

# Newsletter

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## Basic Genealogy

A basic course is being offered for beginning genealogists, and is being sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Roots and Branches Society. There will be six, two-hour sessions at a cost of \$25.00.

Classes will begin Thursday, January 9, 1992 from 9:00 a.m. 'til 11:00 a.m.

The classes will be conducted in the Education Building of the First Methodist Church (across the street from the DeLand Library).

Ann Osisek will be the instructor. Ann teaches at U.C.F. and is a well-known genealogist in the area. Her home is in Maitland.

Please contact Workshop Chairman, Harry Sellards at 985-4046 for registration and/or for further information.



## Program Schedule

1. December 5 Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Mrs. Eileen Willis from the Orlando Public Library
2. January 2 Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Colonel Joe McCann; Heraldry Explained
3. February 3 MONDAY 1:00 p.m.  
Ron Bremer from Salt Lake City
4. March 5 Thursday 6:30 P.M.  
Catherine Cooper, Genealogist:  
The Census, Getting the most from the data

## The World of Genealogy

Salt Lake City genealogist, Ron Bremer, will conduct the February seminar which will contain information for both the beginner and the more advanced genealogist. Topics include: Introduction and Organization; Speeding Up Your Genealogy; Little Known Sources; Laws and Rules in Genealogy; and Questions and Answers.

Be prepared to ask questions about your genealogical research problems.

Mr. Bremer has over 40 years of experience as a genealogist. He is a former Research Specialist for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He is the author of "The Compendium of Historical Sources" and "The World's Funniest Epitaphs."

There will be some free handouts and also publications for sale.

This is an opportunity that should not be missed. Bring a friend who is genealogically inclined.



5. April 2 Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
To Be Announced
6. May 7 Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
To Be Announced.
7. June 4 Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Annual Meeting plus presentation.

PLEASE NOTE! The February meeting is at 1:00 p.m. not in the evening.

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## New Books

The new books currently being purchased are through the courtesy of the Ruth Clift Fund.

Louise Caccamise, Chairman of the Selection Committee, announced that selection for this year's list has been completed. The Committee concentrated on the Federal Census Index. They are attempting to fill in key time periods with varying dates including approximately 20 states. Alyce Gillingham and Bob Fox also serve on the committee.

If you have a special area of interest in your genealogical search and would like the book committee to consider books, please contact Louise.

## Volunteers

Do you want to know more about the Genealogy Room? Try volunteering one day a month for 3½ hours. You will learn more than we could ever tell you about the room, the facilities and the contents.

If you don't know the answer to a question asked, say: "I don't know, but will find out."

You will learn about what is available, and you will meet some interesting people. Who knows, one of them might be working on one of the lines you have been searching.

Helen Brindle, Volunteer Chairman

## Field Trips

We are not planning a trip to Salt Lake City in 1992. Instead, we are looking at some other areas much closer to home. The Genealogy Library in Vidalia, Georgia which contains 15,000 volumes, is a consideration. There is also a branch of the National Archives located in East Point, a suburb of Atlanta.

Under consideration, also, are the Library of Congress, D.A.R. Library, D.A.C. Library and a number of other sources which might be of interest.

How about a bus trip for three or four days to Vidalia in February or March; or a week with half the time in Vidalia and the other half in Atlanta?

The Washington D.C. trip would be in September or October - probably by air. Would you be interested? More information will be forthcoming, IF there is enough enthusiasm from the group.

Opinions concerning these possibilities will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Jeanne Reeser,  
Field Trip Chairman

## New Microfiche

New IGI microfiche in the cabinet include: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, HUNGARY, ITALY, POLAND and SPAIN, which are in the drawer "EUROPEAN," AUSTRALIA is behind CANADA.

The BIG BLUE AGLL BOOK is now obsolete, as the AGLL catalog of available rental microfilm and microfiche are now on seven microfiche, found in the drawer behind CANADA fiche. There are many new films available, including church records, vital records, war records, mostly on No. 7. Checking this may save you a trip to Lake Mary, and they can be rented for a month.

PLEASE DO NOT REFILE MICROFICHE, UNLESS YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER. When misfiled, they are very difficult to find. Put them in the basket. PLEASE AND THANKS.

IGI NEW HAMPSHIRE No. 482 is missing. Check your papers for it, please.

The new microfiche AGLL catalog disappeared within two days after it was received. Any suggestions? Please be considerate of those who are also searching.

You can BUY LOCALITY CATALOG FICHE (LDS) for many countries for peanuts. Check the notice on the Roots and Branches bulletin board. You can even buy ANTARCTICA!!



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Place microfiche to be refiled in the basket on top of the cabinet, and don't forget to use the manila dividers when you remove film.

Place books to be re-shelved on the bookcart.

## Check The Bulletin Board

The July issue of the Oklahoma Genealogical Group Newsletter has an extensive list of state addresses to help in locating land records.

The Bureau of Land Management has 7.5 million ownership titles covering 1.5 billion acres of present or former public domain land. The address is: Department of Interior BLM., Eastern States Office, 350 So. Pickett Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304.



The person interested in the Wynne Family genealogy - from North Carolina - contact Jeri Hirsch at 736-0807.

## Adoption Search

If you are looking for your birth parents or a brother or sister from whom you were separated due to adoption, there is help available.

The good news is that states are slowly easing restrictions to information held by adoption agencies. The bad news is, there is still a long way to go.

The best known groups involved in helping people find relatives are:

The Salvation Army, 1414 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329

American Adoption Congress,  
800-274-6736

Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association,  
212-581-1568

Int'l. Soundex Registry,  
702-882-7755

Independent Search Consultants,  
714-754-7927

National Locator, 800-368-FIND

The last two are search groups and may become expensive. If you are searching, GOOD LUCK!!