountains and spread the awesome news that Imboden was coming.

She made her ride down the Dry Fork, from the vicinity of Harman, to notify the Federal outpost at Abraham Parsons' mill, where the city of Parsons now stands. She saved the outpost from capture and, in all probability, saved the railroad at Rowlesburg from destruction, for Imboden was striking for that point and turned back only when his advance was made know by Jane Snyder. Imboden, (he was promoted to Brigadier General early in 1863), and his Confederates, led by the Confederate scout William J. Harper, went through the wilderness and over the Alleghenies to Glady Fork, cutting a path through the forest as they went, and passed down Glady Fork to the Dry Fork River.

Jane learned from a spy that Confederates were in the woods on some mysterious mission and she correctly surmised their purpose so she hastened to inform the Federals. She outrode the Confederates and passed the mouth of Glady Fork where the town of Gladwin used to stand, before they reached that point. Thus she was ahead of them, and gave ample warning of their approach.

A very strange coincidence occurred that night as she approached the Federal pickets at Parsons' mill. The password that night was "Jane Snyder" and it had been selected because Jane's father, John and her brother, Sampson, were staunch Federal sympathizers and were actively working for the Union cause in this very section of the country. When she approached the pickets and was challenged, "Who's there?" She replied "Jane Snyder," and they supposed that it was someone with the countersign and permitted her to pass. The outpost was therefore alerted in

time to escape and word was sent to Saint George and Rowlesburg of the impending raid.

Mary Jane Snyder was a daughter of John Snyder, a staunch Union sympathizer, whose parents were early settlers of Randolph County. She was a sister of Captain Sampson Snyder, who organized a company of guerrillas call "Swamp Dragons." In 1901, thirteen members of the Bennett and Snyder families came down out of the Dry Fork to Hendricks, where they changed trains and embarked on a mass migration to Orofino, Idaho. Jane was a member of this party and the only subsequent record of her is that she died in Greer, Idaho, in the 1920's.

Her ride has been celebrated in both prose and verse. Among the poetic efforts commemorating her ride is the following, written by an unknown author, it is a West Virginia ballad of the first magnitude:

The Midnight Ride of Jane Snyder

The Rebels, equipped for a galloping raid,
Came over the mountains through forest and glade;
They followed no path that had ever been followed,
But through swamps where the bears and the
beavers wallowed,
They climbed the hills and they took to the ridges,
And crossed the ravines without grading or bridges;
They had crowbars and axes and all kinds of tools,
And howitzers strapped on the saddles of mules.

They had powder and matches and fuses and
funnels,
And struck for the railroad to blow up the tunnels;
They were grizzled old warriors, as rugged as Odin,
And they followed the daring and dashing Imboden,
Who aimed to strike quickly with blow that was bold,
And come down in the night like a wolf on the fold,
And scatter the Yankees in Randolph and Tucker
Like the rays of the sun melt fresh country butter.

There was only one thing that appeared in his way;
A squad of the Yankees, out scouting that day,
Were right in the road and he knew it. What next?
The grizzly old Rebel for once was perplexed;
But small things like Yankees, though squarely the
road in,
Could not long bock or bother the plans of Imboden
For, in one thing he always was quick and expert
To start, go and get there and never get hurt.

If it happened that Yankees he found in his path
He slugged them, like David the Giant of Gath;
Unless it so happed the Yankees came back

With a hillside maneuver and hit him a whack
Where he looked for it least, and when such was the
case,
He could double and twist at a powerful pace
Into gorges, o'er river, through ravine and hollow
Confusing his tracks till no bloodhound could follow.

"There are Yankees ahead of us," Imboden said
"Let us flank'em and whip 'em; file on," and he led,
The night was as dark as the Land of the Nile
When the plagues were on Egypt, and mile after mile
The Rebels rode sullenly seldom a word
To break the monotonous rain drip was heard.
The path which they followed was only a trail
On the shelves of the cliffs where the footings was
frail:

While the noise of the dashing of water below
Came up through the night with a murmur of woe;
If a mule lost its footing on terrace or scar,
And went down the abyss, 'twas the fortune of war,
If the rider fell too, and went down in the gloom,
They left him, What better than that for a tomb?
Then Imboden spoke: "Tis a treacherous track!
If the Yankees lambaste us we'll never get back."
"If they chase," replied one who was nobody's fool,
"We can stop them by blocking the path with a mule."
Thus they rode in the night through mountains and
heather,
That terrible night of the rain-stormy weather,
When the wind through pines on the mountains was
roaring,
And the torrents re-echoed with splashing and
pouring:
But the Rebels, while flanking the Federal pickets,
Were flanked by a woman who rode through the
thickets?

O'er the by-paths and no paths, o'er the mountains
that rose
To the clouds and their summits once covered with
snows,
And she outrode the Rebels and came in ahead;
They were balked, they were beat, the Yankees had
fled;
She warned them in time, but no moment to spare;
The sentinel challenged her: "Halt! Who comes
there?"
The horse was brought up by the bit, and the rider
Replied to the sentinel's challenge: "Jane Snyder."

The Yankees, disturbed by the sudden intrusion,
Ran this way and that way in stupid confusion,

And they stumbled o'er luggage and saddles and
packs
Till she said, "Here, the Rebels are coming, Make
tracks!"

Then they went in stampede, like the Clans of Colloden,
And were gone when the Rebels, came down with Imboden
And the oaths that he swore were of very high rank,
As he reined up his steed on the bleak river bank.

Then one said "We will cross and follow their track."
"If we do we'll have Mulligan right on our backs,"
Said Imboden, adding: Where laurel is thick,
We can fight them or dodge them, and give lick for lick,
But the country before us is open and level,
And Mulligan's Irish will fight like the devil;
Let us take the track back." And they took the back track
Through the desolate mountains, so stormy and black.

Anonymous



The Midnight Ride of Jane Snyder

What's YOUR Story?

Thank you, Pat Hady, for this interesting story about
Aunt Jane's important role in the Civil War!!

Okay members, time to step up and tell us YOUR story!
Do you have something to share in our newsletter or
meeting? A little bit of history or a photo of times gone
by? Want to let others know what makes your family so
special? Share your history! Our group really wants to
get to know what drives you to know your family history.

Defiant women, hometown heroes or horse thieves, they
were all important to get you here today so give us your
story!

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Voting again April 3rd

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference

Charleston, South Carolina
May 11-14, 2011

Program highlights will include tracks on military records, ethnic research, church records, immigration and migration, methodology and an emphasis on research in the southeast. Each day will include two tracks about technological advances in genealogy covering subscription databases, software, Internet resources, and more.

Of course the program is steeped in interesting facts and a good dose of southern charm and history but there are many interesting tours, sights, excursions and social events to choose from during your visit to Charleston. Maybe the Dinner Cruise or the Wine and Cheese Reception and a Visit to the Charleston Museum? If you want more information see Harriett or Clare for a booklet.

Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org for information on the different conference tracks, to print a brochure or registration information to attend the

If you weren't at the March Meeting ...

Look What You Missed!!

Donna M. Moughty



**Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are!
Hide and Seek on the Internet**

If you've ever felt like your genealogy research had you running in circles then Donna Moughty's presentation is one you should not have missed. Organization is the key to good and thorough research as well as sourcing the information. Donna stressed the use of a Research Log for all types of research searches. "The fact is, you won't find everything on the internet. Sometimes it requires a little leg work to find what you are looking for."

Donna advised that you be should be skeptical and get to the original source; then give credit to those who have done the research or provided the information.

This was a very informative presentation loaded with suggestions for using the right tools for effective searches.