

Newsletter

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WHY GO TO SALT LAKE CITY

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is an ultimate goal for many in the world of genealogy, unless the searcher is a purist who prefers to obtain information from the local court house, files of area newspapers or "cemetery hopping," all of which require a nodding acquaintance with local courthouse procedures and the financial means to underwrite the various adventures.

When the researchers goes to the FHL, there is immediate access to materials listed in the IGI, the AGLL, Census Records, Soundex, unlimited films, thousands and thousands of books, a Rare Book section, Passenger Arrival Lists, Naturalization and Citizenship records, records from American wars and a wealth of other information which space here does not permit listing.

On each floor of the Library is a central information center manned by qualified experts to assist in answering questions and giving guidelines for searching methods. The international section has a wealth of information including films and books as well as trained bi-lingual personnel to help. Computers are available to tap into the main bank of information.

And when the mind is weary and the eyes start to get bleary, one can take a momentary respite from the Library, and tour the beautiful and clean city of Salt Lake and avail oneself of the gastronomic options, according to one's pocketbook.

The trip can be a rewarding and memorable venture, and that illusive great, great whatever may just pop up when least expected. All the answers are not there, but the Library offers extensive resources and materials in great depth. (dtw)

COMPUTER SIG

On the second Friday of each month at 10 am in the Auditorium of the DeLand Library, the Computer/Genealogy Special Interest Group meets. In addition to a program put on by experts in different fields, we discuss any subject that arises pertaining to the use of computers in genealogical record keeping.

In the past three months, we have had presentations on "The Computer I Bought," "How to Organize Your Hard Disk," and "The Computer Usage and Capabilities of the LDS Church."

Future presentation will include: "My Brother's Keeper," "Re-Inking of Printer Ribbons," "Personal Roots" and related genealogical subjects.

The general discussion time is devoted to problems that users found with their own computers at home. Even people without computers are learning what to look for when they decide to buy. Computers and Genealogy are becoming more and more compatible, and can open your horizons as far as you want to reach.

The two-hour meeting is open to all, and you do not have to be a member of Roots & Branches to enjoy the benefits of this group.

We hope to see you there. (hlk)



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MEETINGS

MARCH 4 Thursday 6:00 PM
Prog: Liz Whitaker, Volusia County Clerk's Office, will speak on Court Records.

April 1 Thursday 6:00 PM
Prog: Professor Earl Joiner, Ret., Stetson University, will speak on church history and related records.

May 6 Thursday 6:00 PM
Prog: To be announced.

June 3 Thursday 6:00 PM
Prog: Installation of new officers and social.



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RANDOM GLEANINGS

DEED OF GIFT BOOK Have you ever wondered why your ancestor wasn't listed in his father's will? Many children were given land as a wedding gift or received their inheritance during their parents' lifetime; thus they were not mentioned in the will. Write the County Clerk in the county of residence, and ask if the ancestor is listed in the Deed of Gift Book. (LaCrosse Genealogical Society)

CIVIL WAR LOCATOR SERVICE Check with the Director, National Cemetery System, Veterans Administration, 818 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420

DATES OF EUROPEAN CENSUSES The first censuses for each of the following countries were:

Russia -	1897	France -	1801
Great Britain -	1815	Saxony -	1815
Switzerland -	1860	Spain -	1789
Prussia -	1810	Norway -	1815
Greece -	1836	Sweden -	1749
Bavaria -	1818	Austria -	1815

MASON INFORMATION To obtain information about birthplace, etc. of a degreed Mason in your family, write to the Office of the Grand Secretary, Box 4147, Springfield, IL 62708 (FL Gen. Soc, Tampa)

SEARCHING: Always begin with the most recent data, and go back in time. Never search the early life of an individual first. Work from the known to the unknown.

SEARCHING EUROPE You must have the correct name of your ancestor and the correct name of your ancestor's community before writing to any address in Europe. Do not hire a professional in Europe until you have traced every possible source in the U.S.

GERMAN ZIP CODES Zip Code books and German zip code maps are available from Genealogy Unlimited, P.O. Box 537, Orem, UT 84059-0537, (801) 226-8971. Also available are 19th century and pre W.W. II maps. A free catalogue is available on request.

CENOTAPH The word cenotaph engraved on a tombstone indicated that the grave is empty. The tombstone was erected in memory or honor or a person was buried elsewhere, such as at sea or other circumstances.

THE RUTH CLIFT FUND

Ruth Clift, a resident of DeLand for many years, was a Friend of the Library, and she was also a compatriot of those who had the foresight to begin the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County. She was a member of the DAR, the 17th Century Society of the Colonial Dames and other organizations in the area. To comply with the Ruth Clift Fund that she bequeathed to Roots and Branches, the Book Committee has ordered the following Federal Census Index Books. The books listed below were ordered to complete our census holdings of the states east of the Mississippi River from 1790 through 1860. There are some selections west of the Mississippi also. All books should be on the shelves by the end of March.

Early Alabama Census				
Alabama	Federal Census Index			1810
Arkansas	" " "			1850
Connecticut	" " "	1800, 1810,		1820
Delaware	" " "			1840
District of Columbia	" " "		1800,	1810
Georgia	Substitute Index			1810
Illinois	Federal Census Index			1830, 1850
Indiana	" " "	1820, 1830,		1840
Kansas	" " "			1860
Kentucky	" " "	1810, 1820, 1830,		1840, 1850
Louisiana	" " "			1830
Maine	" " "			1810, 1820
Maryland	" " "	1810, 1830, 1840,		1850
Massachusetts	" " "	1810, 1820,		1840
Michigan	" " "			1820
Minnesota	" " "			1840, 1850
Mississippi	Early Mississippi	Volumes I and II		
Mississippi	Federal Census Index	1810, 1830,		1840
Missouri	" " "			1820
Nebraska	Territorial Index	1854, 1855,		1856
New Hampshire	Early New Hampshire			
New Hampshire	Federal Census Index		1800,	1820
New Jersey	Early New Jersey	Volumes I and II		
New Jersey	Federal Census Index			1830
New York	" " "	1810, 1820,		1830
North Carolina	" " "	1820, 1830,		1850
Ohio	Census Index 1798,1799,1817 (Vols. I & II			
Ohio	Federal Census Index			1820, 1840
Pennsylvania	" " "	1810, 1840, 1850(2 volumes)		
Rhode Island	" " "	1810, 1830,		1840, 1860
South Carolina	" " "			1830, 1850
Dakota Territory	Pembina District Index			1850
Tennessee	Federal Census Index			1830, 1840
Texas	" " "			1850
Vermont	" " "	1800, 1810,		1830
Virginia	" " "			1830, 1850
Wisconsin	" " "			1850

Since the inception of the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society, we have been extremely fortunate to have been the recipients of many books, materials and equipment. We have been especially fortunate to have been remembered in the will of Ruth Clift and to have been recipients of the request of the Paul Swanto family. We have accepted these gifts with great joy and with sincere appreciation, being ever mindful that what is being done in our Genealogy Room is for everyone to share. What a wonderful gift to posterity!

MEMBER DONATIONS (BOOKS)

Books that have been placed on the shelves since the last Newsletter are:

Early Florida		Volumes I & II
Florida	Federal Census Index	1860
Rhode Island	" " "	1850
Tennessee	" " "	1850
West Virginia	" " "	1860
Early Missouri Index		
1st Census of Texas		1829-36
In Search of Your German Roots by Angus Baxter		
History and Genealogy of the Maynard, Mauer and Related Families, Vol III		

Members of Roots and Branches have donated the following books:

The History of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, 1649-1900
The History of Norwich, Connecticut
The History of Ledyard, Connecticut 1650-1900
The History of the Town of Shoreham, Vermont
The Douglas Register
Donated by Louise and Al Little

South Carolina Jury Lists 1718-1783
1800 Census of Oglethorpe County, Georgia
History of Big Springs Presbyterian Church (Pennsylvania)
Donated by Bob Wallace

Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada Donated by G. Robert Fox

Kennard, King, Knight, Hardin & Goodin Genealogy donated by Betty Lane.

Bristol Genealogy donated by Sidney Taylor

Historical New Smyrna Florida
Ruins of the Early Plantations of the Halifax Area
Dr. Andrew Turnbull and the New Smyrna Colony
History of Astor on the St. Johns
Estero, Florida 1882
Donated by Daphne Brownell

Walter Goodwin Davis, Cemetery Inscriptions Donated by Marjorie Heany

MORTON SEMINAR

On February 27th, Marilyn Miller Morton, Executive Director of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, Samford University, presented an all day Seminar sponsored by Roots and Branches.

A highly successful presentation, well received by those attending, opened many avenues of reserach - among which were both British and Irish Research and Resource areas, Emigration and Immigration Resources, Resources in the Southeastern United States and finally, Military Research from Colonial American through the Revolutionary War and beyond.

Mrs. Morton offered much insight into research problems, authorities to be consulted and pitfalls to be avoided. A talented and qualified genealogist and sometimes humorist, she sent us away with a number of new directions to help in our search.

A NOTE FROM DAPHNE

Dear Members of Roots and Branches and genealogy friends of the DeLand Public Library,

Thanks to Dottie Weichman for the complimentary profile in the December issue of the Newsletter.

I am so proud of President Al Little's interest in the Society and of Charles Baker, the members of his Committee named in the December Newsletter and many others who, after many years, are going to help preserve the local area history and the history of DeLand. As you know, I worked for some 20 years collecting and collating material for avid genealogy searchers to use.

The additional hours spent by the Committee and the hard work it entails is greatly appreciated by me, as I am certain it will be by others in the future.

I am moving to Atlantic Beach in March. No good byes and God bless you all.

Daphne

Membership is open to anyone interested in the quest for their ancestors and the general aims of the Society on payments of \$10.00. All meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, September through June) at 6:00 p.m. at the DeLand Public Library on East Howry Avenue. Guests are always welcome.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Swanto died on January 17, 1993. He had been a member of Roots and Branches for several years, and was a volunteer in the Genealogy Room and back-up man for the AGLL ORDERS.

Paul was reared by foster parents. His life after he married, centered on his family, his job and his love for nature. The search for his genealogical roots became an integral part of his participation and the search for his own family roots intensified.

Last year, he located part of his family in Finland, and his hope was that he would meet some of his relatives one day. The hope became a reality when he located a cousin in Finland. One of his first-found relatives was coming to visit him. The cousin arrived barely 12 hours before the untimely demise of Paul Swanto, but he did meet this relative from across the water. The search was not in vain. Paul passed away the following day.

His gentle demeanor, his intense interest in genealogy and his dry wit endeared him to those who knew him. We are grateful for his contributions to Roots and Branches, and we will miss him.

A book will be donated to the Genealogy Room in his honor.

ROOTS AND BRANCHES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Single membership \$10.00

Address _____

Make check payable to: Roots and
Branches Genealogical
Society

City _____

Mail to: Roots and Branches
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P.O.Box 612, DeLand,
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WHAT'S YOUR LINE?

You will find a slot marked "Newsletter" on the open file on top of the File Cabinets in the Genealogy Room for Newsletter material and suggestions. Please identify the material. Anyone interested in helping with the newsletter, please contact Dottie Weichman at 738-0082.

The Family History Center at Lake Mary has the 1992 IGI Series.

A man had researched a client's family tree. In reporting, he asked "Which do you want to hear about first -- the nuts, the lemons or the bad apples?"

Many thanks to Bob Wallace for the faithful job he has done on the AGLL and related film orders.

Don't ever make the statement, "that's not our name; that's not the way we spell it." Spelling is not an exact science. There are many variants. (MMM)

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them?
Or don't you really know?

Strange discoveries are sometimes made,
In climbing the family tree.
Occasionally one is found in line
Who shocks his progeny.

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
Perhaps there might be one or two
You wouldn't care to know.

Now turn the question right about,
And take another view.
When you shall meet your ancestors,
Will they be proud of you?

(Poem Bob Fox read at his presentation in January). The poem was from the Hoyt Family Newsletter.



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