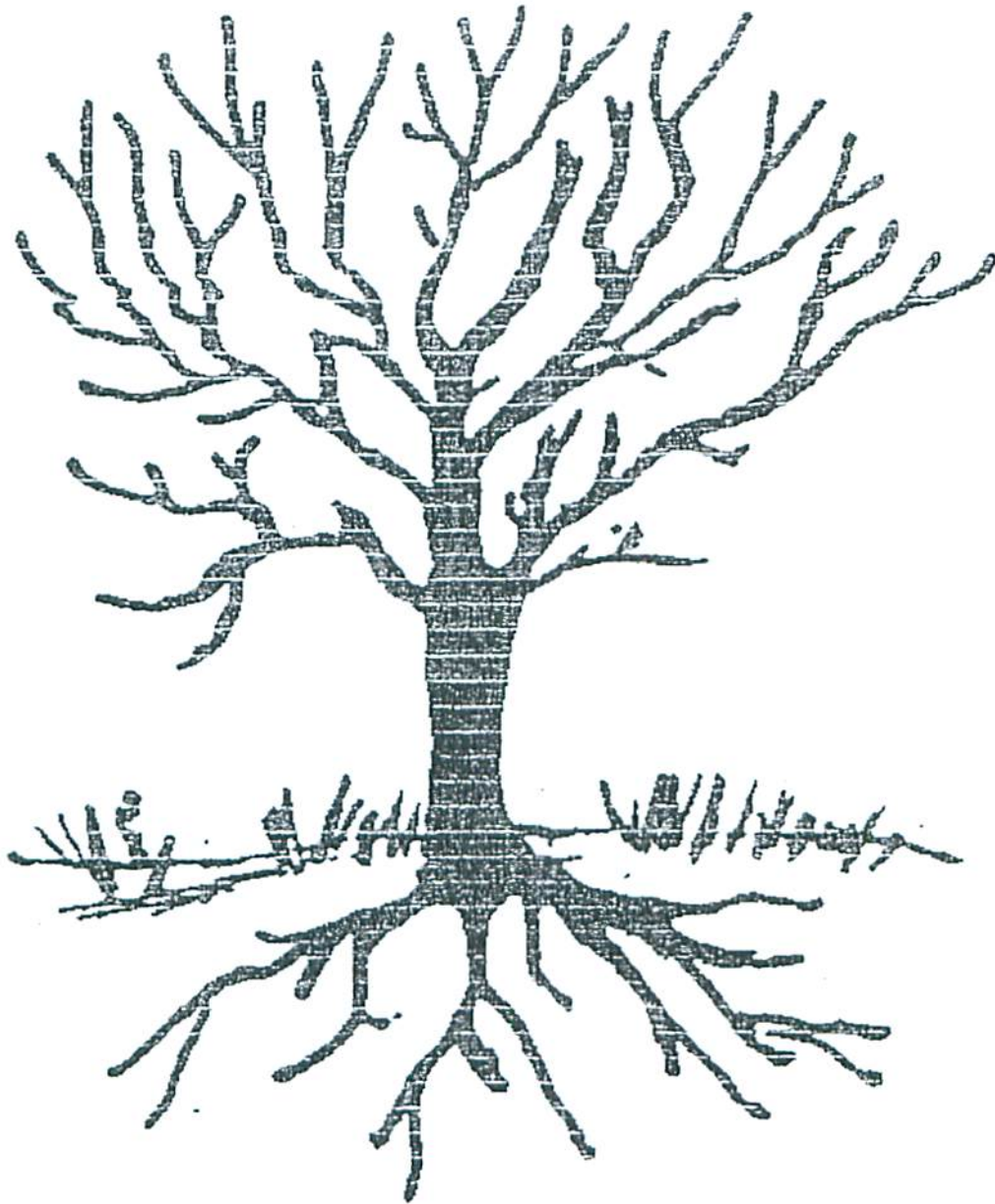

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**GENEALOGISTS
CODE OF ETHICS**

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL----

That I am a responsible genealogical record searcher—dedicated to seeking that which is true about families I research. Family traditions are to be treated only as a clues until substantiated.

That I shall seek permission for the use of resources and acknowledge with gratitude all those who assist in my searches.

That I pledge myself to use all artifacts and/ or documents, whether private or public, entrusted to my use, with the greatest of care, leaving them in the assigned place, in the same condition in which I found them. If repair or restorative treatment is required, I shall report the same to those who are responsible for their safe custody.

That I shall refrain from reporting either orally or in writing, any information which might harm or prejudicially injure the reputation of any living person.

That I freely give this pledge to uphold ethical standards to assure maintenance and availability of records.

Signature

Date

(Federation of Genealogical Societies)

The
Frustrated Genealogist's
Calendar

Sat	Sat.	Fri.	Fri.	Thu.	Wed	Tue.	Mon.
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10
26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19
34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27

Instructions for Use

1. Everybody wants to get answers to questions yesterday. So with this calendar, you can send a letter on the 9th, and get it answered by the 2nd.
2. Everybody needs long weekends, so with this calendar, you can attend those genealogy meetings AND get the yard work done too with two Fridays and two Saturdays in each week.
3. Everybody needs just one more day to get things done, so this calendar has EIGHT days in each week.
4. Three extra days have been added to the month for those who "need more time to finish it by the end of the month.
5. Monday is always the worst day of the week, so its last, followed by two exciting Saturdays!
6. Nobody likes bills due on the 1st, and 15th., so these dates don't exist anymore. Now everybody gets paid on Fridays of which there are two each week. Why didn't we think of this before?

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Just what is it that genealogists do?

Just what is a genealogist? What do genealogists do?

A genealogist is a curious person. Curious about his ancestors, curious about the social customs of the period when his ancestors were living, curious about how the events of the world affected the ancestors and how the ancestors affected events.

A genealogist is a friendly person. He makes friends--- and finds a lot of previously unknown relatives around the country. Sharing is his primary talent, sharing his information already found with others searching the same ancestry.

A genealogist is usually a happy person, pursuing his interest by himself or with the help of others. Small things make a genealogist happy: finding an ancestor's name on a census record, locating the ancestral farm, finding a wife's maiden name.

A genealogist can be quite stubborn. He can be quite imaginative in tracking down elusive ancestors and the records they left behind---even though the courthouse may have burned several times, and the family Bible was sold at auction, and Aunt Sue believed in throwing away anything not used in two weeks time, including school records, house plans and abstracts of land title.

A genealogist is not quiet in the library! There is always an undercurrent of mumbling---sometimes talking to oneself, sometimes explaining to a neighbor the great find, or the immense problem, one has. Then there is the happy gasp when an elusive ancestor shows up on microfilm---perhaps a census, a tax list, etc

Above all, a genealogist is a historian. Although dates may be defined as " that was the year Great Uncle Ben went to California," genealogists do know their history. Ask for a scholarly analysis of the Civil War, and you'll draw a blank. But ask what unit an ancestor served in, and you may find out more than you wanted to

know about where and when the unit organized, its route of march, what battles they were in, who was killed.

Truly to research ancestors, one has to study history. Perhaps not dry lists of dates, but that kind of study out before McGuffey's Readers. We want to know why our ancestors moved: was the land worn out? Did new, cheap land open up? Did everyone in the family go along? Why did they come to America? Was there a war in the old country? Were there second or third sons, and the law of primogeniture prevailed?

Was it peaceful where they settled, or were rebellions there also, and were they part of them? The instigators? Were they interested in politics, in serving in the government? Did they build roads and scout paths?

Were they courageous enough to start out in a covered wagon on uncharted trails? Did they shape the country they lived in--- or did the hardships of the area defeat them?

What Happened to them if they took the wrong side in a war, or in a neighborhood fight? Were they the leaders or Followers? The Genealogist is a curious person ---and knowledgeable---and intelligent---and happy in the pursuit of learning.

(From South Bend Tribune Oct, 11,1987. Article written by Carol Collins, Tribune Genealogy writer.)

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Twelve Rules For Good Documentation

1. Document as you go along.
2. Enter notes in consistent format.
3. List all sources found.
4. Use confidential information with discretion and sensitivity.
5. Identify conflicting or missing information.
6. Avoid using unusual abbreviations.
7. Indicate additional research where needed.
8. Strive to obtain primary sources for each event.
9. Indicate the location of lengthy documents, rather than restating.
10. Welcome input and constructive review of your documentation.
11. Identify all researcher's contributions, including your own.
12. Recognize that good documenting requires a process of continuous refinement.

(The Quest- Florida Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society, Inc. Newsletter Jan-Feb, 98.) With statement- Seen in several recent publication, most recent being Oct.-Nov 1997 edition of the Colorado Chapter/OGS newsletter, the Rocky Mountain Buckeye.

1862 HOMESTEAD ACT

If your ancestor obtained land under the 1862 Homestead Act, or bought land from the Government, the application is sure to be on file. These files hold a four-page questionnaire filed by the applicant (among other papers) Included are the names of family members and other data. Write to Civil Archives Division, General Services Administration, Washington DC 20409

1st Inst./ 1st Ult.

Did you know that the phrase "1st inst" means the first of this month and "1st. Ult" means the first of last month? You often find these types of dates in early records. Inst. means instant, i.e. within the same period of time; and ult., an abbreviation for the Latin word "ultimo" which means last, is used to indicate the preceeding month, (The Quest. See above)

OSSW

While doing research involving cemetery records, the entry "OSSW" is occasionally encountered. The letters usually stand for " On Same Stone With". From Internet and Fuqua Foundation News Vol. 3, No.4- Winter ,1995.

"RULES FOR TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE"

1. Treat the brothers & sisters of your ancestors as equals.
2. Never accept just one document or just one source to prove something.
3. Never just trust a published family history or genealogical compilation.
4. Never trust secondary sources.
5. Prepare your genealogy so others can read it.

Seven Steps To A Family Tree

1. Home and family sources.
 2. Family Interviews
 3. Write for death birth, funeral, cemetery records, obituaries & Social Security records.
 4. Follow up death records
 5. Federal Census search
 6. LDS Library search (Family History Library Catalog, IGI file, Social Security Death Index & Ancestral File.)
 7. State and County Search
- From "Genealogy Bulletin" of the American Genealogical Lending Library

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Grandma and The Family Tree

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed her of late

She's always reading history or jotting down some date.

She's tracking back the family, we'll all have pedigrees.

Oh, Grandma's got a hobby, she's climbing family trees

Poor Grandpa does the cooking, And now, or so he states,

The worst of all, he has to wash the cups and dinner plates.

Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee,

Compiling genealogy-for the Family Tree

She's not time to baby sit, the curtains are a fright.

No buttons left on Grandpa's shirt, The flower beds a sight.

She's given up her club work, the serials on TV,

The only thing she does these days is climb the Family Tree.

She goes down to the courthouse and studies ancient lore,

We know more about our forebears that we ever knew before.

The books are old and dusty, they make poor Grandma sneeze,

A minor irritation when your climbing Family Trees.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far,

Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.

A worthwhile avocation, to that we all agree,

A monumental project, to climb the Family Tree.

Now some folks came from Scotland and some from Galway Bay.

Some were French as pastry, some Germans all the way.

Some went on to stake their claim, some stayed near by the sea,

Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date or name,

The rich, the poor, the in between, all sleeping there the same.

She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze,

That blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed in our kith and kin,

Who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick and thin.

But none more staunch than Grandma, whose eyes light up with glee.

Each time she finds a missing branch for the Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied, from carpenter to cook,

And one (Alas!) the record shows was hopelessly a crook.

Blacksmiths, weaver, farmer, judge, some tutored for a fee,

Long lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more,

She knows the joys and heartaches of those who went before.

(Above left in Genealogy Room in Library without citation. Will be pleased to give proper credit if anyone knows where this piece came from.)

Meeting Schedules

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society meets at the DeLand Public Library at 6:00 P.M. on the first Thursday in the Month September trough June.

The Board of Directors meetings are held on the Friday preceding the regular meeting. Modifications in this schedule, caused by Library closings or holiday will be placed in the newspapers prior to the change