

# Newsletter

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## A GEM IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Earl Joiner, curator of the Florida Baptist Historical Society at Stetson University, was the guest speaker at our April meeting. Dr. Joiner's presentation was coupled with some excellent incite on the Baptist Church records and a wry humor explaining his introduction to genealogy. What he found precipitated "the process that will hound me until the day I die."

The following is a list of material accessible to the researcher at the Historical Society at Stetson:

1. Massachusetts Missionary Society Journal 1803 to 1992; then as The American Baptist, it ceased publication.
2. The Christian Index - Microfilm 1822-1850. One of the oldest Baptist papers in the Southeast. Until 1883, it was the main medium of Baptist news in Florida.
3. Baptist Biographies, England and America and Florida. Volumes on England and America. File folders on Florida Baptists.
4. Associational Minutes, which contain information on church leaders in every geographical area in Florida.
5. Published volumes of obituaries from back issues of the Christian Index, 3 volumes, 1822-1899.
6. Home Mission magazines, American and Southern Baptist.
7. Census Records from 1790 to present; available to the public.
8. Civil War Records which include many lists.
9. American Baptist Register - Philadelphia American Baptist Publication Society, 1853. List of Baptist Ministers in the U.S. and Canada and other countries.
10. Baptist Ministerial Directory. Brief information on each minister, 2 volumes, 1899.
11. Baptist Annual Register, 1833-1836. Ministers, clerks of various churches in the United States.
12. James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers - Biographies.
13. History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia with Biographical Compendium - 1881.
14. Marriages recorded in the Christian Index, 1822-1855, microfilm.

We appreciate Dr. Joiner's presentation, and realize the asset it will be to those searching their Baptist roots. (Stetson University, Box 8247, DeLand, FL 32720.) [The DuPont-Ball Library at Stetson University has a Government Document Department available to researchers during regular Library hours.]



## NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee: Penny Baldauff, Millie Young and LeMoyne Meichner, presented the following slate of officers (at the May meeting) to serve for the next two-year term, beginning June 1993. Nominations may be made from the floor when the slate is presented at the June meeting.

PRESIDENT, Albert Little  
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## STATE CENSUS RECORDS

"State census records are a valuable tool in genealogical research. Generally they were taken every "odd five years", and provide a great deal of important information not found elsewhere."

"State censuses may fill in gaps left by missing federal censuses. State censuses may not be closed to the public for a 72 year period as are federal censuses; in fact, some censuses taken as recently as 1945 are available to the public. Many state censuses ask different questions than federal censuses, so you may find information about your ancestors that would never be found in the federal census records, and finally state censuses can help fill out the picture of your ancestors and help solve genealogical problems."

State censuses have been taken at one time or another by most states since the formation of our country. Some were taken randomly, their purposes varying according to the needs of the state, which could involve anything from the need to determine the extent of the population for reasons of defense, taxation, or land distribution, to the desire of a territory to show that it had sufficient population to warrant statehood."

The above information was taken (via Past-time Publication) from a new book by Ann S. Lainhart entitled State Census Records, and is available from AGLL. The book gives the most exhaustive listing of state census records ever compiled.

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## FEDERAL LAND RECORDS

The Suitland Reference Branch has custody of land entry files and abstract books for Federal public domain states and the record copies of patents and central office tract books for western states.

The mailing address for information and requests for land entry records is: Suitland Reference Branch (NNRR), Textual Reference Division, Nat'l Archives & Records Division, Washington, DC 20409.

Federal land records document only the first transfer of title to land from the United States to another party. Records of later transactions may be found in county records.

There are Federal land records for all states except the 13 original states, Vermont, KY, Tennessee, Maine, West Virginia, TX and Hawaii. These states were never part of the Federal public domain.

Legal description of land can usually be obtained from the county recorder of deeds. For the public domain states east of the Mississippi River (as well as Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota), the researcher must provide the name of the State and the name of the land office, type of file and land entry file number. This information can normally be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) by providing the BLM with a legal description of the land, section, township, range). The BLM address is: Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management, 350 Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. The charge for material received is 25¢ per page. (National Archives & Records Administration)

## CORRECTION

March newsletter correction - which stated to find information on a degreed Mason in your family, write to the Illinois Grand Secretary. The correct approach is to write to the Grand Secretary of the state in which your relative received his Masonic Degree.

- Jane Kemp Baker - AMERICAN NATURALIZATION PROCESSES & PROCEDURES  
1790 - 1985  
PIONEER ANCESTORS OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF  
INDIANA PIONEERS  
AT THE HEADWATERS OF THE MAUMEE (INDIANA)  
LOCAL HISTORY TODAY (INDIANA) (2 VOL.)  
THE BENNET FAMILY
- Dr. Byron Gibson - OUR DAY FAMILY, 1597 - 1990  
TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL RECORDS: RECORDS OF EARLY  
SETTLERS FROM STATE & COUNTY ARCHIVES
- Col. Arthur Erwin - DAR LIBRARY CATALOG, VOL. 2 & 3  
Chapter, DAR
- Esther Borenstein - THE PECKS OF HANCOCK CO., ILLINOIS
- Shirley Scribner Thomas - THE HISTORY OF THE SCRIBNER FAMILIES IN  
AMERICA, WITH A CAREFUL HISTORY OF MAINE  
SCRIBNER FAMILIES & ALLIED FAMILIES
- Marjorie Heaney - NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN  
COLONISTS SIXTY-FIRST YEARBOOK, 1921-1989  
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN  
COLONISTS SIXTY-SECOND YEARBOOK, 1921-1990  
AN ALBUM OF NEW NETHERLAND
- Ruth Thomas on behalf of the DAR - THE THOMAS FAMILY OF MARYLAND 1884
- Josephine Coan Latham - INDEX OF ALLIED NAMES FROM FAMILY GENEALOGY  
BOOKS (Coan, Hotchkiss, Sherman)
- Merle & Joy Cooper - A MEMORIAL OF THE VILLAGE OF COLD BROOK,  
HERKIMER CO., NY 1776-1976
- Irene Styffe - THE JULIAN TRIBE
- Dr. G. Robert Fox - THE YEARS WERE GOOD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO  
FROM THE TIMUCUANS TO THE LAND BOOM - A HISTORY  
OF THE DAYTONA BEACH AREA, 1513-1930  
THE INTEGRITY OF CHISELING
- Jane West - ALLEGHENY COUNTY, MD RECORDS, VOL. II
- Harry Sellards - HISTORY OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
AN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY OF THE ILIFF SCHOOL  
THE HISTORY OF HADLEY, MA  
VITAL RECORDS TOWN OF CHATHAM, MA, 1696

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## BOOK ACQUISITIONS

Louise Caccamise, Book Committee Chairman, has processed the following gift books and new books and placed them in the genealogy room since publication of the last newsletter.

### Gift Books

T. R. Townsend - BRISTOL AND AMERICA  
REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONEERS  
INDEXES TO THE COUNTY WILLS OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
HISTORY OF THE GERMAN SETTLEMENTS & THE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN NORTH & SOUTH CAROLINA  
ANCESTRY'S GUIDE TO RESEARCH CASE STUDIES IN  
AMERICAN GENEALOGY  
THE FIRST SEVENTEEN YEARS, VA, 1607-1624 (JAMES-  
TOWN BOOKLET NO. 1)  
MOTHER EARTH LAND GRANTS IN VA, 1607-1699 (JAMES-  
TOWN BOOKLET NO. 5)  
MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE VITAL RECORDS 1776-1800  
VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS SERIES 2, VOL. 4.,  
JAMES CITY COUNTY, VA. 1634-1904  
DAR PATRIOT INDEX  
DAR PATRIOT INDEX, VOL. II  
DAR PATRIOT INDEX, VOL. III  
1ST SUPPLEMENT TO THE DAR PATRIOT INDEX  
2ND SUPPLEMENT TO THE DAR PATRIOT INDEX  
PASSENGERS TO AMERICA (SHIP LISTS FROM NEGHS  
REGISTER)  
IMMIGRANTS TO THE MIDDLE COLONIES (SHIP LISTS FROM  
NY GENEALOGICAL & BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD)  
HISTORY OF PITTSYLVANIA CO., VA  
INDEX TO WILLS OF CHARLESTON CO., SC 1671-1868  
EARLY QUAKER RECORDS IN VIRGINIA  
MARRIAGE NOTICES IN CHARLESTON COURIER 1803-1808  
KNOWN MILITARY DEAD DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLU-  
TIONARY WAR 1775-1783  
EARLY VIRGINIA FAMILIES ALONG THE JAMES RIVER,  
HENRICO CO. - GOOCHLAND CO., VOL. 1  
EARLY PENNSYLVANIA LAND RECORDS  
VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS, VOL. I, II, III  
VIRGINIA ANCESTORS AND ADVENTURERS  
MARRIAGE NOTICES IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAZETTE  
AND ITS SUCCESSORS 1732-1801  
GENEALOGICAL & LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS IN PRINT  
EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY PALATINE EMIGRATION  
NORTH & SOUTH CAROLINA MARRIAGE RECORDS FROM THE  
EARLIEST COLONIAL DAYS TO THE CIVIL WAR  
EMMIGRANTS TO PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND RECORDS, VOL. I & II  
NEW WORLD IMMIGRANTS, VOL. I & II  
WEST VIRGINIA ESTATE SETTLEMENTS

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## BOOK ACQUISITIONS - CONTINUED

Daphne Brownell - ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Sidney Taylor, - SEVEN GENERATIONS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF AQUILA AND CHASE  
SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF LIEUTENANT THOMAS TRACY OF NORWICH, CT.  
THE VITAL RECORDS OF SAYBROOK COLONY, 1635-1860

### New Books

DELAGATES TO THE SAINT JOSEPH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1838-1839

REFLECTIONS By Ida Sarah Hawkins Gellerman, mother-in-law of Donna Gellerman)

43 Census Indexes (Check the shelves!) AND more to come!!

The above listings of newly acquired genealogy books now on our shelves is a remarkable accomplishment by the members of the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society. The gradual growth of membership and careful planning has enabled us to offer an excellent research facility to the residents of West Volusia County and to genealogists in other areas. Members and non-members alike have the opportunity to avail themselves to an outstanding local genealogy collection.

Our collection continues to grow through donations from appreciative genealogists and friends of the Society. Exciting is not an adequate description, but it will do for now!

## PHONE DISK IN THE LIBRARY

An Electronic Phone Book has been installed on the second floor by the reference desk in our Library. This computer Phone Book program includes listings for all persons included in printed phone directories anywhere in the United States. Alphabetically arranged, it is very simple and quick to obtain names, addresses and phone numbers which one is seeking. Computer experience is not necessary. Full instructions appear on the screen as the program is used. The Librarian at the desk will also be of assistance. Printouts of information are ten cents a sheet. This could be an important searching tool.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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## A SPECIAL THANKS \_

TO: the donors of all of our wonderful genealogy books.

- the Friends of the Library for the generous gift of a computer for use in our Genealogy Room and for funds to acquire books.
- Louise Caccamise for another Herculean job of processing book acquisitions.
- Alyce Gillingham for rearranging ALL of the books in the Genealogy Room.
- Walter Pounds for setting up the R&B booth at the Heritage Day Festival on May 8th, and to Millie Young, Arlene Liggett, Mary Lois Kelly, Carol Ferrara and Bob Bland for assisting.
- Millie Young for auditing the Treasurer's books.
- Charles Baker and his committee for the revision of the By-Laws.
- LeMoyne Meichner for assuming the Volunteer Schedule and for overseeing the 5 generation chart records.

## GENEALOGY STAMP

As part of the NEHGS Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1995, NEHGS is urging support for a U. S. Postal Stamp highlighting genealogy. Those interested should write: Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260-6753.



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