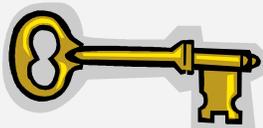


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Presidents Message - February 2010

We are about a month into the New Year, and a number of significant activities are on our "plate", so to speak. We will be holding an all-day seminar featuring the RootsMagic Software; the developer and founder of RootsMagic being our principal speaker. It should be a very interesting and educational experience for our members and guests that are in attendance. MGS has not held an all-day seminar for many years, and we could not pass up this opportunity to bring this significant experience to our members and guests. I hope that you can make this event. It should be a great day. Now, I have to say a few words about the administration of the Manasota Genealogical Society. At this time of year, we begin the process of nominating and enlisting individuals for various positions in the society administration. We need your help. Just remember the old saying, "many hands make for light work". We are asking you to contribute a small amount of your time to some of the various duties of our society. You will find it a rewarding experience. This is necessary for us to remain a viable genealogical society. Our society, as are other genealogical organizations, is faced with dwindling membership and lack of interest by some individuals in the local genealogical organizations. Some of this can be blamed on the Internet and access to data and help, but this approach lacks the personal contact that an organization can provide. Contact me, or one of the MGS Board members, for details on how you can help. We need you. Thanking you in advance.

Jim McHugh, President

MGS GENEALOGY SEMINAR

(SPONSORED BY THE MANASOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY)

FEATURING ROOTSMAGIC!



ROOTSMAGIC IS A LEADING GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAM AND BRUCE BUZBEE, FOUNDER AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, WILL BE PRESENT TO LEAD OUR FEATURED TOPIC.

WHEN: **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010**

REGISTRATION: 8:00 A.M.

SEMINAR: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

DOOR PRIZES!

WHERE: BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH FACILITIES
1805 30TH AVENUE W.
BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34205

COST: \$35 (includes lunch and morning snacks). You must pre-register in order to receive lunch.

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DEATH RECORDS: A Checklist of Ten Documents Every Genealogist Should Own

by William Dollarhide

Taken from Genealogy Pointers (11-3-09) which is published by the Genealogical Publishing Company and its affiliate, Clearfield Company. See <http://www.genealogical.com/>

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Here are ten places to look for a death record. All ten sources should be obtained for every ancestor on your pedigree chart and every member of a family on your family group sheet.

**1. DEATH CERTIFICATES.** A rule in genealogy is to treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestors as equals. That means you need to obtain genealogical sources for all of them. For instance, for every ancestor on your pedigree chart, and for every brother or sister of an ancestor, you need to obtain a death certificate (assuming they are dead). If there were six siblings in an ancestor's family, a death certificate for each sibling will give six different sources about the same parents, places where the family lived, names of spouses, names of cemeteries, names of funeral directors, and other facts about a family. If a death certificate for your ancestor fails to provide the name of the deceased's mother, for example, a sibling's death certificate might give the full maiden name. How do you get a death certificate? Go to the [www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com) site, where detailed information about accessing death records can be found. It is a free-access website, and all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories or possessions are represented. Always start with a death certificate because the names, dates, and places you will find on a death certificate will lead you to further records.

**2. FUNERAL RECORDS.** A death certificate may mention the name and location of a funeral director. Find a current funeral home in North America at [www.funeralnet.com](http://www.funeralnet.com). This site has the listings from a directory of funeral homes called "The Yellow Book." A funeral record may include names of survivors, names of the persons responsible for the funeral expenses, and, often, obscure biographical information about the deceased not available anywhere else. Modern funeral records are full of genealogical information about the deceased and may include copies of newspaper obituaries, death certificates, printed eulogies, funeral programs, and other details about the person. A reference to a burial permit, cremation, or cemetery can be found here as well. Generally, funeral directors are very easy to talk to and very cooperative.

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Even if the old name of a funeral home is not listed in a current directory, it should be possible to locate the current funeral home holding the records of an earlier one. Funeral homes rarely go out of business but, more often, are taken over by another funeral director. If at one time a town had two or three funeral homes, but only one today, the "Yellow Book" listing is still the source for finding the current funeral home in that town because it can lead you to information about the older funeral home. Funeral directors are also experts on the location of cemeteries in their area.

**3. CEMETERY RECORDS.** If the name of a cemetery is mentioned on the death certificate or funeral record, that cemetery is now a source of information about the person who died. There may be a record in the sexton's office of the cemetery, or off-site at a caretaker's home; and the gravestone inscription may be revealing as well. When you contact a funeral home, ask about the cemetery where the person was buried and whether the funeral home has an address or phone number for the cemetery office, or at least know who might be the keeper of records for the cemetery. At the same time, ask the funeral director for the names of monument sellers/stone masons who cater to cemeteries in the area. As a back-up, a local stone mason may have a record of a monument inscription for the deceased's gravestone. To locate a cemetery anywhere in the U.S., a special list can be obtained from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) within their Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). The GNIS contains the names of over two million place names (map features) in America, of which about 107,000 are cemeteries. The GNIS website is located at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>. Click on "Domestic Names" to search for any named cemetery.

**4. OBITUARIES.** A newspaper obituary was probably published soon after the person's death. Old newspapers from the town where the person died are usually available in the local public library. They might be on microfilm. Find the website for any library in the U.S. at the Libweb-Library Servers site at <http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/>. If the library responds but says it is unable to look for an obituary or make copies for you, then you might need to find a person living in that town to go to the library for you. One way to locate such a person is to write to a local genealogical society and ask if they know someone who can do a bit of research for you. Most genealogical societies have a volunteer who responds to such requests, and there will most likely be a small fee for this service. A good list of American genealogical societies is in [The Genealogist's Address Book](#), 6th Edition, edited by Elizabeth Petty Bentley (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2009; see the following article for more information about this resource). You might also find a genealogy helper on the Internet. Do a place search for people involved in genealogy in a locale near where you need help, drop them an e-mail message, and promise to do something for them in exchange. Some historic newspaper obituaries are beginning to appear on the Internet. Check [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) under the category "obituaries" for direct links to websites on the Internet specific to actual obituaries transcribed and made available in various sites.

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Also, use your browser to search for "obituaries," which should provide names of newspapers, dates, etc., and what might be available.

**5. SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS.** If a person died within the last 35 years or so, the death certificate probably includes the deceased's Social Security number. With or without a person's Social Security number, you can write for a copy of any deceased person's original application for a Social Security card, called a form SS-5. Since 1935, virtually every working person in America has applied for a Social Security account. You will need to consult the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) to see if the person is listed. Any person who died after 1962 should be listed there. One of the easiest of these look-up services is found at <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>, where you can search in the SSDI by the surname, or optional first name, or the place in the U.S. where a person died. With the name and Social Security number, you can obtain a copy of the deceased's application for a Social Security account, which was filled in by the person and gives his/her full name, date and place of birth, place of residence, names of parents, occupations, and names of employers. For deaths before 1962, the RootsWeb SSDI site is still a good place to start; click on any person to get the form letter asking for a form SS-5, modify it to fit the person you want, and add more details.

**6. PROBATE RECORDS.** Details pertaining to a deceased person's estate may be located in a county courthouse. These records might provide important information about the heirs of the deceased. Probate records might include docketts (court calendars), recorded wills, administrator's records, inventories of estates, sheriff's sales, and judgments. Microfilmed probate records for nearly every county in the U.S. are located at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. To find them, go to the [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) site. Do a "place" search for a state, then click on "Review Related Places" to see a list of the counties for that state. The topics listed include probate records, so a review of what records have been filmed can be located quickly.

**7. PRIVATE DEATH RECORDS (Insurance Papers, Medical Records, Doctor's Office Records).** If the deceased had insurance, there is undoubtedly a record of the death within the insurance company's files. There might be much more information concerning the deceased's survivors and the disposition of an estate. Hospital records are almost always closed, but a close family member might be able to get some information. Records at a doctor's office also are usually closed, but, again, close family members might be given access.

**8. CORONER AND MEDICAL EXAMINER RECORDS** exist for any person who died under suspicious conditions, or for whom an autopsy was performed, or in most cases for people who died outside of a hospital. Coroner records are public records kept at the county level in virtually all states. In addition to the circumstances of the death, there may be vital details about the deceased. Locating a coroner or medical examiner for a county is not difficult. Many have their own websites or are part of a county government website.

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**9. MEDICAL RECORDS** for deceased veterans are public records. The National Archives and Records Administration, National Personnel Records Center (Military Records Facility) is located at 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Write for a form SF-80 to request copies from any soldier's or sailor's military file. Their online website is [www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html). Next-of-kin to a deceased veteran can access data online. Others must use form SF-80 to obtain information about the deceased veteran.

**10. CHURCH RECORDS.** A death record might be recorded within a church's records, plus information about a burial. Check [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) under the category "Religion and Church" to survey what is available online.

## GO GET THE DEATH RECORDS!

A death certificate is not enough, and it might not even be correct. If you know a person's exact date and place of death, then you have several more sources pertaining to a person's death. If you can obtain these other death records, you will certainly learn more about your ancestors.

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## One Million Hamilton County (Ohio) Documents Now Online

Contributed by Barb Schulz

More than 1 million Hamilton County (Ohio) documents - some dating to 1791 - now available online from the Probate Court that will be a boon to genealogy buffs, history researchers and anyone trying to see what happened to great grandpa's belongings when he died. The newly available documents, some 219 years old, include birth, death, marriage, estate, naturalization and other records.

The project started after Probate Court Judge James Cissell took office in 2003 and decided to preserve 1,600 books, each weighing 30 pounds, and their 1.1 million pages by digitizing them and putting them online. Before this, only documents after 1983 were available online. All of the work to place the 1.1 million documents online was done by Probate Court workers except for the \$95,000 cost of a private contractor to digitize each page.

The documents are as mundane as guardianship records from the late 18th century to tidbits that mark personal moments of Hollywood stars. One of the interesting documents rediscovered during the digitization was the marriage license - much of it handwritten - of Spencer Tracy.

The new digitized documents also serve a more practical purpose. Many documents are stored in ways that physically won't last.

"If we don't do it shortly we may lose it because all that microfilm is wasting away," Cissell said. "We have 4,000 rolls of microfilm of records which are quickly disintegrating. "Once that's done, everything we have here will be available on the Internet."

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## NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS IN MANATEE COUNTY LIBRARY

GEN 929,.1072041 Cha  
Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Listings in the British Isles.  
by Colin R. Chapman  
Chapman Records Cameo series.  
GPC, 2004 Reprint of 1998 edition  
A small book, only 85 pages with lists of census records that list individual names, plus an index.

GEN 016.92938 Pla  
Census Records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States.  
by Lyman D. Platt  
GPC, 1998

GEN 929.308997 Bow  
Eastern Cherokee Census, Cherokee, North Carolina, 1915-1922  
Taken by Agent James E. Henderson,  
Transcribed by Jeff Bowen  
Clearfield Press, 2004  
Our 3 volume set is the 2007 GPC reprint

GEN 977.232 Bea  
The First 100 Years: A Partial History of the Boonville School System  
by Addison Beavers  
by Author, Printed by Printing Professionals and Publishers, Inc,  
Bradenton, FL 34205, 1997.

GEN 929.1 Ben 2009  
The Genealogist's Address Book, 6th Edition.  
by Elizabeth Petty Bentley.  
GPC, 2009.

GEN 929.3416 Han volumes 1 and 2  
The Scotch-Irish.  
by Charles A. Hanna  
GPC, 2005 paperback reprint of original 1902 edition

GEN 974.02 Wit volumes 1 and 2  
The History of New England from 1630 to 1649  
by John Winthrop, esq.  
with notes by James Savage  
Reprinted by GPC for Clearfield Press from the 1853 original.

GEN 929.3748 Fie  
Register of Marriages and Baptisms performed by Rev. John Cuthbertson, 1751-1791.  
by S. Helen Fields  
Reprinted by GPC for Clearfield Press from the 1934 original.

GEN 929.308997 Vow vol. 4  
Eastern Cherokee Census, Cherokee, North Carolina 1915-1922  
taken by Agent James E. Henderson, Vol. 4, 1921-1922  
Transcribed by Jeff Bowen  
Printed by GPC for Clearfield Press , 2006.

GEN 974.26 ADA  
Annals of Portsmouth, comprising a period of two hundred years from the first settlement of the town, with biographical sketches.  
by Nathaniel Adams.  
Published by the author 1825.  
Reprinted May 1971 by Peter E. Randal, Publisher, Hampton, N.H.

GEN 973.3458 DAV  
Georgia Citizens and Soldiers of the American Revolution.  
by Robert S. Davis, Jr.  
Southern Historical Press, 1979.

GEN 929.3764 Ken  
Genealogical Records in Texas.  
by Imogene Kinard Kennedy and J. Leon Kennedy  
Genealogical Pub. Co, 1987  
(We do not usually carry items for states west of the Mississippi River, but this is a source-finding aid.)

GEN 929.3756 Bra  
Early Records of North Carolina.  
Volume I: Probates, Administrations, Inventories, 1753-1790,  
From the Secretary of State Papers.  
Volume II: Wills, Administrations, Inventories, Deeds, 1677-1790.  
From the Secretary of State Papers.  
Both Volumes by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.  
privately printed, c. 1992.

GEN 929.42 Mul  
Heraldic Scroll and Map of Family Names and Origins of Ireland.  
Published by Mullins of Dublin.

(P.S. We've also got more genealogy shelving just installed. Some familiar titles may move around a bit as we stretch to make more room for future new titles.) Pam Gibson

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### 1685 Covenanter Ship Passenger List

From the works of Woodrow and Glasgow we learn that in 1685 many Covenanters in Scotland who would not take the Oath of Allegiance to the Ruler because of religious scruples, were confined in the Tolbooth of Leith. One George Scott, Laird of Pittochie, was given a promise of liberty and a gift of about one hundred prisoners provided he transport them to Eastern New Jersey and land them before Sept. 1686. Failure in any part meant a penalty of five hundred marks.

A ship of 350 tons with 20 guns named *The Henry and Francis* was chartered from New Castle by Scott or Pittochie as he was called, with Richard Hutton as Master. From these prisoners Scott made up a company of 125 persons, of which 31 died on the voyage. In addition to these, there were a few others who voluntarily came to America. Five pounds sterling was required of each adult, and less for children, and if this could not be paid, the adult was promised 25 acres of land and a new suit of clothes after he had given four (4) years of service.

Scott and his lady died at sea, and John Johnstone, Pittochie's son in law, had charge of the prisoners and urged them to sign an agreement to serve the four (4) years at Perth Amboy in New Jersey because of the expense incurred by Scott. This they refused to do, and instead filed a protest against their banishment and cruel treatment.

The ship sailed from the road of Leith on Sept. 5, 1685 and landed at Perth Amboy, the middle of the following December. It twice sprang a leak, fever broke out, food and treatment were intolerable. Influenced by Hutton to sail to Jamaica or Virginia where he could better dispose of the prisoners, Johnstone decided to do so, and only due to a change of wind was Captain Hutton forced to sail to New Jersey as first planned.

The Covenanters were not welcomed by the people who lived on the coast, but at an inland town (thought to be Woodbridge) they were kindly received and all who could travel were invited to live with them, and horses furnished for those who could not walk. The following spring, Johnstone had them all cited before a legal tribunal of the Province. Because they had not voluntarily gone to the ship or bargained in any way, they were, in accordance with the laws of this land, assorted, and were scattered throughout eastern Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut. Thereafter, from time to time, the Covenanters were banished from Scotland to New Jersey, Delaware and South Carolina until the latter part of the 17th century when the religious persecution ceased.

In the midst of these distressed but brave people came John Cuthbertson, sent by the Presbytery of Scotland because of their pleading for an Under Shepherd. He set foot on American soil at New Castle, Delaware Aug. 5, 1751. With him came his sister, Mrs. Archibald Bourns, with her husband and infant son John, and a colony of Covenanters.

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John Cuthbertson was the first Reformed Presbyterian Missionary to come to America. He was born near Ayre, Ayreshire, Scotland 3 Apr 1716, his theological studies were under Rev. John McMillan, who, with Rev. Thomas Nairn, a Ruling Elder, constituted the Reformed Presbytery of Scotland, which was organized in 1743. He was licensed on May 18, 1745 and ordained at Braehead on May 18, 1747, ministering to the Covenanters in Scotland. He was sent to this country in 1751, the first Reformed Presbyterian missionary to come to America. Young, fearless, and imbued with a God-like spirit, he began his work without delay, and throughout the years struggled long distances on horseback and on foot (usually from his home in Middle Octoraro, Lancaster County, Pa.) over mountain and stream, to bring consolation to his fellow countrymen and to others. He frequently speaks of being cold, sick, hungry, distressed in body and mind, molested, but still never faltered in the task he had set before him. We find him, old and broken, carrying on up to a few months before his death in 1791.

The names of those who came to America on *The Henry and Francis* in 1685 are cited here as a preliminary to the more than 5000 different families in Doctor Culbertson's *Diary, Register of Marriages and Baptisms performed by Rev. John Cuthbertson, Covenanter Minister 1751-1791* by Helen S. Fields, 1934.

### Names of those who sailed on the *Henry and Francis* 1685

#### Those in italics died on the voyage.

|                           |                        |                       |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert ADAM               | John CORBET            | Elspeth FERGUSON      |
| <i>Lady ATHUNIE**</i>     | Andrew CORBET          | Janet FERGUSON        |
| John ARBUCKLE***          | John CASSON            | Mary FERRET***        |
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| David CAMPBELL            | Patrick CUNNINGHAM     | <i>Thomas GRAY</i>    |
| John CAMPBELL             | Charles DOUGLAS        | <i>Thomas GRAHAM</i>  |
| William CAMPBELL          | William DOUGLAS        | Grisel GAMBLE         |
| Christian CAVIE           | Isabel DURIE           | <i>William GED**</i>  |
| John CRICHTON             | John FRAZER            | Fergus GRIER          |
| Robert GILCHRIST          | <i>Thomas FINLATER</i> | James GRIER           |
| John GILFILLAN***         | John MARTIN            | James RESTON          |
| Bessie GORDON             | Margaret MILLER        | <i>Thomas RUSSELL</i> |
| Annabel GORDON***         | George MUIR***         | Peter RUSSELL***      |
| Katherine COVAN           | <i>Gilbert MONERG</i>  | Christian STRANG***   |

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| John HARRIS***           | Jean MOFFAT***                  | William SPRAT          |
| John HARVIE***           | John MUIRHEAD                   | Agnes STEVENS***       |
| John HENDERSON***        | James MUIRHEAD***               | William SPROULL***     |
| Adam WOOD***             | William McCALMONT               | Thomas SHELSTON        |
| Charles HONYALL***       | John McEWEN                     | John SWINTON           |
| <i>John HUTCHINSON</i>   | Walter McEWEN***                | John SMITH             |
| John HODGE               | Robert McEWEN***                | John SETON***          |
| <i>Thomas JACKSON***</i> | John McQUEEN***                 | <i>George SCOT**</i>   |
| William JACKSON          | Robert McLELLAN                 | <i>Margaret SCOT**</i> |
| George JOHNSTON***       | <i>Margaret McLELLAN</i>        | <i>Eupham SCOT**</i>   |
| John JOHNSTONE**         | <i>Andrew McLELLAN</i>          | Janet SYMINGTON***     |
| James JUNK               | <i>John McKENNAN</i>            | James SITTINGTOWN***   |
| John KING                | <i>William McMILLAN</i>         | John TARGAT            |
| <i>John KIPPAN</i>       | John McGHIE***                  | John TURPINE           |
| John KINCAID***          | William NEVIN**                 | William TURNBULL       |
| James KIRKWOOD           | William OLIPHANT                | Patrick URIE           |
| <i>John KIRKLAND</i>     | Andrew PATTERSON***             | John VERNOR**          |
| John KELLIE              | John POLLOCK                    | Mrs. VERNOR**          |
| <i>Katherine KELLIE</i>  | <i>John RANN</i>                | John WATT              |
| John KENNIE              | <i>Rev. Archibald RIDDELL**</i> | Patrick WALKER         |
| Margaret LESLIE***       | <i>Mrs. Archibald RIDDELL**</i> | <i>James WARDROPE</i>  |
| Janet LINTHRON           | <i>William RIGG**</i>           | <i>Eliz. WHITLAW</i>   |
| Gawen LOCKHART           | <i>Marian RINNIE</i>            | Grizel WITHERSPOON     |
| Michael MARSHALL         | <i>John RENWICK</i>             | William WILSON         |
| John MARSHALL            |                                 | Robert YOUNG***        |

\*\* Voluntarily left Scotland.

\*\*\*Left a written protest.

\* from Dr. William M. Glasgow's *History of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America*.

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## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA VISITS BY REV. JOHN CUTHBERTSON IN 1779

.Dr. Cuthbertson kept a diary from the date he landed in America in 1751, it is a personal record, containing in addition to his entries of marriages and baptisms, many expressions of intimate family life, and abbreviations for his own information.

Rev. Cuthbertson made his only recorded trip into Allegheny County and into Washington counties Pa. in the fall of 1779, visiting the Society known as The Monongahela, which was distributed over a large area of the western country along the Monongahela and Youghiogeny Rivers, some 20 miles SE of Pittsburgh, the central point of which was the Forks of the Yough. Perhaps the earliest settlement was in 1769 when James Wilson and his son Zaccheus left the Cove Mountain east of the Allegheny Mountains, and settled in this vicinity, moving to the Forks of the Yough the following year, accompanied by Robert McConnell. They were soon joined by the families of Matthew Jamison; Andrew McMeans; and Matthew Mitchell.

Spelling has not been changed, some entries difficult to understand.

### Allegheny "Creek"

1779 Sept. 15 "Rode 30 miles Cumberland, Fort Mills/Hills Creek, Alegheny, Tomlinson." (from Old Town).

### Forks of Yough

1779 Sept. 17 "Rode 37 miles Laurel Hill, Mr. Greer's, Forks of Yough, Mr. Simson's."

1779 Sept 18 "Rode 12 miles to Col Cook's by Aaron to Zaccheus Wilson's. Good Health."

1779 Sept. 19 "Sabbath - rode 3 miles preached, lectured, and baptised Mary daughter to Robert Jamieson."

1779 Sept. 20 "rode 5 miles down Yough to James Finey's agreed not."

1779 Sept. 21 "rode 10 miles from Ben Brown's to Joseph Caldwell's.. T. Morton."

1779 Sept. 23 "rode 3 miles to James Finey's, after preaching and lecturing, and baptised Thomas and Elizabeth to Charles Boal."

1779 Sept. 24 "Sabbath - preached, lectured and baptized Sus. to Isa Wilson; James to Aaron Wilson; Hannah to Jos. Loughgead; David and Martha to John Drenan; and Susanna to James Paterson, rode 3 miles to and from J. Drenan."

### Washington County, Chartiers (creek)

1779 Sept. 28 "rode 23 miles from J. Reid's to Shirtee (creek), Al. McConel's, James Scot's."

### Washington County, Miller's Run (Venice)

1779 Sept. 29 "rode 9 miles Miller's Run, Cross George Marquers, S.W."

1779 Sept. 30 "rode 10 miles, preached, James Mcgl."

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1779 Oct. 1 "rode 20 mi after preaching, exorcised, baptised James to James McGlaughlin; Francis and Joh. to Matthew McConel; and Sara and Mary to Robert Walker."

### Somerset County, Fort Mills

1779 Sept. 15 "rode 30 mi Laurel-hill, Mr. Greer's, Forks of Yough, Mr. Simson's."

### Somerset County, Laurel Hill

1779 Sept. 17 "rode 37 mi over Laurel-hill, Glades, lay on straw at Mr. Spiegers."  
(on way to Bedford from Allegheny County)

### Washington County

1779 Oct. 1 "Sabbath - rode 3 mi from \_\_\_\_\_ to John Reid's, preached, lectured, and baptized John son to John Reid."

1779 Oct. 4 "rode 10 mi with John Reid to and from plantation, good." (at West Middleton, Washington County).

1779 Oct. 5 "rosed 12 mi to Widow Reed's. over the Monongahela; Hen, Nisby's etc."

1779 Oct. 6 "preached, catechized 50 and baptized William to Matthew Mitchel; Janet to Ebenezer Mitchel; and Isabel to John Mitchel."

1779 Oct. 7 "rode 14 mi, 6 to Sam Wilson's, preached, and baptized Elizabeth to S. Wilson; John and Margaret to Sa. Scot; then rode 8 mi to Peter Paterson's Red Sto."

1779 Oct. 8 "rode 10 mi to and from Wm. Patter., John Robies., James Pa., John Stewa."

### Bedford County

1779 Oct. 14 "rode 38 mi Glades Mountains, etc., to Bedford - a fall, etc." (from Glades).

### Bedford County, Juniata River

1779 Oct. 15 - "rode 35 mi over Juniata, Sideling Hill, Scrub, rs, D. McC." (from Bedford).

Compiler's note: This is only a small portion of his diary, only western Pennsylvania data was copied. His work contains entries from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and many other counties in Pennsylvania. Unfortunately we do not have a copy of this book in our Bradenton library collection.

Compiled by Jean S. Morris, jmorris161@tampabay.rr.com, Ellenton FL 34222.

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### "jots from jean"

**WWII Draft Registration Cards** About two years ago, Ancestry.com announced that the WWII Draft Registration Cards had been digitized and were available at Ancestry.com. Since then many have realized that when they look up the cards for family members that the front of the image does not match the person listed on the reverse side image. Ancestry is aware of the problem. I, personally did not have a problem, but be aware of it.

**Elmer's Genealogy Library** in Madison FL will be merged with the Huxford Genealogical Society Library in Homerville, GA in 2010. There are two B&Bs in this small Georgia town located between Waycross and Valdosta on US 84. You can access this library at [www.Huxford.com](http://www.Huxford.com). This merger will make Elmer's Ohio collection and that of the Georgia library available to researchers. We might think of a bus tour to visit this new library next year.

**New York Ancestry** Historical newspapers are available at this free website, at <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>. This announcement from Dick Eastman's review at [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2009/07search-more-than10258000-old-new-york-state-historical-newspaper-pages.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/07search-more-than10258000-old-new-york-state-historical-newspaper-pages.html)

**Stitches in Time: Stories are revealed at the New England Quilt Museum.** From the Sept.Oct.2009 issue of *Yankee Magazine*, comes a fascinating one-page article about the New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, MA [nequiltmuseum.org](http://nequiltmuseum.org). Volunteers at the museum are decoding the genealogy of the Bay State one quilt at a time. Once a month the group invites people from around the Commonwealth to bring their grandmother's quilts out of old steamer trunks and bring them in to the museum for a thorough examination. Shown in color with the article is a quilt made by several people contributed to *Country Scenes*, a foundation-pieced and appliqued cotton crazy quilt created in South Royalston Mass about 1885. Most people who come are hoping to shed some light on their family histories. Quilts are as much about communication as comfort, and the symbols and inscriptions blended into a design say a lot about the maker's personal or political life. A selection of the most interesting quilts documented by the project are on display at the New England Quilt Museum through September 2009 in an exhibit called *Massachusetts: Our Common Wealth*. MassQuilts documentation is available on the third Friday of every month; reservations required. The project produced a companion book *Massachusetts Quilts: Our Common Wealth*. (Univ. Press of New England, \$60.).

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**Time in a Bottle: A stylish way to display your favorite photographs or prints.** Is another article in the July/August 2009 issue of *Yankee Magazine*, by Terry John Woods. You will need a glass bottle or jar, glass cleaner, photocopy of a print or photograph, scissors, and two wooden skewers. A photo accompanying the article is of a fireplace mantle decorated with blue glass mostly old medicine bottles of varying sizes and heights, each with a family member photograph inside - a take off on "A message in a bottle," this being "A photograph in a bottle." Multiple glass containers in varying sizes and/or colors, with an assortment of your favorite photos and pictures tucked inside, make a great visual statement on a mantle, bedside table, or shelf. Use family shots, flower designs, prints of paintings - anything that will show off your own personal style. Directions follow:

- Choose an attractive glass bottle or jar, whether new or antique, the larger the neck or mouth the better. Clean it and dry it thoroughly, Polident dental solution works great for getting old glassware clean.
- Make a color or B&W photocopy of your picture on a regular copier paper. The copy should be small enough in length and width to fit unrolled inside the glass container. Trim excess, if necessary.
- Wrap the copy, blank side showing, around a wooden skewer and roll it into a tight cylinder.
- Slide the copy cylinder off the skewer and slip it, right side up, through the bottle's neck, or a jar's mouth.
- Insert both skewers down through the neck or mouth.
- Working from the blank side to avoid damaging the print, use the skewers to unroll the cylinder until it is flat inside the bottle or jar. Pressing toward the front of the container from the back of the copy works best.
- Leave the top of your bottle or jar open if you like, or finish with a cork, ground glass stopper, or a clean metal cap, to keep out dust, etc.

**Was Your Ancestor employed by the U.S. Post Office?** From an article by Jack Butler in the *Tallahassee Genealogist* Vol. 27 No. 4 2008-2009 in which the compiler discusses the NARA holdings of the Postmaster Generals Records on microfilm. The first postal system in America was created in July of 1775. There are several series of published and microfilmed records relating to the post office records:

- The appointment of Postmasters Oct. 1789-1832 on M#1131,
- Record of appointment of Postmasters 1832-Sept. 30, 1971 on M#841  
This set of four rolls, one 1789-1818; one for 1814-1823 (some overlap) one for 1824-1828; and one for 1828-1832. Data is arranged in alpha order by name of post office, the state, date established, date it was discontinued, and the name of postmaster and date appointed.

Note: The post offices for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were pulled by county and location for the years 1780-1832, now out of print but can be located.

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- Record of Cards of Carriers Separated from the Postal Service 1863-1899 are contained on NARA M#1846 and contains name of mail carrier, the post office, and reason let go.
- Records of Post Office Locations, NARA M#1126 contains info about the physical location of the post office, proximity to nearby post offices, railroad stations, creeks and rivers, and some reports include Maps.
- The Letters Sent by the Postmaster General 1789-1836, NARA M#601. Each roll contains its own index for this 50 roll series, making it difficult to use.
- Index to Names, Aliases and Histories of Postal Offenders is in book form, not in microfilm and was published by the Government Printing Office in 1926.
- Offers for carrying the Mails. The postal routes and schedules were published and people could bid to become a carrier. The route went to the lowest bidder. A sample of this material is shown in the article.

Postal records rarely contain birth, marriage, and death data, but they can be of value in helping direct a researcher to areas where they may find more traditional records; and they can provide interesting info about work, life and community.

**Free OnLine Genealogy Classes** can be accessed from Brigham Young University at <http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/index.cfm>. Give it a try. We never stop learning.

**Charles City Virginia Marriages 1762-1954** are now available [www.charlescity.org](http://www.charlescity.org) under the "Learn/Genealogical Databases" tabs. They were abstracted from a variety of sources, over 4000 marriages, most are from surviving Charles City marriage bonds, some from Kent County Marriage Book 1, from newspaper and from religious institutions. Remember that consent of parent/guardian was required for those under 21.

**Virginia Genealogical Society** sponsors three email subscriptions for the benefit of its members, non-members, and local society leaders. It is an open list for those who wish to stay informed about VGS activities and events. Anyone can subscribe @

[VGS-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:VGS-L@rootsweb.com) with the word subscribe in the subject line, no other text please except your email.

**Augusta County, Virginia Earliest Will Index 1745-post 1900** by Janie Sherman CG, publ. Gateway Press, 7x10 paper, 333pp., everyname index. \$32.00+\$3.00 P&H from the compiler at 701 Donaghe St., Staunton VA 24401-2838, email [societydame@verizon.net](mailto:societydame@verizon.net). Nearly 20,000 names in the county, a pre-Revolutionary War county that stretched from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Mississippi River and northward to the Great Lakes [including Virginia's claims in SW Pennsylvania]. It contains wills, codicils, adm papers, inventories, appraisals, settlements, sales, emancipation of slaves, bonds, leins, crop loans, guardianships, apprenticeships, indentures, marriage agreements,

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separations, Rev. and Civil War military records, powers of attorney, widow refusals, recantations, executor appointments, deeds of gift, trust, surveys, contracts and agreements.

**The Library of Virginia** announces the completion of another digital scanning project. The processing, indexing, and digital reformatting of the Madison County Va Chancery Records Index (CRI) at <http://beta.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/> which covers the years 1801-1881. Check out this site for a number of other county's records online.

**The Genealogical Research Library of Canada** has completed a 6-year project at its web site [www.grl.com/](http://www.grl.com/) for genealogical family history. The history of villages, towns, cities and countries. The library provides members with an instant link access to billions of names of people living in past centuries, with dates, places, and events. Plus the location of hundreds of millions of people in the world today. 10,000 eBooks (digital, electronic books). Descriptions and instant access to eBooks many of which are very rare and scattered in locations around the world. Join this group during this time of introduction for many extra benefits.

**Prince Georges County Maryland Slave Statistics** by Patsy Fletcher. She has written a paper of these slaves who were alleged to have joined the US Colored Troops. A portion of her work was published in *The Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society*, 26 (2008):36.

**Volunteers to Bring Historic Sweden Church Records Online** from Richard W. Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 21 Aug 2009 @ [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com).

FamilySearch: FALKÖPING, Sweden and Svensk Arkivinformation (SVAR), a division of the National Archives of Sweden announced on above date the launch of the largest online indexing initiative undertaken to date. The two groups unveiled plans to engage Swedish volunteers throughout the world to help create a highly searchable, free online index to the historic parish registers of Sweden - 200 years of recorded Swedish history. In 1608 the Archbishop of Sweden asked the clergy to begin making records of births, christenings, marriages and burials of all residents. By 1686 they were conducting regular examinations of the population of each parish.

**NACO: National Association of Counties.** Check out the following web site for a list of all counties to find names of towns in that county. [www.naco.org/Tamplate.cfm?Section=About\\_Counties](http://www.naco.org/Tamplate.cfm?Section=About_Counties) and click on "data and demographics" and "find a county."

**Check out www.minerd.com/** which is a Pittsburgh PA favorite family website which has grown out of family proportions, the site may change the way you think, learn about and understand families. While the Miner family is no larger, better or more interesting than anyone else's, it is symbolic of many early families who put down roots and let time work its magic.

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## OnLine Newspapers

Alabama = [www.ibiblio.org/slanews/internet/archives.html#Alabama](http://www.ibiblio.org/slanews/internet/archives.html#Alabama)  
[www.lib.auburn.edu/newspapers/alabama.php](http://www.lib.auburn.edu/newspapers/alabama.php)

A List by State = [www.genealogybuff.com/np/](http://www.genealogybuff.com/np/)

South Carolina = obituary indexing. [www.thedeadlibrarian.blogspot.com](http://www.thedeadlibrarian.blogspot.com)

Sites for Finding Newspapers = [www.vandeventer.net/main/page\\_services\\_newspapers.html](http://www.vandeventer.net/main/page_services_newspapers.html)

Library of Congress = <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>

**Connecticut.** Are there any 19th century Connecticut state censuses? The only CT census is the military enumeration of 1917-18. You may also wish to search CT City Directories or contact specific town or city halls about extant tax records.

**Newfoundland.** Does NEHGS have census information for Newfoundland? The only census at NEHGS for Newfoundland is 1921. Partial returns exist for censuses from 1675 through 1945. You can search for the 1921 census and partial returns at <http://ngb.chebucto.org/census.shtml>.

**New England Historic Genealogical Society** from which the above two queries were published has a free weekly eNews which they will deliver to your email after you subscribe at [NewEnglandAncestors.org/enews](http://NewEnglandAncestors.org/enews).

**"Taken on the High Seas: American Seamen Impressment Records at the National Archives 1789-1815,"** by John O, Deeben is an interesting article published in New England Ancestors published by NEHGS in Vol. 7 No. 4, Fall 2006 on pages 17-22, 59 in our library.

**Connecticut at Your Fingertips.** The Univ. of CT libraries offer four major collections for genealogists. Two are online equivalents of well-known print resources, with extra value added -- *The Connecticut Bibliography and Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776*; and two are purely online collections -- *Connecticut History Online (CHO)* and *Scanned Maps of Connecticut, 1676-1930*. <http://ctbib.uconn.edu/> contains The CT Bibliography... and [www.colonialct.uconn.edu](http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu) contains the CT Colonial Records. Read more about this valuable source in *New England Ancestors* published by NEHGS Vol. 7 No. 4 Fall 2006 pp. 47-48 in an article compiled by Connie Reik.

**"Boston. Research in: A Guide to Repositories & Records."** is an article published in New England Ancestors published by NEHGS Vol. 7 No. 3 Summer 2006 pp. 17-25, 56 is a very informative article to help you research Boston, Mass. ancestors. See same in our library.

**Rhode Island: A Guide to Genealogical Research in Rhode Island** is another helpful article by Maureen A. Taylor published in *New England Ancestors*, Vol. 6 No. 2 Spring 2005 pp. 17-22; with an addendum of "Sources of Rhode Island Research held in the NEHGS Collections" by Michael J. Leclerc on pp. 23-24. If you have *New England Ancestors*, a membership with NEHGS is a must.

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**Family Search Wiki** Familysearch.org has begun a wiki devoted to genealogy. It is primarily devoted to genealogy : "how to" articles. You can read the article, and you can contribute your own at <http://wiki.familysearch.org>

**West Virginia Vital Records** database is now on its new server and running smoothly. Visit them at [www.wvculture.org/VRR/va\\_desearch.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/VRR/va_desearch.aspx) Dates were not given, but should begin circa 1775.

**Virginia: County of Charles City Center for Local History** has made available a new searchable file on its web page at [www.charlescivty.org](http://www.charlescivty.org) under the "Learn/Genealogical Databases" tabs. The file is Charles City Marriages abstracted from a variety of sources. It contains over 4000 marriages, most from surviving Charles City Marriage Bonds 1762-1849, Marriage Books 1-3, and licenses on file in the Charles City Circuit Court Clerk's Office 1850-1954. Marriages of individuals born in, or a resident of, Charles City also are included from New Kent County Marriage Book 1, from newspaper announcements, and from records of religious institutions. This is an active database, additions and corrections are welcome.

[From The Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 35 No. 3 June 2009.]

### **Bible Records for the A.P. Kiger family of Hoytville, Ohio need a home.**

I'm hoping that someone out there will pick up this item and spread it around to Ohio Genealogical Society members, so that I can find a home for these papers.

Our Lutheran Church was given a very large Bible and I copied the entries. Family may not wish to have this huge book. The Bible was found in a home in Colony Cove, Ellenton, Florida, but nothing was known about where it came from.

It is in the hands of Jean Morris, 174 Osprey Circle, Ellenton FL 34222, my phone number (in Jan. 2010) is 941-722-5156, [jmorris161@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmorris161@tampabay.rr.com)

Presented to A.P. Kiger & Wife, Hoytville, O. by A.P. Kiger, Hoytville, O.

There is no title page, but the year 1882 is date of copyright of the Marriage page.

The Holy Matrimony page was not completed but on the reverse page reads, all in the same handwriting:

Addam Kiger was born 1803

Margaret (possibly wife) was born Jan. 31, 1809

1. Sherman born Oct. 25?, 1809

2. Mary Jane born Oct. 3, 1830

3. Sarah Ann born Nov. 13, 1832

4. Gorg (sic) born Dec. 28, 1834

5. Eliza born Feb. 13, 1837

6. Lydia born Feb. 17, 1839

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7. John born June 9, 1841
8. Elizabeth born Oct. 19, 1844
9. Henry born June 24, 1847
10. Adam born Jan 13, 1850
11. Alva Paul born Sep 2, 1855 (may have been the presenter of the Bible)

Two newspaper clippings were pasted to the reverse of the outside cover page. They read:

Photographs of Mr. & Mrs. Martin C. Callahan.

Couple celebrated Golden Wedding

Mr. & Mrs. Martin C. Callahan 306 Clark Street, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday. For 27 years Mr. Callahan was superintendent of the Ford Plate Glass Company, retiring 10 years ago. He was born in Delaware, Ohio and came to Toledo 46 years ago.

Mrs. Callahan was Polly Ann Miller of McComb, Ohio. She has lived in Toledo for 46 years. They have seven children, Sona, Jack, Emmett, Harry, Charles, Josephine, Bessie and Fay\_\_\_?, the latter deceased.

All their children are in Toledo to attend the wedding celebration.

Another clipping affixed to this sheet and reads:

Mrs. Downham, 94, dies at Hoytville. Photograph accompanies clipping. Hoytville, Dec. 11. Jackson Townships oldest resident, Mrs. Moll Downham 94 died here Sunday. She was born in Hancock County in 1840, was the widow of Tom Downham, a Civil War veteran who died in 1900.

Note: If born 1840 & died age 94, she died in appx. 1934.

Her life's hobby continued until two months ago, was piecing quilts, of which it is estimated she pieced more than one thousand. She is survived by a brother, Henry Mills of Bowling Green, and sisters Mrs. Jane Clark, 92 of Arkansas; and Mrs. Lydia Kiger, 77 of Hoytville.

She had no children. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Church of Christ.

Review: *The Effects of the French & Indian War on Civilian Life in the Frontier Counties of Virginia [and SW Pennsylvania] 1754-1763* by Chester Raymond Young, 2009 order from Virginia Genealogical Society at [www.vgs.org](http://www.vgs.org) for \$25.00. This volume examines occurrences during the war, and how they influenced individual families. It relates the war to an increase of orphaned and illegitimate children, prostitution, and drunkenness in the population. By studying the time period, readers may be better able to understand the actions of those who lived in these areas during this time period.

**A Memorial service commemorating the deaths of U.S. soldiers during the opening battle of the Second Seminole War.** On December 28, 2008, 174 years ago Major Francis Dade led his men

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The Dade Battlefield Society and the Seminole Wars Foundation have conducted a memorial service at the Battlefield site in Bushnell Florida for the past 3 years to honor these men who were killed in the battle that began this war fought in 1835 between U.S. soldiers and a desperate group of Seminole Indians struggling for the right to keep their land. The day of the battle was cold and wet. The soldiers had marched through Christmas Day without a break. They had endured several days of marching through rough terrain from Tampa Bay on their way to fortify Fort King against attacks by the Seminoles. Along the way, the men expected to be attacked at various points, especially as they crossed through heavily wooded areas and the several rivers they needed to cross. When the 100 soldiers and eight officers came to open land covered with scrub pines and palmetto, they thought they had passed through the treacherous part of their journey. But before the day was over, only three U.S. soldiers survived. One, Ransom Clark, made his way back to Tampa to tell the story of the bravery and death of his fellow soldiers and their officers. The account of the battle is compelling to Steve Abolt, a historian, re-enactor and actor, who was the guest speaker at the service on Monday Dec. 8, 2009 at the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, 2700 County Road 602 in Bushnell, Florida. For more information about the re-enactments held there each year contact the park at 793-4781. [Taken from The Leesburg Daily Sun, Sunday, December 27, 2009].

**Shenandoah Valley, Virginia Ancestors?** You may want to join the First Settlers of the Shenandoah Valley at [www.firstsettlersshenandoahvallay.com](http://www.firstsettlersshenandoahvallay.com). You can apply on-line by supplying a copy of an approved application from a lineage society such as the DAR, SAR, Colonial Dames, etc. Or contact Janie Sherman, CG at [www.society-dame@verizon.net](mailto:www.society-dame@verizon.net).

Review: **From the Rhineland to the Promised Land of the Shenandoah** by Harvey Wise, IV, 2009, 371pp, indexed, \$27.95 from the compiler at [wiseharvey@aol.com](mailto:wiseharvey@aol.com).

The book begins with sketches of twenty families who left the Rhineland of Europe in the early to mid-1700s, first settled in Pennsylvania and Maryland before migrating into the Shenandoah Valley. Surnames are Baer, Be(r)chtel/oll, Blocher, Braun/Brown, Bucher, Cullen, Danner, Flory, Garber, Glick, Harnsberger, Keiser, Koiner, Lago, Miller, Switzer, Wise and Wynant.

Excellent article in the October 2009 issue of The Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 35 No. 5 pp. 7-10 entitled **"Cavaliers and Pioneers: Not Just a Record of Land Patents"** wherein the compiler Barbara Vines Little, CG goes into great detail about the Land Patents given to Jamestown's Ancient Planters; Headrights; Earlier settlers; French & Indian War veterans; Relationships mentioned in these land grants of family members; and includes many womens names who were mentioned in later land transfers by inheritance.

A copy of this newsletter is in the MGS files at the Bradenton Library.

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## **“The JGSTB 2010 Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers”**

A two-part Jewish Genealogy Seminar will be presented by  
The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay (JGSTB)  
Part 1 - February 14, 2010  
Part 2 - March 14, 2010

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will offer a two-session seminar entitled: “The JGSTB 2010 Guide to Jewish Genealogy Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers” on February 14 (Part 1) and March 14, 2010 (Part 2) at 2:00 PM at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida. Registration will be held at 1:30 PM on both dates. A seminar booklet summarizing all the material to be presented will be provided and will be essential for those able to attend only one of the two sessions.

This seminar will focus on developing the proper approaches and applying the necessary tools, techniques and short cuts to most effectively connect you with your ancestors in the old country. Recently developed Internet resources as well as local non-internet resources will be emphasized to enable the beginner to discover his or her family history as well as facilitate the experienced researcher in resolving “brick wall” problems.

Dr. Emil H. Isaacson will lead the seminar. Dr. Isaacson has 25 years experience in genealogy and has researched his ancestral roots back seven generations to the late 1700's in Europe. He will share his successful and sometimes unsuccessful techniques.

The course is free to current paid-up members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay. A one-year family membership will be included in the \$25 course fee for non-members. An additional \$10.00 fee will be charged for seminar materials to defray printing costs, but only one booklet will be needed per couple or family. Annual membership in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay is \$25 per individual or family.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. Early registration is recommended so that sufficient copies of the printed booklet and handouts will be available.

To pre-register for the class, for further information on the organization, or for directions to the meeting, call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

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**The Manatee Central Library, in downtown Bradenton, holds Manatee County's genealogy reference department, and maintains the Eaton Room for Florida History. For access to the complete catalog of the library online go to: <http://library.co.manatee.fl.us/#focus>**

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**Suncoast Genealogy Society Announces  
Suncoast Mini Seminar 2010  
March 27, 2010  
Palm Harbor Library Community Room  
2330 Nebraska Ave, Palm Harbor  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
(Registration 12:30PM)  
Speaker:Debra Fleming**

**Topics:  
Census Analysis - Using Pre 1850 Census  
Heritage Quest - An Underutilized Resource!**

For additional information Contact: Ann James  
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-----**Registration Form**-----

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SGS members \$10 in advance, \$15 after March 15  
Non-members \$20  
\$20 at the door if space allows

Pre-registration must be made by March 15th 2010

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## MANASOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**Purpose:** The Society was formed to promote individual and community awareness in genealogy, family history and allied fields of study, conduct genealogical meetings, workshops and seminars, and sponsor projects to promote and preserve genealogical knowledge.

**Membership:** Any person with an interest in genealogy, family history or allied fields of study may become a member of the Society upon acceptance and payment of dues. Dues are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family couple. Dues can be paid at any regular membership meeting, or mailed to the Manasota Genealogical Society, 3547 53rd Ave W. , PMB 269, Bradenton, FL 34210.

**Meetings:** Our General Meetings are usually the 1st Tuesday of the months October through May. The location is the Auditorium of the Manatee County Central Public Library, 1301 Barcarota Boulevard West, Bradenton, FL 34205.

**MGS Web-Site:** <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmgs/>>

**Benefits of Membership:** Regular meetings & workshops, eligible for participation in our research interest data base, personalized name tags at meetings, learn from other members and their experiences, and share research knowledge and methods (just to name a few).

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