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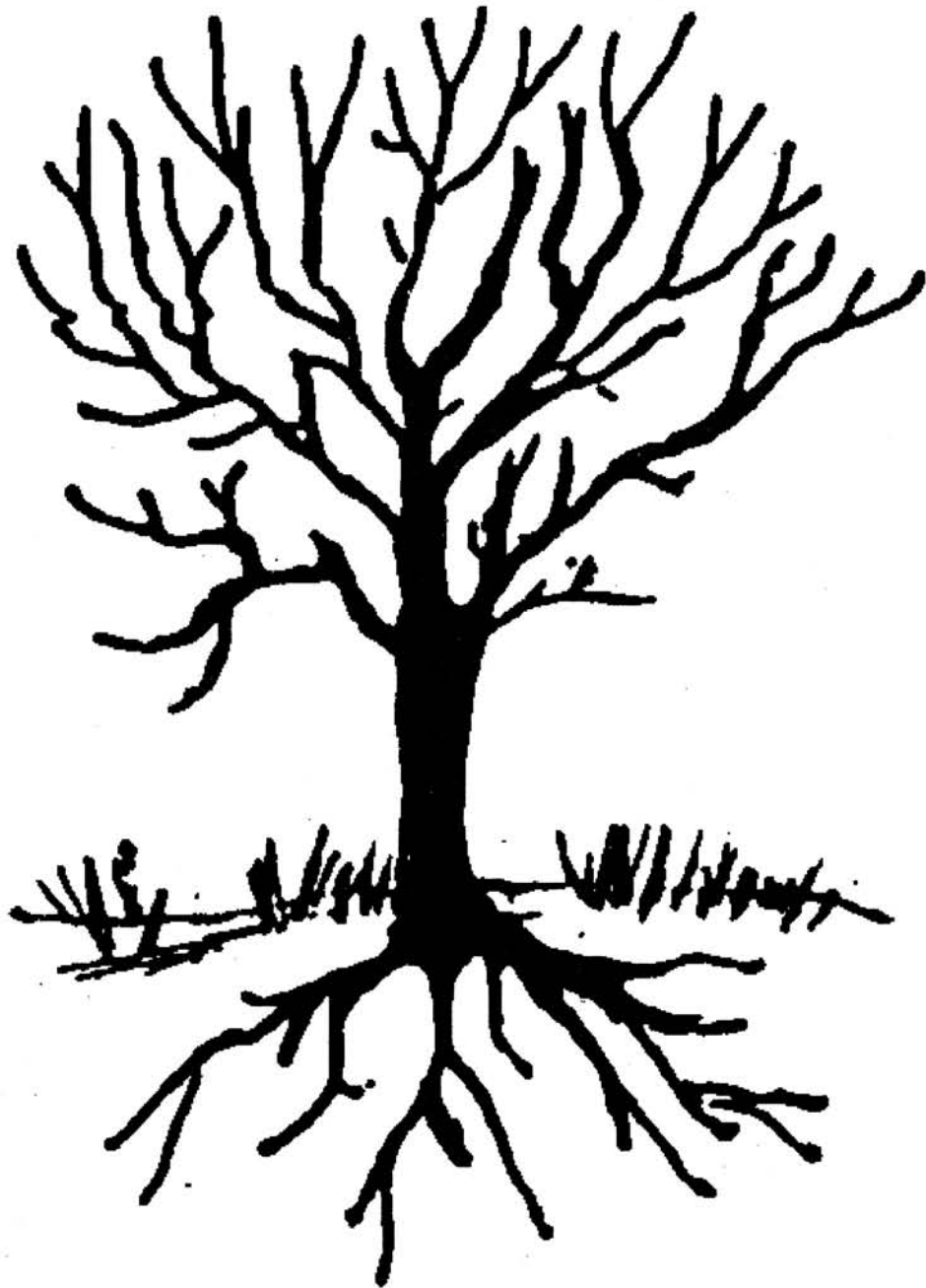
# ROOTS AND BRANCHES

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*Carol Izzo appreciates any genealogy related information for the Newsletter. The information can be provided to her by e-mail (jizzo@totcon.com), at meetings, or at the DeLand Library Genealogy Room with her name on it. Please put your name on the article so you get credit.*

## Meeting Schedules

The Roots and Branches Society meets at the DeLand Library at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, September through June.

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## ADOPTION RECORDS

Some of the most difficult research to conduct is in the area of adopted ancestors. Because adoption records have been sealed to protect the privacy of the natural or birth parents, access can be all but impossible. Petitioning a court on the basis of genealogical "need-to-know" is seldom effective. There are numerous Web sites focusing on the issue and processes that can be helpful. One of the best for genealogists is Genealogy Today's "Resources for Individuals Seeking Birth Parents" at <http://genealogytoday.com/adoption/index.html>. Their free database to help adoptees locate birth parents is a helpful facility, but the list of Helpful Sites and the message boards are among the best online. Source: Links and Bridges, May 2001

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## BREMEN (GERMANY) PASSENGER LISTS, 1920-1939

The Bremen Chamber of Commerce has archived 2,953 passenger lists of emigration ships that left Bremen/Bremerhaven for the USA, Canada, or South America. Information is now available for all of 1920-1922 and parts of 1923. Further data will be added monthly. The MAUS (Mouse), Society of Family Research in Bremen:

(<http://maus.genealogy.net/>), has transcribed these lists. See (<http://www.passengerlists.de>) and (<http://www.bremen-passengerlists.de>). Source: Links and Bridges, May 2001

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The following article was taken from an area newspaper: "She Cared—So All Benefit". Beverly Outlaw exemplifies how one person can make a difference in the community. Look no further than Beverly Outlaw to gauge the effect that a volunteer can have on a community.

Ms. Outlaw, of Orange City, had never heard of Charles P. Bailey last summer when she read that the former Tuskegee Airman, who was suffering from Alzheimer's disease, was missing from his DeLand home.

Until then, she knew nothing about the special corps of black pilots who were prohibited from training and flying with their white counterparts during World War II, yet insisted on serving their country. She hadn't head how they distinguished themselves during combat with enemy aircraft and, in the process, tore down walls of racism for future generations.

So Ms. Outlaw studied the subject, and she didn't stop at educating herself about a local hero and his place in history.

She visited the Veterans Memorial Hospital Museum in DeLand, expecting to see a bronze plaque honoring Mr. Bailey. There were several plaques, but none for him. Aghast, Ms. Outlaw took it upon herself to raise money to correct that oversight.

Not only did she purchase a \$700 bronze plaque, but Ms. Outlaw also arranged to award it to the former pilot during a Veteran's Day ceremony.

She didn't stop there. So successful was Ms. Outlaw in her fund raising that she was able to establish an annual scholarship at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach. Mr. Bailey attended Bethune-Cookman before transferring to the Tuskegee training program in Alabama.

One woman who cared has taught an entire community that a single goal in mind can make a huge difference in a community. The enormity of

(Beverly Outlaw Continued from page 1)

her volunteerism became clear when Mr. Bailey died on April 9.

He lived long enough to receive the recognition that had been missing for so long. Ms. Outlaw's volunteer effort will see that his memory is kept alive.

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**Robert Edwin Miles (12/8/1839-12/6/1942)**

Thomas H. Calvin provided the following article: In the first newsletter that I prepared for R&B, I had a picture of my Great Grandfather Bazel Lemley, representing the Union Forces, and a gentlemen Robert Edwin Miles representing the Confederate forces, shaking hands with Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt. I, Thomas H. Calvin included information about Bazel but did not have any additional information about Capt. Miles. I have found some information that I would like to share with you.

The following is taken from "The South's Last Boy's in Gray" by J.S. Hoar: A mile inside the Southwest corner of Crockett Springs (a popular spa 1885-1913). There yet lived in the early 1940's, a centenarian who in youth had attained a captaincy in the confederate army. Since 1905 he has been living here on Bottom Creek, working his last large farm with his youngest son Urban and his wife, the former Lilly Moran. At age 100, Robert is not merely a boarder; rather he is the owner and manager of the place. Several hours of almost any given day he can be found out in his extensive vegetable or victory garden that so impresses his grandchildren. Whether briefly passing on the roadway or lingering for a visit in his yard, were you to strike up a conversation with farmer Robert, you would soon be reminded—I personally knew Robert E. Lee. Lee was as fine a gentleman, as I ever knew.

Born but a few miles to the east near what was then known as Pig River, in Franklin County, Robert was of hardy Scotch-Irish-English descent. His parents were Jordan and Leonia (Oney) Guilliams Miles. He grew up in Franklin County with brothers and sisters, early acquiring a thorough grounding in agriculture. By Spring of 1861, Robert was twenty-two and a half. Few

soldiers saw more of the war than he. Accordingly, on July 20, 1861, he enlisted in his home county, his papers signed by Capt. E.T. Bridges.

That November 1, he was promoted to corporal, and shortly he became a sergeant in Co. C 57<sup>th</sup> Va. Inf., Armisted's Brigade. Huger's Division. A.N.V. His most indelible ordeal came at the Battle of Sharpsburg, where he was severely wounded in the legs. Unable to walk, limp, or even to go on hands and knees, Sgt. Miles narrowly escaped capture when he crawled slowly toward what he supposed were Confederate lines. Upon discovering his error and already faint from loss of blood, he was compelled to reverse himself and quietly (sparing not the luxury of a groan) crawl away from danger. Prayerfully, tediously, he reached his own lines safely. He was admitted to Chamborazo Hospital in Richmond. He was furloughed and sent home to recover.

In April 1863, Sgt. Miles re-enlisted at Wythville, Virginia, this time I Co. B, 21<sup>st</sup> Va. Calvary. During the final phase of the war, early in 1865, Miles was designated as a Captain. It is reported that when Robert Miles was in his nineties, he bought a Model T that he learned to drive. He drove it for a couple of years but gave it up when he almost ran off a high mountain road one time. Captain Miles was buried on his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

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**INTERESTING INDIAN NAMES**

Alachua	jug
Apalachicola	people residing on the other side
Apopka	potato-eating people
Bithlo	canoe
Caloosahatchee	strong black river
Chattahoochee	black rock or carved stones
Homasassa	place where peppers grow
Immokalee	tumbling waters
Kissimmee	corruption of <u>Tissimmee</u> , an early tribe
Miami	great waters
Micanopy	topmost chief
Okahumpka	bitter water
Palatka	a crossing or ferry
Pensacola	hair people
Seminole	wild, nondomesticated
Suwanee	river of reeds
Tallahassee	old town
Tampa	near it

Source: The Bulletin, Vol. 27, Issue 2

## NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFILM AT UCF-ORLANDO

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Atlanta Constitution       | 1950 -Present |
| 2. Charleston, S.C. Courier   | 1803-1900     |
| 3. Chicago Tribune            | 1849-Present  |
| 4. Christian Science Monitor  | 1960-Present  |
| 5. Toronto Globe & Mail       | 1974-Present  |
| 6. New Orleans Times-Picayune | 1837-1983     |
| 7. New York Times             | 1851-Present  |
| 8. Orlando Sentinel           | 1960-Present  |
| 9. San Francisco Chronicle    | 1869-1983     |
| 10. Tampa Tribune             | 1895-1951     |
| 11. The Times of London       | 1929-Present  |
| 12. Wall Street Journal       | 1925-Present  |
| 13. Washington, DC Post       | 1974-Present  |

Source: The Bulletin, Volume 27, Issue 2

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## CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC)

During the Depression, one of the Government's programs was the CCC. If you are interested in records for a person who served in the CCC, write:

National Personnel Records Center  
Civilian Personnel Records  
11 Washington street  
St. Louis, Mo. 63118

Source: The Bulletin, Volume 27, Issue 2

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

8-10 November 2001

Florida State Genealogical Society, Inc.  
25<sup>th</sup> Conference to be held at the Four Points  
Sheraton, downtown Orlando, Fl.

25-26 January 2002

GENTECH 2002  
[www.gentech.org/2002/Information.htm](http://www.gentech.org/2002/Information.htm)

15-16 February 2002

2002 conference of the Florida Chapter/Ohio  
Genealogical Society.  
Source: The Quest, May-June 2001

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A location that lists hundreds of different sites to visit: [www.msm.com](http://www.msm.com) and type genealogy.

Source: The Quest, May-June 2001

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

New England Historic Genealogical Society  
[www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org)

Civil War Center  
[www.cwc.lsu.edu](http://www.cwc.lsu.edu)

Adoptee's Registry  
[www.almanet.com](http://www.almanet.com)

Army Center of Military History  
[www.army.mil/cmh-pg](http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg)

Bureau of Land Management (Land Titles Database)  
[www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

Navy History  
[www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil)

Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System  
[www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/)

Native American Genealogy  
<http://hometown.aol.com/bbbenge/front.com>

African Slave Database at Afrigenes  
[www.afrigenes.com/slavedata](http://www.afrigenes.com/slavedata)

African & Native American History and Genealogy  
<http://www.african-nativeamerican.com>

Birthday Calculator  
<http://enws347.eas.asu.edu:8000/~buckner/bdform.html>

Genealogy Software Reviews  
<http://www.gensoftsb.com/>  
Source: The Bulletin, Volume 27, Issue 2

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The British Commonwealth War Graves Commission has put online a database about British Soldiers who died in WWI and WWII. The information given includes parents' names, spouse's name, date and place of death, place of burial, rank and military unit. Access the database at <http://www.cwgc.org>.  
Source: Rootdigger, Volume 4, Issue #1

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The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roots & Branches will be in November, 2001. In September, the window in the DeLand Library will feature Roots & Branches.

## **POLISH RESEARCH HELP AVAILABLE FREE!**

Dr. Howard M. Relles is developing a database of immigrants into New York City during 1890 from Austria, Poland and Galicia. He's recording first and last names, Soundex code, National Archives microfilm roll number, ship's name and number, and data of arrival from the ship's record. Dr. Relles will search his database free of charge for you if you email him at: [rellesh@earthlink.net](mailto:rellesh@earthlink.net).  
Source: Rootdigger, Volume 4, Issue #1

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## **BOOKS**

Washington County, Va. Wills, 1761-1865. By Rev. B. F. Davis, Reprinted 1998, 472 pages, Index, Hard Cover, ISBN #0-89308-302-X.

Amherst County was created from the southwestern portion of Albemarle County in 1761. These wills cover from the very beginning of the county all the way through to 1865.

(Burke County) Revolutionary War Soldiers of Western, N.C., Vol. II. By Emmett R. White, Pub. 1998, 352 pages, Index, Hard Cover, ISBN #0-89308-520-0.

The contributions of the Revolutionary War soldiers of Western, N.C. during the conflict of 1775-1782 were immense. The rolling hills of the Carolina Piedmont were as much a battleground as those of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. King's Mountain, Ramsour's Mill, Cowpens, the Indian Wars, and many other conflicts all helped to change the course of American history. Each soldier is written up to his early life (as much as could be made available), his military experiences, his later life, including marriages, children, occupations, etc. Also included will be his land transactions and census locations. Where available, burial sites will be given as well as pension awards. Surnames of soldiers listed are:

Alle, Arwood, Ashenbunner, Baker (4), Baldwin (4), Ballew, Banning, Barkley, Barr (2), Bates, Beck, Beekman, Berry, Biffle, Blair (2), Boyd Brank, Brevard, Bridget, Brittain (2), Brown (4), Biggerstaff, Burchfield (4), Capps, Cathey, Chapman, Clarke (3), Cline, Coffey (2), Conrad, Cook, Cresson, Culberson, Curtis, Dalton, Davidson (2), Davis (3), Dawsey, Deal, Dement, Eberhart, Fears, Fleming, Floyd, Ford, Franklin, Fullwood, Gasperson, Ginger, Gary, Green, Haney, Harshaw, Hawkins (2), Hayes, Helderman, Hice (2), Higdon, Highland, Hildebrand, Hood, Huffman, Hughes, Husbands, Inman, Jackson, James (2), Jenkins, Jewell, Johnson, Johnston (2), Killian, Kuykendall, Leatherwood, Ledford, Lewis, Lock,

McCall, McDaniels, McDowell (2), McKissock, McPeters (2), Mackey, Marshall, Martin, Miller, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Mull, Murphy, Murray (2), Muscanook, Neill (3), Northern, Painter (2), Parks (2), Patton, Penland (4), Pepper, Piercy, Potreat, Powell, Prichard, Queen, Reed (2), Ricahrdsen, Scott, Sharpe, Sherrill (2), Sigmon, Sorrels, Steele, Sullivan, Sumter, Swanson, Tate, Thompson, Trospen, Turner, Wakefield, West, White (2), Whitene (3), Wilson, Wiseman, and Woods (2).

Barow County, Georgia, History of (Formerly Cass County). By: Lucy Cunyus, Orig. Pub. 1933, Reprinted 2001, 464 Pages, Hard Cover, ISBN #0-89308-005-5.

This book has 100 sketches of pioneers, lists of officials of Cass County, Biographies of its famous citizens, Lists of early churches, Land Grants, Pioneer settlers 1830-1860, Militia and early marriages 1837-1843.

Source: Southern Historical Press, Spring/Summer 2001

## **Genealogy Tip**

### **Storing Precious Documents**

Your important genealogical documents require special care for storage. Polypropylene sheet protectors can keep them safe by keeping them flat and preventing contact with acidic materials. Modern papers, unless marked archival safe or acid free, contain acids that cause discoloration or deterioration. Newsprint is a notorious example. To preserve materials on newsprint, make photocopies on acid-free paper and store the original newspaper item and the photocopy in separate polypropylene sheet protectors to protect them both.

Source: The Quest, May-June 2001

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## **FINDING WAR DEAD AND MIA'S**

An Internet site exists which provides easy access to links of searchable databases for WWI, WWII, and Korea. Listings of those killed and buried overseas during the Mexican, Civil, and Spanish-American wars, along with 2,504 Vietnam War MIA's may also be found. The address is:

<http://www.usabmc.com/>.

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