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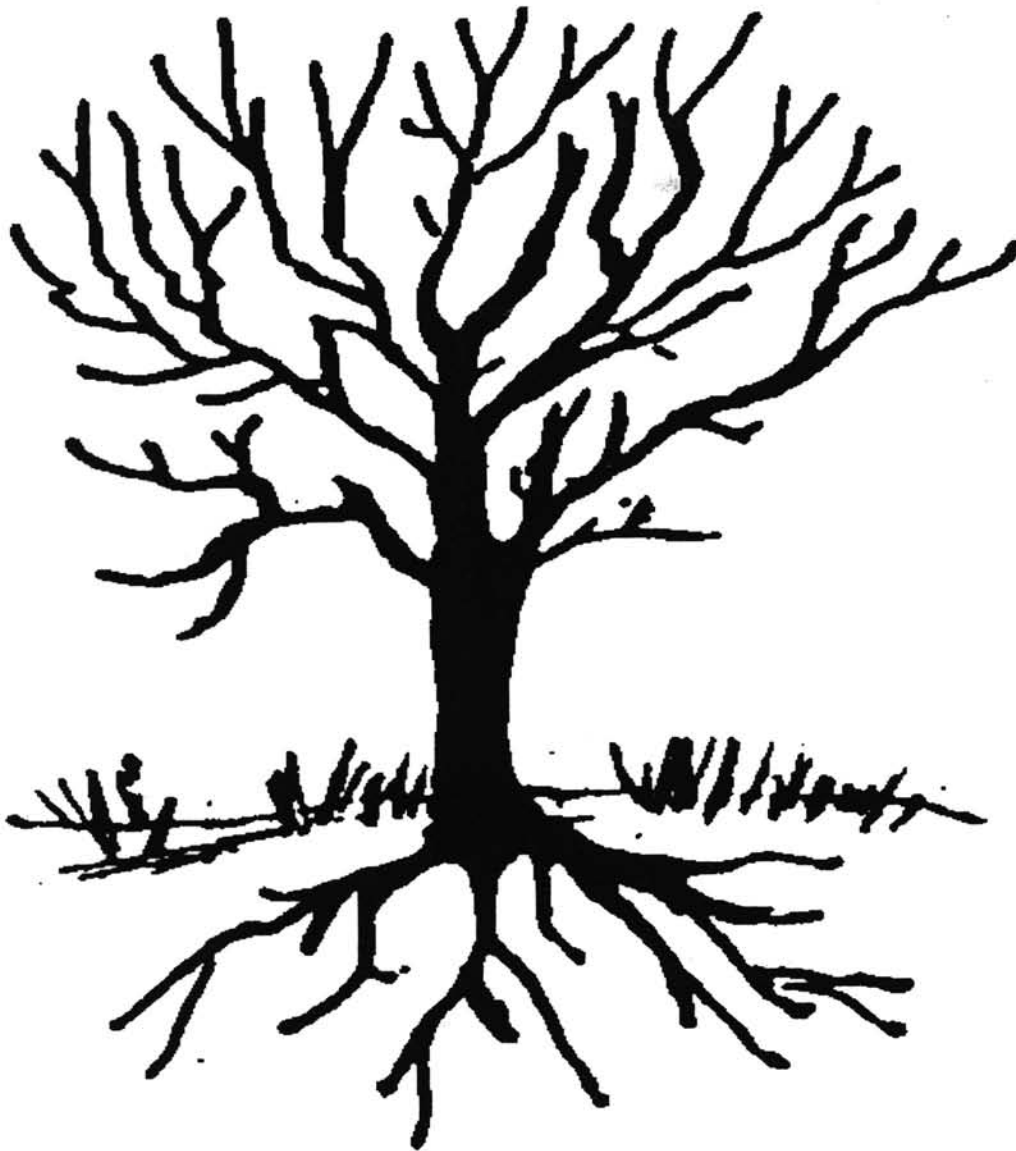
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Seminar 2000

**COMPUTER IS HERE**

The new computer for the Genealogy-Florida History room has arrived and hopefully will have been installed by the time you are reading this. With the computer will be a new Hewlett Packard Deskjet 712C printer, which was purchased by Roots and Branches and given to the library per member authorization. (6-f)

We will be holding training sessions on the use of both the computer and printer.

WE ask those members who have computers to volunteer their time, to help others learn the proper use of the computer, CD's and the printer.

The library will be charging by the page for all printing.

All volunteers will be trained on how to use the CD's and will be assigned the responsibility of inserting the CD's into the computer, and returning the CD's to the proper storing area. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to assure that neither the CD's or the Computer is damaged.

COMPUTER DEFINITIONS: ARKANSAS STYLE  
(Newsart publications Penn Yan NY.) By Internet.

- Log On       Makin' a wood stove hotter
- Log Off      Don't add no more wood.
- Monitor     Keepin' an eye on the wood stove
- Download   Getting' the farwood of the truck
- Floppy Disk  What you get from trying to carry to much farwood
- Ram :       The thing whut splits the farwood
- Chip:       Munchies for the TV
- Micro Chip: Whut's in th bottom of the chip bag
- Dot Matrix: Old Dan Matrix's wife
- Modem:     Whatcha did to the hayfields
- Enter:      Northern talk for " C'mon in y'all"

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Meeting Schedules

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society meets at the DeLand Public Library at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month September through June. (12-G)

The Board of Directors meets at 10 AM on the Friday preceding the regular meeting. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Roots and Branches are in charge of planning and hosting Seminar 2000 for the Volusia Council of Genealogical Societies.

The enclosed flyer is the first step in getting some publicity started for this event. We have a lot of work ahead of us and since we do not meet during July and August, we do not have a lot of time to handle all the details. We will need volunteers to help us plan and to help us to have the best Seminar ever for the Council. Please contact any of the board members if you would like to help us. Thank you.(9-L)

FAMILY TREE

The family tree is worth bragging about if it has consistently produced good timber and not just nuts.

(Solution of Cryptogram in Penny Press)  
Cryptograms)

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Sherlock Holmes and Watson were camping in the forest. They had gone to bed and were lying beneath the night sky. Holmes said, "Watson, look up. What do you see?" Watson said, "I see thousands of stars"

"And what does that mean to you?" Holmes asked. (7-j)

" I suppose it means that of all the planets in the universe, we are very fortunate to be here on Earth. We are small in God's eyes, but should struggle every day to be worthy of our blessings. In a meteorological sense, it means we'll have a sunny day tomorrow. What does it mean to you Holmes?"

" To me it means somebody has stolen our tent." (From Gen News- Halifax Genealogical Society from the Internet via Readers Digest)(1-c)

AN EXPLANATION OF WHY CENSUS RECORDS DO NOT ALWAYS ADD UP.

"Your age please" asked the census taker. "Well" said the woman" let me figure this out, I was 18 when I married, and my husband was 30. He is now 60 or twice as old as he was then, so I must be 36 now" (the Quest newsletter of the Florida Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical society-as seen in Spring Newsletter of the Miami County Ohio Historical and Genealogical Society newsletter, Miami Meanderings.)

GEOLOGISTS OR GENEALOGIST

The difference between a Geologist and a genealogist is that one digs in the dirt and sometimes finds artifacts- and the other digs in facts and sometimes finds dirt (The Quest May-June 1999) (11-a)

**NO FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF TIME**

(10-k)

It's nice to come from gentlefolks  
 Who wouldn't stop to brawl  
 Who never took a lusty poke  
 At anyone at all  
 Who never raised a raucous shout  
 At any country inn  
 Or calmed an ugly fellow lout  
 With a belaying pin.  
 Who never shot at a revenuer  
 Hunting for a still  
 Who never rustled cattle  
 And agreed with Uncle's will  
 Who lived life, as they ought  
 With uncouth distraction  
 And shunned like leprosy a thought  
 Of taken legal action  
 It's nice to come from gentle folks  
 Who've never known disgrace  
 But oh' though scandal is no joke  
 It's far easier to trace. (The Quest  
 May-June 1999)

(2-d)

Marriage notices from Marriage Notices 1785-1794 for  
 the whole United States by Charles Knowles Bolton  
 Thanks to Dottie Anderson.

Brackenridge, Hugh H. at Philadelphia, a celebrated  
 counselor, to Miss Sabina Wolf, a young girl of  
 obscure German parents, on the waters of the Ohio,  
 and has brought her to that city, to spend the ensuing  
 winter, and receive the advantage of some education  
 Jan. 27 '87 (4-e)

Edmund Quincy, Last Thursday evening, to Miss Anna  
 Gerrish, a maiden lady of agreeable and engaging  
 manners. Jan 18, 1875

A NON CONFUSING EXPLANATION OF "REMOVED"  
 (OBTAINED FROM February/March 1998 Odom Family  
 Tree Newspaper and Family Trails Newsletter of the  
 Genealogical Society of Southeast Volusia County)

The term "removed" is often cause for confusion in  
 determining relationships, simply put, it means that  
 two people are from different generations. You and  
 your cousins are in the same generation (two  
 generations younger than your grandparents) so the  
 word "removed" is not used to describe your  
 relationship.

The words "once removed" mean that there is a  
 difference of one generation. For example, your  
 mother's first cousin is your cousin once removed.  
 This is because your mother's cousin is one  
 generation younger than your grandparents are and  
 you are two generations younger than your  
 grandparents. The one generation difference equals  
 "once removed"

"Twice removed" means that there is a two generation  
 difference. You are two generations younger than the  
 cousin of your grandmother, so you and your

Grandmother's cousin are first cousins, twice  
 removed. (Thanks to FMT Newsletter)

**CENSUS TAKER**

(5-i)

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;  
 The pollster was ready... a black book in hand.  
 He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;  
 His book and some quills were tucked close by his  
 side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there;  
 Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up, through  
 the air,

The woman was tired, with lines on her face;  
 And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.  
 She gave him some water...as they sat at the table;  
 And she answered his questions... the best she was  
 able. (8-b)

He asked of her children...Yes she had quite a few.  
 The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.  
 She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;  
 His sister she whispered, was napping in bed.  
 She noted each person who lived there with pride;  
 And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.  
 He noted the sex, the color, the age...

The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.  
 At the number of children, she nodded her head;  
 And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.  
 The places of birth she "never forgot";  
 Was it Kansas? Or Utah? Or Oregon...or not.  
 They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;  
 But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been  
 here. (3-h)

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;  
 They could read some and write some...though really  
 not much.

When the questions were answered, his job there was  
 done;

So he mounted his horse and he rode towards the  
 sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;  
 "May God bless you all for another ten years."

Now picture a time warp... it's now you and me;  
 As we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;  
 As we search for that entry from long, long ago.

Could they only imagine on that long ago day;  
 That the entries they made would affect us this way?  
 If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we  
 feel;

And the searching that makes them so increasingly  
 real.

We can hear if we listen the words they impart;  
 Through their blood in our veins and their voice on  
 our heart.

Author Unknown. Links and Bridges The Genealogy  
 Society Of Hernando County Vol. 12 NO 9 Sep 1998

**AGAIN ?**

Year is 1000...Widespread fear of the end of the world  
 and the Last Judgement.... Page 125 The Timetables  
 of History -Third revised Edition by Bernard Grun,  
 based upon Werner Stein's Kulturahrplan  
 (6-F)

**THE Y ZERO K PROBLEM**

Translated from Latin scroll dated 2BC.

Dear Cassius:

Are you still working on the Y zero K problem? This change from BC to AD is giving us a lot of headaches and we haven't much time left. I don't know how people will cope with working the wrong way around. Having been working happily downwards for ever, now we have to start thinking upwards. You would think that someone would have thought of it earlier and not left it to us to sort it all out at this last minute. (8-b)

I spoke to Caesar the other evening. He was livid that Julius hadn't done something about it when he was sorting out the calendar. He said he could see why Brutus turned nasty. We called in Consultus, but he simply said that continuing downwards using minus BC won't work and as usual charges a fortune for doing nothing useful. Surely, we will not have to throw out all our hardware and start again? Macrohard will make another fortune out of this I suppose.

The moneylenders are paranoid, of course! They have been told that all usury rates will invert and they will have to pay clients to take out loans. It's an ill will...

As for myself, I just can't see the sand in the hourglass flowing upwards. We have heard that there are three wise men in the east who have been working on the problem, but unfortunately they won't arrive until it is all over. (3-h)

I have heard that there are plans to stable all horses at midnight at the turn of the year as there are fears that they will stop and try to run backwards, causing immense damage to chariots and possible loss of life. Some say the world will cease at the moment of transition. Anyway I will continue to work on this blasted Y zero K problem. I will send you a parchment to you if anything further develops. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

Plutonium

(GenNews by way of Jeanne Reeser- The Guildnet-The Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto)

**CAN YOU MATCH THE ENGLISH CITY NAMES WITH THE NATIVE SPELLING?****Native**

1. Braunschweig 2. Cassel, 3. Kobenhavn, 4. Lisboa, 5. Munchen, 6. Napoli, 7. Pizen 8. Praha 9. Warszawa, 10. s'Gravenhage, 11. Wien 12. Zaragoza.

**English**

a. Vienna, b. Prague, c. Brunswick, d. Kassel, e. Lisbon f. Naples. G. Saragossa, h. Copenhagen i. Munich, J. Pilsen, k. The Hague, l. Warsaw.  
(answers found in this newsletter)

**1999-2000 DUES ARE DUE.**

Roots and Branches Fiscal and Membership Year runs from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

New members who joined and paid dues in the period from April 1, 1999 will be carried on as paid members for the 1999-2000 year. All other Members ———

**DUES ARE DUE.**

**HELP !!!**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE LIBRARY... SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS TRAVEL IN THE SUMMER PLUS WE HAVE OPEN PLACES IN THE SCHEDULE. WE WILL TEACH YOU WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. CONTACT ANY OF YOUR OFFICERS OR ANY OF THE VOLUNTEERS. IT IS VERY REWARDING TO HELP A" NEW GENEALOGIST "OR ONE MORE EXPERIENCED.**

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**NOTE FROM EDITOR**

I HAVE EXHAUSTED MY STOCKPILE OF STORIES-ARTICLES AND INSERTS—WOULD APPRECIATE SOME HELP—STORIES—HUMOR—AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT WE CAN USE IN THIS NEWSLETTER



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Henry "Hank" Z. Jones Jr.

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